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## Ecuador's New Communications Law: Amicus Curiae Brief

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Butzel Long attorney Edward Copeland co-authored an *Amicus Curiae Brief* to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in support of defendants convicted of criminal defamation of Ecuador's President Rafael Correa in 2011 under Ecuador's new communications law.

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