



Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

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Registration is Now Open for KCMBA's CLE in Cuba

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (July 25, 2016) - Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association is excited to announce a cross-cultural learning opportunity, in conjunction with Cuba Cultural Travel. Registration is now open for the 4-night/5-day Journey to Cuba, departing from Miami. This unique experience will take place from Tuesday, February 21st to Saturday, February 25th, 2017. Over the course of the program, attorneys will have the opportunity to earn at least five (5) Continuing Legal Education credits (MO Approved, KS Pending), covering topics such as the rule of law as part of Cuban reforms, the evolving rules and regulations for private enterprises in Cuba, and foreign investment in Cuba. Leon Versfeld, KCMBA Board member and CLE Chair, encourages Kansas City lawyers to, "Earn your CLE with KCMBA on the beach, when you travel with us to Cuba in 2017."

Participants will fly to Havana and be accompanied by a Cuba Cultural Travel escort. Program highlights include:

- Four nights at the Hotel Nacional de Cuba. The Hotel Nacional is considered a symbol of Cuban history, culture and identity. With its privileged location in the middle of Vedado, the Hotel Nacional stands on a hill just a few meters from the sea, offering grandiose views of the Malecón - Havana's infamous seawall.
- Meals at Havana's best paladares (privately-owned and operated restaurants). Over the course of our five (5) days in Havana we will explore Cuba's growing culinary scene and support new restaurateurs and private business owners in this burgeoning sector.
- Dynamic lectures from some of Cuba's leading legal minds and networking opportunities to explore academic collaboration and/or future business opportunities with the island.
- Private musical performances including the Orchestra Sinfonica Juvenil (Havana Youth Orchestra). This group of supremely talented music students represents the finest artists of their generation. The 16 member orchestra, led by Director Jose Antonio Mendez, will

perform a medley of international classical favorites as well as several Cuban compositions.

- Walking photo tours and a bus tour of Modern Architecture in Western Havana. Few people realize the important place Havana holds as a treasure trove of 20th Century architecture. Our tour will highlight some of the best examples to be found in this incredibly diverse area of the city where some of its most fascinating buildings were built using different architectural styles.
- Artist studio visits and a guided tour of the Museum of Cuban Art (Bellas Artes) with art historian Aylet Ojeda. Cuba's most famous museum is dedicated exclusively to Cuban Art from the earliest days of colonialism to the latest generation of Cuban artists.

Itinerary and registration are available at kcmba.org.

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Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association serves approximately 5,000 members in the nine-county Kansas City metro area: Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas and Cass, Clay, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri. The mission of this Association is to serve our members and our community by promoting justice, professional excellence and respect for the law.