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# 5th World Women Lawyers' Conference

**26–27 April 2012**

**Grand Connaught Rooms, London, England**

A conference presented by the IBA Women Lawyers' Interest Group

After the success of the 4th World Women Lawyers' Conference in London 2010, this event will again offer attendees a fantastic opportunity to participate in sessions on recent legal topics as well as to network and exchange experiences. The fifth 'Outstanding International Women Lawyer of the Year Award' will also be presented during the conference reception.

## **Topics include:**

- Women in warzones
- Hot topics in corporate governance – and not only diversity of boards
- Women in the judiciary
- The increasing importance of the corporate counsel – what is in it for women?
- Recent trends in international arbitration
- Cross-border negotiations of a joint venture
- How to make a gender diversity plan work – in law firms and elsewhere

## **Who should attend?**

Both male and female lawyers and in-house counsel.

Friday 27 April

### Focus Group Three

#### 1500 – 1800 **Career planning and management**

This session will be fully participative so that everybody has a chance to discuss the opportunities they have been given, the successes they have had, the challenges they have faced and how they have overcome them. Everybody will leave with a 'Personal Action Plan' to help them win or maintain the career they want.

The session will be divided into five topics:

- 1 Deciding your career objectives
- 2 Creating a realistic plan: factors to be taken in to account
- 3 Implementing your plan
- 4 Skills required
- 5 What challenges remain when you have achieved your objectives?

*Moderator*

**Pippa Blakemore** *The PEP Partnership, Reading*

#### 1600 – 1630 **Coffee/tea break**

#### 2000 **Conference dinner**

*Sponsored by Dawson Cornwell*

*The Hall, The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn*

Encapsulating the true nature and history of Gray's Inn, the Hall has changed little since Elizabethan times. Captivating in its traditional surroundings, the Hall is decorated with historic paintings and heraldic shields. Several of the exquisite stained glass windows date back even further to 1462 and the historic Armada screen is believed to be made of oak timbers from a captured ship of the Spanish Armada (1588) and given to the Inn by Queen Elizabeth I.

Price: £70 per person

Entry to the dinner is by ticket only. Transport will not be provided.

#### 0830 – 1800 **Registration**

#### 0915 – 1000 **Keynote speaker**

**The Baroness Scotland of Asthal** *London (Invited)*

#### **Introduction**

**Anne-Marie Hutchinson** OBE

#### 1000 – 1300 **Hot topics in corporate governance – and not only diversity of boards**

Corporate governance has evolved strongly during the past decade and is still a very dynamic area throughout the world. This panel will focus on the most recent developments internationally with which every corporate lawyer should be familiar. Boardroom diversity and mandatory quotas is an increasingly important topic which will be discussed by the speakers as well as other aspects of board compositions and management compensations. Shareholder engagement with respect to environmental and social aspects will also be covered by this session.

*Session Chair*

**Maria Wolleh**

*Speakers*

**Pia Rudolfsson Goyer** *Norwegian Oil Fund, Oslo*

**Ellisa Opstbaum Habbart** *The Delaware Counsel Group, Wilmington; Corporate Governance Monitor, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee*


**Aline Poncelet** *Paul Hastings, Paris*

**Daniela Weber-Rey** *Clifford Chance, Frankfurt am Main*

#### 1100 – 1130 **Coffee/tea break**

#### 1300 – 1500 **Lunch**

#### **Presentation of the fifth Outstanding International Woman Lawyer of the Year Award**

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The fifth presentation of this award by the IBA Women Lawyers' Interest Group will recognise a woman lawyer who has:

- achieved professional excellence in her field; and
- influenced other women to pursue legal careers; or
- opened doors for women lawyers in a variety of job settings that historically were closed to them; or
- advanced opportunities for women within a practice area or segment of the profession.

The award will also include a gift of a charitable donation in the name of the honouree to an organisation of her choice.

For further information or to make a nomination, please contact Robyn Wheatley at the IBA, [robyn.wheatley@int-bar.org](mailto:robyn.wheatley@int-bar.org).

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