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Constant values for a modern Bar

29 June - 1 July 2012

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Every two years, the International Council of Advocates and Barristers (ICAB) organises an international legal conference in different cities worldwide. After a highly successful conference in Sydney, the next event will be in London in 2012. This is the only conference which brings all members of ICAB and guest jurisdictions together for three full days of exclusive visits, debate and discussion.

A Modern Bar

The theme for this year's conference is 'Advocacy, past, present and future - constant values for a modern Bar'.

Throughout the three days, sessions and discussions will focus on the provision of quality advocacy and provide an opportunity for serious debate about international issues directly concerning the legal professions around the globe.

The three days will bring together speakers and delegates who can showcase all that is best about the international Referral Bars, and the qualities adopted to ensure their survival and success.

Key Topics

- The courts' expectations of the Advocate
- Advocacy in the Highest Court
- Lessons from the Advocates of the Past
- Advocacy against the odds: Experience in Africa and elsewhere
- Training the Young Bar in cross examination
- Quality Assessment for Advocates
- Advocacy at Public Inquiries
- The future of Advocacy - oral and appellate
- Prosecution Advocacy

Exclusive Visits

- Tour of Rolls Building - new commercial court centre
- Tour of Supreme Court
- Reception at House of Lords
- Dinner at Middle Temple
- Service at Temple Church
- Drinks in the Master of the Temple's garden

CPD Hours

Attendance at the Conference provides up to **11 CPD hours** from the Bar Standards Board for Barristers who attend from England and Wales.* Attendance is also likely to qualify similarly in other jurisdictions. Please contact your Bar Association.

*CPD has been applied for and is awaiting confirmation from the BSB.



You will be addressed by many leading figures including:

(In order of appearance in the programme)

- The Rt Hon Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers KG PC
- The Hon Robert Shenton French AC, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia
- Mr Justice Edwin Cameron, Justice of the South African Constitutional Court
- The Rt Hon The Lord Judge, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales
- The Rt Hon The Lady Hale of Richmond DBE PC, Justice of the Supreme Court of England and Wales
- Jonathan Sumption OBE QC, appointed Justice of the Supreme Court
- Sir Sydney Kentridge KCMG QC
- Nicholas R. Cowdery AM QC, Former DPP of New South Wales
- Baroness Deech of Cunnor DBE, Chair of the Bar Standards Board
- The Rt Hon Lady Justice Hallett DBE, Coroner for the 7/7 bombings, Lord Justice of Appeal
- The Honourable Tan Sri James Foong Cheng Yuen SMW DPMS, Judge of the Federal Court of Malaysia
- The Rt Hon Sir Stephen Sedley, Former Lord Justice of Appeal
- The Honourable Michael Beloff QC
- Beatrice Mtetwa, Former President of the Law Society of Zimbabwe

What is ICAB?

The International Council of Advocates and Barristers (ICAB) is an organisation formed by the Bar Associations in jurisdictions where there is an independent Referral Bar.

Current Office Bearers

Stephen Hockman QC, Co-Chair
Noelle McGreenera QC, Co-Chair
Rashid Vahed SC, Co-Chair
Dan O'Connor, Secretary

What are Referral Bars?

A Referral Bar is a group of barristers or advocates practising in a particular jurisdiction. They take pride in their independence and their expertise is sought because they specialise in the oral presentation of cases and in related advice and drafting work.

They generally acknowledge themselves to be bound by the 'cab-rank rule' under which they are precluded from refusing instructions on the ground that the nature of the case, or the conduct, opinions or beliefs of a prospective client, are publicly controversial or unacceptable to the advocate.



Members of ICAB

- The Australian Bar Association
- The Bar Council of Ireland
- The Faculty of Advocates (Scotland)
- The General Council of the Bar of England and Wales
- The General Council of the Bar of Northern Ireland
- The General Council of the Bar of South Africa
- The Hong Kong Bar Association
- The New Zealand Bar Association
- The Society of Advocates of Namibia
- The Law Society of Zimbabwe

Guest Jurisdictions

- Bahamas Bar
- Barbados Bar
- Bombay Bar Association
- Delhi Bar Association
- General Council of the Bar of Gibraltar
- Guernsey Bar
- Bar Association of India
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Bar Council of India
- Jamaica Bar
- Jersey Law Society
- Bar Library, Kolkata
- Malaysian Bar
- Mauritius Bar Association
- Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago





More about the Referral Bars and their Community

The Australian Bar Association

The Australian Bar Association provides a common voice for members of the independent Referral Bars from throughout Australia. There are eight Referral Bars throughout Australia - one for each State and Territory.

The Australian Bar Association has striven to engender in its members a sense of pride to practise as a member of a profession that is proud of its independence, confident of the service it provides and aspiring to continual improvement in the skills and art that assist in the administration of justice and the maintenance of the rule of law.

The Bar Council of Ireland

The Irish Bar aims to provide its clients with a high level of expertise in all areas of law combined with skilled advocacy by persons of integrity and independence.

As of October 2010, there were 1,989 Junior and 296 Senior practising members of the Law Library.

Most barristers practise in Dublin, but approximately 114 practise in Cork and 179 in the rest of the country.

The Faculty of Advocates

The Faculty of Advocates is a body of independent lawyers who have been admitted to practise as Advocates before the Courts of Scotland.

The Faculty includes practising and non-practising members. The current practising Bar includes an increasing proportion of women. Women make up approximately one quarter of the practising membership.

Total numbers now stand at just over 460, of whom approximately one fifth are Queen's Counsel.

The General Council of the Bar of England and Wales

There are now around 15,000 practising barristers in England and Wales including over 1,300 practising QCs. The majority of the profession (around 12,000) are barristers in private self-employed practice. Self-employed Barristers usually group together to form a set of 'Chambers'.

There are more than 340 Chambers in England and Wales (the majority of which are based in London) and an additional 350 or so sole practitioners.

There are also around 3,000 employed barristers, for example those who work in the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), Government Legal Service (GLS) or as in-house counsel in industry.

The General Council of the Bar of Northern Ireland

This year, the Bar Council of Northern Ireland is marking 90 years as the leading provider of expert independent legal advice and courtroom advocacy in a jurisdiction which has endured significant challenges to justice and the rule of law throughout its history. There are currently 667 barristers and 69 Queen's Counsel, practising across a diverse range of specialisms.

Access to training, continual professional development, modern research technology and state of the art facilities within the Bar Library system enhance the expertise of individual barristers and ensure the highest quality of service to clients. The Bar Council is continually expanding the range of services offered to the community through tribunal advocacy, arbitration, negotiation, alternative dispute resolutions and the Bar Mediation and Expert Witness services.

Increasingly barristers in Northern Ireland are extending their practices internationally, playing a significant role in ground-breaking legal judgments in local, national and European courts. Through the legislative Assembly in Stormont, the Bar is actively engaging with government in shaping justice policy and the development of new legislation.



The General Council of the Bar of South Africa

Advocates who are members of the Bar of South Africa are competitive specialist advocates, with expertise in trial, motion court, appellate and opinion advocacy.

Advocates are sole practitioners, a status which enables them to market their professional service without additional administration costs.

The Hong Kong Bar Association

The legal profession in Hong Kong consists of solicitors, barristers, foreign lawyers, and notaries public, all of whom are regulated by the Legal Practitioners' Ordinance, Cap. 159 of the Laws of Hong Kong (The LPO).

Generally, only barristers have the right of audience in Hong Kong's High Court, Court of Appeal and the Court of Final Appeal.

As at December 2010, there were 1,106 practising members.

The New Zealand Bar Association

The New Zealand Bar Association (NZBA) has a membership of around 800. Membership of the NZBA is generally open to every person who is the holder of a current practising certificate as a Barrister in New Zealand (with some exceptions for Associate Members of the NZBA).

There are currently:

Over 70 members who are Queen's Counsel/ Senior Counsel
Over 500 Barristers with over 7 years' Call
Over 50 Barristers between 4 to 7 years' Call
Less than 40 Barristers between 0 to 3 years' Call.

The Society of Advocates of Namibia

The Bar identifies itself fully with and is committed to the values and ideals embodied in the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia. As a body of legal practitioners who act on a referral basis, the Bar is committed to providing specialised legal representation at fair fees to all persons who require these services.

In 1995 the Legal Practitioners Act, no. 15 of 1995, came into operation and both attorneys and advocates became legal practitioners and members of the Law Society of Namibia. The Society has grown from 15 members in 1995 to a present membership of 24.

The Law Society of Zimbabwe

The Law Society of Zimbabwe was formed in 1981 to replace the previous Bar association. Its membership is drawn from all registered legal practitioners residing in Zimbabwe whether in private practice, commerce or the civil service.

The primary functions of the society are to:

- Promote the study of the law
- Contribute, undertake or make recommendations on legal training
- Control of admission of new members to the profession
- Maintain a register of members
- Regulate the profession in respect of continuing training, discipline and trust accounts
- Represent the profession and articulate its views on various issues
- Promote justice, defend human rights, rule of law and the independence of the judiciary
- And generally control and manage the legal profession.



Programme at a glance

Friday 29 June 2012

09:30 - 11:00	Tour of Rolls Building
14:00 - 15:30	Registration at Supreme Court
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15:30 - 17:00	Welcome address: Advocacy in the Highest Court: Do's and Don'ts in London, Canberra and Johannesburg
17:00 - 17:30	Tour of Supreme Court
18:00	Reception at the House of Lords

Saturday 30 June 2012

08:30 - 09:30	Registration at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
09:30 - 10:45	Keynote address: The courts' expectations of the Advocate
10:45 - 11:15	Refreshment break
11:15 - 12:45	Practical lessons for today from the Advocates of the Past
12:45 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:30	Advocacy against the odds: Experience in Africa and elsewhere
15:30 - 16:00	Refreshment break
16:00 - 17:15	Prosecution Advocacy
19:30 - 22:00	Conference Dinner at Middle Temple Hall



Sunday 1 July 2012

08:30 - 09:00	Registration at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
09:00 - 10:00	Training the Young Bar in cross examination
10:00 - 11:00	Quality Assessment for Advocates: How will it work and what will be expected of Advocates?
11:30 - 12:30	Choral mattins in the historic Temple Church sung by the Temple Choir
12:30 - 13:00	Drinks in the Master of the Temple's garden
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:30	Advocacy at Public Inquiries
15:30 - 16:00	Refreshment break
16:00 - 17:30	The Future of Advocacy - oral and appellate
17:30 - 17:45	Closing address: Why the Bar matters and will continue to matter

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Pink	Registration
Green	Refreshments and receptions
White	Sessions

General information

Contact information

Member Services

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Accommodation

The designated conference accommodation is the Apex Temple Court Hotel:

1-2 Serjeants' Inn, Inner Temple

London, EC4Y 1LL

www.apexhotels.co.uk

Other accommodation can be organised through Superbreak at:

www.barcouncil.org.uk/memberservices/MemberBenefits/Travel/BarTravelandAccommodation

Fees do not include the cost of accommodation which must be booked and paid for separately.

Venue

Registration on Friday will take place at the Supreme Court:

Parliament Square

Westminster

London SW1P 3BD

Registration on Saturday and Sunday will take place at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer:

65 Fleet Street

London EC4Y 1HT

T +44 (0)20 7936 4000

We thank Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer who have kindly provided some of the conference facilities for this event.

Sponsorship Opportunities

There is a full sponsorship brochure available for the World Bar Conference.

As the largest event associated with the International Council of Advocates and Barristers (ICAB) and with a programme dedicated to internationally renowned speakers, this is the prime opportunity to promote your organisation and its services on a global scale.

For more information about all opportunities available, please visit www.barcouncil.org.uk or contact Lois Rolfe, Training and Events Manager at the Bar Council.

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Registration

How to register

Registration can now be done online by visiting the Conference website at www.barcouncil.org.uk.

Alternatively, please complete a separate registration form for each delegate and return it with proof of BACS payment or International transfer to Member Services.

Accompanying delegates

If you are bringing an accompanying person to the Conference to attend the social events, please complete a separate booking form for them and send the forms in together. Please note that under this category you won't be able to attend any of the sessions.

Discounts available

- Early Bird - book by Friday 6 April 2012 for a discount on the regular fees.
- Group discount - there is a 5% discount on all rates for bookings of 5 or more made at the same time.
- Financial assistance may be available for some delegates, depending upon their individual circumstances. Please visit the conference web page for further information as this will be regularly updated. Alternatively, please contact your Bar Association, Specialist Bar Association or Circuit and enquire as to what assistance they may be able to offer.

Fees include

- Attendance at all sessions
- Organised visits
- All refreshments.

VAT

Under UK Customs and Excise Regulations delegates are required to pay the registration fee inclusive of Value Added Tax (VAT). The Conference VAT Registration Number is 404 524 779.

Overseas delegates must initially pay the VAT chargeable but may claim this back under Notice 723A (November 2010) which can be obtained from www.hmrc.gov.uk. The Bar Council of England and Wales and International Council of Advocates and Barristers accept no liability for the information provided by HMRC and cannot refund the VAT directly.

Methods of payment

- Payment online by debit or credit card when you register at www.barcouncil.org.uk
- If paying from a UK Bank, Cheque made payable to: "General Council of the Bar"
- Bank transfer to:
Messrs Child & Co, 1 Fleet Street
London EC4Y 1BD
Account name: General Council of the Bar
Account number: 66050206
Sort code: 15-80-00
Bank Identification Code: RBOSGB2L
International Bank Account Number:
GB98RBOS15800066050206



Arrival information

Registration

If you would like to attend the tour of the Rolls Building on Friday morning, please indicate your preference on the booking form so that we can have a registration list ready. You will not, however, be presented with your delegate badge and pack, so please ensure you **still register at the Supreme Court on Friday afternoon or at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer on Saturday morning.**

A registration desk will be open for all delegates from 14:00 to 15:30 at the Supreme Court on Friday 29 June 2012. Upon registration, you will receive your name badge, conference pack and programme. Please ensure that you keep these throughout the weekend.

There will be a second registration on Saturday 30 June 2012 at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer between 08:00 - 09:00.

Name Badge

You will be required to wear your name badge (except while on the Rolls Building tour) to obtain entry to all elements of the Conference, so please ensure you wear this throughout the Conference.

Opening reception

The Conference opening reception will be held at the House of Lords on Friday 29 June 2012 at 18:00. Please try to attend the welcoming session at the Supreme Court to ensure you pick up your pack and name badge.

Once your booking has been made, all attendees will be sent joining instructions containing full instructions with regards to registration and security.

Pre-arrival information

Cancellation Policy

This applies only to the registration fee for delegates and those accompanying the delegate. Please see the individual cancellation policy for all travel and accommodation.

Please note that once delegate places are purchased, these are non refundable, however, name changes can be made.

Name changes will be allowed up until Friday 4 May 2012.

Climate

The average weather in London in June/July can be warm but wet. The temperature ranges from an average of 16 C to 28C. English summers can be unsettled so it is advisable to pack a lightweight raincoat and umbrella.

Conference Website

The Conference page will be live from 16 September 2011 and can be accessed via the Bar Council website at www.barcouncil.org.uk.

Disabled Access

Please notify the Conference Organisers if you require special assistance (E: lrolfe@barcouncil.org.uk).

Disclaimer

Neither the ICAB or Bar Council of England and Wales nor any of its office holders or constituent members accepts liability for damage and/or loss of any kind which may be incurred by conference participants or by any person accompanying them, both during official activities or on any tour or other associated activity.

The ICAB and Bar Council of England and Wales reserves the right to vary, amend or cancel any part of the conference if circumstances arise which in the reasonable opinion of its office holders, require such variation, amendment or cancellation. Neither the ICAB or Bar Council of England and Wales nor any of its office holders or constituent members shall be liable for any loss, liability, damage or expense suffered or incurred by any person.

Dress

The dress for the opening reception at the House of Lords is business attire.

The dress for the Conference sessions is smart casual.

The dress for the Gala Dinner at Middle Temple is national dress or black tie.

List of Participants

In order for your name to appear in the list of participants, which will be published at the conference, your registration must be received by Friday 8 June 2012.

Passports and Visa

When travelling to the UK you must have a passport (with a minimum validity of six months beyond travel dates). A visa may be required for tourist or business travel. Registrants should contact the British Embassy in their jurisdiction to arrange an appropriate visa for your trip. Please visit the British Commonwealth and Foreign Office which provides the contact information for embassies www.fco.gov.uk/en.

Travel and Medical Insurance

You are strongly advised to take out both travel and medical insurance.



Booking form - please complete one form per person

Fee Categories	Early Bird (booked before 6 April 2012)	Regular Fee (booked after 6 April 2012)
Barristers 7 years' Call or over and all other delegates	£529	£629
Barristers under 7 years' Call	£429	£529
Law Students/Pupil	£150	£150
Accompanying Person <small>(Please note that under this category you won't be able to attend any of the sessions)</small>	£265	£315
Total	£	£
VAT at 20%	£	£
TOTAL	£	£

Please note that there is a 5% discount for group bookings of 5 or more. These bookings must come in together to receive this discount.

Please tick the below activities if you wish to attend

Tour	Yes I will attend/No I will not attend
Rolls Building, 09:30, Friday 29 June 2012	
Supreme Court, 14:00 - 15:30, Friday 29 June 2012	
House of Lords Drinks Reception, 18:00 - 22:00, Friday 29 June 2012	
Conference Gala Dinner, 19:30 - 23:00, Saturday 30 June 2012	
Service at Temple Church, 11:30 - 12:30, Sunday 1 July 2012	

Contact Details

Lead delegate name

Name of person accompanying if applicable

Organisation/Chambers

Address

Address Postcode

Dietary requirements

Assistance required

Email Telephone

Email addresses must be provided to receive all booking confirmations and joining instructions.

Methods of Payment (Tick one)

Credit card payment: Please log onto www.barcouncil.org.uk to make your booking

BACS payment: I have transferred the total amount due and attach a copy of the bank transfer details

Cheque payment: I enclose a cheque made payable to 'General Council of the Bar'

Further information

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