



The CFA cordially invites you to join us as we honor

DR. BORIS KOZOLCHYK

&

DR. MAREK DUBOVEC

With a Special Recognition Award for their Leadership in the
Development and Adoption of Modern and Effective Secured
Transaction Laws.

Thursday, November 10, 2016 during our Lunch General Session
Sparkle East Ballroom
12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
(Award presentations from 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.)

In conjunction with CFA's

72nd Annual Convention at the
Fontainebleau Hotel
Miami, FL



Remarks for Presentation of CFA Leadership Awards to Dr. Boris Kozolchyk and Dr. Marek Dubovec

Good afternoon, everyone. As many of you know, for the past two decades, the CFA has been active in the field of secured transactions reform, helping countries modernize their secured transactions laws to promote access to credit for small and medium-sized businesses. We do this through our participation with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (or UNCITRAL), the World Bank and in other ways.

But you may not know that a major inspiration for this work is an extraordinary organization known as the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade, represented by the two men here with us today: Dr. Boris Kozolchyk and Dr. Marek Dubovec.

The Center, which was founded in 1992, is unquestionably the gold standard for work in the area of secured transactions reform, playing a major role in the work of UNCITRAL, the World Bank, the Organization of American States and other international organizations, and serving as an advisor to the U.S. State Department and other governments in countries too numerous to mention in Asia, Africa and the Americas. The Center helps countries create laws that support techniques such as asset-based lending which, as we know, has been the backbone of U.S. middle-market growth for decades, but which simply does not exist in many countries. And then, the Center teaches lenders in those countries how to use their new laws, and helps countries improve the judicial systems that are needed to support those laws. In short, the Center creates environments in which people in many countries can obtain financing that has been beyond their wildest dreams - financing that enables their business to grow, that creates jobs and that raises standards of living. It's impossible to overstate the ways in which the Center has had a real impact on the lives of countless people throughout the world and on the economic development of emerging markets.

Dr. Boris Kozolchyk is the founder and president of the Center, and one of the world's leading experts on international banking and commercial law. He is Professor of Law at the University of Arizona, has received honorary degrees at universities in Latin America and China, and (and this is my favorite!) he has research buildings named after him in Mexico and the United States. He is tireless, a prolific author, and a personal role model for me.

Dr. Marek Dubovec earned a law degree in Slovakia in 2003, and received his Master's and Doctoral Degrees from the University of Arizona, and has been the Senior Research Attorney at the Center since 2004. In addition to representing the Center at UNCITRAL, Marek has personally helped develop the laws of over 20 countries.

Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the CFA, it is my great pleasure, and a personal honor, to present CFA Leadership Awards to Dr. Boris Kozolchyk and Dr. Marek Dubovec.