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# 56th IABA CONFERENCE

*Virtual Format*



## RULE OF LAW IN TIMES OF COVID-19

SEPTEMBER 29TH TO OCTOBER 3RD, 2020

## CONFERENCE BROCHURE

INTER-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION—FEDERACIÓN INTERAMERICANA DE ABOGADOS  
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## MESSAGE FROM IABA PRESIDENT, JUAN CARLOS ESQUIVEL-FAVARETO.

Dear colleagues

We are pleased to inform you that the 2020 Annual Conference of the Inter-American Bar Association will take place from September 29 to October 3 of the current year and for the first time will be fully online.

Our office, in charge of the excellent General Secretary Mrs. Lourdes Venes, is working hard in the preparation of the academic program, as well as the agendas for the Assembly and the Council meeting. The situation we are experiencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, that to date has cost the lives of dozens of thousands of people in the world, has forced us to reinvent ourselves and look for technology platforms that allow us to carry out safely, such an important event.

We will have high-level speakers on the central theme of the Conference which will be "Rule of Law in Times of COVID-19" where we will hear the experiences of colleagues from various countries who will tell us how they have had to deal with the limitations to Constitutional rights such as freedom of movement and professional practice, all of which are highly important to the Inter-American Bar Association and that allow us to report to the proper authorities abuses that are committed.

For all this and more, I invite you to be part of this historic conference and to register your participation by sending the corresponding form to our office at [iaba@iaba.org](mailto:iaba@iaba.org). At the same time, I would like to invite all of you who wish to be part of the next Executive Committee to send a letter of interest with your resume to the same email address to be considered in the next Nominating Committee.

See you soon,

**Juan Carlos Esquivel Favareto**



## MESSAGE FROM IABA SECRETARY GENERAL, LOURDES ESCAFFI VENES.

Dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to join the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Inter-American Bar Association on "Rule of Law in the Times of COVID-19," to be held virtually from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020. These are extraordinary times in both positive and challenging ways. This year the IABA celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, eight decades of existence with a rich institutional legacy.

Through past decades, we have faced global, local, and institutional challenges, but we have always stood strong together. Currently, we are all facing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are still standing strong and ready to launch our traditional conference in a non-traditional virtual way.

The IABA was founded in 1940 by a group of distinguished jurists to advance the knowledge and understanding of the law, and to promote democracy and the rule of law in the western hemisphere. Since then, we have extended our geographic reach.

The IABA offers a forum for exchange of ideas and professional enrichment. As members of the legal community, we seek to advance the science of law, to continue learning, and to find opportunities for partnership, friendship, and service for the common good. In that regard, the IABA annual conferences offer quality academic programs and opportunities to learn, connect, and serve.

Though the pandemic has forced us to keep physically distanced, we can creatively keep socially and professionally connected through the virtual space. This is also a fitting time to reflect on its impact on the rule of law, which has inspired our theme for this year.

We look forward to connecting with you at our 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the IABA together!

Kind regards,

**Lourdes Escaffi Venes**





# 56th IABA CONFERENCE – Virtual Format

## “RULE OF LAW IN TIMES OF COVID-19”

### GENERAL PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

#### Monday September 28, 2020

Time (EDT)	Event	Room
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Academic Program – Pre-Conference Special presentation ( <i>free access</i> )	Virtual
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Registrations	Virtual
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>	Virtual

#### Tuesday September 29, 2020

Time (EDT)	Event	Room
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Virtual Breakfast meeting for Former IABA Presidents</b>	Virtual
8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Registrations	Virtual
10:00 am – 3:30 pm	<b>IABA Council Meeting</b> ( <i>Break for Lunch from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm</i> )	Virtual
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Nominations Committee	Virtual
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Orientation for Virtual Conference participants by the IABA President	Virtual
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Opening Ceremony	Virtual
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Opening Cocktail	Virtual

#### Wednesday September 30, 2020

Time (EDT)	Event	Room
8:30 am – 9:45 am	Virtual Breakfast for Presidents of Bar Associations and Representatives of IABA Member and International Organizations	Virtual
8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Registrations	Virtual
10:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Plenary Session – Inauguration of the Academic Program</b> <b>Rule of Law in Times of COVID-19 – LexisNexis Special Program</b>	Virtual
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<b>ACADEMIC PROGRAM</b>	Virtual
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	“VOY CONTIGO” raffle	Virtual
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>Break</i>	
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>ACADEMIC PROGRAM</b>	Virtual
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Nominations Committee	Virtual
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Programming Committee	Virtual
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Financial Committee	Virtual
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Networking social	Virtual

**Thursday October 1st, 2020**

Time (EDT)	Event	Room
8:45 am – 9:30 am	Prayer Breakfast	Virtual
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registrations	Virtual
10:00 am – 12:30 pm	<b>ACADEMIC PROGRAM</b>	Virtual
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Break	
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>ACADEMIC PROGRAM</b>	Virtual
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Nominations Committee	Virtual
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Programming Committee	Virtual

**Friday October 2nd, 2020**

Time (EDT)	Event	Room
9:00 am – 11:00 am	<b>IABA Council Meeting</b>	Virtual
11:15 am – 1:00 pm	<b>General Assembly</b> Election of New Council	Virtual
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Break	Virtual
2:15 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>New Council Meeting</b> Election of IABA Officers	Virtual
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>	Virtual

**Saturday October 3rd, 2020**

Time (EDT)	Event	Room
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	<b>IABA New Executive Committee Meeting</b>	Virtual
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Farewell Cocktail	Virtual

**56<sup>th</sup> IABA ANNUAL CONFERENCE – VIRTUAL FORMAT**September 29<sup>th</sup> thru October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020



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"RULE OF LAW IN THE TIME OF COVID-19"

## PRELIMINARY ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Monday, September 28th 2020

Time (EDT)	Activity / Session / Panelists
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Special Pre-Conference Academic Program ( <i>Open Access</i> ) <b>Business In Times of Pandemic &amp; The Challenges of Family-Owned Businesses</b> <i>Expert Panel:</i> - Angel Valverde Huerta ( <i>Spain</i> ) - David Heredia Tapia ( <i>Spain</i> )
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Reflections about Contractual Topics in Times of COVID-19</b> <i>Expert Panel:</i> - Luciana Caminal ( <i>Argentina</i> ) - Daniel Bas ( <i>Argentina</i> )
24 hours	Virtual Historic Exhibit – 80 Years of the IABA

Tuesday, September 29th 2020

Time (EDT)	Activity / Session
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	IABA President welcomes virtual participants to the 56 <sup>th</sup> Annual IABA Conference
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Inaugural Ceremony Keynote Speech - Bernardo Cremades ( <i>Spain</i> )
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Inaugural Cocktail
24 hours	Virtual Historic Exhibit – 80 Years of the IABA

Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 2020

Time (EDT)	Session / Topic / Panelists
10:00 am – 11:15 am	General Membership – <i>Inauguration of the Academic Program</i> <i>LexisNexis Special Program:</i> <b>Rule of Law in the Time of COVID-19</b> <i>Topics &amp; Expert Panelists:</i> Ian McDougall, <i>LexisNexis</i> . COVID-19 and the Rule of Law: A Warning from History and Unsupervised Power.
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Administration of Justice in Times of Pandemic</b> <i>Topics &amp; Expert Panelists:</i> - Luis Roberto Rueda ( <i>Argentina</i> ). Argentinian Judicial Reform in Times of Pandemic. - Francisco Miranda ( <i>Peru</i> ). The Peruvian Judicial System: Challenges During a Globalized Pandemic. - Marco Antonio Garcia Claros ( <i>Bolivia</i> ). Analysis of a Failed Experiment: Justice in Bolivia.
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Break <i>Collaborative joint session with Committee XIX – Counter-Corruption and Money Laundering, and Committee VI – Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure.</i>
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Corruption and the Rule of Law in Times of Emergency</b> <i>Expert Panelists:</i> - Ángel Atilio Bruno ( <i>Argentina</i> ) - María Gloria Bobadilla ( <i>Paraguay</i> ) - María del Pilar Callizo Moreira ( <i>Paraguay</i> ) - Ignacio Berdugo Gómez ( <i>Spain</i> )
2:45 pm – 4:15 pm	<b>2019 Hague Judgements Convention</b> <i>Expert Panelists:</i> - David Stewart ( <i>USA</i> ) - Ruth Stella Correa Palacio, OAS-IAJC ( <i>Colombia</i> )

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm	- <b>Michael Coffee (USA)</b>
	<b>Family Law in the Pandemic</b>
	<i>Expert Panelists:</i>
24 hours	- <b>Paulo Lins e Silva (Brazil)</b>
	- <b>Graciela Tagle de Ferreyra (Argentina)</b>
	- <b>Melissa Kucinski (USA)</b>
Virtual Historic Exhibit – 80 Years of the IABA	

Thursday, October 1 <sup>st</sup> 2020	
Time (EDT)	Session / Topic / Panelists
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Commercial Law in the Pandemic</b>
10:00 am – 11:15 am	<i>Topic &amp; Expert Panelists:</i>
	- <b>Antonio Tejada Encinas (Spain)</b> . Digital Business Capabilities in Times of Pandemic - <b>Verónica Ortiz (Uruguay)</b> . Legal Order in Paraguay in Times of Pandemic.
11:15 am – 12:30 pm	<i>Joint session with Committee XVIII - Women's Rights, and Committee IV Civil Law and Civil Procedure</i>
	<b>Gender Perspectives in the Context of the Global Crisis</b>
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>Expert Panelists:</i>
	- <b>Mabel Noemí Solano (Argentina)</b> - <b>María Alejandra Pasquet (Argentina)</b> - <b>María Ester Cafure de Battistelli (Argentina)</b>
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Technology &amp; Law in Times of COVID-19</b>
3:00 pm – 4:15 pm	<i>Expert Panelists:</i>
	- <b>Jesús Ramón Rodríguez Rodríguez (Venezuela)</b> - <b>Jorge Gentile (Argentina)</b>
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm	Break
	<b>The Impact of the Pandemic on Business, Employment, &amp; Human Rights</b>
24 hours	<i>Expert Panelists:</i>
	- <b>David Rosas, BID (Peru) (TBC)</b> - <b>Colleen Theron (UK)</b> - <b>Kátia Arruda (Brazil)</b> - <b>Claudio Gomara de Oliveira (Brazil)</b>
24 hours	<b>Human Rights &amp; Bioethics in the Times of COVID-19</b>
	<i>Expert Panelists:</i>
24 hours	- <b>Paula Siverino Bavio (Argentina)</b> - <b>Marco A. Sagastume Gemmell (Guatemala)</b> - <b>Walter Albán Peralta (Peru)</b>
	<b>Voter's Rights, Inclusion, Representation, &amp; Democracy</b>
24 hours	<i>Expert Panelists:</i>
	- <b>Hilary Anderson (USA)</b> - <b>Sergio Díaz Ricci (Argentina)</b>
Virtual Historic Exhibit – 80 Years of the IABA	

\* Preliminary Academic Program of the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual IABA Conference – Some changes may be made (itinerary updates, panelist informational updates, etc.).

We suggest visiting our website [www.iaba.org](http://www.iaba.org) where all updates will be posted.

Session and presentation times are based on Eastern Daylight Time - Washington D.C.





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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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**REGISTRATION FEES**

**EARLY BIRD RATES VALID UNTIL  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2020**

CATEGORY	BEFORE SEPTEMBER 11, 2020	AFTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
IABA Council Members	US\$ 265.00	US\$ 315.00
IABA individual members <sup>(1)</sup>	US\$ 215.00	US\$ 265.00
IABA Young Lawyers <sup>(2)</sup>	US\$ 115.00	US\$ 165.00
Non IABA Members	US\$ 295.00	US\$ 345.00
Law Students from Universities or Faculties Members of the IABA <sup>(3)</sup>	US\$ 30.00	US\$ 30.00
Law Students in general <sup>(4)</sup>	US\$ 35.00	US\$ 35.00

**NOTAS IMPORTANTES**

- (1) IABA Individual Members:** include participation in the academic programs, all social virtual events, Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Special events by ticket are not included.
- (2) IABA Junior Members** and Members of the IABA Young Lawyers and Students Section. (cannot be older than 35 years of age). Includes all social virtual events, Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Special events by ticket are not included.
- (3) Law Students registered at Universities and Law Schools members of the IABA.** Includes participation in the Academic Program and Young Lawyers social event. Special events by ticket are not included. Students must present student ID at registration.
- (4)** Includes participation in the Academic Program and other social events. Special events by ticket are not included. Students must be in Law School and present student ID at registration.
- The registration fee for **IABA Council Members** include participation in the academic programs, council meetings, all social virtual events, and Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Special events by ticket are not included.
- The registration fee for **Non-IABA members** includes include participation in the academic programs, all social virtual events, and Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Special events by ticket are not included.

**FORM OF PAYMENT OF THE PRE-REGISTRATION:**

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**CANCELLATIONS:** All cancellations are subject to a 35% administrative fee, and must be submitted in writing, by e-mail or by fax, no later than **September 11, 2020. No refunds will be given after that date.**

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