



60 years making Peace Through Law



THE ORGANIZERS

“*A world ruled by law, and not by the force*” has been the [World Jurist Association](#)’s mission since its founding in 1963. As a non-governmental organization with **special consultative status with the United Nations ECOSOC** (Economic and Social Council), the [WJA](#) was created to become a free and open forum for judges, lawyers, law professors and other professionals from around the world to cooperate in strengthening and expanding the Rule of Law and its institutions. Amongst its main activities are the organization of the biannual World Law Congress and the presentation of the World Peace & Liberty Award.

As a result of the Madrid Declaration of 2019, the **World Law Foundation** was created as the executive arm to organize the main activities of the World Jurist Association. The [Board of Trustees](#) and the Advisory Board of the WLF are composed of prominent jurists and professionals, including former presidents and prime ministers, presidents of high courts, directors of prestigious institutions, lawyers, academics, and businesspeople.

THE WORLD LAW CONGRESS

The [World Law Congress](#) is a congress of congresses where different organizations and institutions hold their own panels, being the Biennial Congress of the WJA the main event. For two days, global leaders, including heads of State, authorities, justices from supranational and national high courts, policy makers, academics, lawyers, activists, and students, discuss a wide variety of current topics to which the legal community should propose solutions. The history of the World Law Congress is as extensive as the Association’s history. It began in 1963 in Athens, and has continued, almost unstoppable, every two years to this day.

The **WORLD LAW CONGRESS NEW YORK 2023** will be the 28th edition of this two-day event. The World Jurist Association will celebrate its 60th anniversary going back to its roots in the United States of America. On the first day, a series of simultaneous round tables will take place, gathering around 300 panelists from around the world, to discuss current topics focusing on **Peace Through Law**, the original WJA motto.

The Closing Ceremony will be held **on July 21, 2023**. During this ceremony, the World Peace & Liberty Award 2023 will be bestowed to the European Commission and presented to its President, **Ursula von der Leyen**. The award has been previously presented to Sir Winston Churchill, Nelson Mandela, René Cassin, Felipe VI King of Spain, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the Colombian society in hands of its then President Ivan Duque, and US civil rights leader Andrew Young.



Letter from Hon. José Igreja

President of the International Association of Judges
World Law Foundation Trustee



The World Law Congress 2023:

What an impressive event gathering heads of State, judges, academics, lawyers, jurists from all over the world!

In the difficult times we are living with populist threats and the upsurge of autocratic leaders, it is decisive to publicly express the togetherness of those who support Democracy.

Therefore, the International Association of Judges (IAJ), the biggest organization of the judiciary composed by the leading national associations of judges of 94 countries from all continents, is honored to join such a remarkable demonstration of this unbreakable solidarity.

As President of IAJ allow me to express, also, my sincere recognition and admiration for the valuable efforts in recent years of the World Jurist Association to strengthen the Rule of Law through the nations of the world.

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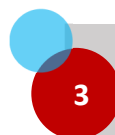
July 20/21 – New York. The right time and the right place to express the resilient determination of our commitment to uphold Rule of Law.

Come and join us!

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Jose Igreja Matos

President of the International Association of Judges
World Law Foundation Trustee



Letter from Hon. Luc Lavrysen

President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium
President of the EU Forum of Judges for the Environment



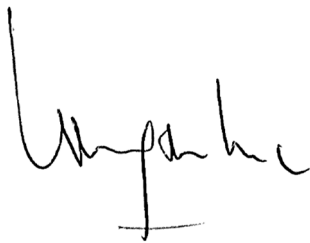
Dear Participants of the World Law Congress 2023 in New York,

The purpose of the World Jurist Association is to promote the Rule of Law. “A world ruled by law, not force” has been the mission of the WJA since its founding in 1963. The WJA is more than ever needed as the Rule of Law is today under pressure in different parts of the world.

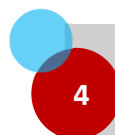
The motto of the World Law Congress is very timely “60 Years Making Peace Through Law”, as we are confronted with various wars and aggressions these days.

Moreover, there is the triple global environmental crisis: climate change, loss of biodiversity and environmental pollution. Therefore, I welcome in particular the great attention for climate and energy law related issues that will be discussed at the Conference in the framework of the **Forum of Energy Transition and Climate**.

I hope the New York Conference will mark the start of a lasting program of work within the WJA on those capital issues for our future and those of the next generations. I wish the organizers and the participants a very fruitful conference and look forward to the results thereof.

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Emeritus Professor Luc Lavrysen, PhD
President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium
President of the EU Forum of Judges for the Environment



Letter from Deborah Enix-Ross

President of the American Bar Association



Dear Friends of the World Jurist Association,

On behalf of the American Bar Association, it is my honor to welcome you to the World Law Congress.

The American Bar Association is proud to have contributed to the establishment of the World Jurist Association, whose origins came from the ABA's World Peace Through Law initiative in 1958. The president of the ABA at that time, Charles Rhyne, and his contemporaries would be gratified to know of the continuing fruits of their efforts.

The American Bar Association joins nations and bar associations everywhere in standing forthright for the rule of law and its role in promoting justice, economic opportunity, and human dignity.

Our work enhances the professional excellence of lawyers and judges and gives our members opportunities to advance equal justice under law. Our Rule of Law Initiative, chaired by retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, operates in more than 50 countries on five continents. And our Center for Human Rights mobilizes lawyers to help threatened advocates, protect vulnerable communities, and hold governments accountable under law.

Let me thank the leadership of the World Jurist Association and all of you for working together to promote equal justice under the rule of law.

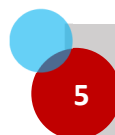
On a personal note, I was born and raised in New York City and have conducted the majority of my legal career here. I hope you find your time in our marvelous city to be both productive and enjoyable.

Sincerely,

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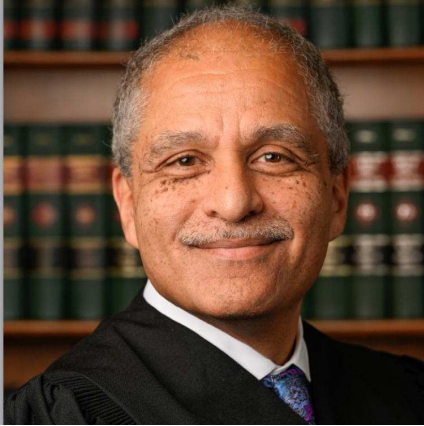
Deborah Enix-Ross

President of the American Bar Association



Letter from Hon. Rowan D. Wilson

New York Chief Judge



As Chief Judge of New York State, I am greatly honored to welcome the World Jurist Association on the 60th anniversary of its founding and to host the biennial World Law Congress here, where the Association was born. The Association's mission, promotion of the Rule of Law as the cornerstone of peaceful cooperation and coexistence, has been at the core of human advancement and civilization since time immemorial. The earliest written laws, the Sumerian Code of Ur-Nammu and the Code of Hammurabi, provided some measure of stability and predictability but lacked the essential components of fairness and equal treatment. Over those past six thousand years, humankind has struggled to develop and adhere to a Rule of Law that offers fairness, equality and with those, peace, stability and prosperity.

Even contemporary dictionaries define the Rule of Law as “the equal subordination of all citizens and classes to the ordinary law of the land,” or “a situation in which the laws of a country are obeyed by everyone.” Those definitions continue to fall short, because they are indifferent about who makes the laws and indifferent as to the content of the laws. The Rule of Law must include some component as to the fundamental fairness of the laws themselves. Arthur Chaskalson, the former Chief Justice of South Africa, explained it this way:

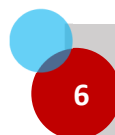
“The apartheid government, the laws were clear, publicized and stable, and were upheld by law enforcement officials and judges. What was missing was the substantive component of the rule of law. The laws themselves were not fair. Without a substantive content there would be no answer to the criticism, sometimes voiced, that the rule of law is “an empty vessel into which any law could be poured”.

The United Nations similarly defines the Rule of Law as requiring not only equal enforcement, but also “consistence with international human rights norms and standards” and public participation in decision-making. Those components are essential if we are to continue advancing the Rule of Law from its primitive origins to a framework for the modern world.

I applaud the World Law Congress for its longstanding commitment to advancing the Rule of Law and ensuring that fairness and equality are understood as vital, if we are to promote peace and prosperity worldwide. I welcome you all to the great State of New York and extend my best wishes as you continue your vital work.

Hon. **Rowan D. Wilson**

New York Chief Judge



Letter from Susan Kohlmann

President of the New York City Bar Association



I am pleased to welcome all our friends in the legal profession from around the world, and I thank the World Jurist Association, celebrating its 60th anniversary, for making it possible by organizing this 2023 World Law Congress.

In a time when the rule of law and the form of government that depends on it – democracy – are under severe threat around the world, it is up to us, as stewards of the legal profession and our respective systems of justice, to respond.

The New York City Bar Association was founded by 200 lawyers in 1870, in the wake of the U.S. Civil War, essentially to strengthen the rule of law. Specifically, it was to counter corruption in the judiciary and help create a fair and effective justice system. Today, the City Bar has over 23,000 members in New York, across the United States and throughout the world.

Indeed, due to its longevity and location in the financial capital of the world, the City Bar’s attention and work has always extended beyond its shores. Today, 19 City Bar committees have international affairs as their focus. Just recently, the City Bar joined the United Nations Global Compact in support of a more socially and economically inclusive global community.

The City Bar, of course, is laser-focused on protecting the rule of law here in America. In recent years, we have launched a Task Force on the Rule of Law, which has issued statements, reports and initiatives to protect our elections (while also, I should add here, responding to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and supporting the International Criminal Court). And to get at the root cause of how respect for the law has faltered, we have launched a Civic Education Task Force to bolster the rule of law for the next generation.

The City Bar’s “House of the Association,” which has stood in midtown Manhattan since 1896, is like a crossroads of the legal profession, where lawyers and law students can network and develop their careers, and can see legal luminaries including presidents, Supreme Court justices, UN secretaries-general, and dignitaries from around the world. It is thus fitting, and a proud moment for the New York City Bar Association, to welcome The World Jurist Association and all of you to this 28th World Law Congress, an international gathering of kindred spirits dedicated to protecting the rule of law in order to advance our profession and our respective societies.

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Susan J. Kohlmann
President
New York City Bar Association





WORLD LAW CONGRESS 2023

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July 20
New York City Bar Association

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July 20

New York City Bar Association
42 West 44th Street
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

XXVIII WORLD LAW CONGRESS' PANELS

8:00 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 - 9:20 **OPENING CEREMONY**

Javier Cremades García, Spain
President of the World Jurist Association

Guillermo Lasso, Ecuador
President of the Republic

Susan Kohlmann, USA
President of the New York City Bar Association

9:20 – 9:45 **WJA MEDAL OF HONOR**

Host of Ceremonies

Viviane Reding, Luxembourg
Vice-President of the World Law Foundation

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Anthony Kennedy, USA
Senior Justice, Supreme Court of the United States

Awardees

Ricardo Pérez Manrique, Uruguay
President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

Kari Kuusiniemi, Finland
Trustee of the World Law Foundation, President of the Supreme Administrative Court

Diego García-Sayán, Peru
World Law Foundation Trustee, UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers (2016-2022)

JUDGES & ENVIRONMENTAL RULE OF LAW FORUM

Organized by the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment (GJIE) in cooperation with the World Jurist Association, the International Association of Judges (IAJ), the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), the European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment (EUFJE), the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL), and the Africa Judicial Education Network on Environmental Law (AJENEL).

Supreme court and senior judges from around the world discuss the role of judges in the implementation of the Environmental Rule of Law. Judicial responsibilities, challenges, and trends in bringing the concept of Environmental Law to reality. Judicial education as an important tool in assisting judges with the complexities of the Environmental Rule of Law, highlighting successful experiences from different regions.

FORUM OPENING REMARKS

Antonio Hernan Benjamin, Brazil
President GJIE, and Justice of the National High Court of Brazil – STJ

Javier Cremades García, Spain
President of the World Jurist Association

José Igreja Matos, Portugal
World Law Foundation Trustee, President of the International Association of Judges

Patricia Kameri-Mbote, Kenya
Director of the UN Environment Program - UNEP Division of Law. Professor at University of Nairobi

Grethel Aguilar, Costa Rica
Director General de la Unión Internacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza (UICN)

Christina Voigt, Norway
Professor at the University of Oslo and Chair, IUCN-WCEL

Thomas Clark, USA
General Counsel, Asian Development Bank

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Michelle O'Bonsawin, Canada
Justice, Supreme Court. Indigenous Peoples, and the Environmental Rule of Law

Panel 1

JUDICIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL RULE OF LAW: CHALLENGES & TRENDS

CO-CHAIRS

Suntariya Muanpawong, Thailand
Vice Chief Justice of the Region 5

Andrew David Raine, Australia
UNEP Law Division

PANELISTS

Samuel Arias Arzeno, Dominican Republic
Justice at the Supreme Court

Antonio Hernan Benjamin, Brazil
President GJIE, and Justice of the National High Court of Brazil – STJ

Sapana Pradhan Malla, Nepal
Justice of the Supreme Court

Sergio Muñoz, Chile

Justice of the Supreme Court of Justice. President of the Supreme Court of Justice (2014-2016)

Samson Okong'o, Kenya
Justice of the Environment and Land Court

Maria Filomena Dumandan Singh, Philippines
Justice of the Supreme Court

Panel 2
JUDICIAL EDUCATION AND/FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL RULE OF LAW

CO-CHAIRS

Ambeng Kandakasi, Papua New Guinea
Deputy-Chief Justice at the Supreme Court

Michele Weeks, Barbados
Judge of the High Court

PANELISTS

Elisa Samuel Boerekamp, Mozambique
Judge and Director of the Judicial Academy

Nambitha Dambuza, South Africa
Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeal. President of the African Judicial Education Network on Environmental Law

Dimitri de Boer, United Kingdom
Regional Director of Program ClientEarth China

Christina Pak, Philippines
Senior Counsel of the Asian Development Bank

Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Pakistan
Justice of the Supreme Court

Damaris Vargas Vasquez, Costa Rica
Justice of the Supreme Court

WJA ENERGY TRANSITION & CLIMATE FORUM

Panel 3
RULE OF LAW, ENERGY TRANSITION & CLIMATE

CHAIR

Kari Kuusiniemi, Finland
Trustee of the World Law Foundation, President of the Supreme Administrative Court

PANELISTS

Judit Varga, Hungary
Minister of Justice

Luc Lavrysen, Belgium
President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium, President of the European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment

Santiago Martínez Garrido, Spain
General Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Directors of

Iberdrola

Christina Voigt, Norway
Professor at the University of Oslo and Chair, IUCN-WCEL

Kelly Hewitt, Philippines
Principal Energy Specialist, Asian Development Bank

Brian Preston, Australia
Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court in New South Wales

Sven Volkmer, USA
Attorney Partner at White & Case

Panel 4
ENERGY MARKET & ENERGY TRANSITION: NEW OR OLD CHALLENGES?

CHAIR

Luis Eduardo Sanmiguel, Colombia
Founder of Pro-Corp, former Vice President of Halliburton

PANELISTS

Pere Pastor Vilanova, Andorra
Judge and President of Section III of the European Court of Human Rights

Cristina Pereteatcu, Republic of Moldova
State Secretary for Energy

José Ramón Bauzá, Spain
Member of the European Parliament

Borys Babin, Ukraine
Ukraine Presidential representative in Crimea (2017-2018), Ad hoc expert OSCE and Minority Rights Group International

David Schizer, USA
Dean Emeritus of Columbia Law School

Kanerva Sunila, Finland
Senior Associate of Environment, Infrastructure, Natural Resources & Energy at Castren & Snellman

Ettore Maria Lombardi, Italy
Professor of Private Law at the University of Florence. Expert in energy transition and climate change

Pedro Azagra, Spain
CEO of Avangrid

Panel 5
DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR CLIMATE LAW

CHAIR

Michal Nachmany, United Kingdom
CEO and Founder of Climate Policy Radar

PANELISTS

Greg Kempe, South Africa
Chief Technology Officer and Co-founder of Laws.Africa

Michael Gerrard, USA

Director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University, leader of the Climate Change Litigation Database

Catherine Higham, United Kingdom

Coordinator of the project Climate Change Laws of the World of the Grantham Research Institute, London School of Economics

Jorge Enrique Ibáñez Najer, Colombia

Judge of the Constitutional Court

Vicente Lopez-ibor Mayor, Spain,

President EFELA (European Federation of Energy Law Association's)

Luis F. Macías, Colombia

Founding Partner of Macías Gómez & Asociados, first Head of the Legal Department of the Ministry of the Environment

Lucila I. M. Hemmingsen, USA

Partner of King & Spalding. Global trial and litigation specialist / International arbitration and litigation.

Lucio Ghia, Italy

President of the WJA (1995-1997)

Jesús Eduardo Troconis Heredia, Venezuela

Professor of International Law and Chief of Catedra Mario Villaruel at Universidad Carlos III

Panel 6

ARBITRATION IN THE ERA OF CLIMATE CHANGE

CHAIR

Pilar Colomés, Spain

Counsel at the International Arbitration Department at Eversheds Sutherland and Professor of Public International Law

PANELISTS

Ximena Fuentes, Chile

Former Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs of Chile

Vanessa Rivas Plata, Peru

Chairperson Special Commission Representing the State in International Investment Disputes

Lisa Sachs, USA

Director Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment Columbia Law School

Pilar Perales Viscasilas, Spain

Professor at Law, International Commercial Law and International Arbitration, Carlos III University and Member of the Sustainability Board of Mapfre

José Antonio Rivas, Colombia

Founding Partner of Xstrategy LLP, Co-founder of the World Arbitration Update and The Washington Arbitration Week

Santiago Solines, Ecuador

World Law Foundation Trustee, Partner at Solines & Asociados

Panel 7

CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY TRANSITION AND THE RULE OF LAW IN THE AMERICAS

CHAIR

Héctor Herrera, Mexico

Founding Partner of Herrera y Sato, S.C. and Former President of the Mexican Bar Association (2019-2021)

PANELISTS

Carrie Gaard, Argentina

Founder of Carrie Gaard Bureau, Green Business Assistance & ECO Diplomacy

Panel 8

MAKING PEACE WITH NATURE AND MAKING NATURE A KEY FOR PEACE

CHAIR

Nicholas Robinson, USA

Executive President of ICEL; Chair Emeritus of the WCCEL-IUCN; Emeritus Professor at the University of Pace, NY, USA

PANELISTS

Daniel Zavala Porras, Costa Rica

Minister-Counsellor of the Costa Rica Permanent Mission to the UN, New York

Montserrat Abad Castelos, Spain

Professor of Public International Law at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain; Vice-Chancellor of ICEL and Co-Director of its International Secretariat

Victor Tafur, Colombia

Deputy Executive President of ICEL and UN Representative in NY; Adjunct Professor at Pace University; Founder Partner of Tafur Domínguez Law Firm

Teresa Parejo, Spain

Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility Director, IBERIA; Co-director of the ICEL's International Secretariat

Kevin Chand, Vanuatu

Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Vanuatu to the United Nations, New York

Scott Mahoney, USA

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Avangrid

Panel 9

CLIMATE PROTECTION, ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY IN EUROPE

TOPICS

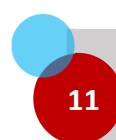
Environmental protection and securing energy supply are the main current challenges.

CHAIR

Anna Rytel-Warzocho, Poland

Professor at the University of Gdansk

PANELISTS



Gerardo Codes, Spain
General Counsel of Iberdrola

Elisabeth Lintl, Germany
Judge at the Superior Court of Justice (OLG) Nuremberg

Lorenza Violini, Italy
Professor at Milano University

Mathieu Disant, France
Professor at Université de Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne)

Wolfgang Weiss, Germany
Executive Director of Agrofert Germany GmbH

Andrzej Jackiewicz, Poland
Professor at Bialystok University

Irakli Samkharadze, Georgia
Director European Integration Research Centre

Stefanie Kisgen, Germany
Professor at Steinbeis University Berlin

Financial Policy Manager, CAF

Philip Keefer, USA
Principal Economic Advisor at the Inter-American Development Bank

Carola Moreno, Chile
Coordinator of Finance and International Affairs, Ministry of Finance

Elizabeth Plotnikov, Venezuela
Senior Counsel, CAF

Roderick O. Branch, USA
Partner at Latam & Watkins

Diego Andrés Pérez, Chile
Finance Coordination Advisor. Ministry of Finance

Juan Labat, Uruguay
Economist, Macroeconomic and Financial Advisor. Ministry of Economy and Finance

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE FORUM

Panel 10

CHALLENGES OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION IN LATAM: THE PROTECTION OF THE AMAZON

CHAIR

Humberto Romero Muci, Venezuela
Former President of the Academy of Political and Social Sciences

PANELISTS

Cecilia Sosa Gómez, Venezuela
Vice-President of the Academy of Political and Social Sciences

Delia Muñoz, Peru
Full Member of the Academy of Moral, Political and Social Science

Ricardo Abello, Colombia
Member of the Colombian Academy of Jurisprudence

Sergio de Andréa, Brazil
Brazilian Academy of Legal Literature

Panel 11

GREEN BOND FRAMEWORK, MULTILATERAL AND SOVEREIGN PERSPECTIVES

Organized by CAF - Development Bank of Latin America

CHAIR

Jorge Luis Silva, Mexico
Legal Consultant, CAF

PANELISTS

Linda Maguire, USA
Deputy Regional Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for Latin America and the Caribbean

Antonio Recine, Venezuela

Panel 12

CHALLENGES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

KEYNOTE SPEAKER & MODERATOR

Luz Ibáñez, Peru
Vice President of the International Criminal Court

PANELISTS

Luis Moreno Ocampo, Argentina
First Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

Graciela Gatti, Uruguay
President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

Ivana Hrdličková, Czech Republic
President of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon

Ekaterina Trendafilova, Bulgaria
President of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers. Former ICC Judge, President of the Pre-Trial Division

Renan Villacís, Ecuador
Director of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute

Blas J. Imbroda, Spain
Honorary President of the International Criminal Bar Association

Panel 13

PROTECTION OF THE RULE OF LAW IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

CHAIR

Rosario Silva de Lapuerta, Spain
Vice-President of the Court of Justice of the European Union (2018-2021)

PANELISTS

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Lucia Serena Rossi, Italy
Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union

Sinisa Rodin, Croatia
Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union

Eugene Regan, Ireland
Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union

Panel 14

JUDGES OF THE WORLD: SOLVING PROBLEMS INHERENT TO DIGITAL FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

CHAIR

Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor, Mexico
World Law Foundation Trustee, Vice President, and former President of the Interamerican Court of Human Rights

PANELISTS

Berit Reiss-Andersen, Norway
Chair of the Norwegian Nobel Peace Committee

Ricardo Pérez Manrique, Uruguay
President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

Egils Levits, Latvia
10th President of Latvia. Judge of the European Court of Justice (2004-2019)

Encarnación Roca, Spain
Vice President Emeritus of the Constitutional Court. Partner at Cremades & Calvo-Sotelo

Edward Asante, Ghana
President of the Court of Justice of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

Jeff Jarvis, USA
Director of the Tow-Knight Center for Entrepreneurial Journalism at the City University of New York's Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism

Guilherme Canela De Souza Godoi, Brazil
Chief, Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists Section, UNESCO

HUMAN RIGHTS FORUM

Panel 15

JUSTICE & THE RULE OF LAW: GUARANTEES OF HUMAN DIGNITY

TOPICS

Inclusive justice and human rights: tools to promote equality, non-discrimination, and the fight against gender-based violence. Pillars, technology, and principles of an open justice system. Judicial Integrity and Independence in the Rule of Law. Access to justice as a guarantee of rights. Efficiency, governance, and transparency in digital justice.

CHAIR

Henry Molina, Dominican Republic
President of the Supreme Court of Justice

PANELISTS

Anthony Kennedy, USA
Senior Justice, Supreme Court of the United States

Norma Piña, Mexico
Presiding Minister of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation

Maite Oronoz, USA
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico

Orlando Aguirre Gòmez, Costa Rica
President of the Supreme Court of Justice

Sergio Muñoz, Chile
Justice of the Supreme Court of Justice. President of the Supreme Court of Justice (2014-2016)

Linda Maguire, USA
Deputy Regional Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for Latin America and the Caribbean

Rebecca Bill Chavez, USA
President & CEO, Inter-American Dialogue

Panel 16

DEMOCRACY, RULE OF LAW AND POPULISM

CHAIR

Guillermo Lasso, Ecuador
President of the Republic

Ivan Duque, Colombia
President of the Republic of Colombia (2018-2022)

Luis Almagro Lemes, Uruguay
Secretary General of the Organization of American States

Leopoldo López, Venezuela
Co-Founder World Liberty Congress and democratic activist

Panel 17

DEATH PENALTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

CHAIR

Fedwa Bouzoubaa, Morocco
International Lawyer

PANELISTS

Carmen Velasquez, USA
Justice at the New York Supreme Court

Mauricio Pava Lugo, Colombia
General Director of Pava & Díaz Arana Abogados

Joe Paul Ocaña Merino, Ecuador

Lawyer. President of the Bar Association of Pichincha

Panel 18

LEGAL RESPONSE TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

CHAIR

Juan Pablo Gallego, Argentina

World Law Foundation Trustee, specialist lawyer in Human Rights

PANELISTS

Martin Baron, USA

Editor from Washington Post (2012-2021) and Boston Globe (2001-2012)

Patricia Lee Refo, USA

President of the American Bar Association (2020-2021), Partner at Snell & Willmer

Ulrich Wastl, Germany

Partner at Westpfahl Spilker, Co-author of the report on sexual abuse in the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising

Liza M. Velázquez, USA

Partner at Paul Weiss

Martin Pusch, Germany

Partner at Westpfahl Spilker, Co-author of the report on sexual abuse in the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising

Cydney Korek, USA

Associate at Gersowitz Libo & Korek P.C. Former Assistant District Attorney in the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office

Panel 19

INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS

CHAIR

Carolina Marín Pedreño, Spain

Vice President of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL). Former President of Westminster and Holborn Law Society

PANELISTS

Rachael Kelsey, United Kingdom

President-elect of the IAFL. Member of the Family Law Committee of the Scottish Civil Justice Council

Daniela Horvitz, Chile

President of the UIA Family Commission, former President of AIJUDEFA

Pamela M. Sloan, USA

Fellow at IAFL

Sulema Jahangir, Pakistan

Fellow at IAFL

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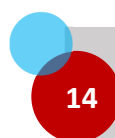
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THE RULE OF LAW: WORLDWIDE PERSPECTIVE

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HYBRID REGIMES IN THE AMERICAS & HEMISPHERIC SECURITY

TOPICS

The dangerous relationships of non-democratic regimes in the Americas. The use of strategic minerals and their smuggling.

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The struggle against autocracies from the frontlines

CHAIR

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DEMOCRACY & CONSTITUTION

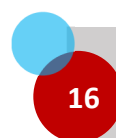
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ANTI-CORRUPTION: LINKS TO ORGANIZED CRIME

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RULE OF LAW: CHINESE PERSPECTIVE

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MORE RULE OF LAW, BETTER STATE? INTER-AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

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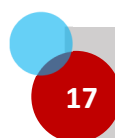
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Panel 33

WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS ABOUT DEMOCRACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE?

CHAIR

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Panel 34

THE RULE OF LAW THROUGH THE CIRCULATION OF JUDICIAL AND NOTARIAL DOCUMENTS

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Panel 35 PERSONAL INJURIES

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Panel 36 INTERNATIONAL PRO BONO PRACTICE: SUPPORTING THE RULE OF LAW

TOPICS

Benefits of engaging in international pro bono work. Successful cases. How can lawyers make a difference in the world through these projects?

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INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND TECHNOLOGY

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Panel 38
**CIVICS, CIVILITY, & COLLABORATION:
CORNERSTONES OF DEMOCRACY**

TOPICS

How lawyers can promote civics education, civil discourse, and collaborative outreach to restore confidence in democratic institutions and the judicial system, and to protect the rule of law

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PEACE THROUGH ART AND CULTURAL PROPERTY LAW

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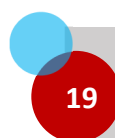
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TOURISM & PERSONAL INJURIES

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LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ON EMPOWERING THE RULE OF LAW

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DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION & AI

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CAN INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM SURVIVE?

TOPICS

Governmental attacks, disinformation generated with artificial intelligence, crumbling business models and existential challenges faced by media outlets.

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ETHICS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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RULE OF LAW, CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE, AND TECHNOLOGY

TOPICS

Technological development has a far-reaching impact on the legal system. Jurisprudence is constantly developing constitutional principles in this regard.

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FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN THE DIGITAL ERA

TOPICS

Digitization has revolutionized communications. Freedom of expression, pillar for free democratic societies, has been strengthened but it is also at risk.

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Panel 46

DEMYSTIFYING THE NEW DIGITAL WORLD: AI, BLOCKCHAIN AND DATA PROTECTION. HOW IT AFFECTS THE LAW

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YOUTH'S VIEW OF THE RULE OF LAW

The objective of this forum is to monitor the opening of the political space to young people around the world. Despite being at the forefront searching for solutions to the face world problems, youngsters do not have enough opportunities to show their futuristic proposals.

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ESG: A GLOBAL VISION

TOPICS

Sustainability, ESG, and its implication beyond businesses and the environment. Multi-continental view of the current ESG situation, progresses and trends.

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PEACE THROUGH LAW: A YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

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PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE

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MARITIME LAW & SECURITY

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Panel 50
**THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF THE 21ST CENTURY:
THE HUMANIZATION OF LAW & THE PRO-PERSON PERSPECTIVE**

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MEXICO: THE FUTURE TO COME

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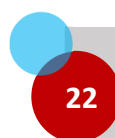
Panel 52
**REGULATING GLOBAL STABLECOINS & OTHER
CRYPTOCURRENCIES**

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ESG AND THE RULE OF LAW

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10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
(By invitation only)

CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE XXVIII WORLD LAW CONGRESS

10:00 h.

Introduction by the Hosts of Ceremony

Hilarie Bass

USA, President of the American Bar Association (2017-2018). Trustee of the World Law Foundation

Patricia Lee Refo

USA, President of the American Bar Association (2020-2021)

Opening Remarks

António Guterres (TBC)

Portugal, Secretary General of the United Nations

Javier Cremades

Spain, President of the World Jurist Association

Eric Adams

USA, Mayor of New York City

Rowan D. Wilson

USA, New York Chief Judge

Andrew Young

USA, American civil rights leader, politician, clergyman, member of the U.S. House of Representatives (1973–1977), US Ambassador to the United Nations, and Mayor of Atlanta (1982–1990)

Anthony Kennedy

USA, Senior Justice, Supreme Court of the United States

WJA Medals of Honor

Laudatio

Sherrilyn Ifill

USA, President and Director-Counsel Emeritus, NAACP Legal Defense Fund

Freedom of Speech Awardee

Martin Baron

USA, former editor for the Washington Post and Boston Globe

Champion of the Rule of Law Awardee

David Mills

USA, Professor of the Practice of Law at Stanford University

Laudatio

Berit Reiss-Andersen

Norway, Chairwoman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee

Champion of the Rule of Law Awardee

United Nations Office of Legal Affairs

Presented to **Miguel de Serpa Soares**, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel, Portugal (TBC)

Laudatio

Robert Rae

Canada, Ambassador of Canada to the United Nations

WJA Ruth Bader Ginsburg Medal of Honor Awardee

Rosalie S. Abella

Canada, Justice of the Supreme Court (2004-2021)

Laudatio

Deborah Enix-Ross

USA, President of the American Bar Association

SDGs Pioneer in Legal Practice Awardee

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SDGs Pioneer in Legal Practice Awardee

Brad Karp

USA, Chairman of Paul Weiss, and Trustee of the World Law Foundation

Champion of the Rule of Law Awardee

Jed S. Rakoff

USA, Senior Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

VIDEO: Worldwide Opening Sessions of the World Law Congress 2023

11:20 h.

Presentation of the World Law Peace & Liberty Award

Reading of the Act Granting the World Peace & Liberty Award

Viviane Reding

Luxembourg, Vice-President of the World Law Foundation

WJA World Peace & Liberty Awardee

European Commission

Presented to **Ursula von der Leyen**, President of the European Commission

Laudatio

Javier Cremades

Spain, President of the World Jurist Association

Acknowledgement

Ursula von der Leyen

Germany, President of the European Commission

Closing of the World Law Congress

Final Remarks

H.M King Felipe VI of Spain

World Peace & Liberty Awardee 2019

Formal Closing of the World Law Congress

Announcement of the World Law Congress 2025

Henry Molina

President of the Supreme Court of the Dominican Republic

Javier Cremades

Spain, President of the World Jurist Association

12:00 h.

End of the Closing Ceremony

Awardees & Speakers Family Picture

Cocktail Reception

UN Delegates Dining Room. 4th Floor

12:30 PM

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STEERING COMMITTEE

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