



**WORLD LAW CONGRESS
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2025**



Santo Domingo | May 04-06

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 two 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 29th edition of this three-day event. On the first day, the Opening Ceremony will be the start of the World Law Congress 2025, followed by Interface International Dialogue, where leaders of the main religions will discuss the different areas of interest. The second day will feature more than 400 speakers, presenters, and panelists from 70+ countries across the five continents who will discuss multiple thematic working sessions topics focusing on **Peace Through Law**, the original WJA motto.

Finally, on the third day, the Closing Ceremony will be held at a landmark building in Santo Domingo. During this ceremony, the **World Peace & Liberty Award 2025** will be bestowed to an international personality. 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 presented to its President, Ursula von der Leyen.





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XXIX WORLD LAW CONGRESS' PANELS

OPENING CEREMONY

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

Carolina Mejía, *Dominican Republic*
Mayor of Santo Domingo

INTERFAITH INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE

Panel 1
**DIALOGUE AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE
MONOTHEISTIC RELIGIONS**

Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, *Saudi Arabia*
Secretary General of the Muslim World League

WELCOMING COCKTAIL

6:00 PM
(Applicable registration and fee)

May 5, 2024
9:00 AM 5:30 PM

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE FORUM

Panel 1
**INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY, CODE OF ETHICS AND
ENFORCING CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES**

Topics:
Code of Ethics for Judges
Independence of the Judiciary

CHAIR

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

PANELISTS

Edgardo Cáceres Castellanos, *Honduras*
Magistrate of the Supreme Court of Justice of Honduras (1994-
2002) and (2016-2023)

Miodrag Đorđević, *Slovenia*
President of the Supreme Court of Slovenia

Petr Angyalossy, *Czech Republic*
President of the Supreme Court of the Czech Republic

Panel 2
**PROTECTION OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY AND JUDICIAL
INDEPENDENCE**

CO-CHAIRS

Shimon Shetreet, *Israel*
President, International Association of Judicial Independence and
World Peace, Greenblatt Chair of Public and international Law,
Hebrew University

Pascal Pichonnaz, *Switzerland*
President, European Law Institute ELI, University of Freiburg

PANELISTS

John Thomas, *United Kingdom*
Former Chief Justice England and Wales

Ellise Muir, *Belgium*
Head of the Department for International and European Law, Head
of the Institute for European Law of the KU Leuven and Visiting
Professor at the College of Europe

Takis Tridimas, *United Kingdom*
Professor of European Law at King's College

Sophie Turenne, *United Kingdom*
Assistant Professor in Comparative Law; Fellow in Law at the
University of Cambridge

Christiane Wendehorst, *Austria*
Co-Head of the Department of Innovation and Digitalisation in Law
Scientific Director of the European Law Institute

Fryderick Zoll, *Poland*



Professor at the Jagellonian University and Osnabrueck University

Kim Lane Scheppele, USA

Laurance S. Rockefeller Professor of Sociology and International Affairs in the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs

Panel 3

DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE: VOICES OF DIFFERENT ACTORS

CHAIR

José Igreja Matos, Portugal

President of the International Association of Judges, World Law Foundation Trustee

PANELISTS

Ekaterina Trendafilova, Bulgaria

President of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers. Former ICC Judge, President of the Pre-Trial Division

Soranib Nathali Hernandez de Deffendini, Spain

Associate Professor of Public International Law and International Relations at Universidad Rey Juan Carlos/Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Nicola Pietrantonio, Italy

Partner at Studio legale associato Isolabella

Graciela Gatti, Uruguay

President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

Piotr Hofmański, Poland

Former President of the International Criminal Court (ICC)

Panel 4

EXPLORING SHARED VALUES AND PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING ACROSS RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

CHAIR

Manuel Breton, Spain

President of Caritas Española

PANELISTS

Alistair Dutton, United Kingdom

Secretary General of Caritas Internationalis

Tetiana Stawnychy, Ukraine

President of Caritas Ukraine

Héctor Fabio Henao Gaviria, Colombia

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

Natalia Peiro, Spain

Secretary General of Cáritas Española

HUMAN RIGHTS & FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Panel 5

CURRENT CHALLENGES TO HUMAN RIGHTS

Topics:

Judicial security

Freedom of speech

Right to life

Antidiscrimination

Migrations

CHAIR

Carmen Velasquez, USA

Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York - Queens County

PANELISTS

Erika Torregrossa, Spain

Principal Chief Executive Officer en DIPLOCORP

Fabio Bertoni, USA

General Counsel at The New Yorker

Amaka Ufodiama, Nigeria

Deputy Chief Registrar, Probate Registry.

Arta Vorpsi, Albania

Professor of Constitutional Law, Tirana University

Kim Quarles, USA

Executive Vice-President of the World Jurist Association

Panel 6

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

CHAIR

Hilarie Bass, USA

President of the American Bar Association 2019 – 2022 and President of the Bass Institute for Diversity and Inclusion

PANELISTS

Esohe Ikponmwen, Nigeria

Emeritus Chief Judge of Edo Estate Nigeria

Panel 7

INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

CHAIR

Carolina Marín Pedreño, Spain

Vice President of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL). Former President of Westminster and Holborn Law Society

PANELISTS

Rachael Kelsey, United Kingdom

President of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL)

Daniela Horvitz, Chile

President of the UIA Family Commission, former President of AIJUDEFA

Marcela Paula Bakit De Ruyt, USA

Family lawyer and Founder of Bakit & Cia

Panel 8

INDIGENOUS LAW CHALLENGES

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)

ENVIROMENTAL & ENERGY RULE OF LAW FORUM

Panel 9

CLIMATE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

CHAIR

Kari Kuusiniemi, Finland

President of the Supreme Administrative Court. Trustee of the World Law Foundation

PANELISTS

Pere Pastor Vilanova, Andorra

Judge and President of Section III of the European Court of Human Rights

Panel 10

NATURE FOR DEVELOPMENT

CHAIR

Luc Lavrysen, Belgium

President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium (NL)

Panel 11

TOWARDS A POLLUTION FREE PLANET

CHAIR

Antonio Herman Benjamin, Brazil

Chief Justice of the National High Court of Brazil (STJ), President GJIE

Panel 12

CHALLENGES TO SUSTAINABILITY IN THE AMERICAS

CHAIR

Lucio Ghia, Italy

President of the WJA (1995-1997)

PANELISTS

Luiz Claudio Allemand, Brazil

President of the Arbitration Chamber of the Federation of Industries of Espírito Santo

Carrie Gaard, Argentina

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

Diego Patricio Pazmiño Vinuesa, Ecuador

Consultant lawyer of IUSconsultores Law Firm

Panel 13

CLIMATE CHANGE, THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE CURRENT SCENARIO OF ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS FOR DECARBONIZATION IN DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS

CHAIR

Rafael Fernando Feldmann, Brazil

Partner at Cascione Advogados

PANELISTS

Milagros de Camps, Dominican Republic

Minister of the Environment and Natural Resources

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

Panel 14

REGULATORY TRENDS IN NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Topics:

Impact of AI in the justice system

Bigtech and data protection

Cryptocurrencies

CHAIR

Stephan Harbarth, Germany

President of the Federal Constitutional Court

PANELISTS

Cesar Landa, Peru

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

Panel 15

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

Tamta Margvelashvili, Georgia

Director of the Competition, Capital and Financial Markets Practice at Nodia, Urumashvili and Partners

Milan Kristof, Luxembourg

Référéndaire European Court of Justice

Panel 16

INNOVATIONS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE USE OF AI

CHAIR

Don Bivens, USA

Partner at Don Bivens PLLC, former member of the ABA Board of Governors

PANELISTS

Andres Diaz Arana, Colombia
Partner at Pava Diaz Arana

Siavash Shahrjerdi, France

Legal Counsel and Senior University Lecturer at University of Paris

Marcelo Montero, Chile

Partner at Budais Abogados

Santiago Solines, Ecuador

Partner at Solines & Asociados Abogados

Panel 17

THE RULE OF LAW IN THE WORLD'S DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

CHAIR

Viviane Reding, Luxembourg

Vice Chair of the World Law Foundation, VP of the European Commission (2010-2014)

PANELISTS

Candace Johnson, Luxembourg

Co-founder of SES and architect of SES Global, President Emeritus of EBAN

ELECTORAL ERA AND GEOPOLITICAL EVENTS

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ASSESSMENTS OF ELECTORAL RULES OF 2024

CHAIR

Irakli Samkharadze, Georgia

Director European Integration Research Centre

PANELISTS

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

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PARADIGM SHIFT RESULTING FROM THE 2024 ELECTIONS

Rafael Heredia, México

Agent of the Public Prosecutor's Office of the Federal District

CONSTITUTIONAL UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES

Panel 20

RULE OF LAW, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY

CO-CHAIRS

Rainer Arnold, Germany

Professor at Regensburg University

Luca Mezzetti, Italy

Dean of the Faculty of Law and amaskiLaw Professor at University of Bologna

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Cristina Hermida del Llano, Spain

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Sokol Sadushi, Albania

President of the Supreme Court

Cristina Titirișcă, Romania

Assistant-Magistrate at the Constitutional Court

Natalia Mushak, Ukraine

National Aviation University

Lorenza Violini, Italy

Professor at the University of Milan

Marianella Ledesma, Peru

President of the Constitutional Court (2020-2022)

Alan Bronfman, Chile

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

Alexander Brösti, Slovak Republic

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

Panel 21

HUMAN DIGNITY

CHAIR

Selin Esen, Turkey

First Vice-President of the International Association of Constitutional Law

PANELISTS

Selvet Gerxhaliu, Kosovo

Judge of the Constitutional Court



Arta Vorpsi, Albania
Professor of Constitutional Law, Tirana University

Gabriella Mangione, Italy
Professor at the University of Insubria

Pierre Nihoul, Belgium
President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium (FR)

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ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY**CO-CHAIRS**

Stefanie Kisgen, Germany
CEO bei Steinbeis School of International Business and Entrepreneurship (SIBE)

PANELISTS

Wolfgang Weiss, Germany
Executive Director of Agrofert Germany GmbH

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Judge at the Superior Court of Justice (OLG) Nuremberg

Marieta Safta, Romania
Law Professor at Titu Maiorescu University

Viktor Mushak, Ukraine
Professor at the University of Shevchenko

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CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE IN A COMPARATIVE VIEW I**CO-CHAIRS**

Holta Zcaj, Albania
President of the Constitutional Court

Rainer Arnold, Germany
Professor at Regensburg University

PANELISTS

Villu Köwe, Estonia
President of the Supreme Court

Gresa Caka-Nimani, Kosovo
President of the Constitutional Court

Mirosław Granat, Poland
Judge of the Constitutional Court (2007-2016)

Gheorghe Stan, Romania
Judge of the Constitutional Court

Domnica Manole, Moldova
Judge of the Constitutional Court. President of the Constitutional Court (2019-2023)

Jolita Miliuviene, Lithuania
Adviser to the President of the Constitutional Court

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CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE IN A COMPARATIVE VIEW II**CO-CHAIRS**

Jean-Philippe Derosier, France
Professor of Public Law, Center for Legal Research, University of Lille

Rainer Arnold, Germany
Professor at Regensburg University

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 Nacional de Colombia

Arta Vorpsi, Albania
Professor of Constitutional Law, Tirana University

Sokol Sadushi, Albania
President of the Supreme Court

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THE RULE OF LAW IN THE CONSTITUTION**CHAIR**

Ján Sikuta, Slovak Republic
President of the Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic

PANELISTS

Alma Como, Albania
Head of Public and International Relations Department of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Albania

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DEMOCRATIC TRANSITIONS AND LEADERSHIP**CHAIR**

Tamara Sujú, Venezuela
Director of CASLA Institute

PANELISTS

Lech Walesa, Poland
Former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1983

Felipe González, Spain
Former President of Spain (1982 y 1996)

Óscar Arias, Costa Rica
Former President of Costa Rica 1986-1990 and 2006-2010, and Nobel Peace Prize in 1987

Luís Almagro, Uruguay
Secretary of the Organization of American States (OEA)



Panel 27

THE IMPACT OF THE RULE OF LAW IN PUBLIC LAW

Christina Voigt, Norway
Professor at the University of Oslo and Chair, IUCN-WCEL

Sergio de Andréa, Brazil
Brazilian Academy of Legal Literature

RULE OF LAW IN THE LEGAL FIELD

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

Ambiga Sreenevasan, Malasia
Partner at Sreenevasan, Advocates & Solicitors

Rafael García Millán, Spain
Partner at Cremades & Calvo-Sotelo

Panel 29

**THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF-AWARENESS IN A LEGAL
TRANSACTION****CHAIR**

Roberto Whyte, Spain
Trustee of the World Law Foundation

Panel 30

**M&A TRANSACTIONS IN LATIN AMERICA 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

Panel 31

**GLOBAL LEGAL DYNAMICS: NAVIGATING CHANGE AND SEIZING
OPPORTUNITIES IN A TRANSFORMATIVE ERA**

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

Panel 32

**FINANCIAL TRENDS AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE IN
INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION**

Jiankun Li, China
Assistant Professor of China University of Political Science and Law

Moisés Castro Pizaña, México
Partner at Bufete Castro Pizaña

Nicola Tegoni, Italy
Equity Partner, Co-Chair of the Italy Practice Group at Dunnington,
Bartholow & Miller LLP

Kehinde Oyewo, Nigeria
Legal assistant at the Moboluwaduro Chamber

Gustavo Andrés Piedrahita Forero, Colombia
Member of the Colombian Arbitration Committee and the
Arbitration Commission - ADR of the International Chamber of
Commerce of Paris (ICC)

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PERSONAL INJURIES: INTERNATIONAL APPROACH

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

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**MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN ARBITRATION
PROCEEDINGS****CHAIR**

Hwang Cheol-Kyu, Republic of Korea
WJA Board Member, Immediate Past President of the International
Association of Prosecutors

PANELISTS

Alberto Preciado, Colombia
WLF Trustee and President of Preciado Abogados

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LEADERSHIP & LAW: LESSONS OF GLOBAL IMPACT**CHAIR**

Mauricio Junquera, México
WLF Trustee and Partner at Junquera Legal

PANELISTS

William Rodriguez, Puerto Rico
Hero of the Twin Towers

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

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ISLAMIC LAW: HISTORY, SOURCES, INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETY**CHAIR**

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





May 5

08:00 PM

PEACE THROUGH LAW GALA DINNER

(Applicable registration and fee)

May 6

09:30 AM – 12:00 PM

(By invitation only)

CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE XIX WORLD LAW CONGRESS

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

PRESENTATION OF THE WORLD LAW PEACE & LIBERTY AWARD

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Anthony Kennedy, *USA*, Senior Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

Acknowledgement

Awardee

Remarks

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

Luis Abinader, President of the Dominican Republic

COCKTAIL RECEPTION / AWARDEES' LUNCH

12:30 PM

(By invitation only)



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Javier Cremades, *Spain*, President of the World Jurist Association
Iván Duque, *Colombia*, lawyer, writer, and politician. President of Colombia (2018-2022)

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Diego Solana, *Spain*, attorney and International Advisor of the World Law Foundation

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