
Joint CCBE-FBE Conference

Self-regulation and Quality in the Legal Profession

Centro Cultural de Belém, Lisbon, 25 October 2019

8.00 – Welcome and registration

9.00 – Opening speeches

Keynote address: *Anabela Pedrosa*, Portuguese State Secretary for Justice

- *José de Freitas*, President, Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)
- *Silvia Giménez Salinas*, President, Fédération des Barreaux d'Europe (FBE)
- *Guilherme Figueiredo*, President, Portuguese Bar Association

9.45 – Panel I – Self-regulation and the new Directive on a proportionality test: what is changing?

Moderator: *Hugh Mercer*, Chair of EU Lawyers Committee of CCBE

- **Presentation of Directive 2018/958 and its impact on the legal profession** – *Martin Frohn LL.M.*, Head of Unit, European Commission, Directorate General Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, Unit « Professional qualifications and skills »
- **The impact of the Directive at national level: what do national parliaments and regulators, bars and law societies need to be aware of?** – *Prof. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Hellwig*, Rechtsanwalt, honorary professor for European company law at Heidelberg University, former CCBE President and former Vice-President of the German Bar Association
- **Recent developments in Portugal: the 2018 OECD Competition Assessment Reviews on Legal Professions** – *Ana Rita Duarte de Campos*, Vice-President of the General Council of the Portuguese Bar Association

Open discussion

11.00 – Coffee break

11.30 – Panel II – Challenges facing self-regulation: is self-regulation a guarantee for better quality?

Moderator: *Montse Gómez Ferreres*, Lawyer Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Murcia, Coordinator of the International Relations Project

- **The contribution of self-regulation to achieving a balance between the quality of services and respect for ethical principles: an empirical analysis** – *Sophie Harnay*, Professor at Université de Nanterre (France), Member of the French Competition Authority Board
- **Understanding the context of legal needs: how ethics support quality – a lawyer's perspective** – *Guido Imfeld*, Vice-President of the Cologne Bar, partner lawyer at Daniel Hagelskamp & Kollegen

- **Access to quality legal services for citizens in modern society** – *Eugènia Gay*, President of the Barcelona Bar Association, Vice-President of the Consejo General de la Abogacía Española, President of the Mediation Commission of the Fédération des Barreaux d'Europe
- **Empowering lawyers in a competitive environment: a reflection on alternative business structures and advertising** – *Gaetano Viciconte PhD*, Lawyer in Florence

Open discussion

13.00 – Lunch break

14.00 – Keynote speaker

- **The role of lawyers in the application of European Union law, in the light of the challenges for today's society**

José Luís da Cruz Vilaça, lawyer, PhD International Economics, former President of the International Federation of European Law, former Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union

14.30 – Panel III – Ensuring and monitoring quality within the legal profession: an overview of national experiences

Moderator: Aldo Bulgarelli, Chair of Quality Sub-Group, Vice-Chair of EU Lawyers Committee of CCBE

- **Supervising competence to ensure the protection of the public: the professional inspection visit process of the Bar of Québec** – *Maryse Bélanger*, Bar of Québec, Supervisor of the Quality of the Profession
- **The quality management system in The Netherlands** – *Bernard de Leest*, Lawyer at Zumpolle Advocaten, Member of the General Council of the Netherlands Bar Association, Senior lecturer in evidence law and administrative law
- **Purposes, Outcomes and Tools for Evaluating Quality - the quality assurance system in Scotland** – *Professor Alan Paterson OBE*, Director, Centre for Professional Legal Studies
- **Independence of the Legal Professions and the Bar as a Condition of Quality of Legal Services: the Polish experience** - *Aleksandra Stępniewska LL.M.*, lawyer, Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional, Polish Bar Association

Open discussion

15.45 – Panel IV – The behavioural perspective on improving quality

Interactive session with Socratic

- **A behavioural perspective on the regulation of quality in professional services** – *Dr. Anne-Lise Sibony*, Professor of European Law, UCLouvain (Belgium)
- **An international perspective on the application of behavioural insights to public policy** – *Filippo Cavassini*, Senior Economist, Economics Department, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

16.45 – Conclusions

**Simultaneous translation will be provided
in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish**