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Latino Focus on Argentina Debt

The **Latino Coalition** (TLC) has joined the **American Task Force Argentina** (ATFA), an alliance of organizations promoting a settled solution with outstanding debtors. Argentina announced it would default on its foreign debt in 2001 and renegotiated terms with 76.2 percent of debt holders in 2005 at a loss to bondholders, taxpayers, and investors worldwide of an estimated \$155 billion, according to the ATFA. "All Americans are affected by Argentina's debt default, but the Latino community is directly impacted because of the significant progress we've made in business and government," The Latino Coalition Executive Director **Allen Gutierrez** said in a statement today. "Our partnership with ATFA will assist us in our mission to achieve full economic and social potential for our members in the United States and champion policies in the best interest of the Latino community."

Florida Bar Deal With Dominican Bar

Meanwhile, the **Florida Bar International Law Section** (ILS) recently signed a partnership with the **Dominican Republic Bar** aimed at exchanging information and services. "The Dominican Bar partnership will certainly prove valuable to lawyers in both Florida and the Dominican Republic in educational exchanges, local counsel referrals and other areas of practice extending the reach and capabilities of Florida international law practitioners," the ILS said in a statement. The agreement was signed by **Jose Fernando Perez Volquez**, president of the Colegio de Abogados de la Republica Dominicana and ILS Chair **J. Brock McClane** of Orlando-based McClane Tessitore.



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