

**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL  
OF  
ADVOCATES AND BARRISTERS**

**CONSTITUTION**

1. The name of the entity is “INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADVOCATES AND BARRISTERS”, hereinafter “the Council”.
2. The office of the Council will be situated in such city as the Council from time to time determines. The first office shall be situated in London.
3. The objects of the Council are:
  - (a) To promote and maintain the rule of law.
  - (b) To promote the effective administration of justice.
  - (c) To encourage the continued existence and growth of an independent Bar in the jurisdictions of the Council’s members and elsewhere.
  - (d) To promote, maintain and improve the interests and standards of advocates and barristers.
  - (e) To form a bond of union among advocates and barristers and to provide means whereby:
    - (i) Their views can be easily ascertained and expressed;
    - (ii) Exchange of information and views on matters affecting advocates and barristers may be facilitated;
    - (iii) Common standards or rules may, where it is considered desirable, be adopted.
  - (f) To arrange and promote continuing legal education and to undertake the occasional publication of transactions and other papers.
4. (a) Subject to sub-clause (b) of this clause the Council shall consist of:

The Australian Bar Association  
The General Council of the Bar of England and Wales

Hong Kong Bar Association  
The Bar Council of Ireland  
New Zealand Bar Association  
The General Council of the Bar of Northern Ireland  
The Faculty of Advocates  
The General Council of the Bar of South Africa  
Zimbabwe Bar Association  
Society of Advocates of Namibia

(Hereinafter, the “Constituent Bodies”)

- (b) The Constituent Bodies may, by a simple majority, admit an independent, referral Bar to the Council.
5. There shall be an Executive which shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Council.
  6. The Executive shall consist of:
    - (a) the officers of the Council; and
    - (b) one representative appointed by each of the Constituent Bodies.
  7. The officers of the Council shall consist of:
    - (a) two Co-Chairs; and
    - (b) the Honorary Secretary;
  8. The officers of the Council shall be the same persons who occupy, from time to time, the positions of Co-Chairs and Honorary Secretary of the Forum for Barristers and Advocates.
  10. There shall be not less than one meeting of the Council in each year at a time and place to be fixed by the Co-Chairs.
  11. Each such representative on the Council shall have one vote. The Co-Chairs shall each have a vote. In the case of a tied vote the question shall be resolved in the negative. The quorum for the transaction of business shall be five.
  13. A resolution in writing assented to in writing by a majority of the representatives on the Council for the time being shall be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Council duly called and constituted.

14. The Council shall have power to conduct meetings by telephone, audio-visual link up or any other technological means.
15. The Council shall have power to appoint Committees consisting of advocates and barristers who are members of Constituent Bodies. Such Committees shall have no executive power other than to report to the Council.
16. The funds of the Council shall be provided by annual contribution to be made by Constituent Bodies in such sum as from time to time may be determined by the Council.
17. This Constitution may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Council.