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The Great Brazilian IP-Train Robbery

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PRINCETON, N.J., March 19 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- In a new **University of Miami Inter-American Law Review article entitled, Brazil's IP Opportunism Threatens US Private Property Rights**, trade and regulatory expert Lawrence Kogan tracks how Brazil is navigating internationally to 'railroad' the great American engine of intellectual property-based innovation and economic growth.

According to Mr. Kogan, "During the past decade, Brazil has quietly assembled a gang of masked IP marauders including socialist-minded foreign governments, United Nations bureaucrats, health and 'open source' extremists and American multilateralists, each brandishing six-shooters replete with negative sustainable development bullets. Like the desperadoes of the old American West, they plan to hold up the locomotive, loot its treasures (research & development) and ransack its passengers' commercially valuable possessions (IP-rich assets). They will then send the leading innovators off into the sunset toward a new international economic horizon (order) where proprietary technological know-how & testing data will be treated as 'universally accessible,' 'open source,' and essentially free of charge to developing country riders." "Should this marked train ever leave the depot and such robbery take place," warns Kogan, "The constitutionally protected private IP rights of U.S. citizens will effectively be converted into 'public international goods' without payment of 'just compensation'."