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## **ALFA International, the Global Legal Network, Expands With New Member Firm in Costa Rica (ARA LAW ABOGADOS)**

(February 9, 2011) –ALFA International is pleased to announce the addition of **ARA LAW ABOGADOS** ([www.aralaw.cr](http://www.aralaw.cr)) as the exclusive member law firm for ALFA International in Costa Rica.

**ARA LAW ABOGADOS**, founded over 35 years ago, is a 10-lawyer firm based in the capital city of San José. The firm’s diverse practice includes Corporate Law, Intellectual Property, Labor Law, Litigation and Arbitration, Real Estate Law, Tax Law, as well as other areas of law.

According to Richard Hetke, ALFA International’s CEO, “Costa Rica is a critical economic lynch pin for Central America and is already an important and thriving business market for the Americas, both North and South. We are honored to have **ARA LAW ABOGADOS** become a member of the ALFA International portfolio of global law firms and look forward to their participation. ”

Alejandro Rodriguez-Castro ([arc@aralaw.cr](mailto:arc@aralaw.cr)), the ALFA International Contact Partner at **ARA LAW ABOGADOS** stated, “As a firm, **ARA LAW ABOGADOS** is committed to providing top-quality legal advice to all parties seeking business counsel in Costa Rica. To that end, we welcome the opportunity to collaborate with ALFA International members from far and wide, and to provide their clients with our specialized professional legal services.”

## About ALFA International

ALFA International, the global legal network, ([www.alfainternational.com](http://www.alfainternational.com)) is an organization of independent law firms. ALFA International's membership is comprised of 145 international law firms (85 U.S. based firms, 60 non U.S. based firms) employing over 9,000 lawyers and 10,000 other legal professionals. Member firms are located in nearly every U.S. state as well as in Canada, Mexico, Latin and South America, Southeast Asia, Africa, Australia, the Middle East, and the Pacific Rim. ALFA International's basic objective, accomplished through its member firms and their activities, is to improve the quality and efficiency of legal services and to provide those services to clients within a reasonable and value oriented cost formula across jurisdictions around the world.

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