



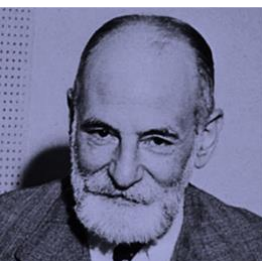
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Rule of Law Digital Center
Jorge Juan 30, Madrid



60 years making Peace Through Law



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THE ORGANIZERS

“A world ruled by law, and not by force” has been the [World Jurist Association](#)’s mission since its founding in 1963. A non-governmental organization in **special consultative status with the United Nations ECOSOC**, the [WJA](#) was created as free and open forum for judges, lawyers, law professors, students, and other professionals from around the world to cooperate in strengthening the Rule of Law and its institutions. Amongst its main activities are the biennial 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 two-day event where global leaders, including heads of State, justices, 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 NEW YORK 2023** will be the 28th edition of this event. The WJA celebrates its 60th anniversary going back to its American roots. On **July 20**,

simultaneous round tables will take place at the New York City Bar Association, gathering around 250 panelists from around the world. The Closing Ceremony will be held at the **ECOSOC Hall of the United Nations Headquarters on July 21, 2023**. During this ceremony, the World Peace & Liberty Award 2023 will be bestowed to a world personality or institution distinguished for their commitment to the promotion of peace through law and the rule of law as a guarantor of freedom. The award has been previously presented to Sir Winston Churchill, Nelson Mandela, René Cassin, Felipe VI King of Spain, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and, in its latest edition, to the Colombian society, received by President Ivan Duque.

THE OPENING SESSION Madrid

On **May 8, 2023**, Madrid will host, once again, an in-person **Opening Session for the World Law Congress 2023** to present the New York event to the European legal community and press. During the event the **Rule of Law Digital Center** of the World Law Foundation will be inaugurated, and distinguished personalities will be recognized with the **WJA Ruth Bader Ginsburg Medals of Honor** and the **World Peace & Liberty Award**.

The **RULE OF LAW DIGITAL CENTER** is the new project of the World Law Foundation (WLF). This will be the first of the centers that the WLF will put into motion in the five Continents. A physical and digital space open to organizations, institutions, companies, universities, schools, with projects aligned with the mission of the Foundation, which can contribute with ideas and resources, in compliance with the ESG intention and the United Nations SDG 16 of peace, justice and strong institutions. The Rule of Law Digital Center will be a space

for the different stakeholders to jointly propel their social impact, with focus on promoting the importance of the Rule of Law to young jurists, students, and the society in general.

The **WJA RUTH BADER GINSBURG MEDALS OF HONOR**, for their part, will be presented along with **Jane Ginsburg**, daughter of Justice Ginsburg, to eminent female jurists whose work and activism has promoted the Rule of Law and equality, breaking glass ceilings and paving the path for other women and girls to follow in their footsteps and become future leaders. This year awardees are:

- **Navi Pillay**, South Africa, Ad Hoc Judge International Court of Justice, Hague in the Genocide application by Gambia vs Myanmar, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (2008-2014), President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (1999-2003). Receives, in person, the WJA Ruth Bader Ginsburg Medal of Honor 2021.
- **Brenda Hale**, United Kingdom, Baroness Hale of Richmond, first female Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom (2017-2020).
- **Asifa Kakar**, Afghanistan, representing the International Association of Afghan Refugee Women Judges. Judge of the Supreme Court of Afghanistan, member of the Drafting Commission of the Constitution of Afghanistan (2003).
- **Imrana Jalal**, Fiji, lawyer specializing in human rights and gender equality, Chair of the World Bank Inspection Panel 2018-2022, Commissioner of the first Fiji Human Rights Commission, Co-founded the Fiji Women's Rights Movement.
- **Ambiga Sreenevasan**, Malaysia, lawyer, Human Rights, gender equality and free elections advocate; former President of the Malaysia Bar Association, US International Women of Courage Awardee 2009.

These medals were first conferred in 2021 in honor of Justice Ginsburg, who had been recognized with the World Peace & Liberty Award in February 2020 before her passing. In 2021, the medals were handed out by Jane Ginsburg and H.M. King Felipe VI of Spain, as previous recipient of the World Peace & Liberty Award 2019. The first Medals were granted to **Christine Lagarde**, France, President of the European Central Bank; **Gillian Triggs**, Australia, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant High Commissioner for

Protection for Refugees; **Luz del Carmen Ibáñez**, Peru, Vice-President of the International Criminal Court; **Maite Oronoz**, Puerto Rico, President of the Supreme Court; **Rosario Silva de Lapuerta**, Spain, Vice-President of the European Court of Justice; and **Young Hye Kim**, South Korea, Senior Judge and former Commissioner of the South Korean Human Rights Commission.

The **WORLD PEACE & LIBERTY AWARD**, described by many as the Nobel Prize in Law, is the highest award granted by the World Jurist Association. It will be presented to **Andrew Young** (1932), prominent American civil rights leader who has worked for the social, political, and



economic advancement of oppressed people around the world. Mr. Young helped drafting the US Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the US Voting Rights Act of 1965. After the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Young was named executive vice president of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (1968-1970).

Mr. Young was the first African American to serve as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, appointed by U.S. President Jimmy Carter, who was sympathetic to the South African liberation cause. He was an architect of the first U.S. African Policy, grounded in human rights, negotiated an end to white-minority rule in sub-Saharan Africa by bringing in President Carter's emphasis on human rights to international diplomacy efforts. In 1996, beyond the apartheid era in South Africa, he co-founded Good Works International, which promotes sustainable economic development in Africa and the Caribbean.

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Rule of Law Digital Center – Jorge Juan 30, Madrid, Spain.

SUNDAY MAY 7

PRESIDENT'S COUNTRYSIDE LUNCH AT EL ESCORIAL

(For international guests. By invitation only)

12:00

Bus departure – Entrance of the Wellington Hotel Madrid

13:00

El Escorial – Outskirts of Madrid

MONDAY MAY 8

RECEPTION COFFEE

(By invitation only)

10:00

Master of Ceremonies

Viviane Reding

Luxembourg, Vice President of the World Law Foundation

11:10

Opening Remarks

Javier Cremades

Spain, President of the World Jurist Association

PANEL: BREAKING GLASS CEILINGS IN THE LEGAL WORLD

11:20

Moderator

Encarnación Roca Trías

Emeritus Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of Spain,
Partner at Cremades & Calvo-Sotelo Abogados

Panelists

- Navi Pillay
- Brenda Hale
- Asifa Kakar
- Imrana Jalal
- Ambiga Sreenevasan

AWARD CEREMONY WJA RUTH BADER GINSBURG MEDALS OF HONOR

12:00

Intervention

Jane Ginsburg

USA, Professor at Columbia Law School

H.M. Felipe VI King of Spain

delivers the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Medals of Honor to

Award Recipients

Navi Pillay

South Africa, UN Human Rights High Commissioner (2008-2014), judge of the International Criminal Court (2003-2008) and President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, receives the WJA Ruth Bader Ginsburg Medal of Honor 2021.

Brenda Hale

United Kingdom, Baroness Hale of Richmond, first female Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom (2017 – 2020).

Asifa Kakar

Afghanistan, Judge of the Supreme Court of Afghanistan, member of the Afghan Constitution Drafting Commission in 2023, on behalf of the International Association of Afghan Refugee Women Judges.

Imrana Jalal

Fiji, human rights and gender equality lawyer, Chair of the World Bank Inspection Panel (2018-2022), commissioner in Fiji's first Human Rights Commission, co-founder of the Fiji Women's Rights Movement.

Ambiga Sreenevasan

Malaysia, lawyer, free elections, women's and Human Rights advocate, recipient of the US International Women of Courage Award (2009).

Medals of Honor of the World Jurist Association

12:08

H.M. Felipe VI King of Spain

Delivers the World Jurist Association Medals of Honor in presence of **Eugenio Ribón**

Acknowledgement

Manuel Aragón Reyes

Spain, Trustee of the World Law Foundation, Judge Emeritus of the Constitutional Court of Spain

Pedro Pérez-Llorca

Spain, Senior Partner at Pérez-Llorca

Luis de Carlos Bertrán

Spain, Former Senior and Managing Partner at Uría Méndez, Trustee of Profesor Uría Foundation

PRESENTATION OF THE WORLD LAW CONGRESS NEW YORK 2023

12:14

Presentation of the World Law Congress video

Remarks

Henry Molina

Dominican Republic, President of the Supreme Court of the

Dominican Republic

David Kovel

USA, General Counsel of the World Jurist Association

Summary of the NYC Opening Session and **Bill Clinton**, 42ND President of the United States of America, remarks video.

INAUGURATION OF THE RULE OF LAW DIGITAL CENTER MADRID OF THE WORLD LAW FOUNDATION

12:27

Interventions

Viviane Reding

Luxembourg, Vice President of the World Law Foundation

Revealing of the inauguration plaque of the Rule of Law Digital Center Madrid

AWARD CEREMONY WJA WORLD PEACE & LIBERTY AWARD

Act of the Board of Directors of the WJA

12:30

Kim Quarles

USA, Executive Vice president of the WJA

12:32

Andrew Young's legacy video

12:35

Interventions

Lin & Alexia Rogers

Supporters of Ambassador Andrew Young's Legacy

Andrew "Bo" Young

USA, Son of Andrew Young

12:50

Laudatio

Leonel Fernández

President of the Dominican Republic (1996-2000 / 2004-2012)

H.M. Felipe VI King of Spain

delivers the WJA World Peace & Liberty Award to

Andrew Young

American civil rights leader, politician, clergyman, member of the U.S. House of Representatives (1973–1977), US Ambassador to the United Nations, and Mayor of Atlanta (1982–1990)

12:57

Acknowledgement

Ambassador Andrew Young

CLOSING REMARKS

13:07

Didier Reynders

Belgium, European Commissioner for Justice

HM Felipe VI King of Spain

13:45 **THE WJA AWARDEES COCKTAIL**

THE WORLD LAW FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING GALA DINNER

20:00

The Wellington Hotel – Salón Duque de Wellington

User pays – to attend please purchase a ticket by contacting: nyc-wlc@worldlawfoundation.org

20:45

Welcoming remarks

Nicolás Martín

Secretary of the WLF Board of Trustees, Senior Partner at Herbert Smith Freehills Madrid

21:30

Fernando Carrillo Flórez

President of Prisa Latin America, former Inspector General of Colombia

Eugenio Ribón

Spain, Dean of Madrid Bar Association

Víctor Olea

México, President of the Mexican Bar Association, Trustee of the World Law Foundation

Javier Marín

Spain, CEO of Singular Bank

Eduardo Dívar

Spain, CEO of KIA Spain

MEDAL OF HONOR OF THE WORLD JURIST ASSOCIATION

Laudatio

Mohamedou Ould Slahi

Mauritania, Human Rights Activist

Acknowledgement

Nancy Hollander

USA, Criminal Defense Attorney

TUESDAY MAY 9

AMBASSADOR JULISSA REYNOSO'S COCKTAIL IN HONOR OF ANDREW YOUNG

18:00 – 20:00

US Embassy Residence in Madrid

(By invitation only)

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<https://youtube.com/live/IYp7-xdjrLQ>



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