

IBA Developing Bar Programme Scholarship for young lawyers to attend the IBA Annual Conference in Rome 7 to 12 October 2018

The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) invites young attorneys (up to and including the age of 35) to apply for the International Bar Association (IBA) Developing Bar Programme Scholarship to attend the <u>IBA Annual Conference</u> in Rome, Italy, on 7 to 12 October 2018.

Applications must be submitted to the LSSA by 12 March 2018. The LSSA Selection Committee will shortlist six candidates to submit to the IBA for final selection.

The IBA offers the scholarship to young lawyers (up to and including the age of 35) from Member Organisations in developing countries who would like to attend the IBA Annual Conference, but who may find it financially impossible to do so.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection criteria for the programme are that any candidate

- 1. should be a young attorney up to and including the age of 35;
- 2. should have over 3 years' practice experience;
- 3. must disclose if she/he is related to an officer of the IBA;
- 4. must not have attended a previous IBA Annual Conference;
- 5. must write a short piece (maximum 500 words) on the topic of 'Technology's impact on legal services';
- 6. must have sufficient proficiency in English to benefit from attending, as conference sessions are in English;
- 7. must note that early travel arrangements should be made to allow for any delays in the administration of any necessary visas.

Participants selected for the programme will receive

- free registration for the IBA Annual Conference, 7–12 October 2018, Rome, Italy;
- a contribution towards a return economy flight to Rome;
- accommodation costs (room and breakfast) at a selected hotel while attending the conference (this will be organised by the IBA);
- a stipend of 50 EUR a day.

Following the conference the IBA will request the participants to submit a short report on which sessions they attended and what they enjoyed most about the conference.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Download and complete the application form.

DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION FORM HERE

- 2. E-mail your compeleted form, including the short piece (maximum 500 words) on the topic of 'Technology's impact on legal services' to LSSA@LSSA.org.za before 17:00 on Monday, 12 March 2018 (submissions received after this will not be considered).
- 3. The LSSA will confirm the good standing of all applicants with the relevant provincial Law Society.
- 4. An LSSA Selection Panel will select the six candidates to be submitted to the IBA Selection Panel. The decision of the LSSA Selection Panel will be final.
- 5. Recipients from each country will be selected for places at the conference by a judging panel formed of four Bar Association representatives who sit on the IBA Management Board.
- 6. The IBA will write to the LSSA confirming which applicants have been successful by 4 May 2018.
- 7. The IBA will then confirm to each successful applicant, and provide a registration form for the conference to be submitted to the IBA office. These forms should be sent directly to Jessica Rattle at the IBA who will confirm internally that the registration fee is waived. Applicants cannot register using the online system available on the IBA website.

Please note, that should the applicant wish to attend any social events, these must be paid for directly, and payment card details included on the registration form.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Each of the selected delegates should book his/her flight directly and no later than 16 July 2018 as the most favourable costs for flights will be available well in advance of the conference. Should a delegate be unable to meet this payment directly at this point, their law firm should assist as the IBA cannot

make any reimbursement for these payments until after the conference. Please note that if the delegate does not arrive at the conference, the IBA cannot reimburse the loss on the flight costs.

Each of the selected delegates should immediately make arrangements for any necessary visas as soon as possible. If there are problems with visas, the IBA should be notified as early as possible.

Accommodation will be at a hotel organised and paid for by the IBA. The IBA will arrange accommodation for the recipients with its hotel contractor, Judy Lane ICS, from Friday 5 October to Friday 12 October 2018 (checking out 12 October). Judy Lane ICS will confirm the rooms directly to each delegate using the email address provided. If the recipients would like to stay for any additional nights, they will be responsible for booking directly with Judy Lane ICS.

A per diem of 50 EUR per day for six days will be provided in cash at the conference during a scholarship delegates welcome meeting and details will be sent out about this nearer the time.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Please note that selected participants are responsible for arranging their own travel insurance to cover their travel to the conference.

Contact persons for further information: Fiona Kedijang or Phyllis Mphasha Tel: (012) 366 8817 or (012) 366 8800 fiona@LSSA.org.za or phyllis@LSSALEAD.org.za

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