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Dear Mr. Trung,

It is with great pleasure that I bring you greetings from the International Law Section of the State Bar of California. In this letter, we seek to introduce you to our Bar Association and to the activities of the International Law Section.

For more than 75 years, the State Bar of California has shaped the development of the law, regulated the professional conduct of California lawyers and provided greater access to the justice system for all United States citizens. Created by the state legislature in 1927, the State Bar of California is a public corporation within the judicial branch of government, serving as an arm of the California Supreme Court. The State Bar of California is the largest state bar in the United States; more than 150,000 State Bar members actively practice law in California.

The Sections of the State Bar are voluntary organizations of attorneys and associates who share an area of interest. The Sections help their members maintain expertise in their various fields of law, expand their professional contacts, and serve the profession, the public and the legal system.

The International Law Section attracts the leading international lawyers in California. The Section has two publications, the California International Practitioner, which features in-depth treatment of important practice topics and forms of agreements used in international practice, and the International Law Newsletter, which features

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reports on current developments, reports on Section activities, and other valuable information.

The International Law Section also presents legal education (MCLE) programs throughout the year, regularly attracting attorneys and academicians for a weekend of discussion of current public and private international law topics. Recent program of the Section include:

Building the Cross-Border Construction Contract;  
Finding and Collecting Assets in Foreign Jurisdictions;  
Intellectual Property Rights Abroad: How to Obtain, Maintain, and Defend Them;  
Negotiating the Cross-Border Acquisition Agreement; and  
A Trillion Dollars a Day: The Law of Cross- Border Wire Transfers and Electronic Payments.

One of the goals of the International Law Section is to get to know and to share information with international legal practitioners around the world. With this goal in mind, we welcome participation by the members of the Ho Chi Minh City Bar Association in our activities. To keep you informed of these opportunities, we are honored to present to you a subscription to our publications, the California International Practitioner and the International Law Newsletter. We would also welcome attendance by your members at any of our legal education seminars.

We of the International Law Section believe that getting to know and sharing information among our international colleagues leads to increased understanding, cooperation, and peace across the globe. We seek to promote and encourage business and learning across our borders and look forward to future opportunities for our respective members to exchange ideas and to develop lasting friendships.

With warm regards,

The International Law Section of the State Bar of California

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