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WELCOME SPEECH/MOT DE BIENVENUE M^e DAVID ETTEGUI, BÂTONNIER DE MONTRÉAL

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the World City Bar Leaders Conference in Montreal. The Bar of Montreal is honoured to be hosting this prestigious event once again, which marks the long-awaited return of in-person meetings.

We all recognise our shared commitment to protect the public, while supporting the members of our respective Bars in their professional practice through a wide range of initiatives.

Être connecté est le thème que j'ai choisi pour mon année de bâtonnat.

En étant connecté entre confrères internationaux, nous nous nourrissons des expériences de chacun, de nos défis communs et des bonnes pratiques dans les autres communautés juridiques.

It is in this spirit that we welcome you to Montreal this year. The programme we have in store for you will allow for varied and constructive exchanges on a wide range of topical issues.

Puisse cette conférence nous connecter un peu plus les uns aux autres et renforcer nos futures coopérations.

I look forward to meeting you and wish you a pleasant stay in Montreal.

Yours truly,

David Ettedgui,
President of the Bar of Montreal



MESSAGE FROM THE RIGHT HONOURABLE RICHARD WAGNER, P.C., CHIEF JUSTICE OF CANADA

Please accept my warmest welcome to the World City Bar Leaders Conference. In addition to reconnecting in-person after a long hiatus, you are also able to explore one of the greatest Canadian cities: Montreal. Enjoy!

I have a very clear memory of participating in the first-ever WCBL conference as the President of the Montreal Bar. It was in New York City in November 2001, right after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre. The program was amended to include a discussion on the law and international terrorism. It's not one I'll soon forget. Mark Ellis, Executive Director of the International Bar Association at the time, was quoted as saying: "We believe there has never been a more important time for the international legal profession to meet and remember our responsibility to support and uphold the rule of law."

That responsibility is as present as ever. According to the World Justice Project, the rule of law has declined globally for the fifth year in a row and, in 2022, it has weakened in more countries than it has improved. 4.4 billion people are estimated to live in a country where the rule of law is declining. Respect for basic human rights and freedoms has decreased in 66 % of countries in 2022.

If we are to have any hope of reversing these trends, the international legal community must work together. In a post-pandemic world of rapid technological change and challenging access to justice, we must remain vigilant and denounce all threats and attacks on judicial independence and the rule of law. We must build trust in our institutions and amongst ourselves. There is tremendous value in learning from each other's experiences and celebrating our successes.

I trust that the collaboration between you will yield inspiring discussions.

I wish you a productive conference!

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PRÉSENTATION

Avec près de 17 000 membres, le Barreau de Montréal est la plus grande section du Barreau du Québec et le deuxième Barreau francophone en importance.

Comptant 175 ans d'histoire, il fait figure de proue dans la recherche de l'excellence en matière d'éthique et de compétence. Il travaille quotidiennement à la protection du public en offrant une variété de programmes et services à ses membres et aux justiciables montréalais. Le Barreau de Montréal est composé d'une équipe dynamique et multidisciplinaire d'une vingtaine d'employés qui veille notamment :

- Au bon déroulement du service de référence, des enquêtes et poursuites en pratique illégale, du SAGE, de la conciliation, des prestations de serment.
- Au suivi des travaux de plus de 25 comités et à l'organisation de formations et d'événements à l'intention du public et des avocats.
- À la mise en place d'une réforme de gouvernance.

MISSION

Veiller à la protection du public tout en soutenant les membres de la section dans l'exercice de la profession.

VISION

Être un leader incontournable pour protéger le public, promouvoir l'accès à la justice, outiller les avocats de Montréal et alimenter les réflexions de la société sur divers enjeux juridiques.

Leadership – Le Barreau de Montréal exerce un leadership rassembleur au sein de la société et des milieux professionnels, sociocommunautaires et d'affaires.

Diversité – Le Barreau de Montréal tire sa force de la diversité de ses membres – tant personnelle que professionnelle – et en assure la promotion.

Excellence – Le Barreau de Montréal maintient des normes d'excellence dans toutes ses actions.

NOS PROJETS PHARES EN 2023-2024

1. Journée des stagiaires
2. Formation continue en droit
3. Sensibilisation à la pratique illégale
4. Calendrier communautaire juridique montréalais

AMSTERDAM



PRESENTATION

The 'Amsterdamse Orde van Advocaten' (the Amsterdam Bar Association) consists of approximately 6500 lawyers, which is more than one third of all lawyers in the Netherlands.

Many of the largest and international firms are located in Amsterdam in the so-called Zuidas district, the main business center. Additionally, Amsterdam has a variety of small, medium-sized and large firms practicing all types of law for all types of clients – from private clients to multinationals. This variety is reflected in the Bar Council whose members represent the entire spectrum of the Amsterdam bar.

Because of the size of the bar, and the resulting increased amount of work, the position of dean (president) of the Amsterdam Bar Association has been filled since September 2022 by two Amsterdam lawyers: Barbara Rumora-Scheltema and Jacqueline Schaap. (see picture)



NOTABLE PROJECTS

Some of the topics that are currently subject of the Amsterdam bar/dean's attention:

1. The evaluation of regulatory rules applying to lawyers (the Minister of Justice is proposing an overhaul of the existing system, to establish one central national regulator)
2. Paying lawyers fees in cash
3. Ethical dilemmas both in the perspective of ESG as well as sanctions
4. Cooperation within the bar (stimulating junior lawyers from the larger business law firms to spend time with social justice law firms)



BELGIUM

/OV ORDE VAN VLAAMSE BALIES

PRESENTATION

The Order of Flemish Bars (OVV) was set up by law in 2001, after the dissolution of the National Bar of Belgium. The OVV represents all eight city or provincial Bars of Flanders (Belgium): Brussels (for the Dutch language lawyers who are active in Brussels), Antwerp, Louvain, Limburg, Ghent, Dendermonde, Oudenaarde, West-Flanders. Indirectly the OVV represents all of the 11,000 Flemish lawyers admitted to the Bar and working in private practice.

The OVV is the regulator of the profession for the lawyers who have their offices in Flanders and for the Dutch language lawyers in Brussels. It organizes the disciplinary courts for the lawyers who are subject to its jurisdiction.

The OVV also defends the interests of the legal profession in its region. It organizes the professional training for trainee lawyers and manages the permanent education of all lawyers. Additionally, the OVV strives for a fair and efficient administration of justice and appropriate access to justice. To accomplish both objectives, the OVV maintains a constant dialogue with the authorities but does not hesitate to commence law suits if it believes that the principles of the profession are menaced. The OVV is a strong defender of the rule of law especially in the context of the position of lawyers in the administration of justice.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

1. Defending the rule of law, with a special focus on the independence of lawyers and lawyer-client privilege, notably through law suits in the Belgian Constitutional Court and the European Court of Justice.
2. Setting up digitalized legal aid platforms, including one intended to ensure proper legal representation during police interviews.
3. Improving digitalization of law firms.
4. Promoting the professionalization of legal services, especially among smaller firms.
5. Creating a better awareness for well-being and self-defense.



BRUSSELS



**BARREAU
DE
BRUXELLES**
ORDRE
FRANÇAIS

PRESENTATION

Founded on 14 December 1810, hence before Belgium was even born, the Brussels Bar is one of the oldest institutions in Brussels.

It plays an essential role in defending and promoting lawyers, justice and the rule of law in the capital of Belgium and Europe.

The Brussels Bar, which was initially a unitary body, is now made up of two sections corresponding to the two official languages of the capital of Belgium: the French section and the Dutch section. It is seated in the Brussels Justice Court (*Palais de justice*).

The French section counts 4,500 lawyers, as well as more than 500 lawyers from European Bars established in Brussels and around 100 members of associated foreign Bars.

The President of the Bar (*bâtonnier*) is elected by the general meeting of lawyers. He chairs the Bar Council, which is made up of 16 lawyers elected by their peers. For the 2023-2024 judicial year, Mr Emmanuel Plasschaert will hold this position. His vice-president (*vice-bâtonnière*) is Ms Marie Dupont, who will succeed him for the 2024-2025 judicial year.

The Brussels Bar is the largest Belgian bar, with excellent multilingual lawyers assisting individuals, businesses, and public authorities in all areas of law. Given its central location, the Brussels Bar is home to many practitioners of European and international law.

The Brussels Bar also has a long tradition of advocacy for the rule of law and the lawyer's professional interests. As such, it regularly takes a stance on public policy issues in this area, and it is party to proceedings before the European Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights.

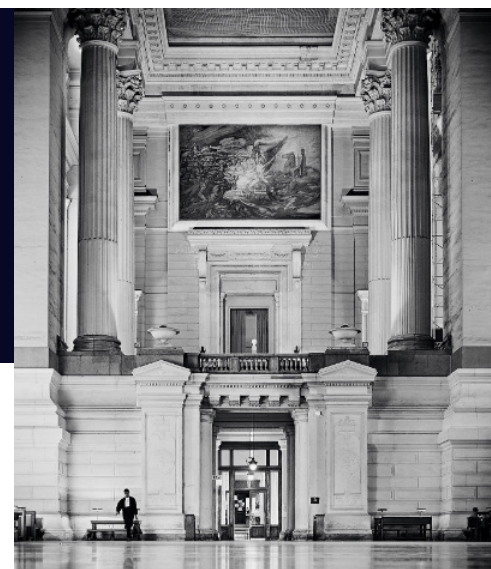
The Brussels Bar cultivates a tradition of excellence and has set up various bodies to reflect on topics such as human rights (*Institut des droits de l'homme*), European law (*Institut de droit européen des barreaux*) and digital transformation (*Incuebrux*).

Anchored in the heart of Europe, in one of the world's largest multilingual and multicultural hotspots, the Brussels Bar is proud to be recognized for its professional tradition and expertise and aims at being a major player in the defense of advocacy and justice.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

Some of the French-Speaking Brussels Bar's key projects:

1. The Legal Helpdesk for Asylum Seekers in Belgium
2. The Legal Aid Office
3. The Brussels Bar Academy
4. Psychosocial Wellness



CHICAGO



PRESENTATION

Founded in 1874, The Chicago Bar Association is one of the oldest and most active metropolitan bar associations in the United States. The Association's voluntary membership of 17,000 consists largely of lawyers and judges from Cook County and the State of Illinois. However, we do have a growing out-of-state membership of lawyers who want to take advantage of the Association's many membership services and benefits.

The purposes and objectives of the Association are:

- To establish and maintain the honor and dignity of the profession of the law and to promote the general welfare of the members thereof, particularly by sponsoring and supporting continuing legal education programs covering new developments in all fields of law.
- To cultivate social relationships among its members.
- To increase the usefulness of the legal profession in promoting the due administration of justice and the public good.

The CBA employs an Executive Director who is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Association staff of 25. Our Board of Managers consists of 16 members selected by the membership, a representative from the Young Lawyers Section ("YLS"), the YLS Chair of two years prior, one member-at-large appointed by the President, and 6 Officers including the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. The Board meets monthly and decides all policy issues for the Association.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

1. Judicial Evaluation Program
2. Continuing Legal Education Programming
3. Lawyer Referral Service
4. The Young Lawyers Section
5. Mentoring Programs
6. CBA Music and Entertainment Groups

DALLAS



PRESENTATION

The Dallas Bar Association (DBA) is a voluntary, professional organization of lawyers whose purpose is to serve and support the legal profession in Dallas and to promote good relations among lawyers, judges, and the community. The DBA offers its members many opportunities to develop their careers, get involved, and give back to the community.

Fast Facts about the Dallas Bar Association

- Founded in 1873 by 40 lawyers
- 11,400 members
- Over 400 free continuing legal education programs per year
- Programs offered in person, virtually, or through a hybrid format.
- On-demand online continuing legal education catalog available for members, including 15 hours of free on-demand programs.
- 30 substantive law sections & 2 substantive law study groups (working to become sections)
- 28 committees, offering a variety of volunteer opportunities
- Highest dues paid for annual membership: \$240
- \$3.4 M budget

Career Development

- Authorship/publication opportunities in DBA's monthly print publication, Headnotes
- Speaking opportunities at a variety of continuing legal education programs
- Networking opportunities at educational events, receptions, and other special events

Personal enrichment and growth

- Peer assistance and wellness programs
- Mentorship programs
- Opportunities to make lifelong friendships with other lawyers
- Social opportunities for families, including the holiday party, Halloween party, and Mother's Day Brunch

Volunteer opportunities

- Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program – DBA collaboration with Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas
- Home Project – DBA collaboration with Habitat for Humanity – longest whole-house sponsor
- Texas High School Mock Trial – DBA coordinates state-wide mock trial competition.
- And more!

NOTABLE PROJECTS

1. Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program – DBA pro bono legal services collaboration with Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas.
2. Home Project – DBA collaboration with Habitat for Humanity – longest whole-house sponsor.
3. Texas High School Mock Trial – DBA coordinates state-wide mock trial competition.
4. Bar None – annual musical variety show where local attorneys, judges, and other members of the legal professionals perform skits, sing, and dance to raise money for diversity scholarships at local law schools.
5. Summer Law Intern Program – places high school students in paid, law firm internships during the summer months.
6. Bench Bar Conference – annual two-day conference for attorneys and judges.
7. Access to Justice Golf Tournament – fundraiser for our modest means incubator program.
8. WE LEAD (Women Empowered to Lead) Program – Leadership program for women lawyers.
9. Lawyer Referral Service – provides attorney referrals to those needing advice or full representation.
10. LegalLine – free legal advice over the phone.

FRANKFURT



PRESENTATION

Official name: Rechtsanwaltskammer Frankfurt am Main

Number of members: the Bar currently has 20.000 members.

Current structure: the Frankfurt Bar is today a modern corporation, well managed, with high quality standards, transparent in its actions and democratic in its behavior. It has a budget of more than seven Million euros and human resources of 39 employees.

Board structure: A President, five vice presidents, currently leads the Frankfurt Bar and board member composed 37 members, including a treasurer and a secretary elected for a period of 4 years. The current period of election is from 2019 to 2023.

Country membership: bar membership in Germany is mandatory, which means that a lawyer, in order to practice as a lawyer must be member of a Bar in Germany. It is sufficient to become a member of one of the 28 German Bar to be able to practice as a lawyer in Germany.

The law studies has 9 semester. The studies includes basic study (4 semesters) and the main study period (5 semesters) with a three months training and the first state examination. After the main study period, the person is a lawyer. However, for practice as a lawyer the person must take a legal clerkship for 2 years and finish the study with the second state examination. Then they can work as a lawyer with court sessions, judge or prosecutor. Only the lawyer need an admission by a German bar.

History of the Frankfurt Bar: In 1879, within the framework of the Reichsjustizgesetz (justice laws of the German empire), chambers of attorneys were established throughout the country at every Oberlandesgericht (Higher regional court) including the Frankfurt Bar for the Oberlandesgericht Frankfurt. In 1885 the Frankfurt Bar had 139 members, in 1930 521 lawyers belonged to the Bar. On 11 November 1925, it was decided that a "Zeitschrift der Anwaltskammer im Oberlandesgerichtsbezirk Frankfurt am Main" (periodical of the Frankfurt Bar) should be published.

By the Nazis, the Bar was switched off and deprived of its self-government. By the Reichs-Rechtsanwaltsordnung (lawyers act) of December 13th 1935 the local bars lost their independence. The Jewish members of the Frankfurt Bar were forced to renounce their admission or it was withdrawn. This left a particularly deep impression on the legal profession, as the proportion of Jews in this profession was high; in 1933, 45% of the members of the Frankfurt Bar were Jews.

After the end of the Second World War, all lawyers lost their license and had to apply for re-registration with the military authorities. It was only in the course of the next few years that the first lawyers were able to resume their work on a larger scale. By ordinance of the Greater Hessian State Ministry of 1 May 1946, the Higher Regional Court of Frankfurt am Main was re-established, which was now responsible for the entire territory of the new federal state of Hessen.

On 1 July 1949, the Frankfurt Bar was restored retroactively. On 1 January 1949 the Frankfurt Bar had 767 members and on 1 January 2020 the Bar had 19,408 members (including law firms). This makes it the second largest bar association in Germany in terms of members. It comprises the districts of Darmstadt, Frankfurt am Main, Giessen, Hanau, Limburg and Wiesbaden, and thus includes not only the Frankfurt | Rhein-Main metropolitan region but also rural areas. The Frankfurt Bar maintains contacts with numerous bars and lawyer's associations worldwide. Since 16 November 2013 Dr. Michael Griem is president of the Frankfurt Bar.

HAITI



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PRÉSENTATION

La profession d'avocat est l'une des plus anciennes professions exercées en Haïti. Le Barreau de Port-au-Prince a été créé en 1859 suite à la promulgation d'une loi donnant un cadre légal aux défenseurs publics. La profession est actuellement réglementée par le décret du 29 mars 1979. Dans chaque juridiction du tribunal de première instance est instituée un ordre auquel se rattachent tous les avocats ayant leur domicile professionnel dans cette juridiction. Le Barreau de Port-au-Prince est rattaché à la juridiction de Port-au-Prince dans la capitale du pays et encadre la pratique de plus de 1550 avocats inscrits au tableau de l'ordre.

L'Ordre des avocats de Port-au-Prince est représenté par un bâtonnier élu au suffrage universel des membres pour un mandat de deux ans, renouvelable une fois. Il faudra attendre 1977 pour qu'une femme avocate intègre, pour la première fois, un Conseil de discipline ; et il faudra attendre 43 ans de plus pour qu'une femme M^e Marie Suzy Legros soit élue à la fonction de Bâtonnier.

La trajectoire historique de l'Ordre des avocats de Port-au-Prince est plutôt accidentée ; Au cours de son existence plusieurs lois l'on mise en veilleuse pour des raisons politiques. Le Barreau de Port-au-Prince, attaché à sa fonction de gardien des valeurs de l'État de droit, lutte contre l'arbitraire et dénonce les situations constituant des atteintes aux droits fondamentaux des citoyens haïtiens. Pour continuer à bien remplir cette fonction, le Barreau reste vigilant et préserve son indépendance vis-à-vis du pouvoir politique et des groupes d'intérêt. Depuis ces cinq dernières années, le Barreau milite ardemment en vue de la protection des avocats et du respect du droit d'accès à la justice.

PROJETS PHARES

Les grands projets du Barreau de Port-au-Prince s'articulent autour de sept grands axes:

1. Protection de la profession d'avocat et de ses membres
2. Renforcement de l'institution du Barreau de Port-au-Prince
3. Consolidation de la formation des avocats et avocates
4. Défense de l'État de Droit
5. Promotion du service à la communauté
6. Coopération nationale et internationale
7. Vie socio-culturelle au Barreau de Port-au-Prince



LAVAL

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PRÉSENTATION

Le Barreau de Laval est l'un des 15 barreaux de section du Québec, regroupant près de 1000 avocats du district judiciaire de Laval. Le Barreau de Laval veille à s'assurer de la qualité des services et de leur disponibilité pour les justiciables de Laval, en offrant entre autres du soutien et de la formation aux avocats du district. Un service de référence interactif en ligne est offert aux justiciables afin de leur permettre de trouver facilement un avocat pratiquant le domaine de droit dont ils ont besoin.

PROJETS PHARES

Le Barreau de Laval entame plusieurs projets importants cette année, notamment :

1. La refonte de ses statuts et règlements généraux
2. La modernisation des services offerts aux avocats et aux justiciables
3. La mise sur pied d'un service de prêt de toges au Palais de justice de Laval
4. L'expansion de son service de référence
5. La mise à jour de ses comités



MEXICO



PRESENTATION

The Barra Mexicana, Colegio de Abogados, Civil Association (BMA), was founded in 1922.

Since its establishment, the BMA purpose was to monitor the practice of lawyers in Mexico, ensuring that it conformed to the norms of the law, the values and ethical principles, and to ensure the decorum and dignity of the legal profession.

Since the Foundation, the Bar has continued to grow and currently has more than 5,000 associates;

The Mexican Bar has presence in almost all of the states in which the Republic of Mexico is politically divided.

In the educational duty the BMA has over 42 different commissions according to the various legal disciplines, for example the Labor Law Commission, the Bankruptcy Commission, The Family Law Commission, etc., they are bound to hold at least one reunion per month to discuss a specific matter.

The BMA statues encourages all its members to do pro bono work and with the hours needed from continued education and pro bono work, the board lists all its members that are certified each year. For that purpose, a minimum of time has to be credited and also to attend an ethics monthly commission session and has to do pro bono work certified by the Foundation, this is in favor of a person or group that the BMA Foundation has approved previously.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

1. Some of the latest cases where the BMA helped pro bono the Mexicans was the criminal representation of families who lost their sons and daughters by the collapse of a school in the earthquake of 2019, where it was found the construction was in default of the codes of construction of the city.
2. The bar will hold a national Congress next February 22, 23 and 24 of 2024, in Queretaro, the city where Mexican Constitution was discussed and approved in 1917.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY BAR

PRESENTATION

The New York City Bar Association was founded by 200 lawyers in 1870 to counter corruption in the judiciary and help establish a fair and effective system of justice. Today, the City Bar has over 23,000 members in New York, across the United States and throughout the world.

The Association is located in a landmark building in midtown Manhattan, where over the years it has welcomed legal luminaries including presidents, Supreme Court justices, UN secretaries-general and foreign dignitaries.

The City Bar's mission is to equip and mobilize a diverse legal profession to practice with excellence, promote reform of the law, and uphold the rule of law and access to justice in support of a fair society and the public interest in our community, our nation and throughout the world.

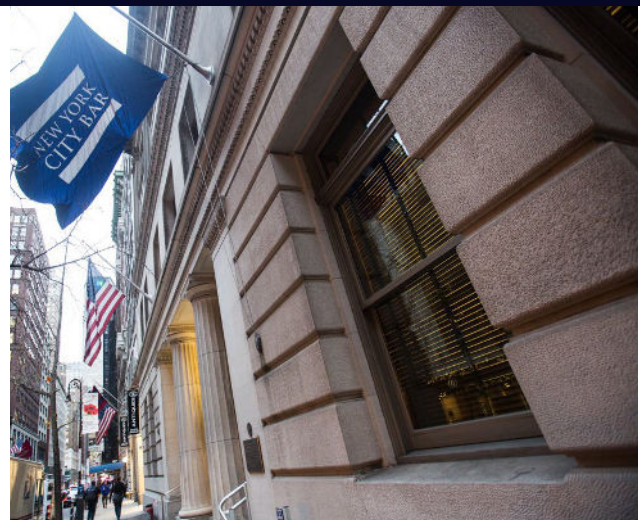
It accomplishes this through its 150 committees, which participate in shaping public policy through reports and statements on proposed legislation, testifying at hearings, letters to public officials, drafting of amicus briefs and lobbying.

The City Bar also offers Continuing Legal Education, career development programs and networking opportunities for its members and the legal community.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

Among its recent projects are:

1. A Task Force on the Rule of Law,
2. A Task Force on Civic Education,
3. A Task Force on Digital Technology and an
4. An Active Office for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging that works to diversify the legal profession.



PARIS



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PRÉSENTATION

Avec 32 700 avocats inscrits, dont environ 15 000 avocats étrangers et près de 3 000 avocats exerçant à Paris et à l'étranger, le Barreau de Paris est un Barreau très dynamique et international. Il a signé une centaine d'accords de coopération avec des barreaux du monde entier, notamment avec les barreaux du Bénin, d'Haïti et le barreau national d'Israël.

Le Barreau de Paris est également un acteur majeur de la stratégie d'influence et d'attractivité de la France par le droit, en lien avec le ministère des Affaires étrangères, le ministère de la Justice et les différentes organisations professionnelles françaises.

Grâce à une tradition séculaire d'excellence juridique et à la présence de nombreux cabinets internationaux, Paris est l'un des premiers pôles juridiques mondiaux et un centre d'affaires majeur.

En outre, Paris accueille depuis 1923 la Cour d'arbitrage de la Chambre de commerce internationale (CCI). Le barreau de Paris a également développé une expertise dans tous les modes alternatifs de règlement des litiges, y compris la médiation, avec des procédures adaptées aux matières et aux parties internationales. La ville a également mis en place des chambres spécialisées dans le contentieux des affaires internationales au sein du tribunal de commerce de Paris et de la cour d'appel de Paris.

Julie Couturier est l'actuelle Bâtonnière de l'Ordre des avocats de Paris. À ce titre, elle préside le Conseil de l'ordre, composé de 42 avocats élus avec une parfaite parité femmes hommes.

Le Barreau de Paris est organisé autour de 6 missions principales :

1. Organiser la profession au sein du Barreau de Paris
2. Réguler les relations entre les avocats parisiens et leurs clients
3. Veiller au respect des principes essentiels de la profession d'avocat
4. Favoriser l'accès au droit et à la justice pour tous les citoyens
5. Défendre les intérêts des avocats parisiens et des justiciables
6. Faciliter la vie quotidienne des avocats parisiens en leur offrant des services spécifiques.

PROJETS PHARES

1. Soutien à l'État de Droit
 - 1.1. Le programme Répit
 - 1.2. Law Societies' Compact and forum for SDG 16
 - 1.3. Barreau de Paris Solidarité
2. Triangle de Weimar des avocats
3. Programmes d'échanges internationaux et de formation
 - 3.1. Stage International
 - 3.2. Programme d'échange franco-britannique
 - 3.3. Campus international
 - 3.4. Soutien aux professionnels du droit afghans
 - 3.5. Formations avec la Fondation européenne

Maison des avocats
(Paris 17^{ème})



PHILADELPHIA



PRESENTATION

The Philadelphia Bar Association, founded in 1802, is the oldest metropolitan association of lawyers in the United States. Its founders and early leaders included several of the nation's founders. The mission of the Philadelphia Bar Association is to serve the profession and the public by promoting justice, professional excellence and respect for the rule of law. In so doing, the Association strives to foster understanding of, involvement in and access to the justice system.

The Association has a full-time staff as well as a volunteer-driven Board of Governors which sets policy and governs the operations of the organization. We have nine substantive sections (Business Law, Criminal Justice, Real Property, Probate and Trust, Family Law, Tax, etc.) as well as a Young Lawyers Division and over 50 committees to address such diverse topics as Wellness, Professional Responsibility, Labor & Employment, Access to Justice, Diversity in the Profession, Large Firm Management and many other topics. We also have a Commission on Judicial Selection & Retention which evaluates the qualifications of candidates for the judiciary as well as sitting judges. We work closely with the judiciary on procedural issues and other initiatives. The Association has its own continuing education program as well as a lawyer referral service in order to direct clients to association members in particular substantive areas of need. As a trade association qualified under section 501(c)(6) of the Tax Code, we are permitted to engage in lobbying and do so in order to promote legislation that advances the needs of our members, clients and the greater Philadelphia community. We provide guidance to attorneys seeking ethical advice and provide a forum for the arbitration of client fee disputes.

We have two publications in addition to online communications. We have frequent social events, educational forums and opportunities for the bench and bar to interact.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

1. We recently coordinated an event to bring together Pennsylvania's newly-elected governor, newly-appointed Chief Justice and newly-elected Speaker of the House to address access to justice issues.
2. Our judicial commission this year evaluated our local candidates for the judiciary and succeeded in educating the public so that all of the candidates nominated for service on the bench were those that we had found to be qualified.
3. We coordinated the creation of an amicus committee to draft briefs on matters of concern to the association.
4. We addressed a controversy involving the court and those tasked with carrying out lockouts of evicted tenants by bringing all stakeholders to the table to work together on reforms of the system, and I testified before City Council on this topic.
5. We have issued important policy statements on matters such as capital punishment, affirmative action and other matters of public concern.
6. I participated in a national forum on civics education with the former chief justice of the California Supreme Court.
7. We are currently working on skill building programs for young lawyers and advocating for greater safety and security for our state court judges, among many other initiatives.

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PRÉSENTATION

Regroupant plus de 4 600 avocats et avocates des trois districts judiciaires de Beauce, Montmagny et Québec, le Barreau de Québec est l'une des 15 sections du Barreau du Québec. C'est la deuxième section avec le nombre le plus élevé de membres, après celle de Montréal.

La mission du Barreau de Québec est de protéger le public et contribuer à une justice accessible, notamment par le soutien de ses membres dans l'exercice de la profession.

L'organisation qu'il constitue est administrée par un Conseil d'administration, constitué de 12 membres de la profession, issus chacun de milieux professionnels différents. À sa tête, le bâtonnier, agit à titre de président de ce Conseil.

Les valeurs qui guident les membres du Conseil du Barreau de Québec dans leurs discussions et leurs décisions sont la Collaboration, l'Engagement, le Dynamisme, le Courage, l'Innovation et la Bienveillance.

Porté par l'engagement de plus de 250 membres bénévoles qui oeuvrent au sein d'une vingtaine de comités permanents et par sa direction générale, le Barreau de Québec procède à l'assermentation de plus de 200 nouveaux membres par année. Il offre également un large éventuel de formations à chaque année, de manière à rejoindre tous ses membres.

Fondé en 1849, le Barreau de Québec est situé au coeur du centre-ville de Québec, dans la Capitale nationale, aux côtés de l'Assemblée nationale, siège du gouvernement provincial, et de la Faculté de droit de l'Université Laval.

Le Barreau de Québec est jumelé avec les Barreaux de Versailles, de Bordeaux et de la Floride.

PROJETS PHARES

1. Restructurer sa gouvernance et réviser son règlement général aux fins de modernisation et d'agilité organisationnelle.
2. Combattre la désinformation juridique par le biais d'initiatives éducatives visant le public, et en particulier les jeunes.
3. Contribuer à l'intégration des technologies de l'information dans le quotidien de la pratique professionnelle de l'avocat et à la transition vers un système de justice dématérialisé.



TOULOUSE



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PRÉSENTATION

L'Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Toulouse est l'un des plus anciens barreaux de France.

Les premiers éléments d'une organisation professionnelle des avocats à Toulouse remontent au XIV^{ème} siècle. Avec la création du Parlement du Languedoc en 1444, les renseignements sont plus complets, grâce notamment aux archives de la cour. Les registres d'arrêts rapportent alors la nomination des avocats, la cessation de leurs fonctions, leur remplacement et la discipline qui leur est imposée au palais.

Les affaires et Martin Guerre (au XVI^e siècle) et Calas (au XVIII^e siècle) marquent l'histoire du parlement.

Suite à la réintroduction des ordres d'avocats par Napoléon 1^{er} en 1810, le Barreau de Toulouse tient sa première réunion du Conseil de l'Ordre, le 18 août 1811, présidée par Me Roucoule et composée de sept membres.

Dès le début du XIX^{ème} siècle, des personnalités éminentes comme Romiguières, Lassale, Tajan, Féral et Fourtanier insufflent un esprit novateur au barreau de Toulouse.

Dans la deuxième moitié du XX^{ème} siècle, émergent des noms illustres au premier rang desquels on doit rappeler le souvenir du Bâtonnier Gabriel Marty, «archange du droit», géant du barreau français.

Quelques dizaines au milieu du XX^{ème} siècle, les avocats toulousains sont aujourd'hui plus de 1800 et représentent 17 nationalités, avec une moyenne d'âge de 45 ans. Ils forment le cinquième barreau de France, regroupés selon toutes les formes d'exercice et développant toutes les spécialités et les compétences.

Riches de leur histoire, forts de leur technique, les avocats du barreau de Toulouse ont ajouté de nouveaux atouts à leurs activités traditionnelles.

Ils affrontent sereinement les défis du nouveau millénaire: catastrophes industrielles, grands procès, crises économiques, complexité croissante du droit, sans jamais oublier que l'humanisme est leur vocation première.

PROJETS PHARES

1. Tenue d'un procès fictif pour demander plus de moyens à la justice à Toulouse (février 2023)
2. Présence sur le défilé de la Marche des Fiertés de Toulouse et tenue de consultations gratuites auprès de la communauté LGBTQIA+ (juin 2023)
3. Consultations gratuites auprès des personnes victimes de violences faites aux femmes (novembre 2023)
4. Consultations gratuites auprès de personnes en situation de handicap (décembre 2023)

PRESENTATION

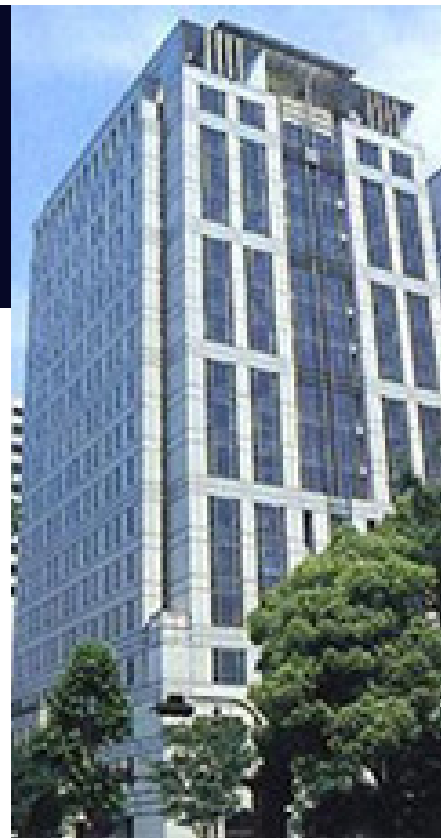
Established in 1880, TBA is the largest local bar associations in Japan, having more than 9,000 members, which amount to about 20 % of all lawyers registered in Japan. Interestingly for historical reason, Tokyo has two other bar associations, which are all independent each other.

Bar associations are granted complete self-governance and independence from the courts, prosecutors and all other government agencies. It is mandatory for Japanese lawyer to be a member of one of local bars. The self-governance includes the authority to supervise and discipline its members by itself. Lawyers admitted in other jurisdictions must also belong to one of local bars.

TBA's governing board is consisted of one president, six vice-presidents and two auditors, who are elected on yearly basis. Its wide range of activities are supported by 70 committees. A wide variety of its activities include human rights protection, services for general public such as operating legal advice center, lawyer referral, and dispute resolution, maintenance and development of the self-governance, and development of legal profession and legal system through education for members and campaign.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

1. Human rights protection
2. Enhancement to access to legal services for general public
3. Development of legal profession and legal system
4. Self-governance



WARSAW



Okręgowa
Izba
Radców
Prawnych
w Warszawie

PRESENTATION

Warsaw Bar Association is the national bar of attorneys-at-law in the Warsaw District and one of the nineteen largest bar associations in Poland. Its tasks include representing the professional interests of attorneys-at-law and ensuring the highest level of legal services they provide. Warsaw Bar Association is involved in the following activities:

Training of trainee attorneys-at law by conducting the three-year attorney-at law's training to prepare law graduates to obtain qualifications of an attorney-at law granted after passing the professional examination. **WE RUN ATTORNEY-AT LAW'S TRAINING.**

Offering professional development by providing attorneys-at law with various forms of training courses and classes so that they can adhere to their obligation to constantly develop their knowledge. **WE CONDUCT TRAINING COURSES FOR ATTORNEYS-AT LAW.**

Safeguarding of the proper performance of the profession and ethical conduct. In the event of any conduct contrary to the law or principles set forth in the Code of Ethics for Attorneys at Law and in the event of any breach of professional obligations, we conduct disciplinary proceedings against attorneys-at-law and apply statutory disciplinary procedures. **WE HAVE OUR OWN DISCIPLINARY JUDICIARY.**

Helping to find a suitable lawyer. We give those in need of legal assistance access to the szukajradcy.pl search engine. The engine is a guarantee that a given attorney-at-law is professionally active and has the authority to practice a profession. **WE HELP OTHERS TO FIND LEGAL AID.**

Enabling the provision of free legal assistance. We help attorneys-at-law and trainee attorneys-at-law actively engage in the activities of the Pro Bono Legal Aid Centre and other forms of free legal assistance. **WE OPERATE FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD.**

Fostering community unity by holding sports, recreational, and cultural meetings and events for its members (attorneys-at-law and trainee attorneys-at-law) and running the Attorney-at-Law Club. **WE INTEGRATE.**

As a publisher, we prepare book and digital publications (LawBay mobile application, newsletter) and publish the Temidium magazine to promote knowledge about the profession of an attorney-at-law and the law itself. **WE PUBLISH.**

ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS

WELCOME SPEECH FROM THE BÂTONNIER OF MONTREAL

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the World City Bar Leaders Conference in Montreal. The Bar of Montreal is honoured to be hosting this prestigious event once again, which marks the long-awaited return of in-person meetings.

We all recognise our shared commitment to protect the public, while supporting the members of our respective Bars in their professional practice through a wide range of initiatives.

Being Connected is the theme I have chosen for my year as President of the Bar.

Being connected amongst international colleagues allows us to learn from our varied experiences, from our shared challenges and from best practices in other legal communities.

It is in this spirit that we welcome you to Montreal this year. The programme we have in store for you will allow for varied and constructive exchanges on a wide range of topical issues.

May this conference connect us a little more with each other and strengthen our future cooperation.

I look forward to meeting you and wish you a pleasant stay in Montreal.

MONTREAL

PRESENTATION

With nearly 17,000 members, the Bar of Montreal is the largest section of the Quebec Bar and the second largest French-speaking Bar.

With 175 years of history, it is a leader in the pursuit of excellence in ethics and competence. It works daily to protect the public by offering a variety of programs and services to its members and to the Montreal public. The Bar of Montreal is made up of a dynamic and multidisciplinary team of around twenty employees who ensure in particular:

- The smooth running of the reference service, investigations and prosecutions of illegal practices, SAGE, conciliation, oaths.
- Monitoring the work of more than 25 committees and organizing training and events intended for the public and lawyers.
- The implementation of a governance reform.

MISSION: Ensure the protection of the public while supporting the members of the section in the practice of the profession.

VISION: Be a key leader in protecting the public, promoting access to justice, equipping Montreal lawyers and fueling society's thinking on various legal issues.

Leadership – The Bar of Montreal exercises unifying leadership within society and professional, socio-community and business circles.

Diversity – The Bar of Montreal draws its strength from the personal and professional diversity of its members and actively promotes diversity.

Excellence – The Bar of Montreal maintains standards of excellence in all its actions.

OUR NOTABLE PROJECTS FOR 2023-2024

1. Interns' day
2. Continuing Legal Education
3. Raising awareness of the Illegal practice
4. Montreal Legal Community Calendar



HAITI

PRESENTATION

Law is one of the oldest professions in Haiti. The Port-au-Prince Bar was set up in 1859 after a law providing a legal framework for public defenders was enacted. The profession is currently governed by the Order-in-Council of March 29, 1979. There is a bar association in every jurisdiction of the court of first instance made up of all attorneys whose professional address is in that jurisdiction. The Port-au-Prince Bar is attached to the jurisdiction of Port-au-Prince in the country's capital and oversees the practice of over 1,550 registered lawyers.

The Port-au-Prince Bar Association is represented by a Bâtonnier elected by members for a two-year term, renewable once. It was not until 1977 that the first female lawyer became a member of the Disciplinary Board; 43 years later, the first woman, Mtre. Marie Suzy Legros, was elected as Bâtonnière.

The Port-au-Prince Bar Association has a somewhat turbulent past. It has been silenced several times during its existence for political reasons. The Port-au-Prince Bar, with its role as guardian of the rule of law, fights against injustice and speaks out against situations that infringe Haitians' fundamental rights. To continue to fulfil this role, the Bar must be vigilant and maintain its independence vis-à-vis the political power and special interest groups. For the past five years, the Bar has fervently advocated the protection of lawyers and the right of access to justice.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

The Port-au-Prince Bar's major projects focus on seven main areas:

1. Protect the legal profession and its members
2. Strengthen the Port-au-Prince Bar as an institution
3. Consolidate legal training
4. Defend the rule of law
5. Promote community service
6. National and international cooperation
7. Social and cultural activities of the Port-au-Prince Bar

LAVAL

PRESENTATION

The Laval Bar Association is one of the 15 sections of the Barreau du Québec, counting nearly 1000 members from the judicial district of Laval. The Laval Bar Association ensures the quality and accuracy of the services provided to the litigants of Laval by offering support and training to the lawyers practicing in the district. An interactive online referral service is also offered to the litigants of Laval, in order to facilitate their search of a lawyer practicing in the area of law that they need.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

The Laval Bar Association has recently initiated many important projects, particularly:

1. Recasting its by laws and general regulations
2. Updating the services offered to the legal community and the litigants of Laval
3. Creating a gown loan service in the Laval courthouse
4. Expanding its referral service
5. Updating its committees

PARIS

PRESENTATION

With 32700 registered lawyers, including around 15000 foreign lawyers and almost 3000 lawyers practicing in Paris and abroad, the Paris Bar is a very dynamic and international Bar association. The Bar has signed around a hundred cooperation agreements with Bar associations and Law Societies around the world, including the bar associations of Benin, Haiti and the Israeli National Bar.

The Paris Bar is also a major player in France's strategy of influence and attractiveness through law, in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice and the various French professional organizations.

Thanks to centuries-long tradition of legal excellence and the presence of numerous international firms, Paris is one of the world's leading legal hubs and a major business center. Furthermore, Paris has also been home to the Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) since 1923. The Paris Bar has also developed expertise in all alternative dispute resolution methods including mediation with proceedings adapted to international matters and parties. The city has also set up specialized chambers dedicated to international business litigation within the Paris Commercial Court and the Paris Court of Appeal.

Julie Couturier is the current President of the Paris Bar association. As President, she is the head of the Bar Council (Conseil de l'ordre), made up of 42 elected lawyers with perfect parity between women and men.

The Paris Bar is organized around 6 main missions:

- organizing the profession within the Paris Bar
- regulating relations between Parisian lawyers and their clients
- ensuring compliance with the essential principles governing the legal profession
- promoting access to law and justice for all citizens
- defending the interests of Parisian lawyers and citizens
- making the daily life of Parisian lawyers by offering them specific services

NOTABLE PROJECTS

1. Supporting the rule of law
 - 1.1. The Shelter program
 - 1.2. Law Societies' Compact and forum for SDG 16
 - 1.3. Barreau de Paris Solidarité
2. Weimar Triangle of Lawyers
3. International exchange and training programs
 - 3.1. International training program
 - 3.2. Franco-British exchange program
 - 3.3. International Campus
 - 3.4. Support for Afghan legal professionals
 - 3.5. Training courses with the European Foundation

QUEBEC

PRESENTATION

The Quebec City Bar is one of 15 divisions of the Quebec Bar. With over 4,600 attorneys from the three judicial districts of Beauce, Montmagny and Quebec City, it is the second largest Bar by number of members, after the Montreal Bar.

The mission of the Quebec City Bar is to protect the public and help make justice accessible, in particular by supporting its members in their professional practice.

The organization is administered by a Board of Directors made up of 12 members of the profession, each of whom is from a different professional milieu. It is headed by the Bâtonnier, who chairs the Board.

The values guiding the members of the Quebec City Bar's Board in their discussions and decisions are cooperation, commitment, dynamism, courage, innovation and goodwill.

With the help of over 250 volunteer members working on approximately 20 standing committees as well as its general management, the Quebec City Bar swears in over 200 new members every year. It also offers a wide range of courses each year of interest to all its members.

Founded in 1849, the Quebec City Bar is located in the heart of downtown Quebec City near the National Assembly, the home of the provincial government, and Laval University's Law Faculty.

The Quebec City Bar is twinned with the Versailles, Bordeaux and Florida Bars.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

1. Restructure its governance and revise its by-laws to modernize them and make them more efficient
2. Combat legal misinformation through educational initiatives for the public, and in particular youth
3. Contribute to the integration of information technology in the daily practice of law and the transition to a paperless legal system.

TOULOUSE

PRESENTATION

Dating back to the 14th century, the Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Toulouse is one of the oldest bar associations in France.

We have a great deal of information regarding the creation of the Languedoc Parliament in 1444 due to the Court archives. The register of judgments records the appointment, termination and replacement of lawyers as well as the disciplinary measures imposed on them⁵.

The Martin Guerre affair from the 16th century and the Calas affair from the 18th century are important cases in the history of the Parliament.

After bar associations were reintroduced by Napoleon I in 1810, the Toulouse Bar held its first Council meeting on August 18, 1811, with seven members and its chairman, M^{tre} Roucoule.

At the beginning of the 19th century, prominent figures such as Romiguières, Lassale, Tajan, Féral and Fourtanier instilled a pioneering spirit at the Toulouse Bar.

The second half of the 20th century saw the emergence of great names such as the Bâtonnier Gabriel Marty, dubbed the «archangel of the law» a giant of the French Bar.

From a few dozen at the beginning of the 20th century, today there are over 1,800 Toulousian lawyers representing 17 nationalities, with an average age of 45. They make up fifth largest bar in France and practice in all areas of the law.

Rich in history and with strong technical expertise, the lawyers of the Toulouse Bar have added new assets to their traditional activities.

They face the challenges of the new millennium with confidence: industrial disasters, major trials, economic crises and the increasing complexity of the law, never forgetting that humanism is their primary purpose.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

1. Holding of a mock trial to request more resources from justice in Toulouse (February 2023)
2. Presence on the Toulouse Pride parade and holding free consultations with the LGBTQIA+ community (June 2023)
3. Free consultations with victims of violence against women (November 2023)
4. Free consultations with people with disabilities (December 2023)

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