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**University of Washington
School of Law
Summer Institute in Transnational Law & Practice**

When: September 1-15, 2017
(Departing August 31 and returning September 16, 2017)

Where: University of Washington School of Law,
Seattle, Washington, United States.

Capacity: 20 participants

Aimed towards: undergraduate and graduate Dominican law students; young Dominican professionals in the legal field

Costs (Estimated):

- Program registration: USD \$900.00 (*includes study materials, supplements, field trips, snacks and farewell banquet.*)
- Flights: ~USD \$850.00.00
- Meals: ~USD \$500.00
- Accommodations: ~USD \$750.00 (shared room in hotel or Airbnb)

Total: ~ USD \$3,000.00

Application Deadline: June 30, 2017

Program Description:

The [University of Washington School of Law's Summer Institute in Transnational Law and Practice](#), promoted by the [Global Dominican Academic Exchange](#) (GDAE) is a collaborative effort between [InterDom](#), a program of Global Foundation for Democracy and Development ([GFDD](#)), Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo ([Funglode](#)) and the University of Washington. The institute was developed by the University of Washington School of Law- one of the world's leading centers for innovative teaching and research on international, comparative and U.S. law.

The program will take Dominican law students and young professionals to Seattle, Washington for 15 days, where they will participate in a rigorous educational program that will allow participants to acquire a solid foundation in the structure, culture and thinking of the U.S. legal system and practice through a variety of courses, seminars and social and networking activities. Dominican participants will join more than 60 law students from countries all over the world who are jointly participating in the program. At the end of the program, participants will receive a diploma of participation.

For Dominican student planning to undertake law studies in the U.S., the program provides the foundation and skills needed to successfully complete their studies in any challenging U.S. law school environment. Students trained in a civil-law legal system particularly benefit from the introduction to the structure of legal reasoning in the U.S. common law system, and from the opportunity to refine both oral and written communication skills in English within the U.S. legal context.

The rigorous program focuses on three areas: Introduction to the American Legal System and Practice in a comparative setting, Legal Skills and Methodology, and Legal English. Sample topics include introduction to constitutional law and branches of government, criminal and civil court systems and procedures, alternative dispute resolution, and legal analysis in the U.S. common law system.

Through U.S. law school-style instruction and small group tutorials, participants familiarize themselves with the foundations of the U.S. legal system and methods of legal analysis practiced. Sessions are taught by law faculty, practitioners, and reference librarians who are experienced in cross-cultural communication. Institute participants also visit state and federal courts and agencies, visit one of Seattle's largest law firms, and enjoy social events in the beautiful University of Washington campus and around Seattle.

Formal academic study will be from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm Monday - Friday, therefore an F1 (student) visa is not required to participate in this program. However, a B1/B2 visa is required to enter the United States. In addition, it is mandatory to have international health insurance for the duration of the program.

Participants will be able to lodge in double-occupancy hotel rooms at a special rate or in an Airbnb near the university, and will have free time to explore the beautiful campus and downtown Seattle.

How to Apply: All Dominican students interested in participating must apply using the [online application form](#) prior to June 30, 2017. The requisites to apply are:

- Student/recent graduate/young professional in law
- Advanced level of English
- Passport and valid B1/B2 visa
- Minimum grade point average: 3.0
- Include: [online application form](#), unofficial transcript, CV, a one-page essay in English describing why participating in this program will contribute to your academic and or professional goals.

Applications will be received until June 30, 2017.

Please send any questions to info@globaldominicanacademicexchange.org