Dear 1Ls and LLMs:

The Harvard Latin American Law Society (HLALS) exists to promote dialogue of Latin American legal, political and cultural ideas at Harvard Law School. Through roundtable discussions, conferences and projects in Cambridge and abroad, HLALS provides a forum to explore the most current issues facing the region. Through a variety of HLALS-sponsored activities throughout the year, our members gain exposure to the many academic and professional opportunities with a focus on the region.

Past HLALS events include campus lectures by visiting scholars, a conference of both U.S. and international practitioners entitled “International Business Transactions in Latin America,” and delegation trips to Argentina, Chile, and Mexico. For our first event of the 2005-2006 school year, together with La Alianza and the Harvard Latino Law Review, HLALS will host a kick-off barbecue at Holmes Field on Saturday, September 11. More information will be available as the date approaches, but be prepared for lots of fun. We’ll also have an OCI Tips session early in the semester for suggestions from major law firms for navigating the on-campus recruiting process. Other events in the works for the coming school year include a panel on careers in Latin America, guest speakers from major international development groups working in Latin America and much more!

All members of the Harvard Law School community are invited to join HLALS and contribute to another exciting and successful year. 1Ls and LLM students in particular are invited to participate in our buddy program, which pairs new students with an interest or background in Latin America with 2Ls and 3Ls for informal conversation and advising on the ins and outs of HLS. To ensure you receive all updates of HLALS activities, sign up for our mailing list by emailing us at hlals@law.harvard.edu. If you’re interested in finding out more about the buddy program, please indicate as much in your email.

See you soon!

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