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# EYBA Newsletter

*Bringing young lawyers together across Europe*

## Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of the *new* EYBA newsletter, providing information about the activities of the EYBA and its Executive Committee. As you will appreciate the newsletter has been put together entirely by volunteers and any constructive comments as to how it might be improved for future editions will be gratefully received. We hope you enjoy reading it!

The Executive Committee.

## The Hague

Read about the EYBA's fantastic Summer Conference in June (page 3)



## President speaks at the ABA Annual Meeting

Representing the EYBA, David Nicholls (President) attended the Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association in San Francisco, California, earlier in August 2013. At the Council Meeting of the Young Lawyers Division of the ABA, David gave a presentation about the EYBA, (continued on p.2)

## Save the Date!

### International Weekend 2013

**26 – 28 September 2013**

Annual meeting of young lawyers in **London** - see p.5

### ABA Section of International Law Meeting

**15 – 19 October 2013**

Taking place in **London** – read more on p. 5

### EYBA Spring Conference 2014

**13 – 15 March 2013 (dates tbc)**

Taking place in **Edinburgh, Scotland**

## *Promoting links between America and Europe*

(continued from p.1) its objectives, and its strategy for the year ahead. This was a fantastic opportunity to promote the EYBA to other young lawyers and it was a testament to the long friendship that has existed between the EYBA and the YLD of the ABA.

Amongst other events, David attended a reception at the San Francisco City Hall (picture right), witnessed the 'Passing of the Gavel' as outgoing Chair Chris Rogers gave way to his successor Mario Sullivan, met lawyers young and old

at the YLD Fellows

Dinner at the Palace

Hotel, and heard former Secretary of State Hilary Clinton speak on the importance of the US Voting Rights Act.

Taking place alongside the ABA Annual Meeting was a meeting of the American Counsel Association, which is a referral network of lawyers across North America and beyond. David attended the annual dinner and was delighted to accept an

invitation to join the ACA's Board of

Directors. As a result, your President now finds himself in the unique position of holding senior positions in two lawyer associations in different continents. Naturally, his quest for world domination continues...



Photos depict:

Top left: from left to right: Michael Bergmann, former Chair of the YLD and former member of the EYBA Executive Committee; Lacy Durham, Secretary-Treasurer of the YLD for 2013-4; Kelly-Ann Clarke, former Chair of the YLD; your President

Bottom left: Jad Barsoum, Immediate Past President of the Young Bar of Quebec City; Joanie Proteau, President of the Young Bar of Quebec City





*The President and the Immediate Past President enjoy a cycling tour of The Hague during the Summer Conference in June 2013*

## Dutch hospitality charms the EYBA!

Our sincere thanks are owed to the Young Bar of The Hague for their brilliant organization of a most enjoyable and educative Summer Conference in June this year. Following welcome drinks in one of the main squares, we began the conference the next day with a fascinating tour of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, which included an opportunity to watch part of an ongoing trial. After a picnic lunch near the Binnenhof, we retired to the Supreme Court of the Netherlands for a series of lectures on a range of topics, including the work of the Hague

Conference on Private International Law and a presentation by the President of the Supreme Court, G J M Corstens. Friday evening saw us participate in the annual festivities of the Bar of The Hague, which took place in the atrium of the Stadhuis.

On Saturday, we began with the EYBA's AGM and the election of the new Executive Committee (see p.4). This was followed by a cycling tour of the city, before the Conference ended with a party at the beach at Scheveningen.

No doubt an excellent time was had by all and we repeat our gratitude to our hosts!



## The new Executive Committee

### President: David Nicholls

David is a barrister practising in London, UK, with particular specialties in commercial law, including property, insolvency, and partnership amongst others. He was Vice-President of the EYBA in 2012-3 and is a former Chairman of the Young Barristers' Committee of England and Wales.



### Vice-President: Andrea Sciarrillo

Andrea Sciarrillo has practised as a criminal lawyer at *Studio Legale Stile* in Rome since 2007, developing considerable experience in all aspects of criminal law particularly including business crime-related matters and fraud.

He was proclaimed First Secretary of the XXXIII Rome Young Bar Conference in 2010 and he led the Board of the same Association in 2011-12.

He is also a lecturer in criminal law and speaks regularly at conferences and seminars. In 2012-13, he was Treasurer of the EYBA.



### Secretary: Elvira de Jong

Elvira works in Amsterdam as a corporate litigation lawyer at an international law firm called Loyens & Loeff. In the year 2012-13 she was an Executive Officer of the EYBA. This year her focus will be on improving the communication with the Members and on organizing EYBA meetings efficiently.



### Treasurer: Fredrik Ellingsen

Fredrik is a lawyer practising in Oslo, Norway, specializing in criminal law, litigation, administrative law and immigration law. He is the Vice-President of the Young Lawyers Division of the Norwegian Bar Association.





## Immediate Past-President: Lorraine Keown

Lorraine was President of the EYBA in 2012-13 and she was also Chair of the Northern Ireland Young Solicitors Association during the same year. She is in practice as a solicitor in Northern Ireland where she works in criminal law.

In May 2012, Lorraine organized the first Young Leaders event in Northern Ireland, promoting the work of young leaders in professional groups.



## ExCo Member: Elisabeth Batista

Elisabeth is a Catalan lawyer practising in Barcelona in the area of international business law and she was recently appointed director of the International Department of her firm. She is also an Executive Officer of the Young Bar Association of Barcelona. She was delighted to join the EYBA ExCo and she will work hard to promote the EYBA as well as helping it expand with new members.

## ExCo Member: Karen Beck

Karen is an assistant attorney practicing in Copenhagen, specializing in the areas of corporate and commercial law, life science and litigation. She is the Chairman of the Danish Association of Attorneys and Assistant Attorneys (FAAF) under the Association of Danish Lawyers and Economists where she is also executive committee member.



## ExCo Member: Timothy Rankin

Tim joined the EYBA Committee in the summer of 2013 and he is also a member of the committee of the Northern Ireland Young Solicitors Association. Tim works in the private client department of a firm of solicitors in Northern Ireland. In this spare time, he enjoys singing in a choir and playing softball.



Several members of the Executive Committee issued press releases following their election. These provided excellent publicity for the EYBA and its work. More information about the content of the press releases can be found by contacting the Executive Committee.

## International Weekend 2013 – London, UK

*26 – 29 September 2013*

An exciting programme of seminars and networking activities has been together for this year's International Weekend. Registration is already open and there is an early bird discount for registration forms received before 9 September 2013.

The educative events include a comparative seminar on penal policy across Europe, a presentation on the new European data protection rules, an introduction to do business in China, and a short history of the Inns of Court. On the networking side, in addition to the usual receptions and lunches, there will be opportunities to go on a tour of the Tower of London, to go cycling through London's Royal Parks, to enjoy drinks at the historic home of Ping Pong, and to take part in a medieval banquet. Like last year, there will also be an international oratory competition.

Importantly from the EYBA's point of view, there will be a General Meeting of the Association at which approval will be sought for the new draft Statutes. We will also be inviting bids for the 2014 Summer Conference.

Do register as soon as possible and please encourage your members and colleagues to do so also. <http://juniorlawyers.lawsociety.org.uk/node/147765>

## ABA Section of International Law Fall Meeting – London, UK

*15 – 19 October 2013*

One of the world's most important gatherings of international lawyers will take place in London this autumn and EYBA members are warmly encouraged to attend. The EYBA has agreed to participate in this conference as a co-operating entity.

Attendees will include high-level practitioners with the largest and most respected global law firms, lawyers with the most prominent regional and national firms inside and outside the US, small-firm and solo practitioners with significant international practices, corporate and in-house counsel, lawyers serving in government or with non-governmental organisations and inter-governmental organisations, and academics. As well as over 60 substantive concurrent continuing legal education sessions with world-class speakers and special programming for young lawyers, law students, and legal educators, there will outstanding networking opportunities including a welcome reception at the House of Lords and a reception at the Tate Britain gallery.

Find out more at:

[http://www.americanbar.org/calendar/2013/10/section\\_of\\_internationallaw2013fallmeeting.html](http://www.americanbar.org/calendar/2013/10/section_of_internationallaw2013fallmeeting.html)

# What do you think about your new newsletter?

We would love to know what you think about the EYBA's new newsletter. Did you enjoy reading it? Would you like to receive future editions? Do you have suggestions for articles, interviews and reports? Could you write a short piece for publication? Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any of your committee members with ideas, comments, and contributions.

We look forward to hearing from you!

