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IBA Young Lawyers' Committee training: next generation legal summit

3 October 2026, Kosmopol, Copenhagen, Denmark

This summit is part of a programme devised by the IBA's Section on Public and Professional Interest (SPPI) to assist young lawyers and junior members of the profession with their understanding of the fundamentals of international legal practice.

Working programme and list of participants

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Casper Lindholm Dam *Skau Reipurth Advokatpartnerselskab, Copenhagen; Website Officer, IBA Young Lawyers' Committee*

Zeina Obeid *Obeid & Partners, Beirut; Co-Chair, IBA Young Lawyers' Committee*

Pranav Srivastava *Phoenix Legal, New Delhi; Co-Chair, IBA Young Lawyers' Committee*

Saturday 3 October

Registration will take place in the Mødesalen foyer (Level 2)

All working sessions will take place in the Mødesalen (Level 2)

All coffee/tea breaks, lunch, drinks reception and dinner will take place in the Festsalen (Level 3)

0930 – 1600 **Registration**

1000 – 1020 **Welcome remarks from DJØF and introduction about the IBA Young Lawyers' Committee**

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1020 – 1030 **Keynote – the young lawyer in a transforming global legal market**

Amir Singh Pasrich *Senior Advocate, New Delhi; LPD Secretary-Treasurer / IBA Treasurer*

1030 – 1100 **Redefining legal excellence: what makes an outstanding lawyer today**

The legal profession is evolving faster than ever. As technology reshapes legal practice and client expectations keep rising, the definition of professional excellence is changing. This session explores the qualities that distinguish outstanding lawyers in today's global legal market and offers a practical framework for understanding how excellence is being redefined across firms, institutions and international practice.

Speaker

Manuela De la Helguera *CAF – Development Bank of Latin America, San Salvador; Co-Vice Chair, IBA Young Lawyers' Committee*

1100 – 1115 **Coffee/tea break**

1115 – 1230 **Panel one: new trends in international M&A**

This panel will provide a practical discussion on global dealmaking, risk management and regulatory trends.

The key issues include:

- FDI screening and merger control;
- cross-border due diligence;
- drafting challenges for juniors; and
- other current trends and practical issues in international M&A.

Moderator

Rosina Müller Bernar *Red Nest, Madrid; Membership Officer, IBA Young Lawyers' Committee*

Speakers

Daniele Bartoli *Gatti Pavesi Bianchi Ludovici, Milan*

Casper Lindholm Dam *Skau Reipurth Advokatpartnerselskab, Copenhagen; Website Officer, IBA Young Lawyers' Committee*

Philippe Harles *Arendt & Medernach, Luxembourg City; Co-Vice Chair, IBA Young Lawyers' Committee*

Sabrina Mai Bendjazia *North Ventures, Copenhagen*

Monica Mora *Basham Ringe y Correa, Mexico City*

1230 – 1330 **Lunch**

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1330 – 1345 **The trust advantage: beyond competence**

Legal expertise may open the first door, but trust is what creates lasting opportunities. This session explores why trust remains one of the most valuable assets throughout a lawyer's career and how it is earned through credibility, consistency, sound judgment and authentic relationships. Rather than viewing trust as the product of isolated interactions, the discussion will examine how it develops over time and becomes the foundation of professional reputation, leadership opportunities and long-term career success.

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1345 – 1500 **Panel two: rule of law under pressure – a global outlook**

This panel will examine democratic erosion and the role of lawyers in safeguarding institutions.

The key issues include:

- global democratic backsliding;
- threats to judicial independence;
- human rights in fragile systems; and
- everyday rule of law responsibilities for young lawyers.

Moderator

Arno Janssens *Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Singapore; Arab Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Young Lawyers' Committee*

Speakers

Toheeb Adegabo *Wale Adeagbo Legal, Lagos*

Amir Farhadi *Foley Hoag, Boston; Co-Chair, IBA ESG Arbitration Subcommittee*

David Harrell *Troutman Pepper Locke, Houston*

Rana Sebaly *White and Case, Dubai*

Marlene Wette *Bodenheimer, Cologne*

1500 – 1515 **Coffee/tea break**

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Saturday continued

- 1515 – 1630 **Panel three: career development – how to succeed in a changing world**
This panel will be a practical session focused on supporting sustainable and people-focused career development for young lawyers and junior members of the profession.
- The key subjects include:
- mental health and burnout prevention;
 - neurodiversity and inclusion;
 - building a personal brand;
 - cross-cultural communication and client interactions; and
 - junior lawyers' career transitions.
- Moderator*
Chiara Caliendo *Studio Legale De Berti Jacchia, Milan; AIJA Liaison Officer, Young Lawyers' Committee*
- Speakers*
Ajra Azhar *Colombo Associates, Colombo; Asia Pacific Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Young Lawyers' Committee*
Agustin Ferrari *NTMA – Naveira Truffat Martinez Ferrari & Mallo, Buenos Aires*
Arush Khanna *Numen Law Offices, New Delhi; Membership Officer, IBA Young Lawyers' Committee*
Maria Mazzawi *The Abu Dhabi International Arbitration Centre, Abu Dhabi*
Naeem Shahzad *Lahore Law Associates, Narowal*
- 1630 – 1645 **Closing remarks**
Zeina Obeid *Obeid & Partners, Beirut; Co-Chair, IBA Young Lawyers' Committee*
- 1645 – 1800 **Drinks reception hosted by the Djøf Lawyers – Danish Lawyers' Union**
Festsalen (Level 3)
- 1800 – 2000 **Dinner hosted by the Djøf Lawyers – Danish Lawyers' Union**
Festsalen (Level 3)

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