



## 2015 GLOBAL LAW DEANS' FORUM

**October 25-27, 2015**  
**Instituto Empresa Law School**  
**Madrid Campus, Spain**

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## 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

**October 27-29, 2015**  
**Instituto Empresa Law School**  
**Segovia Campus, Spain**



### 2014 ANNUAL MEETING CHANGED



The Annual Meeting Planning Committee has unanimously agreed that the Annual Meeting which was scheduled for October 2014, be postponed to October 27-29, 2015. The reason for the postponement is that after months of discussion between the host institution, the University of British Columbia (UBC), the Association, the Committee, and myself, it became clear that IALS's position with respect to programming for the meeting was not compatible with UBC's view of its obligations to its donor and the university as to the programming that UBC was willing to fund. Moreover, time simply was running out for resolving our differences. All of us who were involved in these discussions regret that the meeting will not take place at UBC, that the annual meeting must be postponed to a later date, and that a new host must be found. However, the Dean of UBC, Mary Anne Bobinski, who is also a member of the IALS Board, has expressed UBC's continued support for the goals of IALS and the hope that UBC will be able to find other ways to support IALS in the future.

**Best, Barbara Holden-Smith**

*Message from General Secretary/Treasurer &  
Chair of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are half way through 2014, and it has been another exceptional time for the IALS. Coming off a dramatic increase in our membership and the adoption of the Global Standards and Outcomes of a Legal Education, we have just finished our third round of four regional deans' workshops.

Our regional meetings explored the challenges facing legal education and our commitment to develop standards and guidelines. These regional meetings for law school leaders explored our relationship with other legal education stakeholders, along with issues of ranking and scholarship. We focused particularly on our relationship with the judiciary. High Court and Supreme Court jurists from each region worked with our law school leaders in building a bridge to better understand the challenges and developing a vision of cooperation to foster a coherent perspective

on improving and unifying legal education.

The Annual Meeting Planning Committee, chaired by our General Secretary, Professor Barbara Holden Smith, decided unanimously to postpone. See her message below. While on the one hand we are disappointed that we will not be able to come together as a community until next year, this postponement does offer us an opportunity to further engage our membership by a variety of initiatives which are being proposed by our various committees.

We hope you will join us in these initiatives. These committees are now putting the final touches on existing and new programs which will serve our members. Some of these programs will be tied to the theme of the annual meeting. It will offer opportunities for faculty and students to be awarded for their scholarship as well as for innovations in curriculum and pedagogy. Programs will also foster collaborative research as well as provide an outlet for publications of relevant scholarship in our electronic law journal. We hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities.

We are deeply grateful to Instituto Empresa Law School and its Dean, Prof. Javier de Cendra, for its generosity in hosting both our Annual Meeting as well as the Global Law Deans' Forum at its two campuses in Segovia and Madrid Spain. It is only through such active engagement and support by our members can the work of our Association be sustained. A very big THANK YOU to our host for next year – The IE Law School.

Also, we have embarked on a strategic study to restructure our Association to determine how we can sustainably and equitably govern ourselves. Presently, a sub-committee of the Board is gathering views and suggestions from our Governors. In order to ensure that the perspectives of our diverse membership are represented in this discourse, we have appointed interim governors to fill in accumulated vacancies. (Please see below). We welcome these members who have volunteered their time and resources to help shape our future.

We will be canvassing our membership after this first phase has been concluded. It is important that all our members have an opportunity to provide their input into this process. All this will lead to a proposed restructure plan amending our present charter. This will be put to the membership for approval at our annual meeting.

The Association continues with its prime mission of improving global legal education by learning from each other. In order to accomplish this, we invite all of our members to participate. There is much to teach and learn from each other. **All the best, Frank Wang**

## 2014 Regional Law Deans' Forums

Thank you to the over 100 participants of the four 2014 Regional Law Deans' Forums held in the months of April, May and July 2014. We are sure all participants were impressed by the high level of intellectual discourse that was used to examine the Challenges to Legal Education: Globalization and the Development of Standards. The Association is appreciative of all the judges who were active participants in the forums.



Thank you to our generous law school hosts: University College Dublin, Lewis & Clark Law School, National University of Malaysia, University of Nairobi, Strathmore University and their colleagues in so professionally and graciously hosting the forums. Without their help, this would not have been possible. To view the minutes of each meeting, we encourage you to sign up on our [Members Only Website](#). Visit our website for dates and venues for the 2015 Regional Law Deans' Forums.



## Visiting Professors' Program

The IALS International Visiting Professors' Program serves to facilitate the exchange of legal scholars among our members. The inaugural host institution for the 2014 year is St. John's University Law School in New York City, New York, USA. The Visiting Professors' Committee carefully reviewed all the qualified candidates' applications. The host institution made the final decision and has chosen Professor Annika Rudman from the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. Thank you to all the applicants!

Please do note that this is only the first of many opportunities that the Visiting Professors' Committee has in store for our members. We encourage you to stay connected to IALS. Also, if your school would like to host a Visiting Professor please contact the IALS for further information. Thank you to the Visiting Professor Committee members and St. John's University Law School for their time and efforts!

### **St. Johns University Law School:**



Michael Simons  
*Dean and John V. Brennan Professor of Law & Ethics*

Margaret McGuinness  
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### **IALS Committee Members:**

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**About Professor Rudman:** Associate Professor Annika Rudman specializes in public international law and international human rights law with specific focus on gendered rights, property rights and feminist theory. She holds a LL.B. from the University of Lund, Sweden, a LL.M. (in international human rights law) from the University of Lund, Sweden, a LL.M. (in public international law) from the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, and a Ph. D. in peace and development research from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Professor Rudman currently teaches public international law at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa and has previously taught at the Universities of Lund and Malmo in Sweden as well as the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. She has carried out extensive field research in East, West, and Southern Africa in relation to her interest in land rights, gender equality and customary land tenure. Professor Rudman currently serves as the editor of the State Practice and International Law Journal and serves on the International Advisory Board of the International Human Rights Law Review. She is an advisor to the Human Rights Capacity Building Project in cooperation with the Tanzania Legal Education Trust (TANLET) and The Legal and Human Rights Center (LHRC), and is also the coordinator of the partnership program between the Faculty of Law, University of Stellenbosch and the new University of Bagamoyo, in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Professor Rudman has published both nationally and internationally in the fields of public international law, women's rights and feminist theory.



**About St. Johns:** St. John's University School of Law opened its doors on September 28, 1925. Founded 55 years after the opening of St. John's University by the Vincentian Community, the School initially dedicated itself to educating the children of individuals who had been denied access to economic and educational opportunities. The School currently boasts more than 13,000 living graduates and attracts students from over 200 colleges and universities throughout the country. The current student body of approximately 1,000 represents students from many backgrounds, all of whom have excelled in undergraduate institutions, and many of whom have been employed prior to starting their law studies. Today, the School of Law's original vision has widened to include students from all parts of the nation and the world who share a mutual commitment to the pursuit of excellence.



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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

## **3<sup>rd</sup> African Regional Law Deans' Forum co-host** **Strathmore Law School** **Luis Franceschi, *Dean***



Strathmore was founded in 1961 as the first multi-racial and multi-religious educational institution in English-speaking Africa. Since then Strathmore has been an icon of quality and excellence in East Africa. Strathmore Law School intends to cultivate a young generation of Africans who can turn into reality the dreams of a developed and more human African continent that respects and abides by the rule of law, safeguarding and deeply understanding the role of values in the attainment of a just society.

A particular challenge we have faced has to do with getting an even student population that is representative of the Kenya population in terms of diverse economic statuses. We have to ensure quality in our education while making it affordable to all Kenyans. However, as a private institution with minimum financial support from government, it is not always easy to strike this balance in the student population. Through the 'Friends of SLS' initiative we have been able to provide 13% of the student population with scholarships through partnerships with well-wishers of the law school. To encourage academic research among students and lawyers we use the various research centers within the law school – the Center for Intellectual Property and IT Law, Strathmore Dispute Resolution Center, Strathmore Executive Legal Education Program, The Tax Research Center, and Strathmore Legal Policy Institute -- to cultivate inquisitive minds in a free working environment.

Interaction with other law schools: I prefer a very co-operative basis of interaction through different platforms; including forums, panels, conferences and retreats. Being an active IALS member has enabled me to meet law deans and to learn and exchange insights into developing a legal education in Kenya that is alive to the interrelatedness of modern legal education. This has had a significant impact on the delivery of our curriculum.



## **3<sup>rd</sup> African Regional Law Deans' Forum co-host** **University of Nairobi** **Patricia Kameri-Mbote, *Dean***



The Faculty of Law was established in 1970 and is one of the original faculties of the University of Nairobi. The main task of the Faculty is to run a national training program for the legal profession, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B). The Faculty also runs Master of Laws (LL.M) and Ph.D programs for students wishing to specialize in specific branches of law. Although law studies at the University Level are by tradition, of theoretical character, pedagogical efforts have been made to encourage active participation in class and to introduce mock trials and moot court competitions both locally and internationally. The Faculty also runs a clinical program under which students are attached to courts in order for them to appreciate the workings of the law and gain practical experience.

The training at the Faculty provides students with knowledge of the law required in professional practice, business, industry as well as service in local and central governments. Since its establishment, the Faculty has maintained a distinctive character in contribution to the legal profession and the legal fraternity in Kenya and is the leading source of legal knowledge and skills in the country. Graduates of the Faculty are serving as senior members of government, judges of superior courts, magistrates, senior legal officers in the State Law Office, public corporations, local authorities and private entities. Others are law instructors in many institutions.

This premier law faculty has evolved steadily from its earlier status as a department of the Faculty of Commerce in the 1960s to one of the largest law faculties in East and Central Africa. Today, the Faculty has the staff strength of 8 professors, 7 senior lecturers, 19 lecturers, 8 assistant lecturers and a team of administrative and support staff. The student population stands at slightly over 1,200. The Faculty has therefore become the object of legitimate expectation in terms of academic delivery.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Americas Regional Law Deans' Forum host**  
**Lewis & Clark Law School**  
**Robert Klonoff, Dean**



At Lewis & Clark Law School, we strive to maintain and enhance a rich intellectual environment that contributes to legal knowledge through teaching, scholarship, and public service; that fosters innovation and new ideas; and that educates supports and challenges our students in developing the knowledge, analytical and practical skills, and professional values that they need to excel in a diverse and dynamic world. We support all members of our community as they engage the legal world through advocacy, counseling, scholarship, and public service.

Robert Klonoff has been the Dean of Lewis & Clark Law School since 2007. Under his leadership, the law school has dramatically increased the number of partnership relationships with international law schools and is proud to host the 3rd Americas Regional Law Deans' Forum.

Partnering with other law schools in the IALS allows Lewis & Clark Law School to provide a richer educational experience for students and faculty as well as solidifying professional ties within the international legal community. Dean Klonoff and his staff have created numerous international opportunities for students, such as the development of a collaborative International Water Law Conference in New Delhi with the National Law University which took place in the summer of 2013.

After graduating from Yale Law School and clerking for the Honorable John R. Brown, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Dean Klonoff served as an Assistant United States Attorney in D.C. and as an Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States. Dean Klonoff was also a partner at the international law firm of Jones Day for 15 years, where he handled complex litigation and managed the pro bono program for all of the firm's 20+ offices. Dean Klonoff has extensive litigation experience, which includes arguing eight cases before the United States Supreme Court. In 2003, he transitioned to academia, where he has been recognized for outstanding teaching and service to the law school community. In 2013, Dean Klonoff received an award from the Oregon Consular Corps for his international work on behalf of Lewis & Clark Law School.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific Regional Law Deans' Forum host**  
**National University of Malaysia**  
**Aishah Bidin, Dean**



The Faculty of Law was established on February 1, 1984, with a matriculation rate of 36 students, all enrolled in the Law Matriculation Program. In the 1986-87 session, the Faculty started its undergraduate academic year when all 36 students were admitted to Year 1 of the LLB (Hons) program. In 1989, the Faculty received official recognition from the Qualifying Board established under the Legal Profession Act 1976. The first class of students graduated in 1990. Since then, the number of students in the Faculty has continued to increase each year, and in the 2005-066 sessions, the number of incoming students reached 120 students. In 1996, the Faculty obtained approval from the Ministry of Education to initiate its Master of Laws and Ph.D program. Since its establishment in 1984, the UKM Law Faculty has achieved many successes ranging from producing excellent students to building great scholarship amongst its academic

staff. The academic programs of the faculty are a combination of civil law, Syariah and customary law. However, courses in civil law are offered more than the other two laws. The approach adopted is in sync with the pluralistic character of Malaysian law, in theory and in practice. Although Bahasa Melayu (Malay language) is the main medium of instruction at the undergraduate level, English is widely used in this faculty, as one would expect in a legal environment based on Common Law.

Interaction with other schools: Being an IALS member and being a part of a network of law schools that cooperate in academic scholarly programs and exchange and share ideas and knowledge enhances our law school's ability to educate graduates for transnational practice.. IALS has provided the faculty the opportunity to participate in international gatherings of leading legal educators on scholarly matters and issues. IALS provides the opportunity to work with other member schools on projects of mutual interest, and encourages the development of curriculum that takes into account the needs of existence of cultures, societies and legal systems.



**3<sup>rd</sup> European Regional Law Deans' Forum host**  
**University College Dublin, Sutherland School of Law**  
**Colin Scott, Dean**



UCD Sutherland School of Law in Dublin is having an exceptional year. The School moved into its new premises, the first purpose built University law school in Ireland, last November. It is showing strong evidence of increased student demand for its courses and has been ranked amongst the 100 leading law schools by QS World University Rankings in February. In April, the School will host the 3rd European Regional Law Deans' Forum of the International Association of Law Schools. The School seeks to combine an outstanding student experience, engaging with the transformational capacity of law, with ambitious scholarly research of the highest quality and engagement with practice and policy communities. The School is strongly internationalized, with around a third of its undergraduate students spending their third year of study at some of the leading law schools in North America, Asia, Australasia and Europe, and with many research graduate students coming

from overseas. New agreements were recently concluded to exchange students and to develop research collaborations with Symbiosis Law School, Pune in India, and the Chinese University of Political Science and Law and Renmin University in China. Visiting and adjunct faculty plays a key part in the life of the School through participation in educational programs and research activities. In common with many other law schools, the School faces significant financial challenges, especially concerning the recruitment of sufficient academic staff to sustain appropriate staff to student ratios.

UCD Sutherland School of Law welcomes opportunities to engage with other law schools and to exchange students and staff. The school has welcomed the opportunities presented by IALS membership through regional and global fora and annual conferences, aimed at learning about different approaches to educational, research and financial challenges for law schools, discussing and developing standards, and engaging in research and educational programs with international partners.



*Thank you to the Deans for sending their summaries for the member spotlights and biographies for the new Board members.*



## Job Board

Has a position opened up at your school? Send us information and we will post it on our Job Board online. It is free for members!

Searching for a new position? Make sure to look at our Job Board for openings at our member schools! Click here to view the [IALS Job Board](#)

## Member Events

Do you have a conference or meeting you would like to advertise and invite IALS members? If yes, email us at the information and we will post it on our website!

Upcoming:

- ❖ **[African Insolvency Law: Bridging the Gap to Modern Perspectives](#)**  
September 24, 2014, hosted by the Centre for Advanced Corporate and Insolvency Law, University of Pretoria and the Centre for Commercial Law, Faculty of Laws, University College London
- ❖ **[Intensive Certificate Course on Law and Practice of Marine Insurance](#)**  
August 11-16, 2014 at Gujarat National Law University. With an aim to provide participants with an over-view of the concepts of marine insurance law and practice pertaining to ships, marine transportation of cargoes, freight and marine liabilities, illustrating the same with practical examples, supplemented with case-law, GNLU offers an intensive certificate course on law and practice of marine insurance.

## Members Only Site

We have launched a new website for IALS members only! Join the IALS Members Website to participate in discussions and forums, and post questions and receive feedback. All meeting minutes and papers will be posted on this site. In order to participate in this site your school must be a current IALS member. In order to participate in this site your school must be a current IALS member. **To sign up [click here!](#)**

# WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS



**Javier de Cendra, Dean**  
**Instituto Empresa Law School, Spain**

Javier de Cendra is Dean of the IE Law School. He is also honorary senior research fellow at University College London (Faculty of Laws and Energy Institute), visiting professor at KU Leuven, legal expert at the Malta Forum on Legal Issues of Adaptation to Climate Change, and member of the International Advisory Board of CEID Colombia.

Javier specializes in environmental and energy law, with a particular focus on climate change. Climate change is an extremely dynamic and innovative area of environmental law, generating pressing dilemmas that demand urgent legal and regulatory solutions. In his PhD, Javier explored the role of legal principles in shaping the distributional consequences of climate change and climate change policies. His main interest therein was to suggest legal solutions with the potential to strike a good balance between the needs of the environment and of society, of different countries and of people of present and future generations.



**Luis Franceschi, Dean**  
**Strathmore Law School, Kenya**

Dr Luis Franceschi, LL.B, LL.M, LL.D is Dean of Strathmore Law School (SLS). He has been a member of UNEP's Governing Council and the legal adviser of the President of the Council. Dr Franceschi was also Country Representative at the 4th and the 7th Global Training Programme on Environmental Law & Policy. He also formed part of the team entrusted with the drafting of the famous United Nations Nairobi Declaration. He has lectured and written about international law, constitutional law, environmental law, politics and ethics, media and ethics and governance and ethics. He has given session on leadership and character building at more than 50 universities including Stanford, Princeton, Milwaukee, Navarra, Barcelona, Pisa, Madrid, Rome, Caracas, Washington, and Philadelphia among others. Several of his former mentees are now managers and CEOs in respectable companies in Kenya and abroad.



**Emmanuel Magade, Dean**  
**University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe**

Emmanuel Magade is a holder of three law degrees and is a registered legal practitioner. He is also a member of the Law Society of Zimbabwe and The Council of Legal Education, a statutory body that regulates legal education in Zimbabwe. His research interests are mostly in the areas of criminology, human rights, and the law of evidence.



**Taslima Monsoor, Dean**  
**Dhaka University, Bangladesh**

Prof. Dr. Taslima Monsoor is the Dean of the Faculty of Law and Professor and Former Chairman of the Department of Law of Dhaka University. She did her LL.B (Hons.), LL.M from Dhaka University and PhD from University of London. She was awarded Commonwealth Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the University of London. She was awarded Fulbright Specialist Exchange Program from 26th March – 4th May, 2007 to teach in University of PENNSYLVANIA Altoona. She has also taught in post graduate and under graduate students from 1st of June 2009 to 31st July 2009 in University of Malaya, Kuala



Lumpur. She is associated with different institutions and organizations. She is a life and executive member of Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association, Consultant of Multi-sectorial Programme on Violence against Women, Consultant Judicial Exchange Project of the British Council, and Consultant of Action Research Study on the Institutional Development of Human Rights in Bangladesh. Member of European Network of Bangladesh Studies, Consultant of Bangladesh Medical Research Council and was Legal Advisor of Bangladesh Girls Guides Association, Students Advisor of the faculty of Law, Consultant of Women in Development mission of UNDP, VP of Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



**Roberto Saba, Dean  
Palermo University, Argentina**

The Dean of Law School at Palermo University, Roberto Saba has also worked as a consultant to the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Argentinean National Government, and the Buenos Aires City Government and Legislature. He has also collaborated with several international organizations such as Transparency International (Berlin), Article XIX (London), and the Institute of Press and Society (Lima, Perú), as well as with national NGOs based in Perú, Chile, Venezuela, Ecuador, México, Guatemala, Jamaica, Russia, and Ghana, among others, in the areas of democratic development, the strengthening of civil society, citizen participation, anti-corruption and transparency policies, human rights, justice reform, freedom of speech and freedom of information. He has published widely on these matters, among others.



**Pamela Tibihikirra-Kalyegira, Dean Emeritus  
Uganda Christian University, Uganda**

Pamela Tibihikirra-Kalyegira was born in Kampala, Uganda. She received a Bachelor of Laws from Makerere University in 1995 and a Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre, Kampala, Uganda in 1996. During 1997 she served internships with The UN in Geneva, Switzerland at the Centre for Human Rights and the Division of International Protection of the High Commissioner for Refugees. She earned a Master of Laws in Public International Law from the London School of Economics in 1998 and was enrolled as an advocate of the High Court of Uganda in 1999. She practiced commercial law in Uganda and worked in the field of public international law with various organizations in West Africa and South Africa. Pamela embarked on an academic career after the birth of her first two sons. She taught at Uganda Christian University for three years before she received a Fulbright scholarship to undertake doctoral study at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana, U.S.A. Pamela has served as Dean, Faculty of Law, Uganda Christian University since September 2009. She was appointed a Member of the Law Development Centre Management Committee by the Attorney General / Minister of Justice & Constitutional Affairs in April 2010. Her current research interests are centered on legal education reform in East Africa, the subject of her doctoral thesis.

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