



**World Jurist**  
Association  
Peace Through Law



Peace through law

# WORLD LAW CONGRESS

República Dominicana  
2025

NEW GENERATIONS & RULE OF LAW: SHAPING THE FUTURE

## PROGRAM

May 4 to 6, **Santo Domingo**



**World Law**  
Foundation

[www.worldlawcongress.com](http://www.worldlawcongress.com)

## THE ORGANIZERS

*“A world ruled by law, and not by force”* has been the [World Jurist Association](#)’s mission since its founding in 1963. As a non-governmental organization with **special consultative status with the United Nations ECOSOC** (Economic and Social Council), the [WJA](#) was created to become a free and open forum for judges, lawyers, law professors and other professionals from around the world to cooperate in strengthening and expanding the Rule of Law and its institutions. Amongst its main activities are the organization of the biannual World Law Congress and the presentation of the World Peace & Liberty Award.

As a result of the Madrid Declaration of 2019, the **World Law Foundation** was created as the executive arm to organize the main activities of the World Jurist Association. The [Board of Trustees](#) and the Advisory Board of the WLF are composed of prominent jurists and professionals, including former presidents and prime ministers, presidents of high courts, directors of prestigious institutions, lawyers, academics, and businesspeople.

## THE WORLD LAW CONGRESS

The [World Law Congress](#) is a congress of congresses where different organizations and institutions hold their own panels, being the Biennial Congress of the WJA the main event. For three days, global leaders, including heads of State, authorities, justices from supranational and national high courts, policy makers, academics, lawyers, activists, and students, discuss a wide variety of current topics to which the legal community should propose solutions. The history of the World Law Congress is as extensive as the Association’s history. It began in 1963 in Athens, and has continued, almost unstoppable, every two years to this day.

The **WORLD LAW CONGRESS DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2025** will be the 29<sup>th</sup> edition of this three-day event. On the first day, the Opening Ceremony will take place with the participation of local authorities, followed by the Interface International Dialogue, where leaders of the main religions of the world will discuss on Peace through Law. The second day will feature more than 300 speakers, presenters, and panelists from 70+ countries across the five continents, who will discuss multiple topics, from AI regulation to independence of the judiciary to challenges in corporate practice.

Finally, on the third day, during the Closing Ceremony the **World Peace & Liberty Award 2025** will be bestowed to **Sonia Sotomayor**, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America. The award has been previously presented to Sir Winston Churchill, Nelson Mandela, René Cassin, Felipe VI King of Spain, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the Colombian society in hands of its then President Ivan Duque, US civil rights leader Andrew Young and the European Commission, received by President Ursula von der Leyen.





## WORLD LAW CONGRESS 2025

**May 4**

**p. 4**

6:00 PM

**OPENING CEREMONY  
PANELISTS & SPONSORS WELCOME COCKTAIL**

**May 5**

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

**XXIX WORLD LAW CONGRESS' PANELS**

### INDEX OF FORUMS

**No.**

1	International Justice Forum	p. 4
2	Human Rights & Freedom of Expression	p. 7
3	Environmental & Energy Rule of Law Forum	p. 9
4	Digital Challenges: AI, Cybersecurity, Social Media & Data Protection	p. 9
5	Electoral Era and Geopolitical Events	p. 10
6	Constitutional Universal Principles	p. 11
7	Rule of Law in the Corporate Field	p. 13
8	Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution	p.14

8:00 PM

**DINNER WITH SONIA SOTOMAYOR**

**p. 14**

**May 6**

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE XIX WORLD LAW CONGRESS**

**p. 15**

1:00 PM

**AWARDEES COCKTAIL RECEPTION / LUNCH**

**p. 15**

**May 4, 2025**

6:00 PM

**OPENING CEREMONY****Aula Magna, Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo****Javier Cremades, Spain**

President of the World Jurist Association

**Carolina Mejía, Dominican Republic**

Mayor of Santo Domingo

**Editrudi Beltrán, Dominican Republic**

Rector of the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo

**José Alejandro Aybar, Dominican Republic**

Chancellor of Universidad del Caribe – UNICARIBE

**Pablo Ulloa, Dominican Republic**

Ombudsman of the Dominican Republic

**Omar Leonel Fernández, Dominican Republic**

Senator of the Dominican Republic

**Lucio Ghia, Italy**

President of the WJA (1995-1997)

**Marko Bošnjak, Slovenia**

President of the European Court of Human Rights

**Edmundo González Urrutia, Venezuela**

President elect of Venezuela

**Napoleón Ricardo Estévez Lavandier, Dominican Republic**

President Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic

**Iván Duque, Colombia**

President of Colombia (2018-2022)

**Carlos Vives, Colombia**

Singer and songwriter

**Bestowal of the World Jurist Association's Medal of Honor to****Norma Piña, Mexico, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Justice****WELCOMING COCKTAIL**

7:00 PM

*(Applicable registration and fee)***May 5, 2025**

9:00 AM 5:30 PM

**XXIX WORLD LAW CONGRESS' PANELS****Universidad del Caribe (UNICARIBE)****INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE FORUM**

Panel 1

**INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY, CODE OF ETHICS AND ENFORCING CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES****CHAIR****Stephan Harbarth, Germany**

President of the Federal Constitutional Court

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER****Sujata Manohar, India**

Judge of the Supreme Court (1994-99), member of the National Human Rights Commission (2000-2004)

**PANELISTS****Napoleón Ricardo Estévez Lavandier, Dominican Republic**

President Magistrate of the Constitutional Court

**Miroslav Šeparović, Croatia**

President of the Constitutional Court of Croatia

**Miodrag Đorđević, Slovenia**

President of the Supreme Court of Slovenia

**Petr Angyalossy, Czechia**

President of the Supreme Court of the Czechia

**Gonçalo de Almeida Ribeiro, Portugal**

Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of Portugal

**Edgardo Cáceres Castellanos, Honduras**

Magistrate of the Supreme Court of Justice of Honduras (1994-1998), (1998-2002) and (2016-2023) and Vice President of the National Academy of Law of Honduras

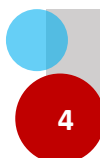
Panel 2

**PROTECTION OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY AND JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE****CHAIR****Shimon Shetreet, Israel**

President, International Association of Judicial Independence &amp; World Peace, Greenblatt Chair Public &amp; international Law, Hebrew University

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER****Pascal Pichonnaz, Switzerland**

President, European Law Institute ELI, University of Freiburg

**PANELISTS****Marko Bošnjak, Slovenia****WORLD LAW CONGRESS**República Dominicana  
2025

Register at

[www.worldlawcongress.com/](http://www.worldlawcongress.com/)

President of the European Court of Human Rights

**Margaret Satterthwaite**, USA

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers

**Valentina Pavličić**, Montenegro

President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro

**Doris König**, Germany

Vice President of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany

**Elise Muir**, Belgium

Vice Dean for Research, Head of the Institute for European Law of the KU Leuven and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe

#### Panel 3

### DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE: VOICES OF DIFFERENT ACTORS

#### CHAIR

**Ekaterina Trendafilova**, Bulgaria

President of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and former Judge at the International Criminal Court

#### PANELISTS

**Nazhat Shameem Khan**, Fiji

Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

**Minou Tavaréz Mirabel**, Dominican Republic

Former Chair of the Board of Direction of the Trust Fund for Victims of Crimes under the Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court

**Venkateswari Alagendra**, Malaysia

Specialist Counsel at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers

**Fidelma Donlon**, Ireland

Registrar of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers

#### Panel 4

### CHALLENGES AND BEST PRACTICES OF THE LATIN AMERICAN JUDICIARY

#### CHAIR

**Jaime Chavez-Alor**, Mexico

Associate Executive Director of the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice

#### PANELISTS

**Rosanna Vásquez**, Dominican Republic

President of the Dominican Association of Judges for Democracy

**Marcelo Gallo Tagle**, Argentina

President of the Latin American Federation of Magistrates

**Elka Reyes Olivo**, Dominican Republic

Judge, Vice-President of the Latin-American Federation of Magistrates

**Adriana Orocú Chavarría**, Costa Rica

Judge, President of the Costa Rican Association of the Judiciary

**Ruby Ibarra**, Panama

Judge, President of the Panamanian Association of Magistrates & Judges.

**Moisés Castro Pizaña**, México

President of the Mexican National Committee of the International Union of Lawyers (UIA)

#### Panel 5

### CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (I) JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

#### CHAIR

**Mumba Malila**, Zambia

Chief Justice of the Republic of Zambia

#### PANELISTS

**Irena Kucina**, Latvia

President of the Constitutional Court of Latvia

**Rizine Robert Mzikamanda SC**, Malawi

Chief Justice of the Republic of Malawi

**Roberto Molina Barreto**, Guatemala

Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Guatemala and former Attorney General of the Nation (2005-2006)

**Laura Díez Bueso**, Spain

Magistrate of the Constitutional Tribunal of Spain

**Sokol Berberi**, Albania

Emeritus judge of the Constitutional Court and current Responsible Professor for the Initial Training Program of the School of Magistrates of the Republic of Albania

#### Panel 6

### CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (II)

#### CHAIR

**Duro Sessa**, Croatia

President of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Croatia (2017-2021) and President of the International Association of Judges

#### PANELISTS

**Snežana Armenko**, Montenegro

President of the Constitutional Court of Montenegro

**Diallo Mamadou Batia**, Mauritania

President of the Constitutional Council of Mauritania

**Yahya Afridi**, Pakistan

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pakistan

**Adelino Manuel Muchanga**, Mozambique

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Mozambique

**Kadir Özkaya**, Turkey

President of the Constitutional Court of Turkey

**Asim Vokshi**, Albania

Judge of the Supreme Court

#### Panel 7

### CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (III)



**CHAIR****Ricardo Lorenzetti**, Argentina

President of the Supreme Court of Justice of Argentina (2007-2018) and current Minister of the Court

**PANELISTS****Enrique Arnaldo Alcubilla**, Spain

President of the Ibero-American Conference on Constitutional Justice and Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Spain.

**Hilmar Hoch**, Liechtenstein

President of the Constitutional Court of Liechtenstein

**Syed Refaat Ahmed**, Bangladesh

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh

**Peter S. Shivute**, Namibia

Chief Justice of Namibia

**Paola Meneses**, Colombia

Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Colombia

## Panel 8

**CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (IV)  
HUMAN DIGNITY****CHAIR****Ján Sikuta**, Slovak Republic

President of the Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic

**PANELISTS****Bheki Maphalala**, Eswatini

Chief Justice of the Kingdom of Eswatini and Chairperson of Southern &amp; Eastern Africa Chief Justice's Forum (SEACJF)

**Luke Malaba**, Zimbabwe

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Zimbabwe

**Fatimata Sanou Touré**, Burkina Faso

Magistrate of the Constitutional Council of Burkina Faso and former Ombudsman of Burkina Faso

**Abdelaziz Laaroussi**, Morocco

Professor of International Law and Political Science, Vice Dean of Scientific Research and Partnership at the Faculty of Law of the Mohammed V University of Rabat

**Manuel Aragón Reyes**, Spain

Emirius Magistrate of Constitutional Court

## Panel 9

**CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (V)****CHAIR****Ibrahim Hamis Juma**, Tanzania

Chief Justice of the Judiciary of Tanzania

**PANELISTS****Arman Dilanyan**, Armenia

President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

**Amadou Ousmane Toure**, Mali

President of the Constitutional Court of Mali

**Gheorghe Stan**, Romania

Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Romania

**Sonila Bejtja**, Albania

Seconded Judge of Constitutional Court of Albania

**Antonio López Castillo**, Spain

Professor of Constitutional Law at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

## Panel 10

**CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (VI)****CHAIR****Norma Piña**, Mexico

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation of Mexico

**PANELISTS****Jassim Mohammed Abboud**, Iraq

President of the Federal Supreme Court of the Republic of Iraq

**Cándido Conde-Pumpido**, Spain

President of the Constitutional Court of Spain

**Mamadou Badio Camara**, Senegal

President of the Constitutional Council of Senegal

**Miguel Polo Rosero**, Colombia

Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Colombia

**Genti Ibrahimi**, Albania

Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Albania

**Revati Mohite Dere**, India

Judge of the Bombay High Court

## Panel 11

**CAPACITY BUILDING FOR INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CO-OPERATION****CHAIR****James Ding**, China

Phd and Law Officer, Head of the International Law Division, DoJ, Hong Kong

**PANELISTS****Christophe Bernasconi**, The Netherlands

Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)

**Ignacio Tirado**, Italy

Secretary General of UNIDROIT- International Institute for the Unification of Private Law

**Neale Bergman**, Austria

Senior Legal Officer of UNCITRAL- United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

**Nicolás Lozada Pimiento**, Colombia

Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of the Universidad Externado de Colombia

**Ling Yang**, China

Phd and Director of the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Office, DoJ, Hong Kong

## Panel 12

**THREATS AND SAFEGUARDS FOR JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE IN THE AMERICAS****CHAIR**

**Hartmut Rank**, Germany  
Rule of Law Program Director of Konrad Adenauer Foundation

**PANELISTS**

**Fernando Castillo Viquez**, Costa Rica  
President of Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court

**Cesar Landa**, Peru  
President of the Constitutional Court (2006-2008), Trustee of the World Law Foundation, Minister of Foreign Affairs (2022)

**Alejandra Cárdenas Reyes**, Ecuador  
Judge of the Constitutional Court

## Panel 13

**CHALLENGES OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE****CHAIR**

**Piotr Hofmański**, Poland  
Former President of the International Criminal Court (ICC)

**PANELISTS**

**Graciela Gatti**, Uruguay  
President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

**Florjan Kalaja**, Albania  
Judge at the Special Court of Appeal for Corruption and Organized Crime

**Soranib Hernandez de Deffendini**, Spain  
Associate Professor, Public International Law and International Relations, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos/Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

**Rafael Heredia Rubio**, México  
Trustee of the World Law Foundation. Founder Heredia Rubio Abogados. Professor at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

**Simón Pedro Deffendini Silva**, Spain  
Associate Professor of Public International Law and International Relations, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos

**HUMAN RIGHTS & FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION**

## Panel 14

**CURRENT CHALLENGES TO HUMAN RIGHTS****CHAIR**

**Dragana Kolarić**, Serbia  
Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Serbia

**PANELISTS**

**Hüseyin Demir**, Germany  
President of Human Rights Defenders e.V

**Erika Torregrossa**, Colombia  
Principal Chief Executive Officer en DIPLOCORP

**Amaka Ufodiama**, Nigeria  
Deputy Chief Registrar, Probate Registry

**Marko Cortés Mendoza**, Mexico  
Senator of the Congress of the Union of Mexico

**Saloua Soumati**, Morocco  
PhD candidate in Public Law and Political Science at Mohammed V University of Rabat

## Panel 15

**EXPLORING SHARED VALUES AND PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS****CHAIR**

**Manuel Breton**, Spain  
President of Caritas Española

**PANELISTS**

**Juliane Kokott**, Germany  
Advocate General before the Court of Justice of the European Union

**Bhuwan Ribhu**, India  
Founder of Just Rights for Children

**Alda Sadiku**, Albania  
Seconded Judge of Albania

**Zhuolun Li**, China  
Lecturer at Lanzhou University

## Panel 16

**INNOVATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RULE OF LAW****CHAIR**

**María Juliana Ruíz**, Colombia  
Co-founder of I+D Foundation

## Panel 17

**WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE RULE OF LAW****CHAIR**

**Hilarie Bass**, USA  
President of the American Bar Association 2019 – 2022, Founder Bass Institute for Diversity and Inclusion, Trustee World Law Foundation

**PANELISTS**

**Esohe Ikponmwen**, Nigeria  
Emeritus Chief Judge of Edo State Nigeria

**Aminata Ly Ndiaye**, Senegal  
Vice President of the Constitutional Council of Senegal

**Patricia Lee Refo**, USA  
Past President of the American Bar Association and Partner at Snell & Wilmer

## Panel 18

## INDIGENOUS RIGHTS, CULTURAL PRACTICES & UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION

### CHAIR

**Borys Babin**, Ukraine

Ukraine Presidential representative in Crimea (2017-2018), Ad hoc expert OSCE and Minority Rights Group International

### PANELISTS

**Oliver Loode**, Estonia

Human Rights activist, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII, 2014–2016)

**Peter Umeadi**, Nigeria

Emeritus Chief Judge of Anambra State of Nigeria. 2011-2019. World Jurist Association Board Member 2017-2019. Presidential Candidate in Nigeria 2023. Life Bencher

**Héctor Fabio Henao Gaviria**, Colombia

Director of the National Secretariat of Social Pastoral of the Episcopal Conference of Colombia

**Uju Peace Okeke**, Nigeria

Human Rights Lawyer; Gender Researcher. Lecturer, Faculty of Law University of Nigeria Nsukka, Enugu Campus

**Biobele Abraham Georgewill**, Nigeria

Justice of Court of Appeal, Nigeria. Chairman of Sierra Leone Presidential Commission of Inquiry 2018

Panel 19

## CHALLENGES TO THE PERSONAL SAFETY OF JUDGES IN LATIN AMERICA

### CHAIR

**Walter Barone**, Brazil

1st Vice-President of the International Union of Magistrates (UIM) and President of the Ibero-American Group of the UIM

### PANELISTS

**Roberto Carlos Calderón Escobar**, El Salvador

Magistrate of the Supreme Court of Justice of El Salvador

**Frederico Mendes Junior**, Brazil

President of the Association of Brazilian Magistrates

**Marcela Ruiz**, Argentina

President of the Argentine Federation of the Judiciary and the Judicial Branch (FAM)

**Adriana Orocú Chavarría**, Costa Rica

President of the Costa Rican Judiciary Association (ACODUD) and Vice President of the Central American Federation of Judges and Judges for Democracy (FECAJUD).

**María Helena Mainard**, Uruguay

Minister of the Court of Appeals and President of the Uruguayan Magistrates Association - AMU

Panel 20

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND TOLERANCE DIALOGUE

### PANELISTS

**Kyr Kirilo (Bojovic)**, Serbia

Bishop of the Diocese of Buenos Aires, South and Central America

**Baltazar Enrique Porras Cardozo**, Venezuela

Cardinal of the Catholic Church

**Arjan Dodaj**, Albania

Archbishop of Tiranë-Durrës

**Isaac Sacca**, Buenos Aires

Chief Sephardic Rabbi of Buenos Aires

Panel 21

## TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

### CHAIR

**Juan Pablo Gallego**, Argentina

President of Gallego Abogados Argentina, member of the Transitional Justice commission and panel of Argentina and expert in international human rights law. Trustee of the World Law Foundation.

### PANELISTS

**Dimitry Berberoff Ayuda**, Spain

Vice President of the Supreme Court of Spain

**Lidia Patricia Castillo Amaya**, El Salvador

Magistrate of the Civil Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Republic of El Salvador

**Sayra Viviana Arango Puerta**, Colombia

Litigation lawyer and researcher

Panel 22

## RULE OF LAW WITHIN THE FAMILY LAW SYSTEM

### CHAIR

**Rachael Kelsey**, United Kingdom

President of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL)

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Ana María Kudisch**, Mexico

President of the Mexican Bar Association and IAFL member

### PANELISTS

**Albana Boksi**, Albania

Judge of the Supreme Court of Albania

**Lavanya Regunathan Fischer**, India and Germany

Lawyer and IAFL member

**Dilia Leticia Jorge Mera**, Dominican Republic

Lawyer and former Administrative Vice Minister of the Presidency

**Heather Hostetter**, USA

Elected President IAFL, Family lawyer Maryland and District of Columbia (USA)

**Veronica Vymazal Bascope**, Chile

Family Judge of Osorno

Panel 23

## CHILD PROTECTION IN CROSS BORDER SITUATIONS

### CHAIR



**Carolina Marín Pedreño**, Spain  
Vice President of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL). Former President of Westminster and Holborn Law Society

#### PANELISTS

**Nataša Plavšić**, Serbia  
Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Serbia

**Marzia Ghigliazza**, Italy  
IAFL member, Family lawyer

**Pamela Sloan**, USA  
IAFL member, Family Lawyer in New York

**Daniela Horvitz**, Chile  
IAFL member, former President of the Family Commission UIA

**Lola Lopez Muelas Vicente**, Spain  
IAFL member, President of the Spanish Association of Family Lawyers AEAFA

**Lidio Duval**, USA  
Secretary of AIJUDEFA (International Association of Family Law Jurists), Lawyer

**Marcela Paula Bakit De Ruyt**, USA  
Family lawyer and Founder of Bakit & Cia

### ENVIROMENTAL & ENERGY RULE OF LAW FORUM

#### Panel 24

#### LAW, CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURE

##### CO-CHAIR

**Kari Kuusiniemi**, Finland  
President of the Supreme Administrative Court. Trustee of the World Law Foundation

**Luc Lavrysen**, Belgium  
President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium (NL)

##### PANELISTS

**Milagros de Camps**, Dominican Republic  
Minister of the Environment and Natural Resources

**Antonio Herman Benjamin**, Brazil  
Chief Justice of the National High Court of Brazil (STJ), President GJIE

**Iva Zemani**, Albania  
Seconded Judge of Albania

**Pablo Lorenzetti**, Argentina  
Judge of the Civil, Commercial and Labor Court of Appeals, Chamber II of Rafaela, Santa Fe, Argentina

**Jorge Neri**, Venezuela-Spain  
President of EIG media, Editor-in-Chief of Cambio16 Magazine, Trustee of the World Law Foundation

**Daniel Calleja**, Spain  
Director General of the European Commission's Legal Service

**Toni Fickentscher**, Germany  
Notary candidate, Trustee of the World Law Foundation

#### Panel 25

#### CHALLENGES TO SUSTAINABILITY

##### CHAIR

**Lucio Ghia**, Italy  
President of the WJA (1995-1997)

##### PANELISTS

**Nerlito Sampaio Neves**, Brazil  
Partner and lawyer at Allemand Consultoria e Advocacia Empresarial

**Carrie Gaard**, Argentina  
Founder of Carrie Gaard Bureau, Green Business Assistance & ECO Diplomacy

**Diego Patricio Pazmiño Vinueza**, Ecuador  
Consultant lawyer of IUSconsultores Law Firm

**Andrea Spada Jiménez**, Spain  
PhD Professor at the University of Malaga

**Ettore Maria Lombardi**, Italy  
Professor of Private Law and International Business Law at the University of Florence School of Law

### DIGITAL CHALLENGES: AI, CYBERSECURITY, SOCIAL MEDIA & DATA PROTECTION

#### Panel 26

#### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND ETHICAL DISPUTES OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN TODAY'S SOCIETY: STEERING THE COMPLEXITIES OF AI GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

##### CHAIR

**James Black**, USA  
Vice President of the World Jurist Association and Partner at Falcon Rappaport & Berkman LLP

##### PANELISTS

**Ailin Gurfein**, Argentina  
Researcher- Professor at University of Business and Social Sciences

**Kristjan Verbič**, Slovenia  
President VZMD - PanSlovenian Investors' & Stakeholders' Association

**Zhao Bing**, China  
Judge of the People's Court of Huaiyin District, Jinan City, Shandong Province

#### Panel 27

#### TECHNOLOGY, PRIVACY AND CYBERSECURITY

##### CHAIR

**Milan Kristof**, Luxembourg  
Référéndaire European Court of Justice

**PANELISTS**

**Tamta Margvelashvili**, Georgia  
Director of the Competition, Capital and Financial Markets Practice at Nodia, Urumashvili and Partners

**Sonila Hoxha**, Albania  
Seconded Judge of Supreme Court of Albania

**Andrés Ruiz**, Spain  
Lawyer and founder of Todojuristas.com

**Montserrat Pérez**, Dominican Republic  
Director of the Presidency of the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic

**Ricardo Ríos Ferrer**, Mexico  
President of the Mexican Bar Association (2015-2017)

**Mianmao Zhu**, China  
Professor at Hainan Open University

## Panel 28

**INNOVATIONS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE USE OF AI****CHAIR**

**Mauricio Pava Lugo**, Colombia  
Partner at Pava Diaz Arana

**PANELISTS**

**Siavash Shahrjerdi**, France  
Legal Counsel and Senior University Lecturer at University of Paris

**Marcelo Montero**, Chile  
CEO of Budasis Abogados, Chile

**Zicheng Gao**, China  
President of All China Lawyers Association (ACLA)

## Panel 29

**AI IN LEGAL PRACTICE****CHAIR**

**Leonel Fernández**, Dominican Republic  
President of the Dominican Republic (1996-2000. 2004-2012)

**PANELISTS**

**Cesar Landa**, Peru  
President of the Constitutional Court (2006-2008), Trustee of the World Law Foundation, Minister of Foreign Affairs (2022)

**Santiago Nieto Castillo**, Mexico  
General Director of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, Attorney General of Hidalgo (2022-2024) and Head of the Financial Intelligence Unit (2018-2021)

**Chen Ruojian**, China  
Deputy Secretary-General of Commission of Foreign Affairs of All China Lawyers Association

**Nihale El Azzouzi**, Morocco  
PhD Student in Management Sciences, and head of the Cooperation, Partnerships, and Internships Department at Mohammed V University in Rabat

**Hongxu Zhang**, China

Associate Professor at Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture

## Panel 30

**TECHNOLOGY FOR PEACE****CHAIR**

**Carlos Moreira Creus**, Switzerland  
Founder and CEO of WISEKey

**PANELISTS**

**Juan Carlos Sainz-Borgo**, Costa Rica  
Vice President at UN University for Peace

**Victor Hugo Guerra**, Colombia  
Global Head Compliance Group of ICC Institute for World Business Law

**Ouided Bouchamaoui**, Tunisia  
Winner of the Nobel Prize (2015)

**ELECTORAL ERA AND GEOPOLITICAL EVENTS**

## Panel 31

**DEMOCRATIC TRANSITIONS AND LEADERSHIP****CHAIR**

**Tamara Sujú**, Venezuela  
Director of CASLA Institute

**PANELISTS**

**Lech Walesa**, Poland  
President of Poland (1990-1995) and Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1983

**Felipe González**, Spain  
President of Spain (1982 and 1996)

**Dita Charanzová**, Czech Republic  
Former Vice-President of the European Parliament (2019-2024) and Member of the European Parliament (MEP) (2014-2024)

**Luís Almagro**, Uruguay  
Secretary of the Organization of American States (OEA) (2015-2025)

**Fredo Arias-King**, Mexico  
President of the Prague-based think tank CASLA Institute

## Panel 32

**ASSESSMENTS OF ELECTORAL RULES OF 2024****CHAIR**

**Narciso Arellano**, Panama  
President of the Electoral Tribunal

**PANELISTS**

**Irakli Samkharadze**, Georgia  
Director European Integration Research Centre

**Cristian Deliorga**, Romania  
Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Romania

**Diego Valadés**, Mexico  
Emeritus Researcher at the Institute of Juridical Research of the  
National Autonomous University of Mexico

**Marcela Szymanski**, USA  
Head of International Advocacy of Aid to the Church in Need  
International

## Panel 33

### THE POPULIST CHALLENGES TO LIBERAL DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW

**CHAIR**

**Egils Levits**, Latvia  
President of Latvia (2019 - 2023)

**PANELISTS**

**Stephan Harbarth**, Germany  
President of the Federal Constitutional Court

**Víctor Oléa**, Mexico  
President of the Mexican Bar Association (2023-2025)

**Omar Leonel Fernández**, Dominican Republic  
Senator of the Dominican Republic

**Laura Díez Bueso**, Spain  
Magistrate of the Constitutional Tribunal of Spain

## Panel 34

### LATIN AMERICA: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

**Felipe Calderón**, Mexico  
President of Mexico (2006-2012)

**Tuto Quiroga**, Bolivia  
Former President of Bolivia (2001-2002)

## Panel 35

### THE CHALLENGE OF DISINFORMATION

**CHAIR**

**Manuel Campo Vidal**, Spain  
Journalist, Emeritus Professor of Spanish Academy of Television,  
Science and Audiovisual Arts ELISE

**PANELISTS**

**Alicia Ortega**, USA and Dominican Republic  
Director of SIN Group

**Pablo Mackinney**, Dominican Republic  
Journalist and writer

**Fabio Bertoni**, USA  
General Counsel at The New Yorker

**José Monegro**, Dominican Republic  
Director of EL DIA newspaper

**Juan Carlos Isaza**, Colombia  
Director of Alianza Informativa Latinoamericana

**Mariasela Álvarez**, Dominican Republic

Director and TV Anchor

## Panel 36

### RESHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD

**CHAIR**

**Edmundo González Urrutia**, Venezuela  
President elect of Venezuela

**PANELISTS**

**Tim Reynolds**, USA  
Chairman & Founder The Reynolds Foundation

**Álvaro Salas**, Costa Rica  
President & CEO The Reynolds Foundation

**Leopoldo López**, Venezuela  
General Secretary of the World Liberty Congress

**Carlos Vives**, Colombia  
Artist

**Jin Huang**, China  
Vice President of the WJA, Vice President of China Law

## CONSTITUTIONAL UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES

## Panel 37

### RULE OF LAW, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY I

**CHAIR**

**Luca Mezzetti**, Italy  
Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Bologna

**PANELISTS**

**Sokol Sadushi**, Albania  
President of the Supreme Court

**Cristina Hermida del Llano**, Spain  
Professor at Rey Juan Carlos University

**Vasco Pereira da Silva**, Portugal  
Professor at the University of Lisbon

**Valentina Colcelli**, Italy  
CNR, Perugia/Firenze

**Cristina Titirișcă**, Romania  
Assistant-Magistrate at the Constitutional Court

## Panel 38

### RULE OF LAW, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY II

**CHAIR**

**Luca Mezzetti**, Italy  
Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Bologna

**PANELISTS**

**Marianella Ledesma**, Peru  
President of the Constitutional Court (2020-2022)

**Alexander Brösl**, Slovak Republic

Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic (2000-2007)

**Remzije Istrefi-Peci**, Kosovo

Judge of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo

**Natalia Mushak**, Ukraine

National Aviation University

**Lorenza Violini**, Italy

Professor at the University of Milan

**Alan Bronfman**, Chile

Professor of Constitutional Law and Parliamentary Law at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso

Panel 39  
**HUMAN DIGNITY**

**CHAIR**

**Arta Vorpsi**, Albania

Professor of Constitutional Law, Tirana University and Chief of Staff of the President of Albanian Supreme Court

**PANELISTS**

**Pierre Nihoul**, Belgium

President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium (FR)

**Jorge Enrique Ibáñez**, Colombia

President of the Constitutional Court of Colombia

**Ilir Panda**, Albania

Vice President of the Supreme Court of Albania

**Selvete Gerxhaliu**, Kosovo

Judge of the Constitutional Court

**Dina Josefina Ochoa Escribá**, Guatemala

Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Guatemala

**Gabriella Mangione**, Italy

Professor at the University of Insubria

**Zeina Shaheen**, Morocco

Professor of family law, Rabat district attorney and gender researcher

**Vojsava Kola**, Albania

Judge of the Supreme Court of Albania

Panel 40  
**ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY**

**CHAIR**

**Stefanie Kisgen**, Germany

CEO bei Steinbeis School of International Business and Entrepreneurship (SIBE)

**CO-CHAIR**

**Rafael Fernando Feldmann**, Brazil

Partner at Cascione Advogados

**PANELISTS**

**José Ramón Bauza**, Spain

Member of the EU Parliament 2019-2024, President of the Government of the Balearic Islands 2011-2015, Trustee of the World Law Foundation

**Marieta Safta**, Romania

Law Professor at Titu Maiorescu University

**Santiago Solines**, Ecuador

Partner at Solines & Asociados Abogados

**Viktor Muraviov**, Ukraine

Professor at the University of Shevchenko

Panel 41  
**CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE IN A COMPARATIVE VIEW I**

**CHAIR**

**Holta Zaçaj**, Albania

President of the Constitutional Court

**PANELISTS**

**Villu Kõwe**, Estonia

President of the Supreme Court

**Mirosław Granat**, Poland

Judge of the Constitutional Court (2007-2016)

**Gheorghe Stan**, Romania

Judge of the Constitutional Court

**Domnica Manole**, Moldova

President of the Constitutional Court

**Jolita Miliuviene**, Lithuania

Parliamentary Ombudsperson, assoc. professor at Mykolas Romeris University

**Visar Morina**, Kosovo

Professor and Doctor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Prishtina

**Jörn Axel Kämmerer**, Germany

Professor Constitutional Law Bucerius Law School and President de of Societas Iuris Public Europaei

Panel 42  
**CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE IN A COMPARATIVE VIEW II**

**CHAIR**

**Andrzej Jackiewicz**, Poland

Associate professor at University of Bialystok

**PANELISTS**

**Tudorel Toader**, Romania

Rector and Professor at the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University. Minister of Justice (2017-2019)

**Marieta Safta**, Romania

Law Professor at Titu Maiorescu University

**Mathieu Disant**, France

Professor at Université de Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne)

**Anna Rytel-Warzocha**, Poland  
Professor at the University of Gdansk

**Germán López Daza**, Colombia  
Professor at Universidad Surcolombiana (Colombia)

**Arta Vorpsi**, Albania  
Professor of Constitutional Law, Tirana University and Chief of Staff of the President of Albanian Supreme Court

#### Panel 43

### CONSTITUTIONAL TRANSITIONS AND CHALLENGES FOR DEMOCRACY IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES

#### CHAIR

**Luca Mezzetti**, Italy  
Dean of the Faculty of Law and Professor at University of Bologna

#### PANELISTS

**Hamid Aboulas**, Morocco  
Professor at Abdelmalek Essaadi University, Tangier

**Francesco Biagi**, Italy  
Professor at the University of Bologna

**Amina El Masoud**, Morocco  
Judge of the Constitutional Court and professor of constitutional law at Mohammed V University in Rabat

**Juan José Ruiz Ruiz**, Spain  
Professor at the University of Jaén

**Caterina Drigo**, Italy  
Professor at the University of Bologna

## RULE OF LAW IN THE LEGAL FIELD

#### Panel 44

### INTERSECTION OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS IN ECONOMIC PROGRESS

#### CHAIR

**Natalia Khomyshyna**, Dominican Republic  
Legal Marketing Consultant

#### PANELISTS

**Carlos Eduardo Rubio Barberena**, Panama  
Former Minister of the Government of Panama and Panamanian lawyer

**Andrea Oviedo**, Bolivia  
Andean Community and Pacific Alliance at Latin America Invest

**William Matías**, Dominican Republic  
Partner at ISLAW Abogados

**Saimir Shatku**, Albania  
Phd and lecturer in the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, Albania

**Néstor Contin**, Dominican Republic  
Partner at Melo Martínez & Contin

#### Panel 45

### M&A TRANSACTIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CURRENT TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION

#### CHAIR

**Brunno Morette**, Brasil  
Partner at Cascione Advogados

#### PANELISTS

**Máximo Manuel Bergés Chez**, Dominican Republic  
Partner at Bergés Dreyfous Abogados

**Jesús Campos Falcones**, Spain  
Partner at BBCC Consulting

**Harald Czermak**, Austria/UAE  
Partner Wkk Law

**Jeffrey W. Berkman**, USA  
Partner at Falcon Rappaport & Berkman LLP

**Yang Di**, China  
Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of Xiangtan University

#### Panel 46

### PERSONAL INJURIES

#### CHAIR

**Juango Ospina**, Spain  
Trustee of the World Law Foundation. Criminal Lawyer

#### PANELISTS

**Jeff Korek**, USA  
Partner at Gersowitz Libo & Korek, P.C.

**Nicola Pietrantonio**, Italy  
Partner at Studio legale associato Isolabella

**Cydney Korek**, USA  
Associate Attorney at Gersowitz Libo & Korek, P.C.

#### Panel 47

### LEADERSHIP & LAW: LESSONS OF GLOBAL IMPACT (I)

#### CHAIR

**Roberto Whyte**, Spain  
Trustee of the World Law Foundation

#### PANELISTS

**Maksim Haxhia**, Albania  
President of the Albanian Chamber of Advocacy

**Jorge Marti Moreno**, Spain  
Past President of the International Association of Lawyers (UIA) 2020-2021

**Noeliz de Jesús**, Dominican Republic  
Vice Minister of Housing of the Dominican Republic

**José Ángel Santiago Ábrego**, Mexico  
President of the National Association of Corporate Lawyers (ANADE) of Mexico

#### Panel 48

### LEADERSHIP & LAW: LESSONS OF GLOBAL IMPACT (I)



## Panel 50

**FINANCIAL TRENDS , REGULATORY COMPLIANCE IN  
INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION AND LITIGATION****CHAIR****Jiankun Li**, China

Assistant Professor of China University of Political Science and Law

**PANELISTS****Rafael Tripero**, Spain

Managing Director at Cremades &amp; Calvo-Sotelo Abogados

**Binwu Qin**, China

Professor at the Faculty of Law of Xiangtan University

**Kehinde Oyewo**, Nigeria

Legal assistant at the Moboluwaduro Chamber

**David Kovel**, USA

Managing Partner at Kirby McInerney LLP

**JUN WEI**, China

Partner of Grandall Law Firm

**Robert Valdez**, Dominican Republic

Lawyer and Law Professor

**Ningning Huang**, China

Deputy Director of Committee of Foreign Related Legal Service of All China Lawyers Association and member of All China Lawyers Association (ACLA)

**CHAIR****Mauricio Junquera**, México

WLF Trustee and Partner at Junquera Legal

**PANELISTS****William Rodriguez**, Puerto Rico

Hero of the Twin Towers

**Michelle Ortiz**, Dominican Republic

President of the Dominican Association of Women Entrepreneurs (ADME)

**Jacobo Pombo**, Spain

President of the Global Youth Leadership Forum

**Emirjam Ahmetaga**, Albania

Head of International Relations

**ARBITRATION AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE  
RESOLUTION**

## Panel 49

**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION & COMMUNITY JUSTICE  
MECHANISMS****CHAIR****Pedro Paulino**, Portugal

Lawyer and Deputy Secretary-General of the Portuguese Peace Courts' Council

**PANELISTS****Eugenia Brache**, Dominican Republic

Secretary General of the Court of Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution of Santo Domingo

**Qingjiang Kong**, China

Professor and Dean at the Academy for the Foreign-related Rule of Law, China University of Political Science and Law

**Fernando Tonim**, São Tomé and Príncipe

CEO of the International Mediation &amp; Arbitration Institute

**Paola Giacalone**, Italy

Law Professor and member of the Digitalization &amp; Access to Justice Working Group at the University of Brussels

**Wei Xie**, China

Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of Xiangtan University

**DINNER WITH SONIA SOTOMAYOR****8:00 PM***(Users pay)*

**May 6**

**09:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

*(By invitation only)*

**9:00**

## **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WORLD LAW FOUNDATION**

**9:30**

### **INAUGURATION OF THE PEACE & LIBERTY MONUMENT**

**Universidad del Caribe - UNICARIBE**

**10:00-12:00**

### **CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE XIX WORLD LAW CONGRESS**

**Aula Magna of the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo**

### **CONVERSATION ON THE CHALLENGES OF THE RULE OF LAW**

**Hon. Stephan Harbarth**, *Germany*, President of the Federal Constitutional Court.

**Hon. Sonia Sotomayor**, *United States*, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

**Javier Cremades**, *Spain*, President of the World Jurist Association.

### **PRESENTATION OF THE WORLD LAW PEACE & LIBERTY AWARD**

#### **Laudatio**

**Hon. Stephan Harbarth**, *Germany*, President of the Federal Constitutional Court

**Hon. Anthony Justice Kennedy**, *United States*, Justice of the Supreme Court (1988-2018).

#### **Acknowledgement and Presentation by Spanish King**

**Hon. Sonia Sotomayor**, *United States*, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

#### **Remarks**

**H.M. King Felipe VI of Spain**, World Peace & Liberty Awardee 2019

**H.E. Luis Abinader**, President of the Dominican Republic

### **PEACE THROUGH LAW GALA LUNCH**

**1:00 PM**

*(By invitation only)*

## LOCAL PARTNER



## WORLD LAW CONGRESS DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2025 SPONSORED BY



**PUCMM**  
Pontificia Universidad Católica  
Madre y Maestra



**DEFENSOR  
DEL PUEBLO**  
República Dominicana