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# WORLD LAW CONGRESS NEW YORK 2023

July 20 - 21



**World Jurist**  
Association

**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.

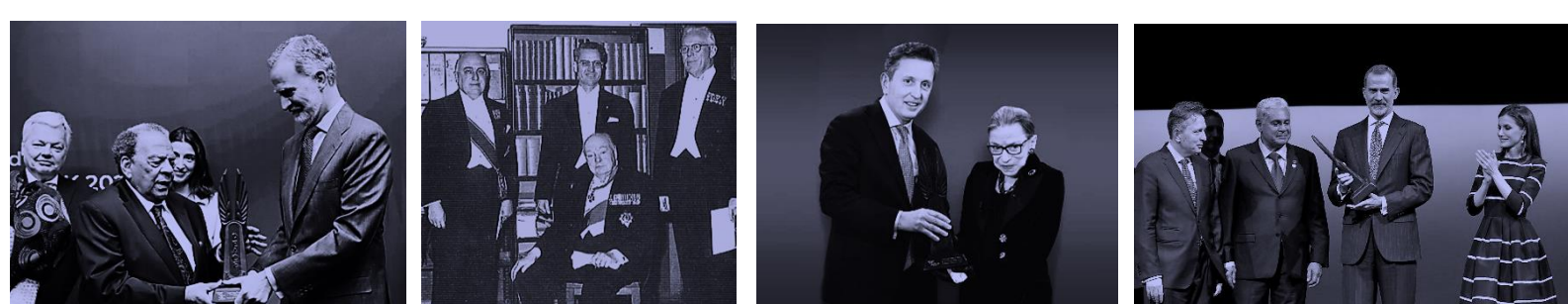
As a result of the Madrid Declaration of 2019, the **World Law Foundation** was created as the executive arm to organize the main activities of the World Jurist Association. The [Board of Trustees](#) and the Advisory Board of the WLF are composed of prominent jurists and professionals, including former 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 28<sup>th</sup> edition of this two-day event. The World Jurist Association will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> 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 Javier Cremades

President of the World Jurist Association



I would like to extend a warm welcome to this new venue of the World Law Congress taking place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City and the New York City Bar Association. This 28th edition of the World Law Congress brings together jurists, representatives of high courts, academia and other legal professionals from more than 70 countries, who once again meet to promote and defend peace and freedom through Law.

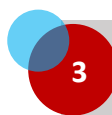
In this manner, we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the first world congress of the World Jurist Association, which took place in 1963 in the city of Athens, under the auspices of Charles Rhyne, president of the American Bar Association (ABA), and Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Inspired by Winston Churchill, one of their aims for that first congress was to bring together leaders from different countries and legal cultures to interact, to learn from each other and to keep alive that great campaign that both men, had encouraged for legal certainty; that is, to limit the power of the State in favor of the dignity of the individuals. Thus, this battle, which all of us who participate in this meeting wish to fight, is exclusively in favor of human beings, their rights and their freedom.

During these days, New York becomes the world capital of Law, following Barranquilla, Madrid, Washington D.C., Beijing, Abidjan, Geneva and many other cities in the 5 continents that have hosted this great celebration of the Rule of Law. We have come a long way. From its first years until now, the WJA has shared its efforts with people such as Sir Winston Churchill, Harry S. Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Gerald Ford, Nelson Mandela and Rene Cassin, framer of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations, and more recently with H.M. King Felipe VI, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Christine Lagarde, president of the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund, Justice Stephen Breyer, Civil Rights leader Andrew Young and a prestigious group of presidents of national and international courts, professors and lawyers, women and men committed to the defense of legal certainty as the best ally that civilization has created to guarantee the dignity of human beings and the defense of fundamental freedoms and rights, growth and development for nations. Since the WJA Board in Washington D.C. chose New York as the host city for this 28th biennial edition of the World Law Congress, for a year and a half we have held multiple Opening Sessions in cities such as Helsinki, Lima, London, Luxembourg, Madrid and New York, with the participation of leading figures from the international legal world to analyze the new global challenges facing the Rule of Law.

Recently, we conducted two international presentations of the New York Congress. On April 13, 2023, the first one took place at the United Nations headquarters, with the participation of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada Richard Wagner, President of the American Bar Association Deborah Enix-Ross, President of the New York Bar Association Susan J. Kohlman, President of the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Foundation Kerry Kennedy, Chairman of Iberdrola Ignacio Sánchez Galán and former President Bill Clinton, among other personalities. And on May 8 of this year, the European presentation of the World Law Congress NY 2023 was held in Madrid, at the Rule of Law Digital Center of the World Law Foundation.

On that occasion we presented the World Peace & Liberty Award to Andrew Young, historic leader of Civil Rights in the USA and the closest collaborator and friend of Martin Luther King Jr. during the peaceful battle to overcome racial segregation, in what is known as the Third American Revolution.

The Ruth Bader Ginsburg Medals were also awarded to great women jurists such as Lady Brenda Hale, the first woman to preside over the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom; Navi Pillay, former UN High Commissioner of Human Rights,



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President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and first non-white woman judge on the High Court of South Africa and judge on the International Criminal Court of the Hague; Asifa Kakar, Afghan judge and president of the International Association of Afghan Refugee Women Judges; Imrana Jalal, founder of the Fiji Women's Rights Movement; Ambiga Sreenevasan, president of the Malaysian Bar Council. They were all joined by Jane Ginsburg, Columbia University professor and daughter of the distinguished U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The ceremony was attended by H.M. King Felipe VI of Spain and the European Commissioner for Justice, Didier Reynders, accompanied by other personalities from the international legal world.

Now, in New York, the World Jurist Association presents the World Peace & Liberty Award, which many consider the Nobel Prize of Law, to the European Commission, represented on this occasion by its president Ursula von der Leyen. With the celebration of this World Law Congress, and the granting of this award, the WJA wants to contribute to the history of our world to be governed by the Rule of Law, and not by the rule of force. As history reminds us, the imperfection of human nature creates the imperative to advance in the defense of consistent principles, values and guarantees that only Rule of Law can offer to citizens and nations for their development. It was on July 14, 1946 in the city of Metz, that Winston Churchill, in the presence of Robert Schuman, formulated the embryo of a Europe articulated by the principles of the Rule of Law to guarantee reconstruction and cooperation among equals, overcoming the wounds of two great fratricidal conflagrations driven by the nationalisms of the time, to give way to a Rule of Law at the service of citizens, at the service of what unites us, as advocated by Schuman, Adenauer, De Gaspari and Monnet, and all those who have promoted the most prosperous and peaceful period for Europe and its citizens.

The WJA has been part of an effort by a global legal community that managed to overcome the cold war, and which today faces other uncertainties. The Rule of Law is still a fragile creature, with weaknesses and frailties, and in constant evolution. Now, as a consequence of the different crises and challenges we face, we must protect it from the renewed challenges, in different forms: populism, corruption, abuse of power or any kind of extreme nationalism. All these challenges, and many more, threaten the prosperity and rights of citizens, as history has sadly taught us in some of the darkest chapters of the 20th century. Respecting, defending and strengthening the Rule of Law manifests among other ways in a call to build more just and inclusive societies for women, for young people without education or employment, and for the most vulnerable members of society. And not only this, but in an inexorably globalized society, where development depends to a large extent on human capital, support for entrepreneurs, society and knowledge driven economy, the Rule of Law represents one of the essential pillars that enables innovation, growth and development of citizens.

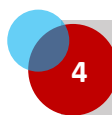
As H.M. King Felipe VI emphasized when receiving the World Peace & Liberty Award, on the occasion of the World Law Congress held at the Teatro Real de Madrid in Madrid in 2019, and as Christine Lagarde recalled in the international presentation of the last World Law Congress in Barranquilla in 2021, "without respect for the laws there is neither coexistence nor democracy, but insecurity and an arbitrary nature".

Finally, I hope to see you at the next World Law Congress to be held in February 2025 in the Dominican Republic, which will once again be the largest global conversation on the challenges and opportunities of the Rule of Law and its essential role as an element of development for nations, in witness whereof the Congress held in New York City on July 20th and 21st, 2023.



**Javier Cremades**

President of the World Jurist Association



## 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.

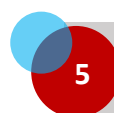
On a personal note, I was born and raised in New York City and have conducted the majority of my legal career here. I hope you find your time in our marvelous city to be both productive and enjoyable.

Sincerely,

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**Deborah Enix-Ross**

President of the American Bar Association



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## 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.

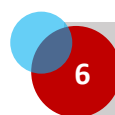
The City Bar's "House of the Association," which has stood in midtown Manhattan since 1896, is like a crossroads of the legal profession, where lawyers and law students can network and develop their careers, and can see legal luminaries including presidents, Supreme Court justices, UN secretaries-general, 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



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## 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



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## Letter from Kerry Kennedy

President of the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights



Dear World Law Congress 2023 Participants:

This year, the World Jurist Association celebrates the milestone of 60 years of making Peace Through Law. Six decades after the WJA's founding, the world once again is teetering between Democracy and Autocracy, a battle made more difficult by a worldwide pandemic, terrorism, global warming, and the technological revolution.

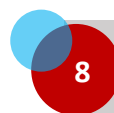
Crucial to this fight is the promotion and protection of the Rule of Law, the cornerstone of protecting human rights and democracy for all. Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights has always worked under the principle that there is no better or most effective way to promote and protect human rights and the rule of law than by partnering with the communities and human rights defenders on the ground.

As we are deeply appreciative of the WJA's continued efforts to strengthen democracy around the world, we applaud this important gathering of jurists, judges, scholars and world leaders this week, and are thrilled to be a part of it.

**Kerry Kennedy**

President

Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights



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## Letter from Brad Karp

Chairman of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison



Dear members and friends of the World Jurist Association,

It is my great honor and privilege to welcome you to the 2023 World Law Congress. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the World Jurist Association, an organization that has had a tremendous impact on our profession and whose relevance has never been greater, as it continues to reinforce the bedrock legal principles of democracy and civil liberty.

The practice of law is a noble profession—one that cannot be fully realized without service to others and a commitment to something larger than ourselves. It is precisely for these reasons that we must continue to work together to uphold and safeguard the rule of law throughout the world by protecting human rights, freedom and access to justice.

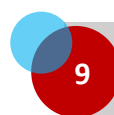
Recent years have seen a growing number of significant crises, including those that threaten the rule of law, individual liberties and the very foundations of our global society. It is critical that we not be complacent and that we stand up against these threats with urgency. Crises of the magnitude we face today require the commitment and resources of the global bar. It is undeniable that we are strongest and most effective when we work together to protect fundamental rights and safeguard our international justice system. Now, more than ever, we must heed the mission of the World Law Congress and work tirelessly to protect the rule of law.

I am proud to lead a law firm that, in addition to representing corporate clients in their most important matters, has answered the call to safeguard the rule of law—and has committed to this work alongside so many of our peer firms. I look forward to continuing this vital work with all of you to further the World Jurist Association's important mission and achieve the highest possible impact.

Thank you,

**Brad Karp**

Chairman, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP



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## Letter from Hon. Ricardo Pérez Manrique

President of the International Association of Judges  
World Law Foundation Trustee



Dear colleagues and participants:

As President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, it is an honour to address you on this very special occasion, the World Law Congress. This congress represents a unique platform that brings together prominent legal leaders and experts from around the world to address the most pressing challenges we face in consolidating a democratic rule of law, and more just and inclusive societies.

In an increasingly interconnected world, the World Jurist Association has become a vital meeting place for legal professionals. Its work in promoting dialogue, cooperation and the exchange of ideas is essential to strengthening global governance and ensuring respect for and protection of rights.

Despite significant progress, human rights violations persist in all regions of the world. This congress provides an opportunity to exchange experiences and knowledge to strengthen justice systems and promote a culture of respect and protection of human rights in all spheres of society. It is necessary to reaffirm the importance of the democratic rule of law.

Furthermore, climate change represents one of the greatest threats to humanity and the planet itself. This global phenomenon requires urgent collective action to mitigate its devastating impacts. As actors in the field of law, we must explore how legal principles and rules can help combat climate change, protect the environment and ensure sustainable development. The World Law Congress is an excellent platform to discuss effective legal strategies and promote environmental responsibility at all levels, taking the SDG 2030 as a starting point.

It is the opportunity to work towards building a world that is more just, equitable and respectful of human rights for present and future generations.

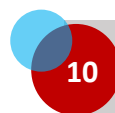
I wish all participants a constructive and meaningful dialogue.

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**Ricardo C. Perez Manrique**

President

Inter-American Court of Human Rights



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## 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!

**Jose Igreja Matos**

President of the International Association of Judges  
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## Letter from Hon. Luc Lavrysen

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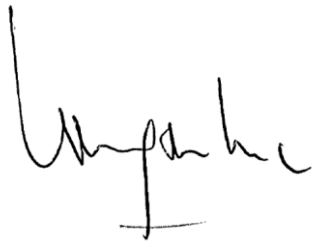
Dear Participants of the World Law Congress 2023 in New York,

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**.

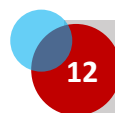
I hope the New York Conference will mark the start of a lasting program of work within the WJA on those capital issues for our future and those of the next generations. I wish the organizers and the participants a very fruitful conference and look forward to the results thereof.

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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



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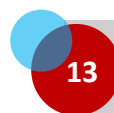
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**XXVIII WORLD LAW CONGRESS' PANELS**

8:00 – 9:00 **Registration**

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

**Javier Cremades**, 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  
First Comissar of Justice of the European Union. Vice-President of the World Law Foundation

**Laudatio**

**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  
President of the Supreme Administrative Court. Trustee of the World Law Foundation

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

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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.

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**Panel 1**

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

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**Panel 3**  
**RULE OF LAW, ENERGY TRANSITION & CLIMATE**

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

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**DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR CLIMATE LAW**

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### Panel 6

#### ARBITRATION IN THE ERA OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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### Panel 7

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

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### Panel 8

#### MAKING PEACE WITH NATURE AND MAKING NATURE A KEY FOR PEACE

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### Panel 9

#### CLIMATE PROTECTION, ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY IN EUROPE

##### TOPICS

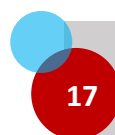
Environmental protection and securing energy supply are the main current challenges.

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#### Panel 10

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

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#### Panel 11

##### GREEN BOND FRAMEWORK, MULTILATERAL AND SOVEREIGN PERSPECTIVES

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#### Panel 12

##### CHALLENGES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

###### KEYNOTE SPEAKER & MODERATOR

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### Panel 13

#### PROTECTION OF THE RULE OF LAW IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

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### Panel 14

#### JUDGES OF THE WORLD: SOLVING PROBLEMS INHERENT TO DIGITAL FREEDOM OF SPEECH

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### 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.

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#### Panel 16

#### DEMOCRACY, RULE OF LAW AND POPULISM

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**Panel 17**  
**DEATH PENALTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

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**Panel 18**  
**LEGAL RESPONSE TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN**

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**Panel 19**  
**INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS**

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**Panel 20**  
**JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE AND THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHT TO CLAIM INNOCENCE**

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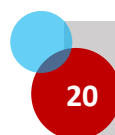
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**Panel 21**  
**GENDER EQUALITY AS A CATALYST FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT  
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**Panel 22**  
**HUMAN RIGHTS & SUSTAINABLE ACCESS TO HEALTH**

**CHAIR**

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**Panel 23**  
**REFUGEE CRISIS: CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY**

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**THE RULE OF LAW: WORLDWIDE PERSPECTIVE**

**Panel 24**  
**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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**Panel 25**  
**UNIVERSALITY OF RULE OF LAW – PART A**

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**Panel 26**  
**UNIVERSALITY OF RULE OF LAW – PART B**

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**Natalia Mushak**, Ukraine  
National Aviation University

**Panel 27**  
**JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE**

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Greenblatt Professor of Public and International Law Public Law, Courts, and Judges

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President delegate of the Supreme Council of the Judiciary

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**Carmen Corral Ponce**, Ecuador  
Vice President of the Constitutional Court

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University Lecturer in European Union Law, Fellow in Law, and Director of Studies in Law at Murray Edwards College

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## Panel 28

### The struggle against autocracies from the frontlines

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## Panel 29

### DEMOCRACY & CONSTITUTION

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## Panel 30

### ANTI-CORRUPTION: LINKS TO ORGANIZED CRIME

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## Panel 31

### RULE OF LAW: CHINESE PERSPECTIVE

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**Panel 32**  
**MORE RULE OF LAW, BETTER STATE?**  
**INTER-AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE**

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**Panel 33**  
**WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS ABOUT DEMOCRACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE?**

**CHAIR**

**José Luis Vargas Valdez**, Mexico

Founder of the Global Network on Electoral Justice, Judge of the Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary

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President of the Supreme Federal Court (2018-2020)

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General Counsel at The New Yorker

**Panel 34**  
**THE RULE OF LAW THROUGH THE CIRCULATION OF JUDICIAL AND NOTARIAL DOCUMENTS**

**CHAIR**

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**Panel 35**  
**PERSONAL INJURIES**

**CHAIR**

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**Eric Breiteneder**, Austria

Founder of Breiteneder Rechtsanwälte GmbH



**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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**Panel 37**  
**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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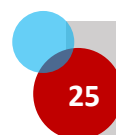
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#### PEACE THROUGH ART AND CULTURAL PROPERTY LAW

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### Panel 40

#### TOURISM & PERSONAL INJURIES

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### Panel 41

#### LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ON EMPOWERING THE RULE OF LAW

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#### DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION & AI

### Panel 42

#### 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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**Panel 43**  
**ETHICS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

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**Carne Artigas**, Spain  
Secretary of State for Digitization and Artificial Intelligence

**Panel 44**  
**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.

**CHAIR**  
**Rainer Arnold**, Germany  
Professor at Regensburg University

**Cesar Landa**, Peru  
President of the Constitutional Court (2006-2008), Trustee of the World Law Foundation, Minister of Foreign Affairs (2022)

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**Marsida Xhaferllari**, Albania  
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**Luca Mezzetti**, Italy  
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**Valentina Colcelli**, Italy  
Senior Researcher at the National Research Council (Italy) Institute CNR-IFAC

**Panel 45**  
**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.

**CHAIR**  
**Selin Esen**, Turkey  
Professor at Ankara University. First Vice- President of the International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL)

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**Snježana Bagić**, Croatia  
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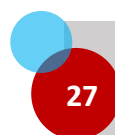
**Panel 46**  
**DEMYSTIFYING THE NEW DIGITAL WORLD: AI, BLOCKCHAIN AND DATA PROTECTION. HOW IT AFFECTS THE LAW**

**CHAIR**  
**Louise Houghton**, United Kingdom  
Broadcast Journalist

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Senior Legal Counsel at Knowit - GDPR (CIPP/E)

**Michael James-Clifton**, Luxembourg  
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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.

### Panel 47 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.

#### CHAIR

**Víctor Martínez-Simancas**, Spain  
Senior Counsel at Iberdrola Networks Business

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Senior Associate in the Litigation and Arbitration Department at Garrigues

**Jennifer Riveiro Ilende**, Equatorial Guinea  
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**Maia Gez**, USA  
Partner in the Capital Markets Group at White & Case

**Jose-Felix Zaldivar**, USA  
Managing Partner of the New York Office at Uría Menéndez

### Panel 48 PEACE THROUGH LAW: A YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

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**Leopoldo Lelo de Larrea**, Mexico  
Member of the WJA Organizing Committee, Associate at Cremades & Calvo-Sotelo

**Amasaki Harumi**, Japan  
Student

## PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE

### Panel 49 MARITIME LAW & SECURITY

#### CHAIR

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Regional Director of the Crime Stoppers International for the Caribbean, Bermuda, and Latin America

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**Amina Magouri**, Tunisia  
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#### Panel 50

### THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF THE 21ST CENTURY: THE HUMANIZATION OF LAW & THE PRO-PERSON PERSPECTIVE

#### CHAIR

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President of the International Institute of Social Responsibility and Human Rights

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#### Panel 51

### MEXICO: THE FUTURE TO COME

#### CHAIR

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#### Panel 52

### REGULATING GLOBAL STABLECOINS & OTHER CRYPTOCURRENCIES

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#### Panel 53

### ESG AND THE RULE OF LAW

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Francisco Lara, USA

Voces de la Memoria

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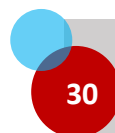
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**10:00 h.**

Introduction by the MC

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**Patricia Lee Refo**

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

Opening Remarks

**António Guterres**

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Reading of the Act Granting the World Peace & Liberty Award

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#### Remarks

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**Javier Cremades**

Spain, President of the World Jurist Association

**12:00 h.**

End of the Closing Ceremony

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**Reception**

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**12:30 PM**

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