



IBA Arbitration Committee's Arbitration Day SCHOLARSHIP OUTLINE

The Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA), the world's largest international organisation of Law Societies, Bar Associations and individual lawyers engaged in transnational law, will hold its Arbitration Day on 23 April 2027 in Vienna, Austria.

The topics of the conference will be '*The Importance of Soft Law Instruments in International Arbitration: mezzo forte, diminuendo or vigoroso?*', and the panels will be about the IBA Party Representation Guidelines, the IBA Privilege Guidelines, and the IBA *Res Judicata* Guidelines.

The conference will also feature:

- Various social events, including the Opening Reception at a historic venue in the heart of Vienna and the hosted networking dinner
- A keynote speech
- IBA Mediation Committee breakfast

The Arbitration Committee is delighted to announce that for the first time in its history it will award a scholarship to attend the IBA Arbitration Day to a young lawyer who wishes to participate in this IBA Arbitration Day, but who is unable to do so owing to financial constraints.

The IBA therefore invites interested persons to apply for a scholarship, which will provide a contribution towards the registration fees, travel and accommodation expenses.

The IBA Arbitration Day Scholarships award the following:

- waived registration fee to the IBA Arbitration Day 2027;
- a contribution towards travel costs to attend the IBA Arbitration Day 2027 (economy class);
- accommodation while attending the IBA Arbitration Day 2027;
- one year free membership of the IBA, including membership of one IBA Arbitration Committee; and
- waiver of the next year's IBA Arbitration Day's registration fee.

All applications received by **midnight UK time Sunday 15 November 2026** will be submitted to the scholarship judging committee who must be satisfied that the applicant has convincing reasons for wishing to attend the conference, and cannot finance themselves. In addition, each candidate must meet the requirements set out in the criteria on the following page.



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Scholarship Terms and Conditions

- 1) The IBA Arbitration Committee Scholarship to attend the IBA Arbitration Day on 23 April 2027 in Vienna, Austria is free to enter.
- 2) It is open to all lawyers aged 35 and below on the date of application, whether or not they are members of the IBA.
- 3) Employees of the IBA, Officers of any IBA entity and relatives of the above are excluded from the competition.
- 4) Applications need to be written in English accompanied by an essay relevant to the topic of the Conference (of up to 2,500 words).
- 5) Applications must be completed and submitted via the online scholarship form and received by **midnight UK time Sunday 15 November 2026**. Applications received after this time will not be considered.
- 6) All applications will then be forwarded to the scholarship judging committee who must be satisfied that the applicant has convincing reasons for wishing to attend the conference and cannot finance themselves. They will decide on who will receive the scholarships.
- 7) It is planned that the IBA Office will communicate the scholarship judging committee decision to the successful applicants by **Sunday 31 January 2027**.
- 8) The decision of the scholarship judging committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The decision will be published on the IBA website. The successful applicants will be contacted at the email address given on the application form.
- 9) The Scholarship Award includes:
 - Free registration for the IBA Arbitration Day, 23 April 2027, Vienna, Austria.
 - A contribution towards travel and accommodation costs to the conference.
- 10) Each participant may only submit one application.
- 11) The IBA or the scholarship judging committee and the organisers of the scholarship are not responsible for the loss, damage or nonarrival, nor for any costs or expenses incurred in the preparation or the submission of your application.
- 12) Please note if you are awarded the Arbitration Committee Scholarship you will be required to confirm your attendance by providing a copy of your travel documents for your flight and visa (should you need to apply for one). These documents must be sent to the Divisions team (**divisions@int-bar.org**) by no later than **Sunday 7 March 2027**.
- 13) The successful candidate shall be required to write a brief report of the conference attended (max 1000 words) and shall submit such report to the Arbitration Committee Scholarship judging committee no later than one month after the Arbitration Day.
- 14) Participants will be expected to have read all the above terms and conditions and by submitting an application therefore agree to the terms and conditions set out.
- 15) The IBA reserves the right to amend and update these terms and conditions at any time without notice.
- 16) By entering the award all nominators and nominees consent to all data they submit on this form being shared with the judging panel.
- 17) Please note the data submitted on SurveyMonkey forms is stored in the United States of America, but complies with UK data protection regulations.



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The expected costs:

- 1) Waiver of the registration fee
- 2) Economy class air (or train) ticket
- 3) Three nights accommodation
- 4) Free participation at the IBA AC Officers' Dinner
- 5) Free participation at the IBA AC Officers' Social Programme

The names and details of the officers that will sit on the judging panel:

A three-member judging committee:

- 1) Galina Zukova (galina@zukova.legal)
- 2) Mahesh Rai (Mahesh.Rai@drewnapier.com)
- 3) Deborah Visconte (ebora@visconte.adv.br)