



CONRADO ETCHEBARNE, 1962 ARGENTINA

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In 1962, Conrado Etchebarne travelled from Argentina to complete his Eisenhower Fellowship with the Multi Nation Program. His objectives were to explore public offering and securities, stock exchanges, and other public/private institutions, as well as American lifestyles, family structure, religion, and culture. He also wanted to explore the importance corporations have on economics, politics and justice in developed countries, with the goal of understanding the significance they could achieve on social levels in a world with millions of stakeholders. Dr. Etchebarne described his experience as a golden opportunity that allowed him to learn that the household economy in the United States was already based on savings invested in business corporations. He returned to Argentina with a strong belief that a good relationship with the United States was crucial in the development of his country, and that the U.S. must have good relations with neighboring countries from South America.



After his fellowship, he was appointed by the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange to a position as an external advisor to the Presidency of the institution to draft legislation on securities for Argentina. His task was to draft a holistic reform of the Argentine stock exchange system. This legislation created by Dr. Etchebarne was adopted as the law of public offering of securities, which created the Securities and Exchange Commission, which now regulates the public offering of securities and stock exchanges in Argentina. Soon after, he was named Argentina's Minister of Justice.

In addition to advancements in his professional career, Dr. Etchebarne has stayed involved in the EF community. The first democratic presidential elections in Argentina inspired him to propose the 1988 Single Nation Program for Argentina. As a result, this program was instituted and Fellows from the program went on to become Ministers of Education and Labor, an Army General and head of Gallup Poll, to name a few. Six years later he organized an international EF conference which hosted Fellows from five continents and EF Chairman President George H.W. Bush. He has headed his country's Nominating Committee for many years, and has been a trustee for 17 years.

At the closing dinner of the Latin American Regional program in November 2008, Eisenhower Fellowships presented a "lifetime achievement" award to Dr. Etchebarne. In announcing the award, EF President John Wolf said: "He is an outstanding Fellow who has inspired numerous others with his leadership. He has given back more than we could have imagined to the Eisenhower Fellowships family." On May 17, 2012, Eisenhower Fellowships bestowed the [*Distinguished Alumnus Award*](#) upon Dr. Etchebarne to recognize his significant contributions in his field of work, and his outstanding leadership in the alumni network. The recipients of this award are recognized for their post-fellowship activities that reflect President Eisenhower's commitment to peace and productivity by working through direct personal contacts across boundaries. Currently, Dr. Etchebarne is a Senior Partner of the law firm Cabanellas, Etchebarne, Kelly & Dell'Oro Maini.

Of his Eisenhower Fellowship experience, Dr. Etchebarne has said, "I have embraced for the past 50 years the philosophy and values of EF. I have enjoyed being a member of Eisenhower Fellowships, an organization that opens the door, as it did for me, to potential leaders all over the world. It is always a joy and a challenge to find a candidate to be an Eisenhower Fellow and to follow his or her achievements after the fellowship, both in a personal and professional level. It's a unique experience for all of us who have the chance to be part of the EF family."

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