

PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGES

RULE OF LAW
WITH RICHARD PENA

Delegation to Croatia

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Connect with lawyers and other legal professionals on this international delegation to Croatia. Led by Mr. Richard Pena, J.D., an award-winning expert attorney, the program will give you a unique opportunity to learn about the Rule of Law in this developing country of Croatia and in the Balkans region of Eastern Europe.

After nearly thirty years of independent governance, Croatia has endeavored to develop a solid infrastructure to support its civil society. A culture that has been shaped by conflict and violence now looks to a bright future. Supported by U.S. and international nongovernmental organizations, Croatia is home to some of the most innovative programs in Europe, addressing the challenges of access to health care, advancing education, stabilizing the rule of law, and ensuring basic human needs for their entire population.



LEADER BIOGRAPHIES

Richard Pena is an attorney in Austin, Texas, and is the founder and CEO of the Law Offices of Richard Pena, P.C. He has served as both President of the American Bar Foundation (2009-2011) and President of the State Bar of Texas (1998-1999). Additionally, he served on the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association in 2007-2010. He is rated "AV" by the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, indicating a "very high to preeminent" reputation for legal ability and a "very high" general recommendation.

Richard graduated with Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Jurisprudence degrees from the University of Texas, where the law school faculty awarded him an honorary membership in the Order of the Coif. He is recognized as a national leader in the legal field and received the Distinguished Lawyer Award presented by the Austin Bar Association in 2007. The Texas Bar Journal has recognized him as one of 20 "Trailblazers" in their February 2014 issue, and in 2010 he received the Difference Makers Award presented by the ABA General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Division.

Richard has led approximately 18 delegations of Texas and U.S. lawyers abroad to interact with leading lawyers, judges, professors, and political figures of various countries. He has been Chair of the Leader Advisory Board for the People to People Ambassador Program, and received the Eisenhower Achievement Award from People to People Ambassador Program for being an outstanding delegation leader.

Richard is a Vietnam veteran and left on the last day of American military involvement in Vietnam in March 1973. He is co-author of the book, *Last Plane Out of Saigon*, which he wrote with award-winning scholar John Hagan. Read further about Richard Pena at www.rpenalaw.com/about-richard-pena.html. Currently, he is Chair of the American Bar Association's (ABA) Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights and Responsibilities.



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Professional visits will focus on topics such as:

- Rule of law in Croatia and the Balkans region
- International treaties and their impact on everyday life
- Courts and due process
- Practicing law in Croatia
- Human rights and immigration issues
- Challenges of legal education
- Independence of judiciary due process

BRIEF ITINERARY

Day 1	Departures from the US to Zagreb , Croatia by individual arrangements. Delegates arrive throughout the day. Evening Introductory program briefing.
Day 2	Full day cultural tour of Zagreb and its surrounding areas: Zagreb sightseeing and visit to Krapina Zagorje County. Introduction to the Croatian Legal System by the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) , to discuss the role of the Ministry of Justice, the Parliament and the European Union in sculpting the legal system. Meeting with the Croatian Bar Association to learn about practicing law in Croatia, human rights and immigration issues. Afternoon visit to a local market to experience the richness of Croatian culture.
Day 3	Meeting with faculty and students at the University of Zagreb to discuss the structure of legal education, access, and funding. Afternoon panel discussion with law students.
Day 4	Travel to Rijeka . On the way, experience the beautiful countryside of Croatia and visit Opatja.
Day 5	Wrap-up meetings with local MOJ and Bar Association leaders to discuss observations and developments for the future. Visit a local court in Rijeka Region or Ičići to learn about the legal system outside of Zagreb. Discuss the independence of the judiciary due process. Afternoon cultural visits in the rural communities and visit a handicraft market. End with a farewell celebration dinner.
Day 6	
Day 7	Depart for the United States or program extension tour.

The program will be finalized based on the guidance of the delegation leader, the interests and composition of the group, and the scheduling needs of hosting resources in country.

CORE PROGRAM COMPONENTS



Leadership Development



Experiential Learning



Professional Networking



Professional Development



Mutual Respect and Inclusion

ACCOMPANYING GUESTS

Guests are welcome to join the delegation at the same rate as professional participants, and will have opportunities to enjoy cultural enrichment and community service activities in lieu of the professional program. This is a wonderful opportunity for your partner, spouse, or friend to share the experience of traveling in Croatia with you.

PRICING

Cost of Program: \$4,495 per person (4-star accommodations) | **Single Supplement Cost:** \$350 per person

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Prospective participants must apply and be approved by the delegation leader before proceeding with registration. A \$500 nonrefundable deposit is due upon approval of your application. The balance is due upon receipt of invoice, 90 days before departure.

Program fees are based on double rooms. A single-room supplement is provided as an option. If you have to cancel, you must submit your request in writing, dated upon receipt.

If you cancel...

After payment of the deposit
90–61 days prior to departure
60–31 days prior to departure
30 days prior to departure
Cancellation of program by World Learning

Your penalty is

\$500.00
50% of Program Cost
75% of Program Cost
100% of Program Cost
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CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Please be sure to read World Learning's [Conditions of Participation](#) and the U.S. Department of State's [Travel Information on Croatia](#) before registering. All participants must sign the Conditions in order to embark on the program.

The program must meet a minimum registration of 12 participants in order to proceed. If registration does not meet the minimum, the program will be cancelled and all previously paid registration fees will be refunded. Please see the Conditions of Participation for further details on registration, payment, and refund policies.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TOUR

While in Croatia, why not extend your travels to see more of the region? World Learning offers an **optional additional excursion of 4 days** through Croatia to enable you to maximize your experience overseas. This excursion will introduce you to a wider range of cultural, historical, and culinary sights and experiences.



4-DAY EXCURSION

Zadar, Split, and Dubrovnik, Croatia

\$1,885 per person
(\$185 single supplement)

Delegates must be enrolled in the core program in order to take advantage of this excursion price.

ABOUT WORLD LEARNING

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