



# 2019 GLOBAL LAW DEANS' FORUM

*The Role of Law and the Rule of Law  
Rethinking Legal Education*



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# WELCOME

On behalf of the Board of Governors and Officers of the International Association of Law Schools, we welcome each and every one of you to our 2019 Global Law Deans' Forum. This is our 4<sup>th</sup> biennial meeting. This year more than 70 law leaders from over 25 countries have gathered here today to meet and discuss with their peers to formulate new strategies to improve legal education globally.

We warmly welcome all the familiar faces from these many years – welcome and thank you for your continued engagement. For those who are new, a special warm welcome from our community. Please, meet your colleagues from around the world. We look forward to working with you in this challenging and engaging effort.

The IALS is a non-political, non-profit learned society of more than 165 law schools and departments from over 55 countries representing more than 7,500 law faculty members. Our primary mission is the improvement of law schools and conditions of legal education throughout the world by learning from each other.

Our Global Law Deans' Forum builds on the work from the prior two years (2018-2019) of eight Regional Law Deans' workshops. The Association has for these past two years engaged in an intense discussion with our deans, faculty and education professionals, as well as research organizations, to continue defining the parameters of a global legal education which honors and is responsive to the unique context of each member institution. These workshops serve to distill and focus regional perspectives on legal education and help build a more common understanding of our obligations as law professors and scholars.

The theme for 2019 is *The Role of Law and the Rule of Law – Rethinking Legal Education*. It is a broad agenda and is fundamental to our mission as teachers of the law. We are eager to explore this theme and to continue exchanging ideas that will advance legal education. It is an opportunity for us to engage as a community. We will concentrate on four areas:

- 1) Setting and Implementing Standards – this grows from our discussions and the launching of our Evaluation, Assistance and Certification Program.
- 2) Teaching Challenging, Controversial and/or Sensitive Subject Matter – this grows from discussions and suggestions from our regional meetings for an initiative in defining the principles and guidelines for a rational legal discourse. A challenge we now meet in both the classroom and in our scholarship.
- 3) Administrative Challenges for Law School Leadership in a rapidly evolving educational dynamic – we continue our work in highlighting administrative challenges facing law school leadership in a rapidly evolving educational environment. We share common and unique experiences with lessons learned.
- 4) Town Meets Gown – Finally, we will explore the growing need for interaction between legal education with government, business and technological development. This creates many avenues for scholarly collaboration and research.

Our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the University of Gdańsk, Faculty of Law and Administration for hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Global Law Deans' Forum. Special thanks to Dean, Dr. Wojciech Zalewski, and the wonderful faculty, staff and students for all the arrangements they have made to make our participation in the meeting so memorable.

A special thank you to our regional hosts for the 2018 and 2019 Regional Law Deans' Forums:

2018 Regional Law Deans Forum Hosts:

- African: University of Cape Town, Faculty of Law, Cape Town, South Africa;
- Americas: St. John's University, School of Law, New York, United States;
- Asia-Pacific: Murdoch University, School of Law, Perth, Australia;
- European: Kozminski University, Law School, Warszawa, Poland.

2019 Regional Law Deans Forum Hosts:

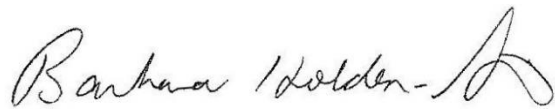
- African: University of Rwanda, School of Law, Kigali, Rwanda;
- Americas: Universidad Iberoamericana, School of Law, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic;
- Asia-Pacific: Shanghai Jiao Tong University, KoGuan School of Law, Shanghai, China;
- European: Universidad Nebrija, Department of Law, Madrid, Spain.

We hope you will take the opportunity in the next few days to renew old friendships, but also to make new ones. It is the commitment of our Association to foster the interaction amongst the world's legal education leaders, and by learning from each other to guide the future of legal education globally.

Welcome to all our colleagues,



**Francis S.L. Wang**  
President/Chairman  
International Association of Law Schools



**Barbara Holden-Smith**  
General Secretary/Treasurer  
International Association of Law Schools

# AGENDA

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

**6:00 pm**

**SHUTTLE PICK UP AT HOTEL SOPOT**

Meet in the Lobby of your respective hotel.

**6:15 pm**

**SHUTTLE PICK UP AT HOTEL HAMPTON BY HILTON AND  
HOTEL OLIWSKI**

Meet in the Lobby of your respective hotels.

**7:00 pm**

**WELCOME DINNER AND GUIDED TOUR**

*Sponsored and hosted by Aleksandra Dulkiewicz, Mayor of the City  
of Gdańsk, Poland*

Speaker:

- Aleksandra Dulkiewicz, *Mayor of the City of Gdańsk, Poland*

*Location: European Center of Solidarity, pl. Solidarności 1, 80-863  
Gdańsk, Poland*

**9:30 pm**

**SHUTTLE BACK TO HOTELS**

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

**8:00 am**

### **SHUTTLE PICK UP AT HOTELS**

Meet in the Lobby of your respective hotels.

**8:30 am**

### **REGISTRATION CHECK IN**

*Badges and Programs will be provided upon check-in.*

*Location:* Ground Floor, University of Gdańsk, Faculty of Law and Administration, ul. Bażyńskiego 6, Gdańsk, Poland

**9:00 – 9:45 am**

### **WELCOME**

#### **Speakers**

- Professor Jerzy Gwizdała, *President of the Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk, Poland*
- Professor Wojciech Zalewski, *Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk, Poland*
- Aleksandra Dulkiewicz, *Mayor of Gdańsk, Poland*
- Dr Wojciech Szczurek, *Mayor of Gdynia, Poland*
- Dr Jacek Karnowski, *Mayor of Sopot, Poland*
- Francis SL Wang, *Dean Emeritus, Kenneth Wang School of Law and President/Chairman of the IALS, China*

*Location:* Main Auditorium, University of Gdańsk, Faculty of Law and Administration, ul. Bażyńskiego 6, Gdańsk, Poland

**9:45 – 11:15 am**

### **SESSION #1: SETTING STANDARDS – IMPLEMENTATION EVALUATION, ASSISTANCE AND CERTIFICATION**

#### **Moderator:**

- Mary Kay Kane, *Chancellor & Dean Emeritus, University of California Hastings, and IALS Governor, United States*

#### **Panelists:**

- Adedeji Adekunle, *Director General, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Nigeria*
- Mohammed Al-Khulaifi, *Dean, Qatar University College of Law, Qatar*
- Joan Howland, *Associate Dean, University of Minnesota Law School, United States*
- Ester Mocholi, *Director, Universidad Nebrija, Spain*
- David Tan, *Vice Dean, National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law, Singapore*

*Location:* Main Auditorium, University of Gdańsk, Faculty of Law and Administration

**11:15 – 11:45 am    GROUP PHOTO**

*Location: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Faculty of Law and Administration, Gdańsk, Poland*

**11:45 – 1:00 pm    LUNCH**

*Sponsored and Hosted by the Olivia Business Centre*

*Location: Oliva Business Centre (OBC), attendees will walk together.*

**1:00 – 2:30 pm    SESSION #2: TEACHING CHALLENGING, CONTROVERSIAL AND/OR SENSITIVE SUBJECT MATTER**

**PANEL #1**

**SENSE AND SENSIBILITY – PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR A RATIONAL LEGAL DISCOURSE**

**Moderator**

- Francis SL Wang, *Dean Emeritus, Kenneth Wang School of Law and President/Chairman of the IALS, China*

**Panelists**

- Stephen Hardy, *Dean, Coventry University, Law School, United Kingdom*
- Shashikala Gurpur, *Dean, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, India*
- Letlhokwa Mpedi, *Executive Dean, University of Johannesburg, and IALS Governor of the Board, South Africa*
- Pareena Srivanit, *Dean, Chulalongkorn University, Faculty of Law, Thailand*
- Kesang Wangmo, *Professor, Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law, Bhutan*
- Laura Wen-Yu Young, *Professor, Soochow University, Kenneth Wang School of Law, China*

*Location: Main Auditorium, University of Gdańsk, Faculty of Law and Administration*

**2:30 – 3:00 pm    BREAK**

**3:00 – 4:00 pm    PANEL #2  
SENSE AND SENSIBILITY – JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES OF RATIONAL LEGAL DISCOURSE**

**Moderator**

- Diarmuid O'Scannlain, *Senior Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and Chair of IALS Judicial Council, United States*

### **Panelists**

- Marc de Werd, *Justice, Amsterdam Court of Appeal in the Netherlands, Netherlands*
- John Hedigan, *Honorable Justice (ret.), The High Court of Ireland, Ireland*
- Esther Kitimbo Kisaakye, *Justice, Supreme Court of Uganda, Uganda*
- Mohan Pieris, *Chief Justice (ret.), President's Counsel, Sri Lanka*
- Juan Jose Romero-Guzman, *Judge, Constitutional Court of Chile, Chile*
- Enqian Yang, *Senior Judge, Civil Trial Section of Suzhou Intermediate Court, China*

*Location:* Main Auditorium, University of Gdańsk, Faculty of Law and Administration

**4:00 – 4:30 pm**

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

*See page 11 for Committee List. If you are not already on a committee, please select the committee meeting you wish to participate in for this forum.*

**4:30 – 5:00 pm**

### **TOUR**

Meet your Host

Tour of the University of Gdańsk, Faculty of Law and Administration

**5:00 pm**

### **DINNER**

*hosted by University of Gdańsk, Faculty of Law and Administration*

Speaker

- Professor Wojciech Zalewski, *Dean of the University of Gdańsk, Faculty of Law and Administration, Poland*

Performance by the University of Gdańsk Choir

*Location:* 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hall, Main Hall, University of Gdańsk, Faculty of Law and Administration

**7:00 pm**

### **SHUTTLE BACK TO HOTELS**



**8:00 am**

**SHUTTLE PICK UP AT HOTELS**

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**9:00 – 10:30 am**

**SESSION #3: TOWN MEETS GOWN**

**LEGAL EDUCATION IN INTERACTION WITH GOVERNMENT,  
BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Moderator:**

- Julita Żylińska, *Dziennik Gazeta Prawna*

**Panelists:**

- Simon Chesterman, *Dean, National University of Singapore Faculty of Law and IALS Board of Governor, Singapore*
- Katarzyna Gruszecka-Spychała, *Vice Mayor of the City of Gdynia*
- Abdulkarim A. Kana, *Dr., Dean Emeritus, Nasarawa State University, Faculty of Law, Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice (ret.) Nasarawa State and IALS Governor, Nigeria*
- Piotr Stepnowski, *Vice Rector for Research and Foreign Cooperation, University of Gdańsk*
- Wojciech Wiewiórowski, *Faculty of Law and Administration Assistant European Data Protection Supervisor*

*Location: Main Auditorium, University of Gdańsk, Faculty of Law and Administration*

**10:30 – 11:00 am**

**BREAK**

**11:00 – 12:00 pm**

**SESSION #4: ADMINISTRATIVE CHALLENGES FOR LAW  
SCHOOL LEADERSHIP**

**Moderator**

- Barbara Holden-Smith, *Vice-Dean Emeritus, Cornell University Law School and General Secretary/Treasurer of the IALS, United States*

**Panelists**

- Nurul Barizah, *Dean, Universitas Airlangga, Faculty of Law and IALS Governor, Indonesia*
- Gabriel Bocksang Hola, *Dean, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Faculty of Law and IALS Governor, Chile*
- Nerina Boschiero, *Dean, University of Milan, Faculty of Law, Italy*

- Luis Franceschi, *Dean, Strathmore University, Law School and IALS Governor, Kenya*
- Anna Jurkowska-Zeidler, *Vice Dean, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdansk, Poland*

*Location:* Main Auditorium, University of Gdańsk, Faculty of Law and Administration

**12:00 – 12:15 pm    2020 REGIONAL LAW DEANS FORA AND ANNUAL MEETING**  
*Host Invitations*

**Regionals**

- African – Uganda Christian University, Faculty of Law, Uganda
- Americas – Florida International University, College of Law, United States
- Asia-Pacific – TBD
- European – University of Lausanne, Faculty of Law, Switzerland

**Annual**

- Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Faculty of Law, Abuja, Nigeria

**12:15 – 12:30 pm    CLOSING REMARKS**

**12:45 pm                CLOSING LUNCH**

*Location:* Oliva Business Centre (OBC), attendees will walk together.

# PROGRAM COMMITTEES

## EVALUATION, ASSISTANCE AND CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

- **Mary Kay Kane, Chair of EAC Committee, Chancellor & Dean Emeritus, University of California, Hastings, College of the Law, USA**
- Nerina Boschiero, Dean, University of Milan, Faculty of Law, Italy
- Wesahl Domingo, Dean, University of the Witwatersrand, School of Law, South Africa
- Barbara Holden-Smith, Vice Dean Emeritus/Professor, Cornell University Law School, USA
- Joan Howland, Professor, University of Minnesota, Law School, USA
- David Tan, Vice Dean, National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law, Singapore
- Francis SL Wang, Dean Emeritus, Soochow University, Kenneth Wang School of Law, China

## JUDICIAL COUNCIL – *see page 22*

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- **Luis Franceschi, Chair of Membership Committee, Dean, Strathmore University, Strathmore Law School, Kenya**
- Gabriel Bocksang-Hola, Dean, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Facultad de Derecho, Chile
- Stephen Hardy, Dean, Coventry University Law School, United Kingdom
- Francis SL Wang, Dean Emeritus, Soochow University, Kenneth Wang School of Law, China

## PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES COMMITTEE

- **Francis SL Wang, Co-Chair of Principles and Guidelines Committee, Dean Emeritus, Soochow University, Kenneth Wang School of Law, China**
- **Eleanor Wong, Co-Chair of Principles and Guidelines Committee, Vice Dean, National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law, Singapore**
- Adedeji Adekunle, Director General, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Nigeria
- Stephen Hardy, Dean, Coventry University Law School, United Kingdom
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- Kesang Wangmo, Professor, Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law, Bhutan
- Laura Young, Professor, Soochow University, Kenneth Wang School of Law, China

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- Nurul Barizah, Dean (Dr.), Universitas Airlangga, Faculty of Law, Indonesia
- Danwood Chirwa, Dean/Professor, University of Cape Town, Faculty of Law, South Africa
- Luis Franceschi, Dean, Strathmore University, Law School, Kenya
- Roselyn Karugonjo-Segawa, Dean (Dr.), Uganda Christian University, Faculty of Law, Uganda
- Mohamed Mattar, Professor (Dr.), Qatar University, College of Law, Qatar
- Ester Mocholi, Director (Dr.), Universidad Nebrija, Department of Law, Spain
- Bimal N. Patel, Professor/Director (Dr.), Gujarat National Law University, India
- Ranbir Singh, Professor/Vice Chancellor, National Law University, New Delhi, India
- Nicola Smit, Dean, Universiteit Van Stellenbosch, Faculty of Law, South Africa

## VISITING PROFESSOR & SCHOLAR PROGRAM

- **Nerina Boschiero, Chair, Dean, University of Milan, Italy**
- Bradford Morse, Dean Thompson Rivers University, Canada
- Valentina Smorgunova, Dean, Herzen State Pedagogical University, Russia

# REGIONAL LAW DEANS' FORUM

## 2018 HOSTS



**AFRICAN: University of Cape Town, Faculty of Law**  
*Cape Town, South Africa*



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*New York, United States*



**ASIA-PACIFIC: Murdoch University, School of Law**  
*Perth, Australia*



**EUROPEAN: Kozminski University, Law School**  
*Warszawa, Poland*

## 2019 HOSTS



**AFRICAN: University of Rwanda, School of Law**  
*Kigali, Rwanda*



**AMERICAS: Universidad Iberoamericana, School of Law**  
*Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic*



**ASIA-PACIFIC: Shanghai Jiao Tong University, KoGuan School of Law**  
*Shanghai, China*



**EUROPEAN: Universidad Nebrija, Department of Law**  
*Madrid, Spain*

# UNIVERSITIES ATTENDING

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 University of California Hastings, College of the Law, United States  
 University of Cape Coast, Faculty of Law, Ghana  
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 University of Gdańsk, Faculty of Law and Administration, Poland  
 University of Ibadan, Faculty of Law, Nigeria  
 University of Ilorin, Faculty of Law, Nigeria  
 University of Johannesburg, Faculty of Law, South Africa  
 University of London, City Law School, United Kingdom  
 University of Milan, Faculty of Law, Italy  
 University of Minnesota Law School, United States  
 University of Muhammadiyah Malang, Faculty of Law, Indonesia  
 University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus, Faculty of Law, Nigeria  
 University of Pancasila, Faculty of Law, Indonesia  
 University of Professional Studies, Accra, Faculty of Law, Ghana  
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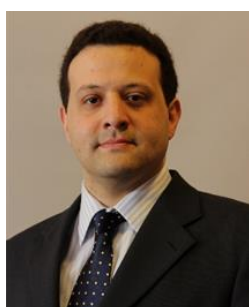
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Nurul Barizah holds a Bachelor of Laws (S.H.) degree from the Faculty of Law, Universitas Airlangga, Surabaya, Indonesia (1994), majoring in International Law. She was awarded the Australian Development Scholarship twice in 2000 and 2005 for pursuing her degrees at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS). She earned her Ph.D. in Law from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) in 2009 after previously receiving her Master's in law from the same University in 2001. Her dissertation was about International Intellectual Property Regimes and Biological Resources. Currently, she is a lecturer and researcher at the Faculty of Law, Universitas Airlangga, Indonesia. Besides her academic position above, she sits as a Vice Dean for Cooperation, Development and Information System at the Faculty from 2010 until now. Nurul's area of expertise is on International Intellectual Property, International Trade Law, International Law and International Dispute Resolution. Due to her expertise above, she has frequently invited by the several Governmental Agencies and Ministries, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), as well as Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to be resource person, speaker and expert in a number of activities and forum. She also consultant for some Ministries in Indonesia, particularly in the context of drafting academic paper, position paper, developing policy and legal reform related to her expertise. In 2012, she has been appointed as a member of appeal commission for the Office of the Protection of Plant Varieties, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic Indonesia. During her academic career, she has been actively publishing works in the areas of Intellectual Property and International Law at the national and international level. She has also established the Intellectual Property Rights Law Lecturers Association of Indonesia.



**Gabriel Bocksang-Hola, Dean**  
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Gabriel Bocksang Hola is Dean and Professor in the School of Law of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile), where he obtained his undergraduate degree of Licenciatura en Derecho. Later, he received both his LL.M and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne). Professor Bocksang is the author of several academic articles and three books: *El nacimiento del Derecho administrativo part io de Chile (1810-1860)*, on the development of Administrative Law in the early stages of independent Chile (Santiago, 2015), *L'inexistence juridique des actes administratifs*, on the imprescriptible voidness of administrative decisions (Paris, 2013), and *El procedimiento administrativo chileno*, on Chilean administrative procedure (Santiago, 2006). His main research interests lie in the theory and history of Administrative Law, in Comparative Public Law, in Administrative Procedure, and in the theory of legal voidness.





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Professor Simon Chesterman is Dean of the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law. He is also Editor of the Asian Journal of International Law. Educated in Melbourne, Beijing, Amsterdam, and Oxford, Professor Chesterman's teaching experience includes periods at the Universities of Melbourne, Oxford, Southampton, Columbia, and Sciences Po. From 2006-2011, he was Global Professor and Director of the New York University School of Law Singapore Programme. Prior to joining NYU, he was a Senior Associate at the International Peace Academy and Director of UN Relations at the International Crisis Group in New York. He has previously worked for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Yugoslavia and interned at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Professor Chesterman is the author or editor of seventeen books, including Law and Practice of the United Nations (with Ian Johnstone and David M. Malone, OUP, 2016); One Nation Under Surveillance (OUP, 2011); You, The People (OUP, 2004); and Just War or Just Peace? (OUP, 2001). He is a recognized authority on international law, whose work has opened up new areas of research on conceptions of public authority - including the rules and institutions of global governance, state-building and post-conflict reconstruction, the changing role of intelligence agencies, and the emerging role of artificial intelligence and big data. He also writes on legal education and higher education more generally.



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Dr Luis Franceschi, LLB, LL.M, LL.D is Dean of Strathmore Law School. He is a law lecturer and legal advisor to several national and international government agencies, commissions and programmes, including the United Nations and the World Bank. He sits on several boards: Transparency International, the International Justice Commission (The Hague), International Association of Law Schools, and Sosian Energy, among others. His latest publications are "The Rule of Law, Human Rights and Judicial Control of Power", Springer; "Judicial Independence and Accountability in Light of judiciary Code of Conduct and Ethics of Kenya" ICJ Kenya; "The Cost of the Constitution in Kenya: A Cost Analysis of the New Governance Framework Introduced by the 2010 Constitution of Kenya", Harvard Africa Policy Review; "The Constitution of Kenya; An Introductory Commentary" (a 900-page article by article commentary of the Constitution), SUP; and "The African Human Rights Judicial System; Streamlining Structures and Domestications Mechanisms Viewed from the Foreign Affairs Power Perspective", Cambridge. He is also a weekly columnist with the Daily Nation Newspaper (Kenya). He has also taught leadership executive courses on leadership in more than 25 countries. He is a Kenyan citizen and resides in Nairobi.



**Barbara Holden-Smith, Vice-Dean Emeritus  
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Barbara Holden-Smith, recognized for her groundbreaking work in Supreme Court history and practice, currently teaches conflicts, federal courts, civil procedure, advanced civil procedure, and African Americans and the Supreme Court. After her graduation from the University of Chicago Law School, she spent a year in an Illinois law firm and then entered a clerkship with the Hon. Ann C. Williams of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Professor Holden-Smith then joined the Washington, D.C. law firm of Arnold & Porter, where she worked for three years in litigation, antitrust, and food and drug law, before she joined the Cornell Law School Faculty in 1990. Her scholarship has addressed the legal response to lynching and the fugitive-slave cases. Her scholarly interests include global access to justice, and legal and political responses to historical injustices.



**Bettina Kahil-Wolff Hummer, Dean Emeritus  
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Prof Letlhokwa George Mpedi completed his B Juris degree (1996) and LLB degree (1998) at Vista University. In 2001 the LLM degree in Labour Law was conferred upon him by the then Rand Afrikaans University (now University of Johannesburg). He was twice the recipient of the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) award (in 2000 and 2001, for doing research in Germany for his LLM dissertation and LLD thesis respectively). A National Research Foundation doctoral research award was also granted to him (2002). Upon completing his LLB he was employed as a Junior Lecturer in the Department of Mercantile Law at Vista University (Mamelodi Campus). He joined the Centre for International and Comparative Labour and Social Security Law (CICLASS) at the then Rand Afrikaans University as a researcher in 2000. In August 2003, Prof Mpedi accepted a position as a Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Social Law in Munich (Germany). Upon his return from Germany in 2006, he was employed as a Deputy Director at CICLASS. In the same year the LLD degree in Mercantile Law was conferred upon him by the University of Johannesburg. Prior to his current position as Executive Dean, Prof Mpedi served as Head of Department of Practical Business Law (January 2011 – December 2012), Vice-Dean (January 2013 – December 2015) and Director at CICLASS (January 2009 – December 2015) at the Faculty of Law of the University of Johannesburg. He lectured labour law and social security to LLB, post-graduate and certificate students and has delivered papers at numerous national and international conferences.



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Justice Hedigan (ret.) was educated at Belvedere College, Trinity College Dublin and King's Inns. He was called to the Bar of Ireland in 1976, to the Bar of England and Wales (Middle Temple) in 1986, and to the Bar of New South Wales in 1993. He was called as Senior Counsel in 1990. He is a Bencher of Kings Inns. He practiced largely in administrative, constitutional, and commercial law. In 1998 he was elected a Judge of the European Court of Human Rights by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. He served there until the President appointed him in 2007 to the High Court of Ireland. On the European Court of Human Rights, he was Vice President of the Third Section. The Court of Human Rights is composed of five sections. On the Strasbourg Court he heard cases from the 47 countries that make up the Council of Europe, composing over 800 million people. The Court in Strasbourg sits in chambers of seven and a Grand Chamber of seventeen. It hears cases from those within the jurisdiction of the 47 countries who allege their rights have been violated under the European Convention on Human Rights. It is the authoritative voice on Human Rights Law in Europe and throughout the world, its decisions are relied upon. On the Court in Strasbourg he was Chair of the Committee on Status and Conditions of Judges, of the Information Technology Committee, and of the Languages Committee. He also sat on the Rules Committee and the Library Committee. On the High Court in Ireland, he worked on judicial review, jury trials, and the commercial court. In September 2016 he was appointed by the President to the Court of Appeal. This recently created court has full appellate jurisdiction from all decisions of the High Court and Central Criminal Court. Judge Hedigan sits on the Executive Board of The Courts Service of Ireland and the Executive Board of the European Networks of Councils of the Judiciary. He is a member of the Judicial Council of the International Association of Law Schools.



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Judge O'Scannlain was appointed United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit by President Reagan on September 26, 1986. He received a J.D. degree in 1963 from Harvard Law School and a B.A. in 1957 from St. John's University. He also earned the LL.M. (Judicial Process) degree at University of Virginia Law School in 1992. He was awarded the LL.D. (honoris causa) degree by the University of Notre Dame in 2002, the LL.D. (honoris causa) degree by Lewis & Clark College in 2003 and the LL.D. (honoris causa) degree by the University of Portland in 2011. As a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Judge O'Scannlain has participated in over 11,000 federal cases and has written hundreds of published opinions on a broad range of subjects including constitutional law, international law, securities law, administrative law, and criminal law. He hears appeals in San Francisco (court headquarters), as well as in Los Angeles (Pasadena), Portland, Seattle, Anchorage and Honolulu. The late Chief Justice Rehnquist appointed Judge O'Scannlain Chairman of the Federal Judicial Center's Advisory Committee on Appellate Judge Education. In 2009, Chief Justice Roberts appointed Judge O'Scannlain to the International Judicial Relations Committee of the U.S. Judicial Conference and subsequently appointed him Chairman (2010 - 2015). On December 31, 2016 Judge O'Scannlain assumed senior status. President George W. Bush appointed Judge O'Scannlain to the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation in 2004. Pope Benedict XVI conferred the Order of Saint Gregory the Great on Judge and Mrs. O'Scannlain in 2007. The Society of King's Inns (Dublin, Ireland) elected Judge O'Scannlain an Honorary Benchers in 2016. Judge O'Scannlain's professional interests also include judicial administration and reform and continuing legal education. Judge O'Scannlain is former Chair of the Judicial Division of the American Bar Association and has previously chaired the ABA's Appellate Judges Conference, its Committee on Appellate Practice, and its 9th Appellate Practice Institute. He has testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on several occasions, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, and the Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals on the subject of court reorganization. Judge O'Scannlain has been an adjunct professor of law at Lewis and Clark law school for over 20 years. In addition to serving as a faculty member at numerous federal appellate practice seminars for judges and attorneys, including New York University Law School's Institute for Judicial Administration, he is the current Chairman of the Judicial Council of the International Association of Law Schools.



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Professor of Polish and Comparative Constitutional Law at the Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdansk. In 2009-2010 an expert in the field of legislation in the Parliamentary Analyzes Office of the Chancellery of the Sejm (1st chamber of Polish Parliament) - in the department of proceedings before the Constitutional Tribunal. From 2014, an external legal expert at the Chancellery of the Polish Senate. Speaker at international conferences in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy (University of Perugia, University of Palermo), Austria and Great Britain (University of Cambridge). Visiting scholar in the Faculty of Law of the University of Vilnius, Lithuania. Research interests focus primarily on Parliamentary law and Law-making process, Legal regulation and practice of lobbying, Contemporary mixed monarchies, Constitutional review, Political status of the President, Direct democracy. Author of c. 150 publications (books and articles in Polish, Italian, German, Spanish and Hungarian peer-reviewed journals and books) in Polish, English, Italian and Spanish.



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As Deputy Mayor of Gdynia, Katarzyna Gruszecka-Spychała is responsible for Economic Issues of the City. In 2014 she was also appointed the Mayor's Plenipotentiary for Communications Infrastructure Development Issues. As a representative of the Gdynia City authorities, she is responsible for economic development and support for entrepreneurs, city development strategy, owner's supervision, management of municipal properties and buildings, city branding, tourism, public communication, as well as the city entities: City Planning Office, Pomeranian Science and Technology Park Gdynia, Experiment Science Centre and Council Housing Administration. On behalf of the Mayor she exercises the rights and obligations of the owner to all companies in which the municipality holds shares. She coordinates the development and implementation of the city development strategy. Ms Gruszecka-Spychała



is both a co-author of the Integrated Territorial Investments Agreement giving grounds for financing metropolitan projects with EU funds as well as a coordinator of Gdynia's participation in the Pomeranian Association of Municipalities. Her prior professional experience includes taking in 2011 the position of the President of the Management Board of Gdynia Development Agency, a company fully owned by the city. Katarzyna Gruszecka-Spychała holds a master's degree in law from the Gdańsk University (Poland) and qualified as a legal counsel. For many years, she combined the work of a lawyer, which was her hobby at first and then became her profession, with artistic production. Recently she has mainly been focused on the strategic development of the city.



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European Data Protection Assistant Supervisor (EDPS – data protection authority for European Union institutions, agencies and bodies). Dr. Wojciech Wiewiórowski was born on June 13th, 1971. In 1995 he graduated from the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Gdańsk, and in 2000 he was awarded the academic degree of Doctor in constitutional law. After graduation he was editor and then publisher in legal publishing houses. In 2002 he began to work as lecturer at Gdańsk College of Administration, and since 2003 he was assistant professor and head of Legal IT Department at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Gdańsk, with which he has been associated since 1995. Since 2006 he has been working for public administration. He was among others adviser in the field of e-government and information society for the Minister of Interior and Administration, as well as Vice-president of the Regulatory Commission of the Polish Autocephalous Orthodox Church. In 2008 he took over the post of the Director of the Informatisation Department at the Ministry of Interior and Administration. He also represented Poland in committee on Interoperability Solutions for European Public Administrations (the ISA Committee) assisting the European Commission. He was also the member of the Archives Council to the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage. He is a member of the Polish Association for European Law and Law & Informatics Scientific Centre. Member of the Editorial Board of European Data Protection Law Review. In 2010 he was elected by Polish Parliament for the post of the Inspector General for the Protection of Personal Data (Polish Data Protection Commissioner) which he served by November 2014 being re-elected for the second term in 2014. In that capacity, he was also Vice Chair of the Working Party Art. 29 from February until November 2014. In December 2014, he was appointed Assistant European Data Protection Supervisor. Dr. Wiewiórowski has authored numerous studies and publications and has widely lectured in the field of personal data protection, IT law, e-government and legal informatics. His areas of scientific activity include first of all Polish and European IT law, processing and security of information, legal information retrieval systems, informatisation of public administration, and application of new IT tools (semantic web, legal ontologies, cloud, blockchain) in legal information processing.



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Professor Piotr Stepnowski received his professorship at the age of 39. From the beginning, he has linked his academic career with the University of Gdańsk. He has been, amongst others, Dean of the UG's Faculty of Chemistry and is currently Vice-Rector for Research and International Cooperation. Professor Stepnowski is a world-class pioneer of research into the detection and assessment of environmental risk posed by atypical chemical pollutants such as residues of medication or so-called ionic liquids – the modern industrial solvents. Of particular value is his contribution into the effect of these kinds of substances on the living organisms found in aquatic ecosystems and his research into their influence on soils and bottom sediment. The results of his research have formed the basis for, amongst other things, a completely new approach to designing ionic liquid solvents to obtain reduced toxicity and higher degradation capacity. His research into medicinal substances in soil has proven the existence of the real threat of ground waters being polluted with these substances. Professor Stepnowski was the first in the world to devise and implement several original methods for the analysis of ionic liquid components which are currently considered canons in the analysis of these modern solvents. Prof. Stepnowski's methods are being commonly employed by scientific and industrial laboratories worldwide to analyse ionic liquids and the products of their transformation and break-up. His are pioneering achievements in searching for new methods to measure traces of pharmaceuticals (veterinary, hormone, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication etc.) in environmental samples and their application in environmental assessment. Prof. Stepnowski's research in this regard has proven the existence of these substances not only in urban waste water but also in the waters of the Baltic littoral zone, in selected soils or deep ground waters. The research conducted by Prof. Stepnowski's team has also introduced a wealth of new information into the canon of world literature on the subject of biological effects as well as the toxicity and ecotoxicity of medicinal substances present in the environment. Professor Stepnowski cooperates with a wide group of scientists, also from foreign research centres including Germany, France or Portugal. He is an author and co-author of over 200 scientific articles, published in renowned international journals, author of academic textbooks and editor of academic monographs. His works have been cited over 6,000 times and his current h-index stands at 42, which places him at the forefront of Polish science. He has also supervised over 50 MA theses and been promotor of 11 doctoral students. He has served many important functions in social and local government organisations connected with environmental protection. He has been, among others, a Polish Expert Coordinator in EU's Joint Programming in Research regarding climate change; Chairman of the Board of the Gdańsk Branch of the Polish Ecological Club and initiator and first Director of the UG's Institute for the Protection of the Environment and Human Health. For 15 years he has also been a representative of the City of Gdańsk in the Board of the Agency of Regional Air Quality Monitoring in the Gdańsk Metropolitan Area, which he has headed since 2008. Professor Stepnowski's achievements have met with domestic and international recognition, as confirmed by his extensive scientific output as well as the fact that he has headed and participated in the implementation of a number of scientific projects financed from both national research centres as well as EU framework programme and operational programme funds. In 2016, the European Chemical Society (EuCheMS), the largest European scientific organisation, entrusted Prof. Stepnowski with the position of Vice-

Chairman of the Division of Green Chemistry, while the Committee of Analytical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences elected him Vice-Chairman. In 2018 Professor Piotr Stepnowski has received the 2018 Johannes Hevelius Scientific Award of the City of Gdańsk in the category of exact and natural sciences. This most important Pomeranian distinction was awarded to Prof. Stepnowski for “a significant contribution to the development of research into the forecasting, detection and assessment of the negative impact of the residues of medicinal substances and ionic liquids in the environment”. The Johannes Hevelius Scientific Award of the City of Gdańsk, also known as the Pomeranian Nobel Prize, has been awarded since 1987 to representatives of Gdańsk scientific circles for outstanding achievement in research. Over the past 30 years, 45 notable scientists have received the award. Professor Stepnowski's academic achievement comprises over 200 original and review articles published in journals from the Journal Citation Reports list. His works have been cited over 6,000 times and his current h-index stands at 42, which places him at the forefront of Polish science. Moreover, Professor Piotr Stepnowski is the editor of 9 publications and author or co-author of 3 academic textbooks on separation techniques, environmental monitoring and chemical and ecological nomenclature in English. He has also delivered over 60 guest lectures at international conferences and foreign universities. Professor Piotr Stepnowski has supervised over 50 MA theses and been promotor of 11 completed doctoral dissertations. He has also created a young and dynamically developing scientific school of modern environmental chemical analysis, heading the work of a team involved both in fundamental as well as utility research. Outside his academic career, Professor Stepnowski has served numerous important functions in social and local government organisations connected with environmental protection. In 2010 – 2016 he was a member of the Supervisory Board of the Regional Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management and in 2005 – 2008 Chairman of the Board of the Gdańsk Branch of the Polish Ecological Club. Between 2005 – 2015 he was Secretary of the Scientific Council of the Pomeranian Centre for Environmental Research and Technology. He was also the initiator and first Director of the UG's Institute for the Protection of the Environment and Human Health. Since 2009 he has been Chairman of the Board of the Agency of Regional Air Quality Monitoring in the Gdańsk Metropolitan Area, which monitors air quality in the Tri-City. He has also acted as a Polish representative on the EU's Joint Programming Research team (2010-2012) and head of the Third Division of the Gdańsk Scientific Society (2007-2010). Since 2011 he has been a member of the Advisory Board of the Environmental Protection Programme for the Pomeranian Voivodeship.



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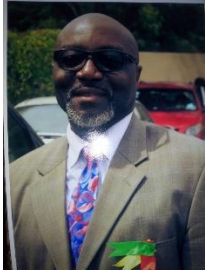
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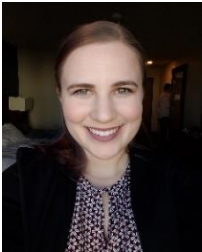
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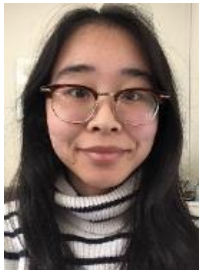
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# SINGAPORE DECLARATION

## *on Global Standards and Outcomes of a Legal Education*

The following principles outline global standards and outcomes of a legal education. These principles establish a baseline and a common language for future efforts to improve legal education.

### **GLOBAL STANDARDS FOR A LEGAL EDUCATION**

1. Regulation
  - a. Regulation of legal education and internal law school governance should be:
    - i. Formulated with law faculty input and be subject to domestic, and where appropriate, international peer review;
    - ii. Objective;
    - iii. Transparent;
    - iv. Verifiable;
    - v. Consistently applied;
    - vi. Informed by evolving domestic and international norms; and
    - vii. Jurisdictionally specific.
2. Students
  - a. Selection of Students

It is recognized that admission standards should be based on established local criteria taking into consideration the jurisdiction's public policy as to admission criteria of students into higher education. It is recognized that there are a variety of forms of student evaluation which vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, as well as from institution to institution. It is recognized that there is a growing emphasis on formative rather than purely summative evaluations of student performance. Student selection should be:

    - i. Objective;
    - ii. Transparent;
    - iii. Verifiable;
    - iv. Consistently applied; and
    - v. Informed by evolving domestic and international norms.
  - b. Evaluation of Students

Student evaluations should be incorporated in a comprehensive legal educational program to enable law graduates to attain the outcomes specified in the Statement of Principles: Outcomes for a Legal Education. They should be:

    - i. Objective;
    - ii. Transparent;
    - iii. Verifiable;
    - iv. Consistently applied;
    - v. Informed by evolving domestic and international norms.
3. Faculty
  - a. It is recognized that local standards, needs and resources guide the recruitment, evaluation, advancement and retention of law faculty. Local standards should be:
    - i. Objective;
    - ii. Transparent;
    - iii. Verifiable;
    - iv. Consistently applied;
    - v. Informed by evolving domestic and international norms.

4. Curriculum
  - a. It is recognized that there are many methodologies in teaching law. All such methods should inform the faculty as to how best to educate their students in the context of local needs and resources. Local standards should be:
    - i. In conformity with established local criteria and policies;
    - ii. Comprehensive and flexible;
    - iii. Tied to the Principles of a Global Standard for Outcomes of a Legal Education;
    - iv. Informed by evolving domestic and international norms; and
    - v. Subject to periodic domestic, and where appropriate, international peer review.
5. Infrastructure – Physical, Technological and Administrative
  - a. It is recognized that the physical, technological, as well as access to legal resources and the administrative infrastructure of an educational institution are fundamental in achieving the Outcomes of a Legal Education. It is also recognized that educational institutions must work within the context of the resources available within their jurisdiction. Infrastructure should be:
    - i. Sufficient and adequate to enable the institution to achieve the Outcomes of a Legal Education;
    - ii. Informed by evolving domestic and international norms; and
    - iii. Subject to periodic domestic, and, where appropriate, international peer review.

## **OUTCOMES OF A LEGAL EDUCATION**

1. Knowledge

A law graduate should know and understand:

  - a. The core areas of substantive and procedural law;
  - b. How laws are created, implemented and changed; and
  - c. The contextual underpinnings of the operation of law (both domestically and globally).
2. Skills

A law graduate should be proficient in:

  - a. General academic skills, including critical analysis and reasoning;
  - b. Researching, reading and analyzing legal materials;
  - c. Problem solving, planning and strategizing how to comply with legal requirements; and
  - d. Constructing a legal position and effectively communicating (orally and in writing) within a legal context.
3. Values

A law graduate should know and understand the need to act in accordance with:

  - a. The professional ethics of the jurisdiction; and
  - b. The fundamental principles of justice and the rule of law.

# MADRID PROTOCOL

## *on the Principles of Evaluation of Legal Education*

Recognizing that there is a diversity of approaches, higher legal education evaluation must:

- 1) Respect the competence of the legal academy to set, maintain and improve legal education standards;
- 2) Promote each institution's distinctive mission while taking into account its context; and
- 3) Acknowledge the views of relevant internal and external stakeholders.

Therefore, standards of any evaluative process must be:

- 1) Formulated with law faculty input and be subject to domestic, and, where appropriate, international peer review;
- 2) Jurisdictionally and institutionally specific;
- 3) Informed by evolving domestic and international evaluative practices;
- 4) Objective;
- 5) Transparent;
- 6) Verifiable; and,
- 7) Consistently applied.

*Adopted by the International Association of Law Schools at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Law Deans' Forum, held at IE University, IE School of Law, Madrid, Spain, 27 October 2015.*

# JUDICIAL STANDARDS OF A LEGAL EDUCATION

Mindful that:

1. The law is the fundamental organizing principle of a civil society;
2. Only through the rule of law and its predictable and transparent application can a civil society be sustained and thrive;
3. Judges must model the moral and ethical standards that are the essential underpinnings of the rule of law.
4. Without a strong commitment to educate citizens as well as practitioners in the law, a civil society cannot flourish;
5. A sound comprehension of the judicial system and its policies and procedures is an essential component of understanding the legal system;
6. Legal education is necessary not only for those whose career aspirations are to be in the legal field, but also for those who will enter a variety of other careers not necessarily involved in the practice of law;
7. The legal education program of schools is regulated by internal as well as external private and governmental bodies;
8. Jurisdictions vary as to a. the entry requirements for tertiary law studies in educational institutions: b. expected outcomes for tertiary and post-graduate legal education: c. the regulatory oversight and responsibility over legal education, and: d. the qualifications and educational requirements for admission to practice;
9. The degree of faculty autonomy with respect to the materials they assign, including the curriculum, itself as well as class instruction differs from school to school.

The Judicial Council of the International Association of Law Schools recommends to tertiary educational institutions that they subscribe to the following basic principles in teaching law and the foundation of an effective, ethical, and responsible judicial system.

- 1) Legal education should provide a law student with the understanding that
  - a. Decisions made in accordance with the law should embody the values of:
    - i. Consistency with established law and objective legal principles;
    - ii. Due Process in transparent procedures as to the administration of law;
    - iii. Rational determinations supported by the weight of acceptable evidence;
    - iv. Equality for all before the law; and
    - v. Proportionality as to the result.
  - b. The law should guide the lawful use of power (private and public).
  - c. The law should uphold and promote human dignity.
  - d. The law and legal processes should be fair and transparent.
  - e. The law and its application should promote stability and predictability in relationships between individuals (including legal entities) as well as between individuals (including legal entities) and the state.
  - f. The law should provide reasonable access for all to the judicial system.
- 2) Legal education should teach, model and shape a student's sense of the moral and ethical responsibilities of someone trained in the law
- 3) Legal education at all levels should provide students with sufficient learning opportunities to develop the following essential skills:
  - a. Analytical reasoning specifically as it relates to legal matters
  - b. Knowledge and application of doctrinal law.
  - c. Written and oral skills of effective rhetorical argumentation within the context of the law.

- d. Knowledge, sensitivity and application of moral and ethical values inherent in the rule of law.
- 4) When the initial law degree is an undergraduate degree, a legal education should:
  - a. Provide a broad education in other subject matters so that a law student gains a fuller understanding of the context in which law is formed and utilized in modern society.
  - b. Avoid particularly an overemphasis on memorizing doctrinal law and the intricacies of law practice.
  - c. Where entry to the legal profession requires more than an undergraduate degree, provide basically the same curriculum for all undergraduate law students with an emphasis on a broad education, leaving the professional training to the later prerequisite training.
  - d. Where the undergraduate degree is sufficient for entry to the legal profession, provide specialized professional training in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years of tertiary education for students who wish to engage in the legal system as lawyers, judges or prosecutors.
- 5) Tertiary educational institutions which have a degree program for the study in law should:
  - a. Conform to the requirements of local regulatory authorities, and
  - b. Conform to the standards and outcomes provided in the IALS Singapore Declaration of Standards and Outcomes of a Legal Education.
- 6) Legal Education evaluative processes should conform with the standards established in the IALS Madrid Protocol on the Principles of Evaluation of a Legal Education.
- 7) Legal educators should encourage the interaction between judiciary and the legal academy so each can learn from each other.
- 8) Legal educators should engage in community outreach to elementary and secondary schools to foster a belief and commitment to the rule of law.

# EVALUATION, ASSISTANCE, AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

## Program Overview

The IALS has launched an international program to evaluate and assist law schools and law programs. This is in response to the many requests over the years from our members that we institute a program of international experts to visit, evaluate and provide advice to member schools. The program is based on the Global Standards and Outcomes of a Legal Education, adopted in the IALS Singapore Declaration, adopted in 2013. The evaluation will be conducted pursuant to the guidelines of the Madrid Protocol of 2015, and be informed by the Judicial Standards, adopted in 2017.

The program is totally voluntary and open to any IALS member school that would like to participate. Its purposes are threefold: (1) to evaluate a school's program of legal education, focusing on the current curriculum, including pedagogies used and its administration, against agreed-upon global standards, to learn from innovations and best practices employed by the member school, and to offer advice on possible improvements; (2) to give the schools information to help them better explain their programs and possible changes to their universities and regulators as viewed against those global standards; and (3) after the establishment of certification criteria, upon achieving these international standards as contextually applied in accordance with the mission of the school, to have the added prestige affiliated with gaining recognition by certification from a global learned society of law schools.

Participating in the program will require a school to fill out a Self-Assessment Report. The IALS Evaluation, Assessment, and Certification Committee (E.A.C.C. or Committee) will review that report to ensure it is complete, may ask for additional information, and determine that the school is ready for a site visit. Then, IALS will conduct a site visit, selecting four or so expert faculty from different regions of the world who will visit the school for several days to ask questions, meet with key leaders, visit classes, faculty, and students, and, in general, make certain they have a clear picture of the current operation of the school. That team will then write a report with recommendations to be submitted to the school for its consideration. In all cases, the Report of the team and the actions of the Committee will be kept totally confidential by IALS and all site team members, leaving it to the school's discretion when or whether to release the report or information as it deems fit.

The site team will be composed of volunteers who will not be paid for their time or expertise. At least during the early years, participating schools will be asked only to comfortably house, feed and provide in-country support for the team. IALS will cover the transportation costs for the team members, and no fees will be charged by IALS for conducting the evaluation and advising process.

Additionally, The IALS has appointed four Anchor Schools whose representatives will work with the E.A.C. Committee to define best practices in evaluating schools who are being assessed. Anchor institutions will help to formulate a strategy and operational plan for the E.A.C. Program. They will meet once a year for a presentation on the status of the Evaluation, Assistance and Certification Program to critique the strategy and execution of the project.

The Anchor Schools for the program are the following:

- Africa: University of the Witwatersrand, School of Law, South Africa
- Americas: Cornell University, Cornell Law School, United States
- Asia-Pacific: National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law, Singapore
- Europe: University of Milan, Faculty of Law, Italy



The Evaluators for the program are the following:

- African Region
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  - Luis Franceschi, Dean, Strathmore University Law School, Kenya
  - Chuma Himonga, Professor/Dean, University of Zambia, School of Law, Zambia
- Americas Region
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Eventually, the E.A.C. Program will lead to a certification program, but that will only come when we can develop a consensus as to the methodology used. It must take into consideration a variety of factors critical to educators, but underweighted by accreditors, and vastly underweighted by ranking bodies. After developing a robust system and experience in contextualizing our evaluation and advising to ensure that the criteria and processes are appropriate for our diverse membership, and to avoid the pitfalls of existing “ranking” and “accreditation” systems which hold all to one inflexible standard, the E.A.C. program will develop a proposal for membership input for certification.

Because this is a new program, and it is most important that it succeed in offering a high-quality opportunity for our member schools, several steps need to be taken before it is formally launched. Thus, we have proceeded in the following way:

In 2017, we announced the program, including information on its scope and the details of how it will operate. A preliminary final draft of a template for a Self-Assessment Report was introduced at the 2017 Global Deans’ meeting.

In 2018 – 2019 the E.A.C. Committee is formed to be responsible in developing a set of criteria based upon our foundational principles (Singapore Declaration, Madrid Protocol, and Judicial Standards). The criteria will be developed from the opinions, concerns, suggestions, and decisions of the Association’s membership especially at our regional Deans’ workshops. As with our foundational principles, the criteria will be consensually arrived at through our meetings, fora and workshops. We are committed to ensuring that all viewpoints

and perspectives are represented, and that the E.A.C. process is sensitive to the multiple contexts of our members.

In 2019, we have invited members who are willing and able to serve as evaluators for our pilot program. For this first round of our pilot phase, we have selected 14 evaluators. A workshop will then be held with the evaluators to finalize our preliminary evaluation criteria and to ensure a uniform understanding of what is entailed and how best to evaluate the material submitted, conduct a site visit, and write a report. A pilot project will launch with four schools, one from each region, who will work with the evaluators in a collaborative process to operationalize the program. Interest in participating in this pilot project has been solicited by IALS in 2019. From these initial evaluations, we will fine tune our evaluative and advising processes. We estimate that it will be at least two years of data collection and experience before we formulate a final proposal for the certification portion of the program.

The Evaluation, Assistance and Certification (E.A.C.) Program will formally launch in 2020 with our initial evaluators for the pilot program.

# SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT

## Preparing a Self-Assessment Report for External Review

A Self-Assessment Report is essentially a narrative that is intended to present a brief snapshot of the school, its self-identified goals, its challenges, and any means of reaching its goals or addressing weaknesses that the school has identified. That information is the starting point for an outside review of the law school program and its assessment under the Global Standards and Outcomes of a Legal Education, found in the IALS Singapore Declaration, the evaluative processes as expressed in the Madrid Protocol on the Principles of Evaluation of Legal Education, and the Judicial Standards of a Legal Education, all of which are attached. Initially the external review and report will focus on a school's first degree in law, whether that is an LLB or a JD and they do not include any graduate programs, such as those leading to a Masters, PhD or JSD.

This Self-Assessment Report is based on the IALS Singapore Declaration, which sets out FIVE dimensions upon which standards may be evaluated – (1) Regulation; (2) Students; (3) Faculty; (4) Curriculum; (5) Infrastructure – and THREE outcomes of a legal education – (A) Knowledge; (B) Skills; (C) Values. In completing this Self-Assessment Report, one should refer to the desired standards and outcomes as articulated in the IALS Singapore Declaration. Respectful of our members' time and resources, we understand that much of the information requested should already be readily available from prior accreditation and review processes in which all schools engage. All that is needed is to bring it current.

The first section of this Report asks for background information so that the external reviewers can understand the context in which the law school operates. That context will aid the reviewers in making assessments and recommendations that reflect the actual challenges and opportunities of individual schools. The second section focuses on the curriculum, pedagogy, and administration of the educational program as the means of meeting global standards and outcomes.

### SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT TEMPLATE

#### I. BACKGROUND

*This section is relevant to the FIVE dimensions upon which standards may be evaluated – (i) Regulation; (ii) Students; (iii) Faculty; (iv) Curriculum; (v) Infrastructure.*

##### A. Cultural Context

Describe the legal infrastructure of the country (e.g., civil, common law, other), including a brief description of the structure of the court system and the legal profession. Include a description of any rules related to the certification of lawyers for admissions to the practice of law. Describe the overall higher education system of the country and legal education in particular. Include a description of the regulatory authority and regulation of legal education as it affects undergraduate and graduate legal education, as well as the curriculum for those programs.

##### B. Institutional Context

Provide a brief description of the university of which the law school is a part, including the date when the university and the law school each were founded, the student body size in the law school and university, and the degrees that are offered at both the university and law school levels.

Describe the context of your law school or law faculty in relation to other institutions in your country.

Describe any prior law school assessments. If such assessments are in English, please provide a copy. These should include University assessments, self-assessments, and any regulatory assessments done under the direction of regional, national or international authorities.

Please highlight from prior assessments (1) areas or specifics which the assessor has stated the school is competent, and (2) areas or specifics where the assessor has stated the school needs improvement.

Do you agree or disagree with these assessments? With respect to areas of agreement, state why you agree. In areas of disagreement, please specify and explain why you don't agree? Describe the strategies the school has developed to address the areas needing improvement? What obstacles confront the school in achieving its strategy? What areas of your school or program would you want the evaluation team to pay special attention? Describe how our evaluation team can help you in providing support for your efforts to improve the educational program at your school.

### **C. Mission and Goals of Law School**

Identify the law school's mission, goals and objectives that the program of legal education is designed to achieve. [The achievement of the mission, goals, and objectives will be discussed under the separate headings related to specific aspects of the program.]

### **D. Self-Assessment Process**

Describe the process that the law school used to prepare this Self-Assessment Report, including who participated in its drafting and the manner in which different groups or individuals participated in its creation or approval.

### **E. Faculty**

Report the size and composition of the law school faculty, including what portion of the faculty is full-time and what portion is part-time (adjunct). Explain the rationale(s) behind such a composition.

### **F. Students**

#### **1. Admissions**

Describe the student admission policies and processes indicating what controls and standards for admission exist or whether there essentially is open admission. Describe the general composition of the law school student body in terms of age and what percentages of the student body are primarily local, regional, or international.

#### **2. Academic Support**

Describe any program of academic support the school makes available to its students to help them succeed in their studies. Please include: (1) the components of the program, (2) who provides the instruction, (3) to whom the program is available, and (4) whether and how the school monitors and evaluates the success of the program.

#### **3. Employment Post-graduation**

Indicate the percentage of graduates who seek to enter the legal profession after graduation, whether in the government or private sector, and the percentage of those who use their degree for other purposes. Of those entering the legal profession, report on their legal employment, including the number and types of jobs in which they are employed, as well as the number of graduates not employed or not seeking employment. Include data only from the last three years.

### **G. Library and Information Resources**

Briefly describe the law library collection and/or the information access provided by the law school. Indicate how access to legal materials (1) satisfies the demands of the law school curriculum, (2) facilitates the education of students, and (3) supports the teaching interests of the faculty. If possible, indicate how these resources compare to the other law schools in your jurisdiction. Indicate whether the library has any librarians who are specifically trained in law librarianship and whether the librarians play a role in helping train the students in research techniques.

### **H. Facilities**

Describe the class, seminar, and clinical rooms available for the program of legal education. Include, if applicable, whether the clinical space provides adequate space for client interviewing and confidentiality of case files. Describe the space available for administrative staff, equipment, and records. Describe the library facilities and how they are able to accommodate the school's students and faculty. Indicate what quiet, study, research, and group study spaces are available.

### **I. Financial Resources**

Indicate the source and scope of the financial resources that support the law school and describe the means by which the school attempts to be cost efficient so as to offer the best academic program it can within its resource limits. Briefly indicate if there are areas where financial resources do not appear to meet the needs of the law school.

## **II. PROGRAM OF LEGAL EDUCATION**

*The objective of this section of the report is to evaluate how the school attempts to assure that its graduates obtain the knowledge, skills, and values required for a legal education (the Outcomes of a Legal Education as defined in the IALS Singapore Declaration).*

### **A. Degree Requirements**

Describe the requirements for students seeking a degree in law. Please include: (1) the number of hours (or courses) needed to achieve a degree; (2) the quantity or period of instruction; and (3) the required curriculum. With regard to the required curriculum, indicate if any of those courses are required for certain years of study or whether they may be taken at varying times throughout a student's course of study.

### **B. Legal Writing and Research**

Describe the courses in which students are trained in legal writing, indicating which are required for graduation. In particular, include information about class size, the number and nature of the writing assignments, the opportunities to meet with a writing instructor, and any other ways in which a rigorous writing experience is fostered. Describe the courses in which students are trained in academic or legal research, indicating the types of assignments made and how the faculty supervises those efforts.

### **C. Professional Skills Instruction**

Describe any courses in the curriculum in which the primary focus is on developing lawyering skills (e.g., moot courts, mediation/negotiation classes, legislative drafting, simulations etc.). Describe any live-client clinical opportunities that are offered to the students. Include not only any legal clinics the law school may operate, but also any opportunities for outside externships with the courts, lawyers, government agencies, NCOs, etc.). For each of these offerings, describe the subject matter or focus of the opportunity, the methods by which they are taught, and how the faculty supervises those efforts.

#### **D. Professional Responsibility (Ethics) Instruction**

Describe how the school provides instruction in the history, goals, structure, values, rules, and responsibilities of the legal profession and its members and how it instructs its students in social responsibility and the ethical standards of the profession. Indicate whether the school ensures that each student receives that instruction.

#### **E. Curriculum**

Describe the courses in the curriculum (other than those already described above), explaining how the school provides instruction in the substantive law and processes generally regarded as necessary to be effective and responsible for those who wish to participate in the legal profession, as well as a solid tertiary education in law and legal process to enable those who will not enter the legal profession to thrive in their chosen career paths. Indicate which of the courses are required and which are elective, as well as how often they are offered (e.g., annually, semiannually, biannually).

#### **F. Pedagogy**

Describe how the law school promotes teaching effectiveness in the classroom (e.g., teaching workshops, teaching awards, teaching reviews, etc.). Note whether the law school uses student teaching evaluations or some other methods to evaluate faculty teaching quality. Describe what pedagogies other than lecture are used in courses outside those courses devoted primarily to legal writing and professional skills instruction. Note which courses incorporate those pedagogies, as well as what is included (e.g., group/team projects, simulations, research assignments, etc.).

#### **G. Evaluation of Student Achievement**

Describe the means by which student outcomes are evaluated to determine if teaching goals are being met. This includes the types of assessments used (oral and written exams, mid-term and final exams, term papers, research papers, or other written and oral assignments) and how grades are distributed. Please include any policies concerning the rigor of student assessments.

#### **H. Overall Assessment**

Briefly indicate: (1) if there are areas of the curriculum that need additional improvements or offerings; (2) what, if any, plans exist to address those curricular needs; and (3) what the challenges will be in meeting the curricular needs. Also indicate how the curriculum is designed to prepare students with the knowledge, skills and values outlined in the Singapore Declaration and to fulfill the law school's mission.

### **III. LAW SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

*This section is relevant to (1) Regulation, (3) Faculty; (4) Curriculum; (5) Infrastructure of the IALS Singapore Declaration.*

Describe the administrative structure of the law school, including the relationship of the law school to the university administration. Include both information regarding professional staff heading specific programs or offices and the number of support staff for each function. Describe the process for establishing and reviewing the curriculum. Include who is responsible for setting the curriculum, approving courses, and determining which courses are required and which are elective. Please indicate if there is a regular process for curriculum review and, if so, when the last review occurred and what were the results.



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