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Michel Barnier calls for two-state solution for Israel and Palestine in IBA opening ceremony speech

by Méganne Tillay

Former Brexit negotiator and French foreign affairs minister Michel Barnier called for EU, US and Middle East leaders to work together towards a peace process and a two-state solution for Israel and Palestine.

In a speech at the IBA opening ceremony on Sunday, Barnier said that security and sovereignty of the state of Israel is "non-negotiable", adding that "we stand on the side of freedom and democracy against barbary and terrorism".

He added however that a "sustainable peace" in the Middle-East under the control of the United Nations "will only be achieved with the establishment of a Palestinian state".

He was speaking at the opening ceremony of IBA Paris 2023 at the Palais des Congrès. The ceremony also featured a recorded video address by French President Emmanuel Macron.

Macron said the IBA conference would "forge ties to form a living community in the service of law".

He added: "We need this. As you know, France and the world are experiencing a pivotal moment where power struggles are attempting to supplant relations based on law," in referring to the current Ukraine conflict, which "has given rise to crimes that international justice must judge swiftly and severely".

In a wide-ranging speech which emphasised French primacy in the post-Brexit legal and financial order, he said France aimed "to make Paris the leading financial centre in Europe".

"We are children of Roman law, which is sometimes said to be less conducive to export than Anglo-Saxon common law, this French and European law is the one that wrote, yesterday, the global framework for environmental protection; that writes today the rules of our digital globalisation, through the major European regulatory texts, as recent events show us."

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IBA launches forum for government and public lawyers

New hub will help connect public sector lawyers from around the word, writes Ben Rigby

Public lawyers have a new home within the International Bar Association, as the IBA opens the forum for government and public lawyers to encourage membership from government and public lawyers worldwide.

The forum builds on the IBA's successful and long-established corporate counsel forum (CCF), which caters to business lawyers in in-house legal practice. By establishing a new hub for government lawyers as a distinct professional category, and as the global voice of the legal profession, the IBA is well-placed to support public sector lawyers and to provide opportunities to connect such practitioners with others in both the public and private sector.

Like the CCF, it will focus on the role and practice of its community, especially around the values and objectives that ground public service, ethics and specialist skills, as well as consideration of public international law issues.

Membership is open to Bar associations, complete or supporting members of the IBA, and individual members of any IBA divisions. The forum will particularly interest practitioners working in government or public entities at domestic, regional or international levels.

The new forum will be launched at the IBA Annual Conference in Paris on Monday at a session co-hosted by Andrew Mackenzie of the Scottish Arbitration Centre, who will also co-chair the forum. Mackenzie said he is honoured to take up the role alongside Federica D'Alessandra, the deputy director of the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict.

Talking to IBA Daily News, he said: "My background is as a government lawyer, so I am delighted to be involved in this important initiative.

"We have been committed to establishing a hub for government and public lawyers from across the globe for some time and established this new IBA committee this year.

"Our inaugural session will take place on Monday at IBA Paris and involves some of the brilliant officers of the forum as speakers – Frances Anderson, Dr Pascal Dutru, Klaus Löber and Andy Beattie."

Anderson, who is the assistant solicitor for the Victoria government in Australia and the forum's co-vice chair, added the session would "provide a new perspective and discuss the role and practice of the government and public lawyer", which he says is "complex and critical". It will also explore what it means to be a government lawyer and "the distinct responsibilities, opportunities and challenges which make this role unique".



Andrew Mackenzie



Federica D'Alessandra

SESSION: **The role and practice of the government and public lawyer**

TIME: **Monday 30 October, 11:15 - 12:30:**

LOCATION: **Rooms 212-213, Level 2**

European Union bears 'huge responsibility' to help secure peace in Middle East

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Macron was introduced by Paris committee co-chairs Jacques Buhart, founder of McDermott Will & Emery's Paris office, and Pascale Lagesse, who leads the employment team at Bredin Prat, and has been the treasurer of the International Bar Association since 2021.

The video of the French president was followed by an address by IBA president Almudena Arpón de Mendívil Aldama who highlighted the IBA's main themes: The impact of AI; the emergence of the environmental, social and governance (ESG) movement and its impact on diversity, equity and inclusion; the attraction and retention of talent; and promoting and defending the rule of law.

More than 6,000 delegates from across the world will assemble at the conference, which marks the IBA's 75th anniversary.

Prominent speakers include Nobel Peace Prize winner Lech Wałęsa and prominent futurologist Zack Kass, architect of ChatGPT's go-to-market strategy, among a host of other top names.

The conference is being billed as a forum "to discuss, support and advance legal reform and social justice" in the context of "continuing conflicts in Europe and the Middle East, disruptions to the energy market and the climate crisis".

In a Q&A session, Barnier also said that the European Union holds "huge responsibility" to ensure peace in the region and find a solution to this long-standing conflict.

He further urged the EU to act with the US and other players in the region to work for a two-state solution.

The former Brexit negotiator also discussed Brexit and the future of the EU at length in both his speech and the Q&A.

"The EU is still a very fragile project, and member states need to be careful and correct mistakes where they happen," he said in response to a question from a French lawyer.

He added: "Brexit was not probable but it happened," urging EU leaders and citizens to be for improbable events.

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Almudena Arpón de Mendívil Aldama, IBA President

Almudena Arpón de Mendívil Aldama is the President of the IBA for the term 2023-2024. Almudena is the first woman to hold the position in 20 years and only the second in the Association's 76-year history. She joined the IBA Management Board in 2009, a position she has maintained under her different IBA roles until today. Almudena has previously held positions as the IBA Vice President, IBA Treasurer, Chair of the Legal Practice Division and IBA Secretary-General. She is a partner at the Spanish law firm Gómez-Acebo & Pombo, where she is the Head of the Technology, Media and Telecommunications (TMT) Group within the Corporate M&A Department. Almudena has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Spanish satellite company Hispasat and was a member of its executive commission and its appointments and remunerations commission from 2013 until 2018.



Jaime Carey, IBA Vice President

Jaime Carey is the Vice President of the IBA, together with Claudio Visco. He has been involved in the IBA since 1984 and has held numerous roles within the organisation, which include the following: Country Representative, Deputy Secretary-General for Latin America, Chair of the Latin American Regional Forum, Co-Chair of the Corporate and M&A Committee, LPD Assistant Treasurer, LPD and IBA Treasurer, Vice Chair of LPD, and Chair of LPD. Jaime is Managing Partner at Carey, one of Latin America's most successful law full-service firms and Chile's largest. His areas of expertise are corporate law, mergers and acquisitions law, investment law, and tax law.



Claudio Visco, IBA Vice President

Claudio Visco is the Vice President of the IBA, together with Jaime Carey, his tenure is for the two calendar years of 2023 and 2024. Claudio sits on the IBA Management Board and has held the position of member of the IBA Diversity and Inclusion Council, Chair of the Bar Issues Commission, Co-Chair of the Capital Markets Forum, as well as Chair of the Securities Committee. He has significantly contributed to the drafting of important IBA guidelines and recommendations including the 'IBA Practical Guide on Business and Human Rights for Business Lawyers', 'IBA Business and Human Rights Guidance for Bar Associations' and the joint IBA-OECD report on 'The Role of Lawyers and International Commercial Structures'. He is Managing Partner at Italian law firm Macchi di Cellere Gangemi.



Jörg K Menzer, IBA Secretary-General

Jörg K Menzer is the Secretary-General of the IBA. During his time with the organisation, he has held various positions including Chair of the IBA section on public and professional interest (SPPI), Deputy Secretary-General, Co-Chair of the European Regional Forum, and a member of the Law Firm Management Committee Advisory Board. In addition, Jörg served as Chair of the Online Services Committee, the Public and Professional Interest Division (PPID)/SPPI Vice Chair Treasurer and has also represented the SPPI on the IBA Management Board and IBA Council. Jörg heads the Bucharest office of Noerr. He has been at Noerr for more than two decades, currently serving as an M&A, corporate and State-aid specialist concentrating on structuring major foreign investments and business expansion projects in Romania.



Carola van den Bruinhorst, Chair, IBA Legal Practice Division

Carola van den Bruinhorst is Chair of the IBA Legal Practice Division (LPD) and a member of the IBA Management Board. Previously held positions by her include Vice-Chair IBA LPD; IBA Treasurer; IBA LPD Council Member; and Co-Chair, IBA Taxes Committee. She was co-founder of the IBA Diversity & Inclusion Council and Co-Chair. Carola is based in Amsterdam and at Dutch law firm Loyens & Loeff, where she is responsible for designing, implementing and running the firm's Partner Development Programme. Previously, Carola worked as a partner in the firm's International Tax Practice in its Amsterdam, New York and Hong Kong offices. She founded the Hong Kong office in 2011 and managed it until 2017.



Ken Murphy, Chair, IBA bar issues commission

Ken Murphy is the Chair of the IBA Bar Issues Commission (BIC), for 2023-2024, and a Member of the IBA Management Board. He has served on numerous IBA committees and task forces, including as Chair of the BIC's Policy Committee in 2022. He is a solicitor and a member of the Law Society of Ireland of which he was the Director General for 26 years. On his retirement in 2021, he was the longest serving Chief Executive Officer of any national Bar or law society in the world. Prior to his appointment as Director General in 1995, he practiced in one of Ireland's largest commercial law firms, A&L Goodbody, where he became a partner in 1990. He practiced primarily in litigation and in European Union and competition law including, for four years, in the firm's Brussels office. Prior to IBA work he was active with the International Institute of Law Association Chief Executives and the Chief Executives of European Bar Associations and served terms as elected President for both.



Mark Ellis, IBA Executive Director

Dr Mark Ellis is the Executive Director of the IBA. Prior to joining the IBA, he spent ten years as the first executive director of the American Bar Association's Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (CEELI). Mark was a long-time consultant to the World Bank on investment policies in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. He has served as legal advisor to the Independent International Commission on Kosovo, chaired by Justice Richard Goldstone, and was appointed by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) to advise on the creation of Serbia's war crimes tribunal. He was actively involved with the Iraqi high tribunal and acted as legal advisor to the defence team of Nuon Chea at the Cambodian war crimes tribunal.



Anne Ramberg, Co-Chair, IBA Human Rights Institute Council

Anne Ramberg Dr Jur hc is Co-Chair of the IBAHRI Council and the immediate past Secretary General of the Swedish Bar Association, a position she held for 20 years. Anne is an ad-hoc judge at the European Court of Human Rights, and Conciliator and alternate member of the Bureau to the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration within the OSCE. She is the Chair of the Uppsala University Board, as well as the Chair of the Stockholm Prize in Criminology Foundation. In addition, Anne serves as a member of the Board of Civil Rights Defenders, Raoul Wallenberg Institute and Southern Africa Litigation Centre and is member of the International Legal Assistance Consortium Advisory Council.



Mark Stephens CBE, Co-Chair, IBA Human Rights Institute Council

Mark Stephens CBE is Co-Chair of the IBAHRI Council. He is a partner at Howard Kennedy and a former President of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association. Mark also sits on the Council and Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association. Throughout his career, Mark has undertaken some of the most important cases in the United Kingdom and around the world. In addition to representing high-profile individuals internationally, he has been retained by several governments, among them the Republic of Cyprus, Greece, Jamaica, Libya, Mauritius and Russia, and has litigated in countries as diverse as Antigua, Australia, France, India, Iraq, Iran, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Samoa, Singapore and the United States.



Helena Kennedy KC, IBAHRI Director

Baroness Helena Kennedy KC is IBAHRI Director, managing the work of the Institute and upholding and promoting the rule of law and human rights globally. She is recognised as one of Britain's most distinguished lawyers. Helena has spent her professional life giving voice to those who have the least power within the system, championing civil liberties and promoting human rights. She has conducted many prominent cases of terrorism, official secrets and homicide. In 1997, she was elevated to the House of Lords where she is a Labour peer.



Myra Garrett, Chair, IBA Section on Public and Professional Interest

Myra Garrett is Chair of the IBA Section on Public and Professional Interest (SPPI) and a member the IBA Online Services Committee. She has held numerous positions within the IBA including Vice-Chair and Treasurer of the IBA SPPI Council; IBA Council member; Co-Chair, IBA Law Firm Management Committee; and member of the IBA Law Firm Management Committee Advisory Board. Myra is a Corporate Partner and former Managing Partner of leading Irish law firm, William Fry. She specialises in cross border mergers and acquisitions, public takeovers, capital market transactions and corporate restructurings. Myra advises companies and boards of directors on corporate governance and strategic issues.





Some of my dearest friendships have been built because of the IBA



Immediate IBA past president Sternford Moyo addresses the opening ceremony at last year's conference in Miami

Melissa Davis, who is attending her 11th annual conference, provides some tips for first timers on how to navigate IBA 2023 Paris

The IBA Annual Conference brings together thousands of international lawyers and professionals across the sector to build brands and referral networks while also seeking to protect and support the rule of law.

Attending an event like this takes significant budget, so it's important to get the best out of it. The steps you take before you walk through the door, register and get your name badge are at least as important as what you do at the event to build a pipeline of referrals.

If you haven't thought about your personal brand, then now is the time to do so. In the legal sector people buy people, so your brand is vital for building friendships that can lead to business growth. This is about taking responsibility over how you present yourself – and how people perceive you. It's about showing what makes you unique and what you're about. It's about your personality, your skills and, most of all, it should be about being true to the real you.

There are more than 6,000 delegates at IBA 2023 Paris. At the end of an evening, if you're looking at hundreds of business cards, you're not going to remember everyone. So how do you ensure people remember you?

Remember to be authentic: your 'in person' profile should be the same as your online profile. You may have connected with people in advance and people will want to connect with you online after meeting. They want to see the same person in both places.

Social media

Be generous and active on social media throughout the week, following speakers, liking and commenting on their posts, making it likely they will reciprocate. Don't forget to include the official conference hashtags to monitor and link to what others are posting. Sharing that 'I'm here' on social media means you can invite attendees to meet up with you over the course of the week, while also showing the market you take time out to stay up to date on emerging industry trends.

Note the speakers at sessions you want to attend and reach out to them to say you're looking forward to meeting with them. Read through the attendees list and highlight the people you want to reach out to and meet up with. If you're a speaker, connect with fellow panellists and leave 30 minutes free after the session to chat with attendees. Consider collaborating with fellow panellists to produce a follow-up summary article about the session.

Make use of the QR code within the LinkedIn app to connect with people in person. Tap the search bar at the top of your home screen when you open the app for them to be able to scan the code and find your profile.

Mentors

If this is your first IBA, then ask for help. There are plenty of mentors (please come and find me) who will introduce you to other people, take you to parties, and hopefully eventually help you become a committee member.

I started my journey in the law firm management committee in 2015 (three years after joining the IBA) and then in 2020. I also joined the European regional forum and became part of the mental wellbeing task force. I then volunteered my time to support the 50:50 by 2030 project. This enabled me to be an advocate of issues that matter to me in the sector, in this case diversity and mental wellbeing.

The IBA isn't something you just go to once. Building business relationships that can lead to a referral network takes time. Keith Oliver, head of international at Peters & Peters, who has been attending IBA annual conferences since 2001 and who organises the annual football match, says: "The IBA Conference provides an unparalleled opportunity to meet fellow practitioners from across the world – where you'll not only reunite with old friends but make many new ones from our community."

Pace yourself

Finally, remember to pace yourself – it's OK if you don't go to every session you planned to attend. You will have the opportunity to contact attendees or the speakers to ask about what you missed. With thousands of legal professionals in attendance, it's important to be on top form for subsequent sessions and events.

We hope your experience mirrors that of Christine Blaise-Engel, a partner at leading French law firm Fidal, who says: "For me, the power of networking has enabled me to find my place in the global legal community. Being involved with the IBA has supercharged my career and opened doors to a huge range of business relationships – and friendships – that I value greatly and are invaluable to my working life."

And finally… let me introduce myself: I am a business leader, a mother to the most phenomenal super-hero daughter who has special needs, a campaigner on disability issues and protecting children during and after parental separation, a mental health ambassador and in addition some of my dearest friendships have been built because of the IBA.

Melissa Davis is founder and CEO of MD Communications and a member of the IBA leadership academy faculty, the IBA European regional forum (ERF), and the ERF mental wellbeing task force.

'The sessions are at the core of this event'



IBA Paris committee co-chairs Jacques Buhart and Pascale Lagesse preview IBA Paris 2023 in conversation with Méganne Tillay

How does it feel to be hosting the IBA as co-chairs of the IBA Paris committee?

Jacques Buhart: I remember having met Pascale at the IBA conference in Delhi in 1997. With the IBA London office we first talked about holding the conference in Paris again in 2012. It was set to take place in 2021 but, due to the pandemic, that was postponed to this year. To be hosting it in Paris again after almost 30 years means a lot.



Jacques Buhart

Pascale Lagesse: It's a big honour to be hosting it this year. For me, it's a full-circle moment because I attended my first IBA in 1995, which was in Paris as well. I was a young associate at Gide Loyrette Nouel at the time. Coming back after all these years as co-chair [of the host committee] with Jacques, and as the treasurer of the IBA, is very symbolically important for me.

What IBA events and/or guest speakers are you personally most excited about this year and why?

Buhart: I'm most excited and proud about the quality of guest speakers, such as President Macron providing a video speech at the opening ceremony, Michel Barnier, the senior vice president and general counsel of the World Bank, Christopher Stephens, and more excellent international colleagues speaking throughout the week.

Lagesse: I'm excited for the opening ceremony at the Carrousel du Louvre where Jacques and I will give a speech*. It is very unique and the venue is not usually open in the evening, but this year attendees will be able to visit part of the museum after the ceremony. It promises to be very special.

What are some events attendees should look forward to the most?

Buhart: There will be a showcase chaired by IBA president Almudena Arpón de Mendívil Aldama about women leading law firms. Speakers at the session include Farmida Bi, chair, Europe, Middle East and Asia, Norton Rose Fulbright, Aedamar Comiskey, senior partner and chair, Linklaters, and Paris-based Marie-Aimée De Dampierre, chair of Hogan Lovells. It's just incredible how far the industry has come in that aspect.

Lagesse: Jacques and I are from the Legal Practice Division (LPD) tradition so I must mention the LPD showcase about fashion and the metaverse on Tuesday. This is going to be a big event all about high tech and fashion in Paris.

The host committee party on Wednesday night will also be special. It will be attended by Parisian firms and the French Minister of Justice, Eric Dupond-Moretti. Attendees should expect a cheese and wine night with products from all French regions in the beautiful building of the Tribunal de Commerce. It's great to see all of us competitors coming together for this.

What have been the biggest challenges organising the IBA this year?

Buhart: The biggest challenge was to postpone the event from 2021 to 2023. For us, this year wasn't just about dealing with the practical issues, it was also in taking care of the details for attendees. But we managed to get an amazing host committee which worked wonderfully.

Lagesse: With my treasurer hat on, I'd say keeping the budget at a reasonable level while providing the best experience was a challenge because Paris is a very expensive city for these events.

What would you like attendees to take from this year's IBA?

Buhart: The quality of the committee. The IBA is often seen as a networking event but really, the sessions are at the core of this event. There are lawyers and speakers preparing hours to deliver high-quality panel sessions, showcases and it's important to attend the legal sessions.

Lagesse: And we need to mix that with the fact that Paris is a 'ville-musee' (museum city), now more than ever before. All the monuments and museums have been refurbished, it's beautiful and it only takes 10 minutes on the metro from the conference to the city centre so everyone will have a chance to enjoy the city, too. It will be memorable for many.

What has been one of your favourite memories from previous IBA Conferences?

Buhart: For me, it was the speech from the president of Mexico, Vincente Fox, at the IBA in Cancun in 2001. He came out on stage wearing a leather jacket. I will never forget that moment. A few days later it rained incessantly, unfortunately.

Lagesse: I was very impressed by the Delhi Conference in 1997. It was like attending an incredible Indian wedding. There were a thousand women wearing sarees, elephants and tigers in the gardens, it was just unbelievable.



Pascale Lagesse

What are your personal recommendations for IBA attendees for Parisian sightseeing?

Buhart: It's not a recommendation but a piece of advice: traffic in Paris is a nightmare! You will get to your destination faster on the metro, cycling or walking. The city is becoming very pedestrian-friendly, and there are bicycles you can rent. Those are the best ways to see and move around, otherwise you will be late at your meetings.

Lagesse: For overseas colleagues who are coming to Paris for the first time, I would encourage them not to limit themselves to seeing the main sites such as the Eiffel Tower. There are so many other places in the city that are worth visiting including Montmartre, Saint-Germain-des-Prés, and so many streets with hidden gems.

Jacques Buhart founded McDermott, Will & Emery's Paris office 12 years ago, and his practice focuses on M&A and antitrust. He served as chair of the International Bar Association's section on business law (SBL) between 2001 to 2003. Pascale Lagesse leads the employment team at Bredin Prat, and has been the treasurer of the International Bar Association since 2021.

*The interview took place before the opening ceremony



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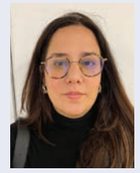
Cassandra Banks



President, The Law Society of New South Wales, Australia

I'm president of the Law Society of New South Wales, which is a co-regulator. It is so important for me to meet with people from other regulators to discuss their approach to issues of mutual interest. Key areas of importance are AI, graduate recruitment and career progression and retention issues.

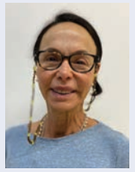
Manoela Miranda



Partner, Cescon Barrieu Flesch & Barreto Advogados, Brazil

This my first annual meeting and it is great to have so many people in one place. We work with law firms across the US and Europe and I'm looking forward to meeting some of their representatives. There is a focus on cross-selling at my firm, so I am also keen to meet lawyers from practice areas other than my own.

Professor Luz Estella Nagle



Stetson University College of Law, US

There is so much energy here and everyone is so friendly, including the team from the IBA, who always greet you with a smile. We are seeing the failure of public institutions around the world and the legal profession needs to find ways to restore confidence in them. Corporate lawyers have a huge role to play.

Wilfrido Fernández



Founding Partner, Zacarias & Fernández, Paraguay

I'm a member of the IP committee and it is important for me to keep up to date with legal developments around the world. And, of course, our firm is keen to build its network of relationships. We have always specialised in IP, but more recently we have branched out into corporate work, so I will be looking to meet people in this area.

Neuza Melão Dias



Partner, FBL Advogados, Angola

This is my first annual meeting. I advise in banking and finance and I'm looking forward to hearing more about ESG as it is an emerging force in Angola and its influence is growing. I'm also keen to hear about crypto currencies and how different jurisdictions are treating it.

Gan Khong Aik



Partner, Gan Partnership, Malaysia

I'm co-chairing Monday's Hot topics in international commerce, trade, franchising and product law session, so I'm looking forward to that. I'm also keen to get the latest updates on international human rights issues – the IBA's focus on this is very important. AI is also a topic of great interest to me.

Ignacio Andrade Aycinena



Managing Partner, Lex Atlas, Guatemala

The roster of speakers is outstanding and I'm looking forward to hearing from Lech Wałęsa. I specialise in IP law and it's a very fast-moving area, so this conference helps me stay up to date. I'm also keen to hear about the latest developments in the field of AI.

Achim Compes



Partner, GÖRG, Germany

Lech Wałęsa is an important figure and we need his insights more than ever. I'm also looking forward to meeting old friends, strengthening relationships and meeting new contacts. I'm an energy specialist and will be meeting Norwegian contacts as Norway is an important green energy investor in Germany.

Zeynep Ünlü



Partner, BTS & Partners, Turkey

This is my second IBA annual meeting. I went to Miami and it was amazing to see so many international lawyers in the city. The women leadership showcase will be a highlight for me. There are more senior women partners in Turkey; change is starting to happen, and it is so encouraging to hear from female leaders from around the world.

Fernando Peláez Pier



LexLatin, US

I'm a former IBA president and founded the Latin American regional forum. I have retired from practice, so will be focusing on attending practice management sessions, reflecting my role as a consultant, and meeting with law firms that work with the magazine LexLatin, which I head up as chief executive.

Chris Owen



IBA professional wellbeing commission, UK

I'm a professional wellbeing commissioner and I'm looking forward to catching up with my fellow commissioners. There are several sessions devoted to this important topic throughout the conference. There are some fantastic keynote speakers lined up, and Lech Wałęsa is certain to be a highlight for me.

Ben-Stowe Olubusola Osinuga



National Assembly Legal Department, Nigeria

I am director of alternative dispute resolution, and we would like to reform the arbitration rules in Nigeria. I'm looking forward to finding out more about how arbitration regimes operate around the world. We would much rather people didn't litigate through the courts as that can take years.

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Monday

09:30 – 10:45

Morning Keynote Address: Former president of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Lech Wałęsa

Amphitheatre Havane, Level 3

Get to know one of the great European leaders, who played such a pivotal role in the fall of communism in Eastern Europe and the establishment of a democracy in Poland. Expect to hear Wałęsa's thoughts on recent political developments in Europe, especially in relation to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

13:15 – 14:15

A conversation with… Prosecutor General of Ukraine, Andriy Kostin

Amphitheatre Havane, Level 3

The first of three interviews, conducted by IBA executive director Mark Ellis. Kostin's priorities include bringing to justice all Russian war criminals, upholding the integrity and independence of prosecutors, as well as promoting a strong and independent Prosecution Service based on the principles of the rule of law and human rights.

14.30 – 17.30

IBAHRI Showcase: nature of justice

Salle Maillot, Level 2

How successful are our systems and principles for securing justice both nationally and internationally, in peace and in conflict? Are the outcomes just? Are there novel routes to justice?

Moderated by Baroness Helena Kennedy KC, director, IBA Human Rights Institute



Nobel Peace Prize winner, Lech Wałęsa

Tuesday

09:30 – 10:45

Morning keynote address

Amphitheatre Havane, Level 3

Zack Kass, specialist in generative AI and technology futurist

Gain an understanding of the current status of generative AI from the executive who led ChatGPT's go-to-market strategy as a director of OpenAI. "I firmly advocate for the boundless potential of AI," Kass wrote in Fortune magazine recently. "Still, the onus is on us to guide its evolution responsibly."

13:15 – 14:15

A conversation with… Ambassador Mark Brzezinski

Amphitheatre Havane, Level 3

Mark Brzezinski was sworn in as the Ambassador of the United States to Poland on December 22, 2021. While ambassador to Sweden, he helped secure Volvo's decision to build a $1bn factory in South Carolina and arranged the first-ever US presidential visit to Stockholm.

14:30 – 17:30

LPD Showcase: fashionably metaverse – high technology meets high fashion

Salle Maillot, Level 2

This showcase session will celebrate Paris's status as a world centre for luxury goods and fashion and explore how major brands are seeking creative ways to embrace new technologies, including non-fungible tokens, AI, Web3 and the metaverse. The impact of this fast-changing environment on IP protection strategies will also come under the microscope.

Chaired by Raphaël Dana, Dana Associés, Paris, France; vice chair, internet business subcommittee; and Elisabeth Vestin, Hannes Snellman, Stockholm, Sweden; website officer, technology law committee.

Wednesday

07:45 – 09:15

IBA Bar Breakfast hosted by the Ukrainian Bar Association – reopen Ukraine 2023

Neuilly 1, Palais des Congrès

09:30 – 10:45

Morning Keynote Address: Christopher Stephens, senior vice president and general counsel, the World Bank Group

Amphitheatre Havane, Level 3

Learn about the World Bank's current initiatives and its approach to corporate governance, ESG compliance, in-house legal team management and hiring of external advisors. What are the legal challenges the bank faces when implementing its projects and how do its interests align with the IBA's?

11:15 – 12:30

IBA Showcase: The new female leadership of law firms: a game changer?

Salle Maillot, Level 2

There has been a welcome flurry of appointments of female leaders at many of the world's largest law firms. This showcase will take the form of a conversation between some of those top female leaders, the IBA female leadership and a leadership expert from a INSEAD business school.

Session chairs: Almudena Arpon de Mendivil, Gomez-Acebo & Pombo, Spain; IBA president; Myra Garrett, William Fry, Ireland; SPPI chair, Carola Van den Bruinhorst, Loyens & Loeff, Netherlands; LPD Chair; Dr Franklin Vrede, Propontis BV, Netherlands



Helle Thorning-Schmidt

Key sessions and events to look out for throughout the week

13:15-14:15

A conversation with… Prosecutor Karim A A Khan KC

Amphitheatre Havane, Level 3

Karim A A Khan KC was elected as Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in 2021. He was an assistant secretary-general of the United Nations and served as the first special adviser and head of the United Nations investigative team to promote accountability for crimes committed by Da'esh/ISIL in Iraq.

14:30 – 17:30

BIC Showcase: if the client wants it and it's legal, what's the problem?

Salle Maillot, Level 2

Is it the responsibility of the lawyer to provide the client with what the client wants, provided it is legal and the lawyer is not aiding or abetting any fraudulent conduct? Or should the lawyer act not only as the representative of a client, but also consider the public interest in advising the client and in determining whether to represent the client?

Chaired by Ken Murphy, Law Society of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland; Chair, Bar Issues Commission

18:30 – 21:30

Host Committee Reception

Tribunal de Commerce, 1 quai de la Corse, 75004 Paris

Annual Conference delegate badges are required for admittance. Pre-registration is not required.



Law as a lifelong and rewarding profession

Thursday

09:30 – 10:45

Morning Keynote Address: Helle Thorning-Schmidt, former prime minister of Denmark and co-chair of Facebook's Oversight Board

Amphitheatre Havane, Level 3

This session will focus on social media's impact on democracy and the rule of law. It will explore how the dissemination of fake news and misinformation can be countered and the role lawyers can play in effectively controlling this powerful force.

11:00 – 12:30

SPPI Showcase: law as a lifelong and rewarding profession

Salle Maillot, Level 2

This interactive session will explore what the legal profession should be doing to enhance its value proposition to those in the profession, those contemplating joining the profession, and those who engage the services of the profession by developing and expanding the legal and non-legal skillsets of lawyers. It is billed as a 'must attend' for those involved in law practice management, especially if they are focused on retaining talent in these times of the Great Resignation.

Chaired by Babatunde Ajibade, SPA Ajibade & Co, Lagos, Nigeria; SPPI vice chair and treasurer; and Myra Garrett, William Fry, Dublin, Ireland; SPPI chair

16:00 – 18:00

IBA Football Match

UrbanSoccer - Porte d'Aubervilliers, 111 Av. Victor Hugo, 93300 Aubervilliers

Register your interest in playing prior to (or during) the conference week by emailing Leonie Stevens (lstevens@petersandpeters.com) or Keith Oliver (keoliver@petersandpeters.com).

19:30 – late

Law Rocks! Paris

Backstage by the Mill, O'Sullivans, 92 Bd de Clichy, 75018 Paris

The latest in an ongoing series of 'battle of the bands' style rock concerts in which law professionals battle it out on stage for charity at legendary music venues around the world. Tickets can be purchased at: lawrocks.org/iba-paris

Friday

09:30 – 11:00

Rule of law symposium: accountability and justice

Salle Maillot, Level 2

This panel will draw from the expertise and insight of experts in the frontlines of international justice to provide perspectives and lessons learned from around the world. The panel will also discuss the role organisations such as the IBA can play in contributing to global stability and peace through the administration of justice.

Chaired by Federica D'Alessandra, Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict, co-chair, forum for government and public lawyers

Please note that this meeting is open to those not attending the annual meeting who can attend for free if they register online at ibanet.org.

19:30 – 22:30

Closing party

Hôtel de Ville, 75004 Paris

Tickets must be purchased at the registration desk.



Farmida Bi, chair, Europe, Middle East and Asia, Norton Rose Fulbright, is speaking at the IBA Showcase on female leadership.

EVENT CALENDAR 23/24



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13 March 2024

LONDON

With 400 attendees in 2023, the Women and Diversity in Law Awards set out to say a big, collective 'thank you' to those who are dedicating their professional careers to moving the DE&I needle or using their positions of influence to help facilitate change.

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12 June 2024

LONDON

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IBA Daily News Paris guide – part one

The inside track on the best places to eat, drink and party in Paris courtesy of IBA delegates. From hidden gems to late night drinking spots, Paris has something for everyone, writes Ben Rigby

Paris is known for its rich history, iconic landmarks, and, of course, its culinary delights. We asked a panel of IBA conference regulars and Paris-based lawyers to recommend their favourite restaurants and bars in the city that are perfect for lawyers. Bon appétit!

Best places to eat and shop?

Janice Feigher, founder of Feigher Dispute Resolution, recommends the Grands Magasins area, combining shopping and lunch in central Paris. She recommends the Bleu Coupole, situated under the magnificent cupola of the Printemps Haussmann. Two other restaurants get the nod; Lazare, a brasserie run by top French chef Eric Fréchon near the St Lazare train station, and Le Soufflé, which is near Tuileries, fully dedicated to the soufflé recipe.

Breakfast, coffee or brunch?

What about places for non-alcoholic refreshments? Feigher recommends the Trocadéro area for a wide range of options. Angelina, within the Musée du Louvre, is worth a visit to taste their signature hot chocolate l'Africain. For brunch, she recommends Colorova, a hybrid restaurant and coffee-pastry shop in the Bon Marché area that offers breakfast service in the morning and a chic canteen at lunchtime.

Claire Pauly, of counsel at Jones Day in Paris, also recommends Café Nuances, which has three outlets in the city.

Restaurants with stars

For those seeking a prestigious Michelin star restaurant, there is the Palais Royal in the beautiful gardens of the same name, while Les Climats, described as a paradise of Burgundy wine, is perfect after a visit to the Musée d'Orsay.

Sneha Ashtikar Roy, head of marketing at Jus Mundi, recommends Le Fumoir bar, near the Louvre, but also flags L'Arôme which has one Michelin star, tucked away in the vibrant neighbourhood of the 16th district.

Fabio Trevisan, a partner and head of dispute resolution at Bonn Steichen & Partners (BSP), says the best soufflé in town can be found at Le Récamier, named after Juliette Récamier, a famed 19th century French socialite.

Paris institutions

Alex Potts KC, a barrister at 4 Pump Court, recommends two Parisian institutions: Vaudeville and L'As du Fallafel, saying "they always provide excellent food, service and ambience in their respectively unique ways".

Arbitrators Louise Barrington and Barry Leon both recommend Au Vieux Paris d'Arcoles in the shadow of Notre Dame. The restaurant is situated in a centuries-old ivy-covered house with rustic furniture and hearty cuisine Auvergnoise, with what Barrington calls a "wonderful neighbourly ambience" because it encourages guests to descend to the cellar to choose their own wine. "It's my home away from home," she said.

Pauly also recommends two of her favourite restaurants: Colvert, in the 6th district or Caché, in the 20th. The former is especially good for those who enjoy eating game, while the latter offers innovative seasonal fish and seafood dishes inspired by the Mediterranean.

And finally…

The author has a recommendation of his own. Cafe L'Imprimerie does the best brunch ever. Put this on your must-do list!

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Jones Day's Claire Pauly



The Printemps Haussmann, home to the the Bleu Coupole restaurant

Location, location, location

Angelina
Musée du Louvre, Aile Richelieu, Café Richelieu, 75001

Au Vieux Paris d'Arcoles
24 Rue Chanoinesse, 75004

Bleu Coupole
64 Bd Haussmann, 75008

Caché
23 Villa Riberolle, 75020

Café L'Imprimerie
26 Rue Coquilliere, 75001

Colorova
47 Rue de l´Abbé Grégoire, 75006

Colvert
4 Rue Saint-André des Arts, 75006

L'Arôme
3 Rue Saint-Philippe-du-Roule, 75008

L'As du Fallafel
34 Rue des Rosiers, 75004

Lazare
Rue Intérieure, 75008

Le Fumoir
6 Rue de l'Amiral de Coligny, 75001

Le Récamier
4 Rue Juliette Recamier, 75007

Le Souffle
6 Rue du Mont Thabor, 75001

Les Climats
41 Rue de Lille, 75007

Palais Royal
110 Galerie de Valois, 75001

Vaudeville
29 Rue Vivienne, 75002

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