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September 25, 2009

Dear IAML Fellow:

I am writing to formally invite you to attend the Spring meeting of the USA Chapter of the IAML which will take place at the Ritz Carlton in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Ian Kennedy is also holding his IAML Executive Committee meeting during our Spring conference, and we are hopeful for large attendance from around the globe. The dates are Wednesday February 3, 2010 - Sunday February 7, 2010.

February is Puerto Rico's high season, so while most of us are cold and tired from a long winter, we will be able to enjoy tropical perfect weather (sunny with average highs of 83 Farenheight/ 28 Celsius and lows of 71 Farenheight/ 22 Celsius). One can pass time sitting outside the hotel on San Juan's prettiest beach rimmed with palm trees, or stay by their gorgeous pool. The hotel also has a fabulous spa and the classiest casino in Puerto Rico. To view pictures of the Ritz Carlton property, go to: www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/SanJuan

If you choose to extend your stay in Puerto Rico, we recommend visiting Rincon, Puerto Rico, on the west coast of the island. This is a quieter side to the island which we consider to be even more beautiful, with a big surfing community and some spectacular beaches. Our favorite hotel is a Relais & Chateau property, the Horned Dorset Primavera. (www.horneddorset.com). If you book please tell them you are with the IAML group as they are aware we are recommending their hotel and you may well get special service if you tell them you are with the IAML. You can call the hotel directly at +1 800-633-1857 or +1 787-823-4030. The Horned Dorset is actually one of my favorite places anywhere, and for years my daughter and I made annual trips there every February. This is the perfect spot for rest and relaxation.

Throughout the conference we will host fun activities which are Caribbean inspired, all of which will take place after the morning CLE programs. We will have our welcome reception Wednesday evening by the pool overlooking the Caribbean sea, serving cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres with live music. On Thursday we will have a fabulous tour of Old San Juan in open air trolleys, beginning with a rarely granted tour of beautiful "La Fortaleza," the governor's mansion, a cultural landmark of Puerto Rico. Immediately following our tour of Old San Juan, we will have an open-air cocktail reception at El Convento, formerly an old Spanish convent, now a gracious old world hotel, also a landmark in Old San Juan. Friday we have arranged

to charter 1-2 catamarans where we will have Caribbean cocktails as we sail to a beautiful island for lunch. For those interested, there will be time for beach combing and snorkeling, or we can spend more time sailing. Since we are chartering the boat(s), we can do whatever we please. Since people may be tired from an afternoon of sailing, we have arranged for a dinner beach barbecue outside of our hotel where we will again have live music.

Saturday is a free day to simply enjoy the beach or pool, or you can arrange any one of a number of activities through Castillo Tours located at the hotel, or rent a car and take your own tour. We are close to the Bacardi factory which has daily tours, and one of my daughter's favorite activities in the San Juan area is driving to the El Yunque rain forest for a hike to a waterfall, swimming in the pool under the waterfall, and then spending the afternoon at the nearby Luquillo beach and having lunch or a snack at one of the many kioscos (food stalls serving traditional Puerto Rican snacks and meals) lining the beach. Traffic can be heavy on weekends, so ask the concierge for advice and plan accordingly if you plan to take a drive on Saturday.

I am personally most excited for Saturday night. We are having cocktails and dinner at Hacienda Siesta Alegre, a stunning Spanish-styled hacienda situated between the rain forest and the sea. Truly an amazing location which has been highlighted by Martha Stewart and the Food Network's "Dinner Impossible." We have a delicious menu planned and Puerto Rico's best band will be performing for us. The band has been featured on the "Live with Regis & Kelly Show" and we expect to see everyone up and dancing!

As mentioned above, we are staying at the Ritz Carlton, and we have reserved a block of rooms under the name "IAML." However, because this is high season, the hotel is already beginning to fill up, especially for the days immediately preceding and following our room block of Wednesday - Sunday. I can not emphasize enough the importance of early booking if you plan to come. We have negotiated our room rates to be applicable for the 3 days immediate pre- and post-conference *if* rooms are available (there is no specific block reserved), but I have already been informed that the rooms are filling up fast. Furthermore, **our rates are only valid for the IAML block if rooms are booked on or before December 18, 2009.** If you book after that date you will no longer be able to take part of the IAML room rates, and there may not be any rooms at the hotel available. Room rates are included in the registration packet, which is attached to this letter. You can book your rooms by calling the hotel at: +1 800-241-3333 or +1 787-253-1700 or by emailing sheilla.morales@ritzcarlton.com.

In addition to the CLE programs, there will be other meetings as well. The IAML Executive Committee will meet Wednesday February 3, 2009 beginning at 10:00am (with a dinner for the IAML Executive Committee on Tuesday, February 2, 2009). The USA Chapter Nominating Committee will meet at 5:00pm on Wednesday (just prior to the Welcome Reception, so come dressed for the reception). The US Chapter

Executive Committee will meet Thursday morning at 7:00am. The US Chapter Board of Managers will meet Friday morning at 7:00am. The Canadian Chapter Meeting will take place at 9:00am on Saturday morning, as will the Annual General Meeting of the USA Chapter.

We have a very interesting educational program lined up that is sure to interest those fellows from the US and abroad alike. I have attached a registration form to this letter.

Please feel free to contact me at mmaddox@maddoxlawoffice.com or my daughter Katharine at kmaddox@maddoxlawoffice.com if you have any questions or concerns. You can also reach us both at +1 703-883-8035.

I hope to see you in Puerto Rico!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcia M. Maddox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Marcia M. Maddox
President, USA Chapter

Registration Form
IAML--USA Chapter Meeting
San Juan, Puerto Rico
February 3, 2010 – February 7, 2010

Full name of Fellow:
(i.e., Marcia M. Maddox)

Name Fellow wants on his or
her name tag (i.e., Marcia Maddox):

Fellow's e-mail Address:

Fellow's full name and mailing address
(Exactly as it should appear on an envelope)

Chapter affiliation: (if any)
(i.e., European Chapter)

Name of spouse or significant other, if any,
as his or her name should appear on his or
her name tag
(i.e., Jane Doe):

Name of each guest, if any, as the name should appear on his or her name tag (i.e., Katharine Maddox)

Children under 17 require no registration fee but will need to pay full price for any events they attend.

Total # in party, including you, your spouse or significant other, and other guests:

Requests for refunds will be honored and paid only if they are made in writing 60 days prior to the event. Unfortunately, because of financial commitments we make on your behalf, no refunds can or will be paid if you cancel on or after December 3, 2009.

*Send Inquiries, Registration Forms and Checks To Marcia M. Maddox, Maddox Cole, Miller & Maddox PC,
8221 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 101, Vienna, Virginia 22182*

Phone: + 1 (703) 883-8035 • Facsimile: + 1 (703) 356-6120 • E-mail: mmaddox@maddoxlawoffice.com

You may also contact Katharine Maddox with any questions at kmaddox@maddoxlawoffice.com

Calculation Of Registration Fees

**Calculation
of Fees:**

Registration Fee For Fellow Or Proposed Fellow

\$650

Registration Fee For Spouse, Significant Other And Other Guests

Number of people in your group in this category ____ x \$500

**Total
registration
fee for
guests:
\$ _____**

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 (very heavy hors d' oeuvres)

Welcome to San Juan Reception

Indicate number of people attending (no charge)

**# of people
attending
reception:

_____**

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Old San Juan Tour and Cocktail Party

We will have a fabulous tour of Old San Juan in open air trolleys, beginning with a rarely granted tour of beautiful "La Fortaleza," the governor's mansion (with gorgeous rooms and views), a cultural landmark of Puerto Rico. Immediately following our tour of Old San Juan, we will have a cocktail reception at El Convento, formerly an old Spanish convent, now a gracious old world hotel.

**Total cost (#
of people x
\$125pp) for
tour and
cocktail
party:**

Number of people attending _____ x \$125

\$ _____

Friday, February 5, 2010

Catamaran sailing trip and lunch THIS IS ALMOST SOLD OUT!!!

We will sail out of Farjardo through beautiful Caribbean waters to a spectacular coastal island here we will stop for lunch. During the stop we can swim, snorkel off a coral reef and beach comb. Since we are chartering the boat, we will be able to decide how much time to spend at the beach for swimming and snorkeling and how much time we want to be sailing. We will have a full buffet lunch together with plenty of refreshments, both nonalcoholic and traditional Caribbean cocktails, wine and beer.

**Total cost (#
of people x
\$150pp) for
Catamaran
sailing &
lunch trip:**

Note there is both a minimum and a maximum for the sailing trip. Depending on how many people sign up, we will either charter 1 or 2 catamarans. If you are interested in this trip, please book as early as possible so that we will know whether to charter 1 or 2 catamarans. Reservations for this trip are first come, first serve, since we have minimum requirements to charter each catamaran and maximum limitations in terms of how many people can comfortably enjoy their trip on the catamarans.

Number of people in your group attending ____ x \$150

\$ _____

Beach barbecue dinner (Friday night)

This is intended to be a low key event to simply enjoy our idyllic location at the Ritz Carlton on the Caribbean beach and partake in a beach barbecue with friends and colleagues. Afterwards, guests can head inside to the Ritz’s lovely bar or to the Casino for gambling.

Total cost (# of people x \$125pp) for beach barbecue:

Number of people in your group attending ___ x \$125

\$ _____

Saturday, February 6, 2010

Hacienda Siesta Alegre – A Puerto Rican night to remember!

Cocktails and dinner at a stunning hacienda situated between the rain forest and the sea. Truly an amazing location which has been highlighted by Martha Stewart and the Food Network’s “Dinner Impossible.” Considered by many to be one of the most spectacular and unique venues in Puerto Rico, several movies have filmed here for the lush location. Dinner will include a sumptuous buffet including a favorite Puerto Rican specialty. We will have a band which has been featured on the “Live with Regis & Kelly Show” which we expect to even outshine the band we had in San Antonio, Texas. This is a fabulous and fun band, so wear your dancing shoes!

Total cost (# of people x \$195pp) for final dinner:

Number of people in your group attending ___ x \$195

\$ _____

Please indicate if anyone in your group is Vegetarian or Vegan:

Vegetarian: Number of People _____

Vegan: Number of People _____

Total Registration Fee
(subtotal all of above):

\$ _____

Is this your first time attending an IAML meeting? If so, there will be a dinner for first time meeting attendees on Wednesday, February 3rd following the cocktail party. The dinner will be at a restaurant in San Juan and all attendees will pay for their own meals; this dinner is intended to be a way for new Fellows and first time meeting attendees to get to know each other at the beginning of the conference.

Please indicate if you are first time meeting attendee, and whether you will be attending the dinner:

Are you a first time IAML meeting attendee? _____

Number of people attending dinner: _____

Payment of Total Registration Fee

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____ for the Total Registration Fee for my party and me. The check is made payable to the "IAML – USA Chapter." OR

I authorize my credit card to be charged for the Total Registration Fee for my party and me in the amount of \$_____.

By signing below, I am hereby authorizing you to charge the amount of my Total Registration Fee to the following credit card:

Exact name on credit card: _____

Circle one: VISA or MasterCard (we are unable to accept any other credit cards)

Credit Card number: _____

Security Code for credit card: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Date this form is being signed: _____

Signature of Cardholder: _____

Printed name of Cardholder: _____

A limited number of rooms have been reserved for the meeting the USA Chapter of the Ritz Carlton, San Juan. You must make your own room reservations under the "IAML block."

The hotel contact information is as follows:

The Ritz Carlton, San Juan Hotel, Spa & Casino

6961 Avenue of the Governors, Isla Verde, Carolina, Puerto Rico 00979

+1-800-241-3333 or +1-787-253-1700 or email sheilla.morales@ritzcarlton.com to make your reservations.

The hotel website is www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/SanJuan

IAML room rates are on the following page

Please note that February is Puerto Rico's "high season" and we strongly recommend that you book your rooms sooner rather than later as the Ritz Carlton and other hotels in this area book up quickly. Furthermore, our room block is only being held through Friday, December 18, so if you book after that date our rates are NOT guaranteed.

Send inquiries, Registration Forms, and checks to

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Ritz Carlton Room Rates for Fellows & Guests of the IAML

Note! Newly reduced rates for the following room classes: Pool, Ocean and Ocean Front with Balcony. If you have already reserved one of these rooms under the previous rate (higher rate) through the IAML room block, your room rate will automatically change to the rates listed herein.

Important information about breakfast:

Breakfast is included in all room rates under the IAML group block. These rates, with breakfast included, are significantly lower than the Ritz Carlton's published room rates *without* breakfast. If you do not book a room at the Ritz Carlton under the IAML group block, the IAML breakfast buffet is not included as part of your registration fee. If you book outside the IAML group block and you would like to take part in the IAML breakfast buffet, there will be an additional \$40 charge per person per day (inclusive of tax and service). Please let us know prior to the conference if you are not booked under the IAML group block and if you would like to sign up for our daily breakfast buffet.

City View Room

Single - \$330
Double - \$360

Pool View Room

Single - \$399
Double - \$429

Ocean View Room

Single - \$439
Double - \$469

Ocean Front Room with Balcony

Single - \$529
Double - \$559

Club Level City View Room

Single - \$430
Double - \$460

Club Level Ocean View Room

Single - \$580
Double - \$610