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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 highly successful conferences in Sydney in 2010 and London in 2012, the next event will be in Queenstown, New Zealand on 4 - 6 September 2014. This is the only conference which brings all members of ICAB and guest jurisdictions together for three days of debate and discussion.

Advocates as Protectors of the Rule of Law

The theme for this year's conference is '*Advocates as Protectors of the Rule of Law*'. 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 conference 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

- Barbarians at the gate: challenges of globalisation to the rule of law
- The role of the advocate in protecting human rights and the rule of law
- Rule of law, sovereign borders and national security concerns - wither human rights?
- War is not the answer: the ever present threat to the rule of law
- International investment treaties: balancing national sovereignty and investor protection
- Surveillance versus privacy: the balance between the State, the Fourth Estate, the citizen and the rule of law
- The values and functions of a specialist advocate
- Advocacy - challenges in the 21st century

Continuing Professional Development/ Continuing Legal Education Hours

Attendance at the Conference provides up to **14.5 CPD/CLE hours** under the New Zealand Law Society requirements for CPD activities. Attendance is also likely to qualify similarly in other jurisdictions.

For delegates from countries where CPE/CLE is mandatory, the New Zealand Bar Association will be pleased to provide a Conference Certificate of Attendance which, subject to the exact CPD/CLE requirements, may be used to obtain the equivalent accreditation in your jurisdiction. Please contact your Bar Association.

What is ICAB?

ICAB is an organisation formed by the Bar Associations in jurisdictions where there is an independent Referral Bar.

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.

Current ICAB Office Bearers

Stephen Hockman QC, Co-Chair (United Kingdom)
Miriam Dean CNZM QC, Co-Chair (New Zealand)

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

SPEAKERS

The Hon the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon (Singapore) - Keynote Speaker

The Rt Hon John Lord Dyson, Master of the Rolls (United Kingdom)
- Keynote Speaker

Hon Justice Margaret Beazley AO (Australia) - Keynote Speaker

Sir David Baragwanath (New Zealand)

Julian Burnside AO QC (Australia)

Sir David Carruthers (New Zealand)

Hon Mr Justice Frank Clarke (Ireland)

Russell Coleman SC (Hong Kong)

Gillian Coumbe QC (New Zealand)

Kate Davenport QC (New Zealand)

Miriam Dean CNZM QC (New Zealand)

The Rt Hon Chief Justice Dame Sian Elias (New Zealand)

The Hon Christopher Finlayson QC, Attorney-General (New Zealand)

Stephen Hockman QC (United Kingdom)

Dr Claire Hogan (Ireland)

Imrana Jalal (Philippines)

The Hon Mr Justice Robert Jay (United Kingdom)

Chief Judge Alex Kozinski (United States of America)

The Hon Justice Glenn Martin AM (Australia)

Julian Miles QC (New Zealand)

Beatrice Mtetwa (Zimbabwe)

Tetyana Nesterchuk (United Kingdom)

David Nolan SC (Ireland)

Dr Matthew Palmer QC (New Zealand)

Matthew Smith (New Zealand)

Joe Smouha QC (United Kingdom)

Hon Justice Julie Ward (Australia)

The Hon Justice Joseph Williams (New Zealand)

QUEENSTOWN

Queenstown is the Southern Hemisphere's premier four-season lake and alpine resort. Surrounded by majestic mountains and nestled on the shores of crystal clear Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown's stunning scenery is inspiring and revitalizing.

With a wealth of activities to thrill and exhilarate, inspire and motivate, there is no end to the possibilities. Alternatively you can take time out and relax, take in the scenery and partake in tasting some world-class wines straight from source.

Queenstown is an adventure destination capable of entertaining any enthusiast with skiing, horse trekking, mountain biking, hiking, paragliding, walking and golf to name a few - whatever you need, Queenstown is waiting for you!

Getting to Queenstown

Queenstown is a direct three hour flight from eastern Australia, or a two hour flight from Auckland. Auckland is accessible as a direct overnight flight from the west coast of North America, an approximate ten hour direct flight from most places in the Pacific Rim including Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Tokyo, and a long haul flight of approximately 24 hours flying time and one stop from the UK and Europe. Auckland Airport handles over 70 percent of all international arrivals into New Zealand with 22 international airlines and their code share partners serving Auckland.

Climate

New Zealand's seasons are the reverse of the Northern Hemisphere. This means that average day time temperatures in September in Queenstown are 8 - 13°C (46-55°F).

THE HERITAGE QUEENSTOWN

Heritage Queenstown is lovingly crafted from local schist river stone and offers a relaxed but exclusive resort atmosphere which is just a stroll from the busy Queenstown hub.

Heritage Queenstown is a beautifully appointed Queenstown hotel, with one of the most beautiful views to be found in Queenstown. The rooms and suites, with 1 or 2 bedrooms all take in a view of the surrounding forest or Lake Wakatipu.

The exceptional guest facilities include Mackenzies restaurant and bar offering hearty cuisine with local ingredients and renowned wines, a heated outdoor swimming pool, spa, sauna, and gym. Complimentary daily Wi-Fi in lobby (100mb or 60 mins).

2014 World Bar Conference Programme

Thursday 4th September 2014

Day One - Conference to be held in the Icon Room, Heritage Hotel

- 10.00am – 1.00pm Registration
1.00pm – 2.15pm Welcome
- (1) The Rt Hon Dame Sian Elias, Chief Justice of New Zealand
 - (2) Stephen Mills QC, President, New Zealand Bar Association
 - (3) Stephen Hockman QC, Co-Chair, International Council of Advocates and Barristers
- 2.15pm – 3.00pm **Keynote Speaker** The Hon the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon
- 3.00pm – 3.30pm **Afternoon tea**
- 3.30pm – 5.15pm Barbarians at the gate: challenges of globalisation to the rule of law
- 6.30pm **Welcome drinks function** Mackenzie's Restaurant, Heritage Hotel



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Friday 5th September 2014

Day Two – Conference to be held in the Icon Room, Heritage Hotel

- 8.30am – 9.15am Registration continues
9.15 – 10.00am **Keynote Speaker** The Rt Hon Lord John Dyson, Master of the Rolls
- 10.00am – 10.30am **Morning tea**
10.30am – 12.00pm The role of the advocate in protecting human rights and the rule of law
- 12.00pm – 1.00pm **Lunch**
1.00pm – 2.30pm Rule of law, sovereign borders and national security concerns - whither human rights?
- 2.30pm – 3.00pm **Afternoon tea**
3.00pm – 4.30pm War is not the answer: the ever present threat to the rule of law
- 5.45pm – 10.00pm **Conference casual dinner** The Kawerau Bungy Centre

Saturday 6th September 2014

Day Three – Conference to be held in the Icon Room, Heritage Hotel

- 9.15am – 10.00am **Keynote speaker** Hon Justice Margaret Beazley AO
10.00am – 11.15am International investment treaties: balancing national sovereignty and investor protection
- 11.15am – 11.45am **Morning tea**
11.45am – 1.15pm Surveillance versus privacy: the balance between the State, the Fourth Estate, the citizen and the rule of law
- 1.15pm – 2.15pm **Lunch**
2.15pm – 2.45pm The values and function of a specialist advocate
2.45pm – 4.15pm Advocacy - challenges in the 21st century
4.15pm – 4.20pm Conclusion of conference sessions
5.45pm – 10.00pm **Conference Gala Dinner** Skyline Restaurant
Speaker: Sir David Carruthers

Enquiries

Enquiries about conference registration, Queenstown region tours and accommodation should be directed to:

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All enquiries relating to the business sessions of the conference should be directed to World Bar Conference Organising Committee Chair Kate Davenport QC at kate@katedavenportqc.co.nz or Deputy Chair Simon Foote at swbf@simonfoote.co.nz

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All enquiries about flights and pre and post conference tours and accommodation outside of the Queenstown region should be directed to:

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Social Functions

Conference delegates and accompanying partners are welcome to attend all social functions.

Welcome Drinks Function (included in conference registration)

Heritage Hotel

The opening day of the conference will finish with an opportunity to meet other conference delegates and partners in the relaxed setting of Mackenzies Restaurant at the Heritage Hotel.

Conference Dinner (optional)

Kawarau Bridge Bungy Centre

Stylishly nestled into the rock face above the magnificent Kawarau Gorge, the Kawarau Bungy Centre stands out as Queenstown's most unique dinner venue, located next to the home of the world's first and most famous of bungy jumps, from the Kawarau Bridge, 43m above the Kawarau River. Expert bungy jumpers will be on hand to demonstrate various bungy jumping styles.

Gala Dinner (included in conference registration)

Skyline Restaurant

Skyline Restaurant is located on Bob's Peak, offers Queenstown's most spectacular lake and mountain views and is accessed by a 5 minute gondola ride.

Early Bird Discount

Save 10% off the conference package price by booking and paying before Thursday 1 May 2014. Please note this discount does not apply to accommodation or flights.

Registration

Registration is available online at www.nzbar.org.nz, where payment may be made by credit card or an invoice will be issued with other payment options/instructions. Please note that registrants will be responsible to pay all bank fees associated with bank drafts or international money transfers.

Conference and dinner places are strictly limited and will not be confirmed until registration and payment in full has been received. Registrations are on a first come first served basis.

Conference registration fees include:

- attendance at all conference sessions
- attendance at the welcome drinks function
- attendance at the Saturday night Gala Dinner
- morning and afternoon tea and lunch refreshments during the conference: and
- New Zealand Goods and Services Tax

Attendance at the casual conference dinner at the Bungy Centre is optional and separate fees are payable.

All registrations and payments must be received by NZBA by Thursday 31 July 2014.

Conference Hotel

The conference hotel is the Heritage Queenstown. The conference will be conducted in the Icon Room.

Conference Lanyard

You will be required to wear your conference lanyard during the conference sessions but not for the conference dinners.

Dress

The dress standard for the conference and Friday evening conference dinner is smart casual and formal / black tie for the Saturday evening Gala Dinner.

4th September to 6th September 2014
Heritage Hotel, Queenstown

Disabled Access

Please notify the Conference Organisers if you require special assistance (Email: melissa.perkin@nzbar.org.nz).

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 15 August 2014.

Accommodation

The NZBA has negotiated run of house at the Heritage Hotel enabling preferential accommodation rates to be offered to registrants. It is essential to register early to secure accommodation as it is strictly limited.

Accommodation bookings cannot be confirmed until full payment is received. QT Event Management will confirm your accommodation bookings and charges with you directly.



Cancellation Policy

The following dates are important:

Conference Cancellations

Wednesday 23 July 2014

If you cancel in writing by this date you will receive a full refund of your registration fee less a \$200 cancellation fee. Thereafter no refund will be provided. Registrations are transferrable for the same conference but conference organisers must be informed of any changes no later than 48 hours prior to the conference commencement.

Accommodation Cancellations

Wednesday 16 July 2014

If you cancel in writing by this date you will receive a 50% refund of your accommodation booking. Thereafter no refund will be provided.

Flight Cancellations

Flight cancellations are subject to the terms of the airline.

Tour Cancellations

Tour cancellations are subject to the terms of the tour provider.



Disclaimer

Neither the ICAB/New Zealand Bar Association nor any of their office holders or constituent members accept 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. Overseas participants are recommended to obtain travel insurance.

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

