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Teresa Maurea Faria is an attorney at the Inter-American Development Bank, where she works primarily on sovereign-guaranteed operations in the countries of the Southern Cone. She has extensive experience in cross-border transactions in a broad base of industries and countries around the world, and in U.S. and Brazilian law matters.

Before joining the IDB, Teresa handled international corporate matters, debt and grant financings in Latin America, Africa and Asia as associate general counsel at Conservation International, an international non-profit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. Prior to that, she practiced in international business transactions as an associate at Hogan & Hartson LLP in Washington, D.C. for over five years, in the oil and gas, pharmaceutical, outsourcing and media industries, among others. Previously, she worked at two recognized Brazilian law firms in Rio de Janeiro, including a year seconded to a financial institution.

As part of her pro bono work while in private practice, Teresa participated in the core “oil group” of Jeffrey Sachs’ Earth Institute at Columbia University, which advised the government of Sao Tome and Principe on fostering and ensuring good public governance through transparency, public oversight, open competitive procurement and government accountability in the management of expected oil revenues, resulting in the creation of an oil fund. In addition, she served as a consultant to the country’s Ministry of Planning and Finance, funded by The World Bank, and prepared an oil revenue law implementation handbook for the government.

Teresa currently serves as vice chair to two American Bar Association committees, the Section on International Law’s International Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Section of Energy, the Environment and Resources’ International Environmental Law Committee. In addition to the ABA, she is a member of the International Bar Association and the Society for International Development – Washington Chapter.

Her publications include *Legal Reform: Critical Issues in an Oil Revenue Management Law*, a chapter in Macartan Humphreys, Jeffrey Sachs, Joseph Stiglitz (eds.), *Escaping the Resource Curse*, 2007, and *Public Private Partnerships in Latin America: Governmental Salvation or Deception?*, delivered at the International Bar Association Conference in Auckland, New Zealand, on October 27, 2004, and published in *Business Law International*, Vol. 8, No. 2, May 2007, both works coauthored.

A native of Brazil, she is admitted to practice in both the U.S. and Brazil, and holds a law degree from the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro and an LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center.

Paul M. Zimmerman has served as senior counsel of international labor and employment law at the Nature Conservancy since March of 2006. Prior to that, he was special investigative counsel in the Office of Inspector General at the Department of Justice. He also served as associate general counsel for the Peace Corps and as an associate attorney at Bredhoff & Kaiser. Mr. Zimmerman served as a law clerk to the Honorable Frank M. Coffin of the U.S. Court of Appeals, First Judicial Circuit and to the Honorable Reena Raggi of the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York. He was a Summer Associate at Davis, Polk & Wardwell.

While attending Brooklyn Law School, Mr. Zimmerman founded Brooklyn Law Students for the Public Interest and served as chairman of the board.

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Thomas Viles is a litigator. He focuses on international legal controversies, criminal defense cases, the representation of foreign States, and constitutional questions.

He is a member of the bars of the District of Columbia, the State of New York, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and numerous federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court and all federal courts of appeals. He litigates white- and blue-collar criminal cases, at trial and on appeal, and he has experience in extraditions, international judicial assistance matters, and international criminal proceedings.

He also advises foreign governments on U.S. and international law, and he acts as attorney for foreign nations, particularly those

finding themselves cast in an adversarial position in relation to United States foreign and economic policy. His civil liberties practice consists of advocacy on behalf of political, social, and religious groups and their members. He taught Law at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom for several years, where he also was a Junior Research Fellow. Before coming to Berliner, Corcoran & Rowe, he worked in the litigation departments of Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City, and Williams & Connolly in Washington.

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Rafael Mendes Loureiro is a foreign associate at Hogan & Hartson LLP in Washington D.C., where he coordinates the development of a \$250 million airport facility in Akwa Ibom, Nigeria. He also participated in the \$1 billion acquisition deal of a U.S. soda ash mine by a Indian investment corporation and provides legal opinions to Petrobras (Brazilian Oil Company) concerning issues arising out of gas purchase agreements it has with Bolivia.

Prior to joining Hogan & Hartson, Mr. Loureiro was an associate at the law firm of Almeida Advogados in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, where he conducted a \$20 million real estate incorporation project for a Norwegian company in Brazil. Prior to that, he served as a legal consultant at Aquasoli, an environmental engineering company, also in Belo Horizonte. There, he consulted with regards to the company's tax issues, financial regularity and accounting; advised the partners on compliance to environmental standards; drafted reports regarding current federal and state environmental regulations. He also worked as a legal intern for the firm of Diniz & Pinelli.

Mr. Loureiro holds an LL.M. in General Legal Studies from Georgetown University Law Center, Specialist in Environmental Laws from Universidade Gama Filho in Belo Horizonte, and Bachelor of Laws from Faculdade de Direito Milton Campus in Belo Horizonte. He has given lectures on specific aspects of the Brazilian environmental legislation at the Federal University of Minas Gerais.

Lelia Mooney is an Associate Director with the National Strategy Information Center where she works with the Culture of Lawfulness Initiative in Washington D.C. She has fifteen years of experience designing, implementing, managing and evaluating democracy, governance, justice sector and legal reform, anti-corruption, dispute resolution, rule of law and gender projects. She has worked with projects supported through different funding and contracting mechanisms by the U.S. Government, private foundations and multi-lateral organizations in the Americas, Africa and Asia. She has written on areas of democracy and governance, rule of law, gender, legal education reform and corporate social responsibility.

A trained attorney from Argentina where she graduated from the National Northeast University School of Law, she also holds an LL.M. in Law and Development Studies from the University of Warwick Law School (United Kingdom) and an LL.M. from the Georgetown University Law Center. She is a former International Research Fellow of the Kettering Foundation, a Chevening Scholar and a Salzburg Seminar Alumni. She is bilingual in English and Spanish and also speaks French and Portuguese.

Ms. Mooney has been the Section's Deputy Rule of Law Officer since 2005. She was the Vice Co-Chair of the Rule of Law Day for the Section's 2007 Spring Meeting and has coordinated a series of panels and activities on the Rule of Law in partnership with democracy and development practitioners, non profit organizations, donors and academic institutions. In addition to participating in numerous committees, she is also a Vice-Chair of the Latin America Committee and a Vice- Chair of the Young Lawyers Interest Network (YIN). She was also a Contributing Editor of the Section's 130 Year Anniversary Book "*ABA Section of International Law: Leading the World's International Lawyers since 1878.*"