

A comment on the Latin American Model Law

An article co-authored by several Spanish academics on the Latin American Model Law (International Protection of Human Rights) has just been published. It introduces and analyzes the Dahl Model Law, drafted by the Argentinian jurist Henry S. Dahl, intended to help and stimulate Latin American countries in order to improve their resources in the field of Transnational Human Rights Litigation. There is a careful analysis of the Recitals of the law and its seven sections: jurisdiction (forum of necessity), application to physical and legal persons, the nonexistence of a statute of limitation, admissibility of the evidence found abroad, damages according to foreign law, appeals and notifications by certified mail. This note also describes the present state of Transnational Human Rights Litigation, making reference to the US, European and United Nations perspective.

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