

Dear Colleague,

I warmly invite you to join us at the International Bar Association's 2010 Annual Conference in Vancouver, taking place from 3 - 8 October.

With more than 4,000 legal and business professionals (and counting) from over 100 jurisdictions already registered to attend this year's Annual Conference, attendees will once again enjoy unparalleled opportunities for international networking and personal development.

Bob Woodward, the foremost journalist of his generation, will deliver the keynote speech at this year's opening ceremony whilst The Honourable Robert Douglas Nicholson, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada will formally open the conference.

The extensive roster of some 600 plus high-profile speakers at this year's event also includes:

- The Chief Justice of Canada, Beverley McLachlin;
- Under-Secretary-General for Legal Afairs & Legal Counsel for the United Nations, Patricia O'Brien
- Elected Chief of the Hupacasath First Nation, Dr Judith Sayer
- Professor of Social Policy, Law, & Women's Studies, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Anita J Hill
- Counsellor on International Law with the Office of the Legal Advisor of the US State Department, Professor Sarah Cleveland

- Former President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), Juan Méndez
- Senior Vice-President & General Counsel, Siemens Corporation, E Robert Lupone
- Head of the OECD Anticorruption Division, Patrick Moulette
- Leading automobile industry commentator & Pulitzer Prize winner, Paul Ingrassia
- General Counsel for the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers, Ellen Gleberman
- Chief of IRS Criminal Investigations, Victor Song
- Former HMG Ambassador, Charles Crawford CMG
- General Counsel & Managing Director at Bank of America, Alex Spiro
- Legal Counsel for Intellectual Property, FIFA, Miguel Portela
- The heads of the Brazilian, Russian, Chinese, Indian, and Canadian anti-trust/competition authorities

Visit the **conference website** for full and further information and to register.

If you have not yet registered to attend the conference, and wish to do so, you should take note of the following deadlines:

**Final list of participants** – registration forms and payment must be received at the IBA office by **Friday 3 September**. The final list of participants will be available online from Saturday 3 October. Hard copy will not be provided to delegates at the conference, however attendees will have access to a fully searchable, digital version of the list of participants, that can be accessed by any internet-enabled device, including handheld/smart phones etc.

Social function tickets – social function tickets will not be confirmed until full payment is received at the IBA office. If full payment is not received by **Friday 3 September** then tickets will be released without further notice.

**Pre-Registration** – all registrations (online and by hard copy) must be received by close of business on **Wednesday 22 September** in order to be processed. After this date registration will only be possible upon arrival at the conference; the higher fee will then apply.

**Social functions** – all social function ticket bookings must be finalised by close of business on **Wednesday 22 September**. After this date all amendments, returns and purchases of social function tickets will only be possible upon arrival at the conference. Please note that new ticket purchases will be subject to availability at the conference. Returned tickets will only be refunded if the ticket is resold. All refunds will be made from the London office after the conference, and will be subject to a 15 per cent administration charge.

**Fast track registration** – all delegates who have registered and paid for the conference, social functions and membership fees in full before end of business on **Wednesday 22 September** will receive a voucher for the fast track registration desk. The voucher is scheduled to be e-mailed on **Thursday 30 September** to the address indicated on the registration form. Please bring this voucher to the registration desk either in hard copy or on your blackberry.

## Young Lawyers Training Day: The Fundamentals of International Legal Business Practice - Saturday 2 October

This one day course is part of an on-going programme devised by the IBA's Public and Professional Interest Division to assist young lawyers and junior members of the profession with their understanding of the fundamentals of international legal practice. No fee is charged for the course and lunch will be provided to all participants. To attend, simply download the programme and registration form <u>HERE</u> and return it to the IBA Head Office no later that Wednesday 22 September.

I look forward to meeting all of you in Vancouver.

Kind regards,

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