

WHY CUBA?

Cuba is unique. Like other Caribbean nations, Cuba has fabulous parks, villages, and towns. Havana, the capital of Cuba, is a fascinating city, full of historic and artistic treasures. But unlike other Caribbean islands, Cuba has been isolated from the United States, its powerful neighbor to the north, and has developed a special society.

Since the election of President Trump and his selection of advisors, the United States has reiterated the Monroe Doctrine of 1823, when James Monroe, the President of the still new revolutionary Republic, announced to the world that the USA would henceforth exercise hegemonic power in the Western Hemisphere and prohibit all other powers from recolonizing the Americas. The 1823 warning waxed and waned over the centuries and now is back, bringing new force to the Cold War politics of exerting power over Cuba by restricting trade and travel between the US and Cuba.

The mission of the Cuban American Friendship Society remains the same: to explore and create—through face-to-face contacts with the people of the island—mutually beneficial relations by making friends and doing business with Cubans. This educational mission remains legal even in this new unfriendly era.



EARN 20 CLE CREDITS

At the University of Havana campus in beautiful Vedado, Havana, UH faculty and USA lawyers will facilitate a free exchange of education and ideas through morning seminars, workshops, debates and discussion. Afternoons will feature visits to Courts and the Havana Bar Association and tours of Havana, including its museums. The schedule includes free time for exploring other cultural, historic, and artistic sites in this creative, interesting Latin American world capital.



HOSTING PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EXCHANGES TO CUBA FOR OVER 20 YEARS

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How to Make Friends and Do Business in Cuba



An accredited Continuing Legal
Education Experience at the
University of Havana

THE CUBAN AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY
November 2 — 9, 2019

The Cuban American Friendship Society invites you once again to join us on a legal education trip to The University of Havana to earn 20 Continuing Legal Education relicensing credits, including 2 Ethics credits. This opportunity is open to attorneys, legal workers, students, scholars, interested citizens, entrepreneurs, and business leaders who want to make friends and do business on the vibrant island of Cuba only 90 miles from our shores.

Itinerary *

Saturday, November 2nd

Arrive in Cuba and check into your accommodations.

Sunday, November 3rd

Set off on a guided tour of the City of Havana, experiencing first hand a vibrant tropical capital of one new world, bustling with art, music, culture, and a generous and resourceful people.

Monday, November 4th

The first day of classes begins at 8:30 with your arrival at the University of Havana Law School.

9 - 11 am: Constitution of Cuba - Kurt Mehta, Esq. and Sandra Baird, Esq.

11:15 - 1:15 pm: Enforceability of Contracts: Between International Jurisdictions and in Cuba - Kurt Mehta, Esq.

2:30 - 4:30 pm: Visit the Civil and Criminal Courts of Cuba - Sandy Baird, Esq. and Armando Vilaseca, Cuban-born President of the Cuban American Friendship Society and former Vermont Secretary of Education.



Tuesday, November 5th

9-11 am: The Current State of Affairs Between Neighbors: Cuba & the United States - and Introduction to the Foreign Relations of Cuba and the U.S. from 1898 to the Present. Armando Vilaseca and Sandra Baird, Esq.

11:15-1:15 pm: The Embargo —*El Bloqueo*: Sanctions and the US Office of Foreign Asset Control. Sandra Baird Esq. and Kurt Mehta, Esq.

2:30-4:30 pm : Return to the Courts of Cuba.



Wednesday, November 6th

9-11 am: Governance in Cuba—Municipal, Provincial, and Federal Elections in Cuba; Judiciary and Regulatory Bodies and Agencies. University of Havana Law School Professors.

2:30-4:30 pm : A visit to the Bar Association of Havana, Cuba. Kurt Mehta, Esq. and Sandra Baird, Esq.

Thursday, November 7th

9-11 am: Business organizations in Cuba (Corporations, Partnerships, Joint Ventures, Private and Public Enterprises, Cooperatives, and Non-Profit and For Profit Organizations. Armando Vilaseca.

2:30 - 4:30 pm: Visit the museums of Havana: Museum of the Revolution, Museum of Fine Arts, and the Hemingway House.

Friday, November 8th

9 - 11 am: Environmental Protections and Regulation of Development Projects: A Comparison of Governmental Policies of Development in a Planned Economy and in a Free-Market Economy. Armando Vilaseca and UH Faculty.

11:15 - 1:15 pm Summation: What are the possibilities for peace and friendship with our neighbors in Cuba? Our founding fathers believed the way to build and maintain a prosperous and free republic at home was to extend and expand mutually beneficial business, cultural, and financial ties to all nations. Can we use these historically-proven roads to peace with Cuba through fair trade and commerce? All faculty and participants.

2:30 - 4:30 pm: The afternoon is free for personal scheduling.

Saturday, November 9th

Return to the U.S.



Cost of Trip (not including airfare):

\$2200 - \$2500 depending on accommodations

* Times and events may change due to circumstances beyond our control.