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4th Annual Bar Leaders' Conference 2009

20–21 May 2009, Paris, France

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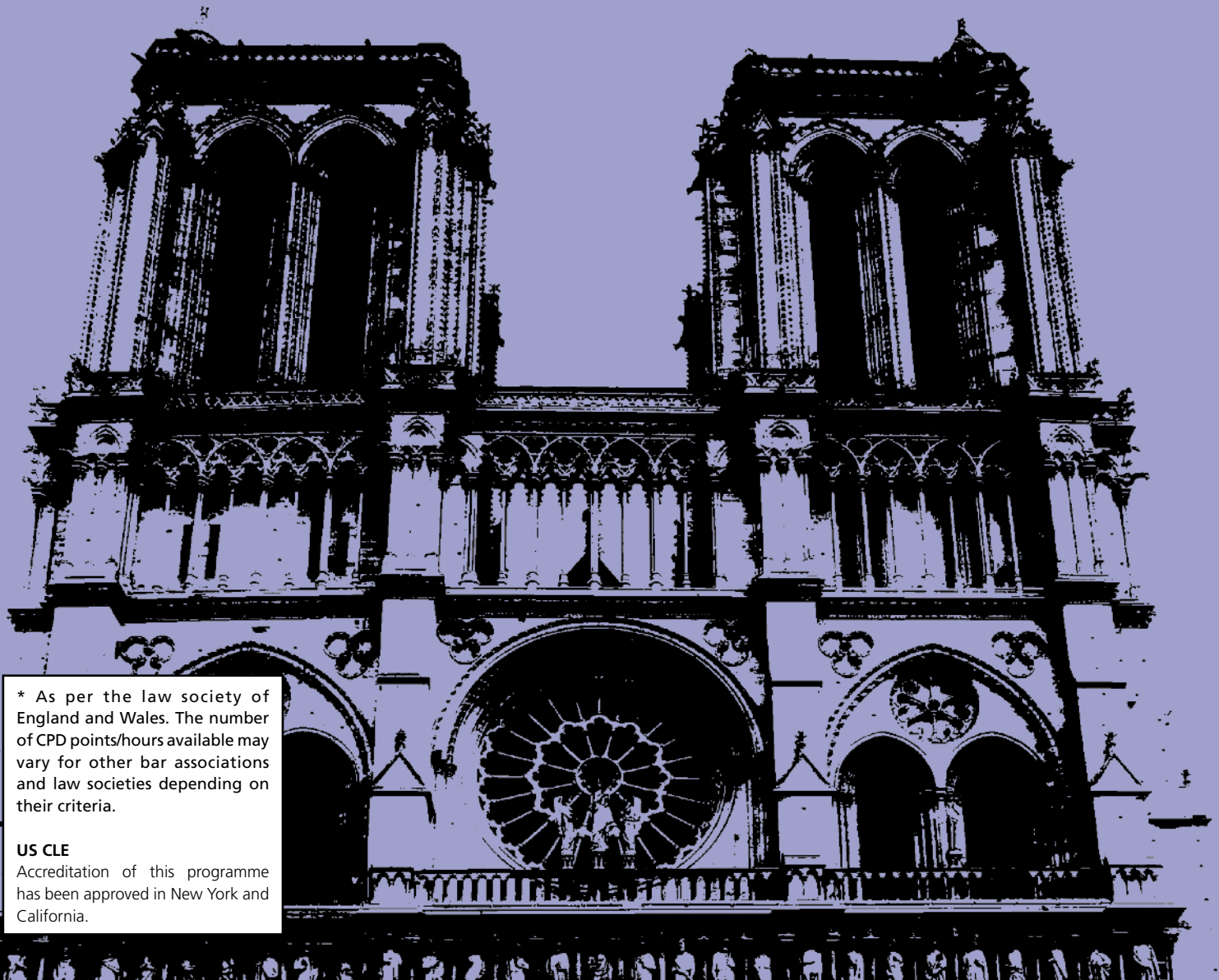
Who should attend?

Bar presidents, senior officers, executives, training officers and individual practitioners with an interest in the regulatory perspective on legal issues.

* As per the law society of England and Wales. The number of CPD points/hours available may vary for other bar associations and law societies depending on their criteria.

US CLE

Accreditation of this programme has been approved in New York and California.



Programme

Wednesday 20 May

Conference Chair

Michael Kutschera *Binder Grösswang Rechtsanwälte, Vienna, Austria; Chair, Bar Issues Commission*

1000 – 1700 **Registration**

1200 – 1315 **Lunch**

1315 **Welcome**

Christian Charrière-Bournazel *Chairman, Paris Bar Association, Paris, France*

Michael Kutschera

1330 – 1515

Lawyers and the financial crisis - facilitators or accessories?

Session Chair

James M Klotz *Miller Thomson LLP, Toronto, Canada; Vice-Chair, Bar Issues Commission*

Lawyers were involved in advising all of the participants in the meltdown of the financial system in 2008. Do lawyers have obligations to do more than simply facilitate transactions? Should our obligations be higher than as currently exist? Where is the line between acting as facilitator and having culpability as an accessory? This panel will explore the current obligations of lawyers as gate-keepers, and discuss whether those obligations should be re-examined.

Speakers

Horacio Bernardes Neto *Xavier Bernardes Bragança, São Paulo, Brazil; PPID Council Member, Vice-Chair, Bar Issues Commission*

Jean-Marie Burguburu *Gide Loyrette Nouel; Past-President, Paris Bar Association, Paris, France*

Akira Kawamura *Anderson Mori & Tomotsune, Tokyo, Japan; IBA Vice-President*

Jean-Claude Najjar *Senior Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer, GE Capital EMEA; General Counsel, GE France*

David W Rivkin *Debevoise & Plimpton, New York, USA; LPD Council Member*

1515 – 1545 **Coffee / tea break**

1545 – 1730

At the intersection of legal ethics and globalisation: international conflicts of law in lawyer regulation

Joint session of the Bar Issues Commission, the European Forum and the IBA Group Law Firms

Session Co-Chairs

Stephen Denyer *Allen & Overy LLP, Frankfurt, Germany; Senior Vice-Chair, Law Firm Management Committee*

Mika Ilveskero *Castrén & Snellman Attorneys Ltd, Helsinki, Finland*

Claudio Visco *Macchi di Cellere Gangemi, Rome, Italy; Member, BIC Policy Committee*

Lawyers engaged in transnational practice are obliged to comply with their home jurisdiction's professional rules of conduct and those of the host jurisdiction. A choice of law problem in the United States, this issue has also been referred to as the double deontology dilemma. The panellists will explore how this issue affects US lawyers practicing in the European Union and EU lawyers practicing in the US (particularly New York). The session will examine the nature of the conflicts that arise, proposed solutions, the status of EU legislation, policies of the organised bar and reciprocal disciplinary implications.

Speakers

Georges-Albert Dal *Dal & Veldekens, Vice-President, The Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE); Chair, CCBE Ethical Committee, Brussels, Belgium*

Anne Birgitte Gammeljord *Gorrissen Federspiel Kierkegaard, President, The Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), Copenhagen, Denmark*

Claes Lundblad *Roschier Attorneys Ltd, Stockholm, Sweden*

Reception hosted by the Paris Bar Association and the Conseil National des Barreaux

Venue:

La Maison du Barreau

Time: 1800

Continuing Professional Development / Continuing Legal Education

For delegates from countries where CPD / CLE is mandatory, the International Bar Association will be pleased to provide a Conference Certificate of Attendance which, subject to the exact CPD / CLE requirements, may be used to obtain the equivalent accreditation in your jurisdiction.

This conference has been accredited for CPD / CLE by the Law Society of England and Wales. Delegates should ask staff at the Registration Desk for information as to how to obtain the hours.

US CLE

Accreditation of this programme has been approved by New York and California. IBA certificates of attendance will be available for lawyers from self-reporting US states.

Thursday 21 May

0800 – 1700 **Registration**

0900 – 1045

Church and state: séparation ou cohabitation?

Session Chair

Michael P Clancy OBE *Law Society of Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland; Member, BIC Policy Committee*

This session follows on last year's Bar Leaders Conference successful examination of 'Civil and religious laws: mutual respect or mutual suspicion?'

Many societies have constitutional rules which prohibit the creation of a Church established by law whilst others function with an established church at their heart. Questions arise as to whether established churches are fundamentally anti-libertarian or do they inculcate a society which has a predisposition to moral authority?. How does having an established church square with constitutional guarantees of freedom of religion or freedom of speech? Can a Society which does not have an established Church reflect the moral views of its religious citizens properly through the democratic process?

In an epoch when religious faith is increasingly in discourse and the State is seen by many as intruding on areas of moral or religious importance these questions point to the fundamental issue of the relationship of the individual of faith or no faith and his or her relationship with the State.

Speakers

Theo Hobson *Theologian, London, England*

L'Abbé Alain de La Morandais *Paris, France*

Reverend Laurie Wheeler *American Church in Paris, Paris, France*

1045 – 1115 **Coffee / tea break**

1115 – 1300

Expanding the concept of the OHADA* Treaty 15 years later – regional integration between African bars

*Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa

Session Chair

Olufunke Adekoya *AELEX Partners, Lagos, Nigeria; Officer, Bar Issues Commission; Advisory Board Member, African Regional Forum; Advisory Board Member, Law Firm Management Committee*

Perhaps regionalisation is the African alternative answer to the concept of globalisation which is currently engaging the legal profession. A panel of bar leaders will look at how effective (or otherwise) the OHADA treaty (the harmonisation of business laws in Francophone countries) has been, and the role that regional African bar associations can play in enhancing cross border legal practice. We will also examine whether this may be a logical first step to expanding legal practice in Africa across territorial borders.

Speakers

Roland Abeng *Cameroon Bar Association, Douala, Cameroon*

Akin Akinbote *OHADA Club Nigeria, Lagos, Nigeria*

Donald Deya *East Africa Law Society, Nairobi, Kenya; Secretary, African Regional Forum*

Marc Frilet *Frilet Société d'Avocats, Paris, France; Advisory Board Member, Legal Profession and World Organisations Committee*

Jonathan Goldsmith *Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), Brussels, Belgium; Member, BIC Policy Committee; Member, WTO Working Group*

1300 – 1415 **Lunch**

1415 – 1600

Conflicts of interest rules in comparison and their impact on the international practice of law

Session Co-Chairs

Geraldine Clarke *Gleeson McGrath Baldwin Solicitors, Dublin, Ireland; Chair, Client Protection Subcommittee; PPID Council Member*
Michael Kutschera

This session is devoted to a comparison of conflict of interest rules in various jurisdictions, including suggestions for dealing with differing ('conflicting') conflict of interest rules in cross-border practice (double deontology). We will also investigate whether or not so-called 'Chinese walls' are a feature of legal practice which are reconcilable with the fundamental principle that a lawyer must not act for conflicting interests.

Speakers

Georges-Albert Dal

Steven C Krane *Proskauer Rose LLP, New York, USA; Member, BIC Policy Committee; Vice-Chair, Multidisciplinary Practices Committee*

Ken Murphy *Director General, Law Society of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland*

Dieter Spranz *Wolf Theiss, Vienna, Austria*

1600 – 1630 **Coffee / tea break**

1630 – 1750

Enlargement of the legal profession: a French perspective

Session Chair

Alain de Foucaud *Taylor Wessing, Paris, France; Member, BIC Policy Committee*

The recent Attali Report in France called for both the process of alignment with the neighbouring professions, namely high-court solicitors ('avoués à la cour') and specialist advocates ('avocats aux Conseils'), to be accelerated, and for the reform of the profession of notaries ('notaires') in order to form the so called 'grande profession du droit' together with the actual barrister and solicitors law firms ('avocats à la cour').

There is little choice but to both endorse and initiate this 'greater' profession.

If a merger of these professions were to take place, they all would be well positioned as full-service lawyers to set up powerful firms which could then open offices abroad. Is this a 'win-win' situation when everyone knows that in terms of the European and global perspective, monopolies no longer make any sense?

Speakers

Olivier Cousi *Gide Loyrette Nouel, Paris, France*

Bertrand Debosque *Bâtonnier de Lille, Bignon Lebray et Associés, Lille, France*

Jean-Michel Tron *Former Member of Paris Bar Council, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Paris, France*

1750 **Closing remarks**

Thierry Wickers *Chairman, Conseil National des Barreaux, Paris, France*

Thursday *continued*

2030 **Conference dinner**

Restaurant La Coupole

102 boulevard du Montparnasse
75014 Paris
www.lacoupleparis.com

For years, la Coupole has boasted the most famous lamb curry in Paris, simmered to perfection under the direction of chef Paul Delbard in the ultra modern kitchens that were revamped when it was acquired by Jean-Paul Bucher in 1988.

Much of the legend of Montparnasse was forged in this former wood and coal store, bought in 1927 by Messrs. René Lafon and Ernest Fraux – managers of the Dôme café - to create the largest brasserie in Paris - 1000m² which were to grace the presence of all the rive gauche's artists of all nationalities.

The visitor's book is a veritable catalogue of modern artists and the vast bar has welcomed great personalities such as Kessel and Hemingway.

From the world over, people come to wallow in the unique atmosphere of this brasserie where people-watching is a timeless pastime.

Also note:

The IBA mid-year meetings are taking place from 21 – 23 May at the Intercontinental Hotel, Paris. Listed representatives of the IBA member organisations will be invited to attend the following:

Friday 22 May

1100 – 1200

WTO Working Group training session

1200 – 1400 **Lunch**

(including a separate lunch meeting for full time bar executives. For details please contact Elaine Owen at elaine.owen@int-bar.org.)

1400 – 1700

BIC Open Forum and Open Policy Committee meeting

A business meeting and open forum for all IBA member organisation representatives and BIC members.

Evening

Cocktail reception

Hosted by The Paris Bar and Conseil National des Barreaux

The Paris Bar and Conseil National des Barreaux will be hosting an evening's reception in Paris on Friday 22nd May. Due to the exclusive nature of this event, they will be circulating details nearer the time.

Saturday 23 May

0930 – 1330

IBA Council meeting

Conference Host Committee

Alain de Foucaud

Taylor Wessing
Council Representative, Conseil National des Barreaux

Olivier Cousi

Gide Loyrette Nouel
Bar Representative, Ordre des Avocats de Paris

Bernard Vatie

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Bar Representative, Ordre des Avocats de Paris

Charles-Henri De Pardieu

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Jacques Buhart

Herbert Smith

Anne Souleliac

Ordre des Avocats de Paris

Jean-Marie Burguburu

Ordre des Avocats de Paris

Frank Natali

Conseil National des Barreaux

Bertrand Debosque

Conseil National des Barreaux

Information

Date

20 – 21 May 2009

Venue

Maison du Barreau
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Language

All working sessions and conference materials will be in English.

How to register

Please complete the attached registration form and return it to Sibylle Duell at the IBA together with your payment. You should receive written confirmation of your registration within 7 days; if you do not then please contact Sibylle Duell at sibylle.duell@int-bar.org.

Fees

Registration forms and fees received:

	On or before 17 April	After 17 April
IBA member	£250	£350
Non member* IBA member from country with reduced membership fees*	£350 £150	£450 £250
Non member from country with reduced membership fees*	£250	£350

Full payment must be received in order to process your registration and issue a visa letter if required (see below).

Fees include

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Conference materials, including any available speakers' papers submitted to the IBA before 8 May.
- Access to the above conference working materials from the IBA website (www.ibanet.org) approximately seven days prior to the Conference
- Lunch on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 May
- Tea and coffee during breaks
- Invitation to reception hosted by the Conseil National des Barreaux and the Paris Bar Association on 21 May

Please note that registrations are not transferable.

Guests are not entitled to attend the working sessions

List of participants

In order for your name to appear in the list of participants, which will be distributed at the conference, your registration form must be received by Friday 8 May at the latest.

Payment of registration fees

Pounds sterling: by cheque or bank draft drawn on a UK bank and in favour of the International Bar Association. Please send to: 10th Floor, 1 Stephen Street, London W1T 1AT, United Kingdom.

OR by bank transfer to the IBA account number: 13270222 at the National Westminster Bank, St James's & Piccadilly Branch, (Sort Code 56-00-03), 208 Piccadilly, London W1A 2DG, United Kingdom or SWIFT address NWBKGB2L or IBAN GB05NWBK56000313270222. Please ensure that a copy of the bank transfer details is attached to your registration form.

Euro: by bank draft converted at the current rate of exchange and in favour of the International Bar Association
OR by bank transfer to the IBA Bank Account Number 550/00/06570631 at the National Westminster Bank, St James's & Piccadilly Branch, (Sort Code 56-00-03), 208 Piccadilly, London W1A 2DG, United Kingdom SWIFT address NWBKGB2L or IBAN GB58NWBK60721106570631. Please ensure that a copy of the bank transfer details is attached to your registration form.

US dollars: by cheque or bank draft converted at the current rate of exchange and drawn on a US bank and in favour of the International Bar Association. Please send to: 10th Floor, 1 Stephen Street, London W1T 1AT, United Kingdom.

OR by bank transfer to the IBA account number: 01286498 at the National Westminster Bank, St James's & Piccadilly Branch, (Sort Code 56-00-03), 208 Piccadilly, London W1A 2DG, United Kingdom. Please ensure that a copy of the bank transfer details is attached to your registration form.

Credit card payments: by Visa, Mastercard or American Express. No other cards are accepted.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR NAME AND THE WORDS 'Bar Leaders Paris '09 APPEAR ON ANY TRANSFER OR DRAFT.

Cancellation of registration

If cancellation is received in writing at the IBA office by Friday 17 April 2009 fees will be refunded less a 25 per cent administration charge. We regret that no refunds can be made after this date.

Travel arrangements and visas

Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. It is recommended that you check your visa requirements with your local Embassy or Consulate. **We are unable to send out letters supporting visa applications to embassies prior to receipt of your registration form and full payment of registration fees.**

Please note that it is vital that you apply for your visa well in advance of the conference as the IBA does not accept responsibility for inability to attend due to failed or delayed visa applications.

Hotel accommodation

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the Novotel Paris Les Halles for the nights of 19 – 23 May:

The following rate is per room, per night. The rate includes buffet breakfast and taxes.

Single

Occupancy: €201 per room per night

Double

Occupancy: €226 per room per night

Please complete the attached accommodation form and send it direct to the hotel to make your reservation. The hotel requires a credit card number to secure your reservation.

Cancellation policy

Cancellations can be made at a 30% charge by 16 March 2009, 50% by 17 April 2009 and 100% by 5 May 2009.

Reservations Department

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Please contact the hotel quoting 'IBA Conference' to obtain the conference rate.

As a limited number of rooms have been blocked at the hotel availability cannot be guaranteed once the room block is full.

Delegates are responsible for making accommodation reservations directly with the hotel and enter into an agreement with the hotel regarding credit card guarantees, cancellation terms and conditions, and room rates (should these differ from the special IBA rate). The IBA cannot accept responsibility for hotel accommodation disputes between a delegate and the hotel.

Disabled access

The Novotel Paris Les Halles is wheelchair accessible. Please notify the hotel if you require special assistance.

Budget accommodation

For reasonably priced budget accommodation (3*) the Best Western hotel chain has a number of hotels in Paris. Hotels which are well placed for travelling via the metro to the conference include the Best Western Hotel Europe and the Best Western Gaillon Opera. Further details at www.bestwestern.com.

Promotional literature

Please note that no individual or organisation may display or distribute publicity material or other printed matter during the conference, unless by prior arrangement with the IBA. Organisations and companies wishing to discuss promotional opportunities should contact Sara Furegard at the IBA sara.furegard@int-bar.org.

Social programme

Wednesday 20 May

Reception hosted by the Conseil National des Barreaux and the Paris Bar Association

Thursday 21 May

Conference dinner

Social event tickets reservations cannot be guaranteed unless payment has been received before Friday 8 May, subject to availability.

The organisers may at any time, with or without giving notice, in their absolute discretion and without giving any reason, cancel or postpone the conference, change its venue or any of the other published particulars, or withdraw any invitation to attend. In any case, neither the organisers nor any of their officers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be liable for any loss, liability, damage or expense suffered or incurred by any person, nor will they return any money paid to them in connection with the conference unless they are satisfied not only that the money in question remains under their control but also that the person who paid it has been unfairly prejudiced (as to which, decision shall be in their sole and unfettered discretion and, when announced, final and conclusive).

Registration form

4th Annual IBA Bar Leaders' Conference 20 – 21 May 2009, Maison du Barreau, Paris, France

Please read the 'Information' section before completing this form and return it together with your payment to Sibylle Duell at the address below.

Personal details *(Please attach your business card or write in block capitals)*

Title _____ Given name _____ Family name _____

Name and country to be shown on badge (if different from above) _____

IBA membership number *(if applicable)* _____ Date of birth _____

Firm/company/organisation _____

Address _____

Tel _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Special dietary requirements _____

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Non-member*	£350	£450	£
IBA member from country with reduced membership fees*	£150	£250	£
Non member from country with reduced membership fees*	£250	£350	£

*Join the IBA today and register for this conference at the IBA member rate. Please find the membership application form at www.ibanet.org

Social functions

21 May Conference dinner

Number of tickets _____ x _____ @ £50 _____ £

Social function tickets reservations are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed unless payment has been received before Friday 8 May.

TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE _____ **£**

Full payment must be received in order to process your registration.

Mid Year Meetings

I will also attend the IBA Mid Year Meetings 21 – 23 May

Payment details

I enclose a cheque/bank draft made payable to the IBA for the total amount payable.

I have transferred to the IBA bank account the total amount payable and have attached a copy of the bank transfer details.

Please charge the total amount due to my (delete as appropriate) Visa/MasterCard/American Express. *Other cards are not accepted.*

Card number _____ Start date _____ Expiry date _____

Name of card holder _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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If you are agreeable to passing on your details, please tick this box

If you do **not** wish to receive IBA information and materials, please tick this box

Please send the completed form to:

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Accommodation form

Novotel Paris Les Halles, Paris, France

International Bar Association

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20 – 21 May 2009

Personal details

Title (*Mr, Mrs etc*) _____ Given name _____ Family name _____

Firm/company/organisation _____

Address _____

Tel _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Single Occupancy: €201 per room per night Double Occupancy: €226 per room per night

The rate includes buffet breakfast and taxes.

Check-in time – after 1400

Check-out time – before 1200

All reservations made after 17 April 2009 are subject to availability and the Novotel Paris Les Halles reserves right to change the accommodation rate.

Accommodation requirements

Single superior room

Double superior room

Arrival date _____ Departure date _____

Smoking

Non-smoking

Accommodation guarantee

The hotel requires a credit card number to secure your reservation.

Cancellations can be made at a 30% charge by 16 March 2009, 50% by 17 April 2009 and 100% by 5 May 2009.

American Express

Visa

MasterCard

Diners

Card number _____ Expiry date _____

Name of card holder _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Guests will settle their own account upon departure.

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The International Bar Association (IBA), established in 1947, is the world's leading organisation of international legal practitioners, bar associations 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 30,000 individual lawyers and more than 195 bar associations and law societies spanning all continents. It has considerable expertise in providing assistance to the global legal community as well as being a source of distinguished legal commentators for international news outlets.

Grouped into two divisions – the Legal Practice Division and the Public and Professional Interest Division – the IBA covers all practice areas and professional interests, providing members with access to leading experts and up-to-date information. Through the various committees of the divisions, the IBA enables an interchange of information and views among its members as to laws, practices and professional responsibilities relating to the practice of business law around the globe. Additionally, the IBA's high-quality publications and world-class conferences provide unrivalled professional development and network-building opportunities for international legal practitioners and professional associates.

The IBA's Bar Issues Commission provides an invaluable forum for IBA member organisations to discuss all matters relating to law at an international level.

The IBA's Human Rights Institute works across the Association, to promote, protect and enforce human rights under a just rule of law, and to preserve the independence of the judiciary and the legal profession worldwide. Other institutions established by the IBA include the Southern Africa Litigation Centre and the International Legal Assistance Consortium.

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