

NEWSLETTER



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European Association of Lawyers

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR



Foreword of President

Dear Colleagues,
Dear Friends,

The memorable year 2022 is coming to an end. We will all remember it as a time of war against Ukraine, great uncertainty, fears, growing difficulties and challenges for our societies and countries.

These days our thoughts are with our Ukrainian colleagues and friends. We wish them courage, perseverance, and hope.

For our association, this was the first year after the Covid-19 pandemic that we met in Brussels and celebrated the 35th anniversary of AEA-EAL. The AEA-EAL has grown with new members, whom we warmly welcome. I am pleased to announce that together with the European Young Bars Association we are launching a new mentoring project for members of the Association. and I also invite you to participate in the next webinars on deontology and mediation.

As this year comes to an end, I would like to wish you, your families, and your friends a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! May it be full of peace, health, joy, and achievements in professional and private life.

Mentoring Project



The AEA-EAL in co-operation with EYBA is launching a mentoring project **Members4Members**, aiming to share experiences and knowledge, but above all, to strengthen mutual contacts and networking between lawyers. Colleagues with some experience or retired ones will meet online once a month with mentees for a meeting of max 1 hour to discuss issues according to the agreed program.

We invite all members, who wish to join as mentors or mentees to fill in the [registration form](#). You can find more information about the project on our [website](#).

Our new members!

A person's hands are holding a white rectangular sign with the words "WELCOME ABOARD!" written in a bold, dark blue, serif font. The person is wearing a light blue button-down shirt. The background is a solid dark blue.

WELCOME ABOARD!



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Events

Representation and the Role of lawyer in Mediation

9 February 2023



Professor Irakli Kandashvili

Chair of the AEA-EAL
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of the Mediators
Association of Georgia

The goal of the webinar is to discuss and review the different jurisdictions and regulations for the representation standards in mediation as well as analyse the role of the representative in the alternative dispute resolution mechanism as well as to conclude the approach of the participants to generate the common views on this topic.

When?

- 9 February 2023

Where?

- Online event on Zoom

Who should participate?

- Lawyers, mediators, specialists, and people interested in the specificity of online conflict solving

How much does it cost?

- The webinar is free of charge.

Topic

- Representation and role of lawyer in mediation

More information and registration will be available soon!

Past events

AEA-EAL 35 Anniversary



It was a wonderful time to see old friends and colleagues in person on the occasion of the 35th Anniversary of the AEA-EAL after two years of lockdown and pandemic restrictions. We met for a lovely dinner in Brussels to share memories and to be together. More photos can be found [here](#).

HELP training



The European Association of Lawyers (AEA-EAL) congratulates the AEA-EAL members who completed the Council of Europe HELP course on Ethics for Lawyers, implemented in a joint initiative of the Council of Europe HELP Program, the [European Association of Lawyers \(AEA-EAL\)](#) and the [European Young Bars Association](#). During the implementation of the course, AEA-EAL

**Vladimir
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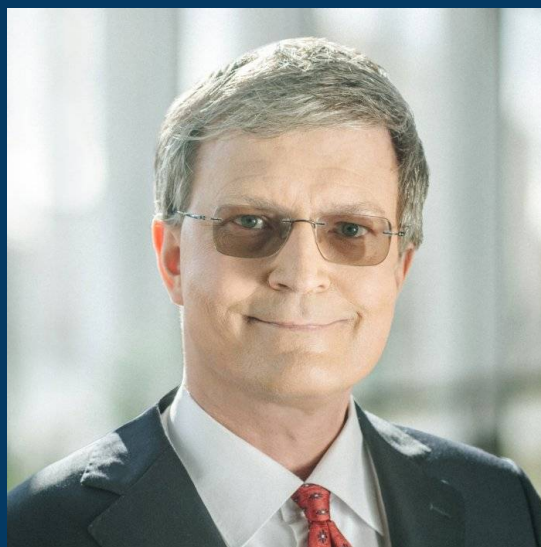
Co-ordinator
of the project
EYBA President
AEA-EAL Board Member

Deontology Committee actively contributed by delivering presentations and sharing experiences with participants. Contributing authors were Nielson Sanchez Stewart, chair of the Committee, Advocate, Doctor Iuris, Counselor of the Consejo General de la Abogacía Española and Professor of Ethics, Jędrzej Klatka, member of AEA-EAL and Vladimir Palamarciuc, co-author of the HELP course on Ethics for Judges, Prosecutors and Lawyers and HELP certified tutors. More information about this HELP course is available at the following [link](#) about the event.



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Business.Algorithm.Law Conference



Iain Mitchell QC

Chair
of the AEA-EAL IT Committee



**Business.Algorithm.Law
Conference**

Gdańsk, 13-15 October 2022

It was a pleasure to meet you on 13-15 October in the beautiful city of Gdańsk. The important topic, engaged audience, top speakers and vibes of the Gdańsk Old Town created an event to be remembered. The International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity was organised to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Gdańsk Bar of Attorneys-at-law which is our collective member. This was a great opportunity to discuss ongoing changes in technology and the legal and ethical concerns those changes trigger. Representatives of business have shared their feedback regarding the impact of new technologies on the way we think about the law and the market expectations regarding IP and AI legislation. On the margin of the conference, the first meeting of the AEA-EAL's IT Committee took place chaired by Iain Mitchell KC.

Photos from the event taken by Adam Kaczko may be found [here](#).

Market Access Seminar



Professor Philipp Zurkinden

AEA-EAL Past President
initiator and main
organizer of the
Market Access Seminars

On 13th October 2022, the European Association of Lawyers (AEA-EAL), together with the World Trade Institute (WTI) University of Bern, organized the annual Workshop on European and International Economic Law for the fifth time in Berne. The topic of this conference was the relationship between Switzerland (CH) and the European Union (EU), in particular the 50th anniversary of the Swiss-EU Free Trade Agreement, the European Economic Area and possible forms of the future relationship between CH and the EU. Again, this year, the conference included high-level speakers like the new Swiss State Secretary for Economic Affairs, the Secretary-General of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), the Secretary General of the Swiss cantons and eminent representatives of the EU and the Swiss economy.

Drafting convention on lawyer's profession



On 8 - 10 November 2022, AEA-EAL President Maria Ślęzak participated in the 3rd meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Protection of Lawyers (CJ-AV) - a consultative working party of the Council of Europe composed of 15 representatives of Member States, representatives of several international bodies such as the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the European Court of Human Rights, the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers. Observer members of the Committee are, among others, representatives of international lawyers' organisations, including the European Association of Lawyers (AEA-EAL). Our Association has actively participated in discussions and works on future legal instruments protecting lawyers' rights since 2017. Participants concentrated on reviewing the initial proposal of the text of the legal instrument aimed at strengthening the protection of the legal profession and the right to practice without prejudice or restriction, including monitoring and implementation of procedures. Works will be continued now by the Secretariat and Rapporteur. Experts and observers will meet again next year.

Women in times of war: The role of women lawyers



On 13 December a fantastic online conference took place with participation of women lawyers from three continents. The organizers (Opole Bar of Attorneys at Law, European Association of Lawyers (AEA-EAL), Federation of European Bars (FBE), Women for Law Initiative, Institute for African Women in Law and Women in Law Australia, under the honorary patronage of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) gathered top speakers discussing on the role of women lawyers:

- Prof. Marci Shore - Associate Professor of History Science University of Yale, specialising in European cultural & intellectual history
- Ms Osai Ojigho - the Director of Amnesty International's national office in Nigeria
- Dr Alix Frank-Thomasser - founder of The Women in Law Initiative, vice-President of Euréseau and Chair of the CSR Committee of CCBE

- Prof. J. Jarpa Dawuni - Associate Professor of Political Science at Howard University, Washington D.C., barrister-at-Law before the Ghana Superior Courts, Executive Director of the Institute for African Women in Law
- Ms Nida Usman Chaudhary - the founder of Women in Law Initiative Pakistan
- Dr Onyoja Momoh - a lecturer in Private International Law at the University of Aberdeen
- Ms Magdalena Witkowska - President of Regional Bar of Attorneys in Law in Gdańsk and Vice-Chair of Human Rights Committee of CCBE
- Ms Katarzyna Bisowska - President of Regional Bar of Attorneys in Law in Opole
- Mr James MacGuill - President of the CCBE
- Ms Maria Ślęzak -President of the AEA- EAL
- Ms Izabela Konopacka - Vicepresident of FBE and Vice- President of Regional Bar of Attorneys in Law in Wrocław

The conference was initiated and moderated by Joanna Wisła-Płonka, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Regional Bar of Attorneys in Law in Opole.



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