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INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION EVENT 2024

# A world without lawyers?

## The International Bar Association's report on the social and economic impact of the legal profession

1900 – 2100, 18 November 2024  
Aula Magna IE, María de Molina 13, Madrid

This is an in-person event and will be conducted in Spanish.

This event jointly organised by the International Bar Association (IBA) and the IE LawAhead Center on the Legal Profession, will discuss the main conclusions of the IBA report on the social and economic impact of the legal profession, published in June 2024. After a brief presentation of the main conclusions of the report, we will discuss from a practical perspective such relevant issues as the contribution of lawyers to the rule of law, the protection of human rights and democratic values, considering their current evolution. We will address the role of the legal profession in different aspects of people's and companies' lives and the problem of the lack of visibility of this work; we shall also reflect on the need to improve access to legal representation and justice.

# Programme

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1900 – 1905 **Welcome**  
Soledad Atienza *Dean, IE Law School, Madrid; Co-Chair, Future of Legal Services Commission*

1900 – 1905 **Opening**  
H.E. the Mayor of Madrid City, Jose Luis Martínez-Almeida\* *Madrid*

1920 – 1930 **Presentation of the main conclusions of the report**  
Almudena Arpón de Mendivil *Gómez Acebo & Pombo, Madrid; President, International Bar Association*  
Alejandro Beltrán *Senior Partner, McKinsey and Company, Madrid*

## 1930 – 1950 FIRST FIRESIDE CHAT

### Rule of law, democratic values, fundamental rights

*Moderators*

Almudena Arpón de Mendivil

Luis de Carlos *President, LawAhead Center on the Legal Profession, Madrid*

*Speaker*

H.E. Íñigo Méndez de Vigo *Legal Counsel to the Spanish Parliament, Minister of Education, Culture and Sport and Government Spokesperson (2015-2018), Madrid*

## 1950 – 2015 SECOND FIRESIDE CHAT

### Main contributions from the legal profession and areas for improvement

*Moderators*

Almudena Arpón de Mendivil

Luis de Carlos

*Speakers*

María Cermeño *Head of Legal Services, Telefónica España, Madrid*

Víctor Oléa *President, Barra Mexicana Colegio de Abogados, Mexico City; Member, Rule of Law Forum Advisory Board*

2015 – 2025 **Q&A**

2025 – 2030 **Closing remarks**  
H.E. Eugenio Ribón *President, Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Madrid, Madrid*

2030 – 2100 **Reception**

*\*To be confirmed*

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