

Inter -Pacific Bar Association  
20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
Scholar's Report

Climate Change & Legal Practice  
by  
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First of all I would like to take this opportunity to thank the IPBA Scholarship Committee as well as all the members of the IPBA for granting me the scholarship to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference held in Singapore in May 2010.

When I heard I had been selected as one of the fellows to attend the Annual Conference I felt honored, because I know the decision was not easy and yet be one of five young lawyers scholars was a real privilege.

I truly believe every time someone gets an honor like this gets a life experience that will change that person forever.

As for my personal experience it can be summarized in two areas, professional and personal.

Professionally speaking attending a Conference of such level gave me the opportunity to meet lawyers from different countries with a vast experience, willing to share their knowledge with young lawyers like myself. It is noteworthy that most of the lawyers who attended the conference are Partners in their Law Firms who have great prestige and reputation both in their countries and worldwide.

Therefore, the level of each conference that I followed was beyond my expectations, having the pleasure of listening to so many professionals talking about their experience with so much passion and knowledge made me realize the importance of study and preparing myself each day as a compromise to my clients and myself.

On a personal level, I had the opportunity to meet wonderful people, who beyond being mere colleagues have now become good friends that I really appreciate and I'm really grateful for knowing them.

Also, I will like to mention the great impact that two conference had in me, the one given by Minister Mentor Lee Kuawn Yew on Climate Change in the 21st Century as well as the Speech given by The Honorable Al Gore "Thinking Green: Economic Strategy for the 21st Century".

Why these two conference? Well the answer could be quite obvious if we think about the people that spoke in both cases, but is not that simple, it is not very important the person that is speaking as what the person is saying, for me, the things they said and explained about climate change and the responsibility that each one of us have as part of this planet make me feel ashamed because I haven't done anything to help the earth and at the same time encourage me to take responsibility as a inhabitant of the planet.

It make me realize that if the mankind keeps damaging the environment as it has been done the results in the near future will be catastrophic and non profession, money or relations will keep the planet from facing a tragedy, we are all the same in this home and we all can make the difference by taking actions because the actions that we take today to improve the environment will impact our lives and the lives of future generations forever. The sooner we act the better the outcome.

Last but not least I would like to extend my gratitude to The IPBA Secretariat especially to Rhonda Lundin for all her hard work and kindness as we were showered with attentions.