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President

Almudena Arpón de Mendivil Aldama is the current IBA President for the term 2023-2024. Almudena joined the IBA Management Board in 2009, a position she has maintained under her different IBA roles. Almudena has previously held positions as the IBA Vice President, IBA Treasurer, Chair of the Legal Practice Division and IBA Secretary-General. During her IBA career Almudena has also led a number of committees and relevant projects for the Association.

Almudena is a partner at the Spanish law firm Gómez-Acebo y Pombo. She is the Head of the Technology, Media and Telecommunications (TMT) Group. Her expertise is diverse, with an emphasis on corporate, and she is highly experienced in the telecommunications, media and technology sectors.

Almudena has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Spanish satellite company Hispasat and was a member of its executive commission and of its appointments and remunerations commission from 2013 until 2018.

She is Secretary General of Círculo Fortuny (the Association of Spanish Luxury Brands) and a member of the Executive Board of the European Cultural and Creative Industries Alliance.

Almudena graduated in Law from the Institute of Business Administration (ICADE). She obtained a Master's Degree in Community Law from the College of Europe in Bruges and a PiL from Harvard Law School.

The International Bar Association (IBA) – the global voice of the legal profession – is the foremost organisation for international legal practitioners, bar associations and law societies.

Inspired by the founding of the United Nations, the IBA was established in New York in 1947 in the firm belief that an association of the bars, law societies and lawyers of the world could make a difference to the cause of global justice and peace.

The work of the IBA is primarily concerned with protecting, promoting and upholding the rule of law and human rights, and with the development of international law. The main aims of the IBA are to promote an exchange of information between legal associations worldwide; to support the independence of the judiciary and the right of lawyers to practise their profession without interference; and to support human rights through its Human Rights Institute.

During its 77 years of existence the IBA has developed considerable expertise in providing assistance to the global legal community through its membership of individual international lawyers from most of the world's leading law firms and some 190 bar associations and law societies spanning more than 170 countries.