



31st POLA Conference

“The Present and Future of Legal Profession in the Pandemic Era”

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Programme on 2 Nov. 2021

Time (KST)	Programme
13:30 – 15:00	<p>[Presidents’ Meeting]</p> <p>Topic : <i>In the Era of COVID-19, the Activities of the Bar Association/ Law Society and Preparation for Post COVID-19 [part 1]</i></p>
15:00 - 15:30	<p>[Opening Ceremony]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Welcome Remarks Jong Yop Lee (President, Korean Bar Association) ■ Congratulatory Address Myeongsu Kim (Chief Justice, Supreme Court) Namseok Yoo (President, Constitutional Court of Korea) Bu-kyum Kim (Prime Minister)
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15:45 - 16:45	<p data-bbox="469 376 635 409">[Session 1]</p> <p data-bbox="469 421 1310 499">Topic : <i>PR methods and Approaches regarding Bar Association/ Law Society's Activities</i></p> <p data-bbox="469 555 1401 701">The promotional channels through which lawyers' organizations can utilize social media, websites, and e-mails such as Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube are changing rapidly and diversely.</p> <p data-bbox="469 719 1401 1137">While the lawyer's organization has the nature of an interest group for members, it also has the nature of public interest to provide legal help or deliver messages to the people (or other bar associations of overseas' jurisdiction). Therefore in this session, we would like to share 1) how to meet the members' right to know while promoting the activities of the organization quickly and efficiently, and 2) way to convey the message well at home and abroad as a legal organization which has the character of the public interest.</p> <p data-bbox="485 1205 976 1283">■ Moderator Doil Son (Partner, Yulchon LLC)</p> <p data-bbox="485 1346 1077 1536">■ Speakers Sternford Moyo (President, IBA) Chunghwan Choi (President, LAWASIA) Jack Li (President, IPBA)</p>

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16:45 - 17:45	<p>[Session 2]</p> <p>Topic : <i>Legal Aid and Pro Bono Work</i></p> <p>The Korean Attorney-at-Law Act stipulates the obligation of lawyers to engage in public interest activities, the Korean Bar Association(the “KBA”) made it mandatory for the Korean Lawyers to accomplish 30 hours of public interest activities. The KBA has organized legal support groups which works actively for the disabled, refugees, North Korean defectors, startups, and firefighters.</p> <p>Moreover, the KBA's Legal Aid Foundation is encouraging members to pro bono by paying litigation costs and prescribed remuneration when the above legal support groups and other members engage in legal aid activities.</p> <p>In this session, we will discuss the status of the lawyer’s public interest obligations in each country and the direction of pro bono support at the Bar Association/ Law Society level.</p> <p>■ Moderator Jieun Lee (Chair, Special Committee for Women Lawyers of the KBA)</p> <p>■ Speakers Tadashi Ara (President of Japan Federation of Bar Associations) Tiana Epati (President of the New Zealand Law Society) Md.Anamul HOQUE (Executive Officer and Deputy Secretary General of National Bar Association of Bangladesh) Anita Yip (Vice Chairman of Hong Kong Bar Association)</p>
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18:00 - 19:00	<p data-bbox="469 371 635 405">[Session 3]</p> <p data-bbox="469 416 911 450">Topic : <i>Attorney-Client Privilege</i></p> <p data-bbox="469 490 1401 909">Attorney-Client Privilege, the privilege that protects confidential communication between an attorney and a client, has been consistently discussed by the Korean legal community. Many experts allege that ‘the right to counsel’ would be practically guaranteed only when clients can openly confide in attorneys and attorneys can freely give legal advice to clients. In this session, we will examine preceding discussions of attorney-client privilege and discuss the desirable way of future legislation on this matter.</p> <p data-bbox="485 974 694 1008">■ Moderator</p> <p data-bbox="533 1016 1374 1050">WooJung JON (Administrator, International Committee of the KBA)</p> <p data-bbox="485 1126 670 1160">■ Speakers</p> <p data-bbox="533 1169 1326 1202">Oyu-Erdene BOLD (President, Association of Mongolian Advocates)</p> <p data-bbox="533 1223 1091 1256">Melissa Pang (President-Elect, LAWASIA)</p> <p data-bbox="533 1276 1222 1310">Prashant Kumar (President, Bar Association of India)</p> <p data-bbox="533 1330 1305 1364">Gregory Vijayendran (President, Law Society of Singapore)</p>

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13:00 - 14:00	<p>[Session 4]</p> <p>Topic : <i>Corporate Social Responsibility from an ESG Perspective</i></p> <p>This session would include discussions on governance and sustainability, community relations, environmental matters, reporting, stakeholder engagement, aboriginal rights, labor and supply chain practices, and more. Corporate Social Responsibility aims to contribute to societal goals of a philanthropic, activist, or charitable nature by engaging in or supporting volunteering or ethically-oriented practices.</p> <p>A firm's implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility goes beyond compliance with regulatory requirements and engages in actions that appear to further some social good, beyond the interests of the firm and that which is required by law. Corporate Social Responsibility is titled to aid an organization's mission as well as serve as a guide to what the company represents for its consumers.</p> <p>The concept and ambit of Corporate Social Responsibility has exponentially increased in the recent past particularly during the outbreak of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19).</p> <p>■ Moderator Zunu LEE (Partner, YOON&YANG)</p> <p>■ Speakers William Wylie Clake (President, Fiji Law Society) Max Lee (Tsar & Tsai Law Firm / Taiwan Bar Association) Kyung-hun Lee (Partner, Lee&Ko)</p>

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14:00 - 15:00	<p data-bbox="475 376 635 409">[Session 5]</p> <p data-bbox="480 421 1447 566">Topic : <i>Improving the Efficiency of Court Proceedings through Remote (Virtual) Court Proceedings - Current Status and Developments in Each Country</i></p> <p data-bbox="480 640 1447 1115">As the COVID-19 pandemic drags on, remote (or virtual) meetings have now established itself as an universal or common way of conducting meetings than face-to-face meetings in daily life or business settings. Contrary to initial concerns, many people have given high marks and expressed satisfaction to the usefulness and efficiency of virtual meetings. Many of the hearings in international arbitration proceedings are being conducted virtually and have been found to benefit not only the parties in the arbitration but also the counsel and arbitrators in terms of speed, efficiency, and especially, cost savings.</p> <p data-bbox="480 1189 1447 1496">In Korea, parties to a lawsuit and their attorneys are in principle required to appear in person in court to participate in hearing procedures. For this reason, there have been cases where a scheduled hearing is suddenly cancelled due to the spread of COVID-19, or the number of people who can enter the courtroom is limited, preventing some of the attorneys from entering the courtroom.</p> <p data-bbox="480 1570 1447 1883">In order to address and resolve these difficulties, Korea prepare to make amendments to the Civil Procedure Act and Criminal Procedure Act for the purpose of encouraging the use of remote (virtual) litigation proceedings. If remote litigation proceedings can be widely used in Korea, attorneys involved in litigation proceedings would greatly benefit from such use in terms of time and cost, which obviously would be passed on to litigants.</p>

	<p>In these circumstances, we would like to discuss the status and future developments of the use of remote litigation proceedings in each country as well as the potential issues that may arise from such use and possible measures to overcome.</p> <p>■ Moderator Young-Hee Jo (Partner, LAB PARTNERS)</p> <p>■ Speakers Jong Yop Lee (President, Korean Bar Association) Tass Liveris (President-elect, Law Council of Australia) Shahareen Begum Binti Abdul Subhan (Secretary, Malaysian Bar)</p>
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16:15 - 16:30	<p>[Closing Ceremony]</p> <p>■ Closing Remarks Jong Yop Lee (President, Korean Bar Association) Byung Hwa Lee (Chair, 31st POLA Organizing Committee)</p> <p>■ Announcement of the next POLA Conference Gregory Vijayendran (President, Law Society of Singapore)</p>