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CONNECTICUT LAWYER APPOINTED TO ELECTRONIC COMMERCE EXPERTS COMMITTEE

Houston Putnam Lowry, of the Meriden, Connecticut law firm of Brown & Welsh, P. C., was the only person from New England appointed to an Experts Committee on Electronic Commerce by the International Trade Administration of the United States Department of Commerce. The Experts Committee is part of the Free Trade Area in the Americas (FTAA) initiative.

Lowry's selection to be a private sector participant was a competitive process among experts. Qualification statements were reviewed by the Trade Policy Staff Committee for their demonstrated expertise in one or more aspects of electronic commerce; knowledge of the Western Hemisphere, including established contacts with foreign private sector interests in the region; an ability and willingness to broadly solicit views from and broadly disseminate information to private sector interests; and familiarity with U.S. and foreign trade and investment policies and obligations and developments in electronic commerce fora. Lowry has been writing on the topic of electronic commerce for over 20 years, and his articles have been a source of reference for many in the academic and corporate sectors. His articles have appeared in the Connecticut Bar Journal, the Houston Journal of International Law, the American Bar Association's Jurimetrics Journal, and the Rutgers Computer and Technology Law Journal, among others.

On June 21st, Lowry met with other private sector participants and members of the U.S. Government Interagency (FTAA) Work Group in Washington, D.C. to discuss issues affecting the many businesses and groups that use electronic commerce.

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