The International Bar Association, established in 1947, is the world’s leading organisation of international legal practitioners, bar associations, law firms and law societies. The IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world. It has a membership of more than 80,000 individual lawyers and nearly 190 bar associations and law societies spanning over 170 countries.

The Legal Policy and Research Unit (LPRU) is a policy centre which creates strategies and initiatives to address some of the most pressing concerns faced by the global legal profession. The scope of its work has developed rapidly, from supporting the IBA’s committees to working with a broad range of international organisations, bar associations and governments, developing independent projects and providing specialist consultation. It releases reports and guidelines, provides training for lawyers, law societies, and law students, as well as consulting on domestic and international policy, in fields such as commercial law, anti-corruption, professional ethics and integrity, and business and human rights.

Reporting to the LPRU Director, the Project Lawyer will lead the implementation of global IBA projects with a special responsibility over certain key IBA projects in the fields of anticorruption and Business and Human Rights. The Project Lawyer will propose, promote, develop, project manage and execute legal initiatives and research projects from inception to completion, including conducting research, interviews and writing reports relating to Business and Human Rights, Anticorruption and Sustainability (ESG).

The Role:

• Represent the IBA at relevant legal events and conferences, particularly those related to the areas of Business and Human Rights, Sustainability and Anti-corruption;
• Collaborate and engage with IBA committee members, (notably the Business and Human Rights Committee), local and international legal professionals, international organisations, the private sector and civil society organizations in the delivery of workshops, conferences and training;
• Develop and maintain relationships with other international and professional organisations, governments, academic institutions, and other entities as required for project development;
• Encourage and coordinate IBA committee member involvement in the projects led or promoted by the LPRU;
• Draft legal reports and recommendations on a variety of legal topics, particularly in the areas listed above;
• Identify and write items of interest for IBA publications and other professional publications;
• Supervise consultants and oversight of intern work;
• Attend and/or present at conferences, seminars, workshops, training sessions, and discussions at various international locations and providing written reports;
• Support and collaborate with other LPRU team members in the development and execution of all LPRU projects where needed.

Qualifications, skills and experience

Applications are invited from candidates with:

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• Experience in project management including managing consultants
• Experience in report writing and project administration;
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• Confident communication and presentation skills;
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