



World Bar Conference 2016 - Ten Reasons to Book Now!

The World Bar Conference 2016 is taking place in Edinburgh Thursday 14 - Saturday 16 April 2016. Full details, including the conference programme and speakers, are on the conference website which is found at <http://www.worldbarconference.com>.

Here are ten reasons why you should sign up for the World Bar Conference now!

1. Where else will you find a conference in such **spectacular venues**? Drinks receptions will be in [Edinburgh Castle](#) and [Parliament Hall](#), and the conference dinner will be in the [National Gallery of Scotland](#). Thursday and Friday conference sessions will be in the [National Museum of Scotland](#), and subject to final confirmation the Saturday sessions will be in the Debating Chamber of the [Scottish Parliament](#).

All of the venues are within the heart of the city - see www.worldbarconference.com/venues and www.worldbarconference.com/venuemap further details.

2. We challenge you to find a conference with **such a star studded panel of speakers**. Being a bar conference, our speakers are principally members of bars from around the world but we have also leading judges and professors on the bill. To summarise we have:

- **Heads of bar:** 10 heads of bar from Scotland, England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Hong Kong and South Africa
- **Eminent practitioners:** 9 senior counsel and 4 junior counsel from around the world
- **Judges:** Lord President of the UK Supreme Court, the Lord President of the Court of Session, a judge of the International Court of Justice, and judges from Ireland, South Africa and Australia
- **Professors:** Professors Richard Susskind and Georg Yarrow
- **2 Independent reviewers** of terrorist legislation from the UK and Australia

Find our speaker profiles at: www.worldbarconference.com/speakers.

3. Talks are on **topics of interest** to all advocates and barristers. Some sessions focus on challenges and opportunities facing independent referral bars. Others cover the contribution of law to the economy, gender and diversity, confidentiality and surveillance, technology in practice, standing up for the rule of law and making law, and using international law in domestic courts. You can find the full programme at www.worldbarconference.com/programme.
4. It's in **Edinburgh!** The conference will allow you the privilege to see many of the city's finest buildings in exclusive circumstances. The rest of the city you will have to share. Nevertheless, if you have the time, the city has the culture, restaurants, shops, bars, sights

and sounds to satisfy every visitor's needs. Come to [eat scones](#) on the deck of the Royal Yacht Britannia, stroll up [Arthur's Seat](#) and look down over the whole city, or just enjoy the "[water of life](#)" at one of the local hostels.

5. It may make significant contribution to (or even complete!) your **Continuing Professional Development** requirement for the year.
6. **Meet kindred spirits** - members of independent referral bars from around the world, who are facing many of the challenges you face, and be able to share experiences and approaches. This should also be one of those rare beasts – a legal conference that is fun.
7. We have secured **preferential accommodation rates** at various Edinburgh hotels for those who need to stay over. All of the venues are within a short walk of these and other hotels in the city. See www.worldbarconference.com/accommodation for details.
8. It's incredibly **good value** at £665. Just to put this in perspective, the Global Law Summit in London in 2015 was £1499 for three days without a conference dinner; the Commonwealth Law Conference was £1400 without dinner for a 5 day conference, a one day human rights conference in London in October 2015 was £450, and a forthcoming IBA 3 day conference in London in March is £1205. We are able to offer this price because we have managed to secure sponsorship including free use of some of these iconic venues. For your money you get a prestigious three day conference, with the usual hospitality between sessions, plus three evenings' entertainment in the form of two drinks receptions and a conference dinner. There is no planned profit element to the conference at all so the fee is purely to cover costs.
9. It's **easy to sign up**. There is a conference website with more information and sign up pages here: www.worldbarconference.com/booking.

and you better hurry...

10. There are **only 200 places** and more than half have already been filled. If you don't act soon you may be too late!

Hope to see you there.

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WBC2016 Organising Committee



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