



11th World Women Lawyers' Conference

SCHOLARSHIP OUTLINE

The Women Lawyers' Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA), the world's largest international organisation of Law Societies, Bar Associations and individual lawyers engaged in transnational law, will hold its 11th World Women Lawyers' Conference in Lisbon, Portugal from 24–26 June 2026.

The topics included in this conference will include:

- Key drivers for building a female talent pipeline in any business: efficiency, meritocracy and purpose
- The next generation: redefining leadership
- Role models: how to lead and set the scene for the next generation
- The gender gap in mental health: challenges for women lawyers
- Future challenges: technology, diversity and the role of women
- How can law firms embrace concerns with people, planet and purpose?

The conference will also feature:

- Various social events, including canal cruise and Host Committee reception and dinners
- A keynote speech
- Roundtable discussions
- A fireside chat
- The IBA Outstanding International Woman Lawyer Award
- An open committee meeting

The Women Lawyers' Committee is delighted to announce that scholarships will again be awarded to lawyers who wish to participate in this IBA conference, but who are unable to do so owing to financial constraint. The IBA therefore invites interested persons to apply for a scholarship, which will provide a contribution towards the registration fees, travel and accommodation expenses.

All applications received by midnight UK time **Sunday 1 March 2026** will be submitted to the scholarship judging committee who must be satisfied that the applicant has convincing reasons for wishing to attend the conference, and cannot finance themselves. In addition, each candidate must meet the requirements set out in the criteria on the following page.



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Scholarship Terms and Conditions

- 1) The Women Lawyers' Committee Scholarship to attend the 11th World Women Lawyers' Conference from 24–26 June 2026 in Lisbon, Portugal is free to enter.
- 2) It is open to all lawyers aged 35 and below on the date of application, whether or not they are members of the IBA.
- 3) Employees of the IBA, Officers of any IBA entity and relatives of the above are excluded from the competition.
- 4) Previous winners of the scholarship are also excluded from the competition.
- 5) Applications must be submitted through the online scholarship form.
- 6) Applications need to be written in English accompanied by a supporting statement (of up to 250 words) outlining reasons for attending the conference and in what way, if any, you believe your participation will enhance your practice.
- 7) Applications must be completed and submitted via the online scholarship form and received by **midnight UK time Sunday 1 March 2026**. Applications received after this time will not be considered.
- 8) All applications will then be forwarded to the scholarship judging committee who must be satisfied that the applicant has convincing reasons for wishing to attend the conference and cannot finance themselves. They will decide on who will receive the scholarships.
- 9) It is planned that the IBA Office will communicate the scholarship judging committee decision to the successful applicants by **Wednesday 1 April 2026**.
- 10) The decision of the scholarship judging committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The decision will be published on the IBA website. The successful applicants will be contacted at the email address given on the application form.
- 11) The Scholarship Award includes:
 - Free registration for the IBA 11th World Women Lawyers' Conference, 24–26 June 2026, Lisbon, Portugal.
 - A contribution towards travel and accommodation costs to the conference.
- 12) Each participant may only submit one application.
- 13) The IBA or the scholarship judging committee and the organisers of the scholarship are not responsible for the loss, damage or nonarrival, nor for any costs or expenses incurred in the preparation or the submission of your application.
- 14) Please note if you are awarded the Women Lawyers' Committee Scholarship you will be required to confirm your attendance by providing a copy of your travel documents for your flight and visa (should you need to apply for one). These documents must be sent to the Divisions team (**divisions@int-bar.org**) by no later than **Friday 10 April 2026**.
- 15) The successful candidate shall be required to write a brief report of the conference attended (max 1000 words) and shall submit such report to the Women Lawyers' Scholarship judging committee no later than one month after the conference.
- 16) Participants will be expected to have read all the above terms and conditions and by submitting an application therefore agree to the term and conditions set out.
- 17) The IBA reserves the right to amend and update these terms and conditions at any time without notice.
- 18) By entering the award all nominators and nominees consent to all data they submit on this form being shared with the judging panel.
- 19) Please note the data submitted on SurveyMonkey forms is stored in the United States of America, but complies with UK data protection regulations.