



The Australian Bar Association Conference 2009

26 June – 1 July, 2009 • Strasbourg and London

- Human Rights: Government, Business and the People
- The Bar under the Microscope: Regulation, Ethics and Access
- Problems with Privacy



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Major themes to be explored include:

- Human Rights: Government, Business and the People
- The Bar under the Microscope: Regulation, Ethics and Access
- Problems with Privacy

You will be addressed by many eminent speakers including:

- The Rt Hon Mr Jack Straw, Lord Chancellor
- Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, Senior Law Lord
- Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury
- Mme Justice Abella, Supreme Court of Canada
- Justice Edwin Cameron, Supreme Court of Appeal, South Africa
- Lady Justice Hallett, Court of Appeal
- Mr Justice Irwin
- Mr Justice Beatson
- Desmond Browne QC, Chairman of the Bar of England and Wales
- Sir Geoffrey Nice QC, former leading counsel in the Milosevic prosecution
- Prof. Richard Susskind, Gresham College
- Prof Robert McCorquodale, Director, British Institute of International and Comparative Law
- Dr David Erdos, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford;
- Joshua Rozenberg, Legal Editor, The Daily Telegraph
- Robert Fisk, Middle East Correspondent, The Independent

CONFERENCE DATES

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Friday 26 June	0900 - 1100 0930 - 1500	Registration Plenary Session	Strasbourg Hilton European Court of Human Rights
Sunday 28 June	0900 - 1400 1700	Registration Opening Address	May Fair Hotel
Monday 29 June	0900 - 1000 0930 - 1100 1100 - 1130 1130 - 1230 1230 - 1400 1400 - 1630	Keynote Plenary Session Morning Tea Plenary Session Lunch Plenary Session Group	May Fair Hotel
Tuesday 30 June	0930 - 1100 1100 - 1130 1130 - 1230 1230 - 1400 1400 - 1630	Plenary Session Morning Tea Plenary Session Lunch Plenary Session Group	May Fair Hotel
Wednesday 1 July	0930 - 1045 1045 - 1100 1100 - 1230 1230 - 1400 1900 - 2300	Plenary Session Morning Tea Plenary Session Lunch Gala Dinner	May Fair Hotel Painted Hall, Old Royal Naval College





REGISTRATION

A registration desk will be open from 1400 to 1700 on Thursday 26 June, 2009 at the Hilton Strasbourg Hotel. Upon registration in Strasbourg you will receive your name badge only. The Conference satchel and Handbook will be available in London. Registration in London will be open from 0900 to 1400 daily.

Name Badge

You will be required to wear your name badge to obtain entry to the Official Opening, while at the Business Sessions and the Gala Dinner.

Official Opening and Reception

The Conference will be formally opened on Sunday 28 June, 2009 in the May Fair Theatre of the May Fair Hotel commencing at 1700. Immediately following the Opening Address, a Cocktail Reception will be held in the Hotel's elegant Crystal Room.

Business Sessions

The Strasbourg business sessions will be conducted at the European Court of Human Rights. The London business sessions will be held in the May Fair Theatre of the May Fair Hotel.

Registration Fees

Registrant

\$A1795.00
(\$A1895 if paid after 27.03.09)

The fee for a registrant includes:

- entry to all business sessions
- morning coffee and tea
- conference satchel
- access to business papers when posted of the ABA web site
- lunch
- the Opening Reception
- the Gala Dinner
- transfers to the Gala Dinner
- services of a travel consultant while in Strasbourg and London

Accompanying Person

\$A575.00
(\$A675 if paid after 27.03.09)

The fee for accompanying person includes:

- entry to the Official Opening
- the Opening Reception
- the Gala Dinner
- transfers to the Gala Dinner
- services of a travel consultant while in Strasbourg and London

List of Participants

In order for your name to appear in the list of participants, which will be published at the Conference, your registration must be received by 5 June, 2009.

Conference Travel Agent

The Conference Travel Agent is World Travel Professionals.

The contact details are:

Ruth Carlton
Convention Services Manager
World Travel Professionals
Level 9, 97 Creek Street,
BRISBANE QLD 4000
Tel: (07) 3220 2008
Fax: (07) 3220 2288





ACCOMMODATION

The ABA has obtained a block booking at The May Fair Hotel in London and the Hilton Strasbourg Hotel. In addition, the ABA has secured a block of rooms at a number of Radisson Edwardian Hotels which are located in reasonable proximity to the May Fair Hotel. Special rates have been negotiated for registrants. As you would be aware, June and July is high season when high prices apply. A number of rooms are allocated to the ABA so it is essential to register early as the room blocks available are strictly limited and the same rates may not be available once the ABA allocation has been fully utilised.

You will need to pay for your accommodation (room only) in advance and forward your accommodation request on the attached separate form to the Conference Travel Agent at the address listed or via facsimile. Unfortunately, accommodation requests cannot be processed without full payment. Our Conference Travel Agent will confirm your accommodation bookings and charges with you directly. Please note that check-in is 3pm and checkout is 12.00 noon.

Conference Hotel

The Conference hotel in Strasbourg is the Hilton Strasbourg Hotel and the May Fair Hotel in London. Requests for alternate accommodation should be directed to the Conference Travel Agent. Further accommodation details can be found at www.worldtravel.com.au/ABAConference2009. The web link will be active after 15 January, 2009.

Tours

Tour details can be found at www.worldtravel.com.au/ABAConference2009. The web link will be active after 15 January, 2009.

Passports

When traveling to the United Kingdom or Europe, you must have an Australian passport (with a minimum validity of six months beyond travel dates). No visa is required for tourist travel for a stay under 90 days.

Dress

The dress for the Opening Reception is business attire. The dress for the Business Sessions is smart casual. The dress for the Gala Dinner is Black Tie.





Travel and Medical Insurance

You are strongly advised to take out both travel and medical insurance. Should you become ill or have an accident the cost of private medical care in Europe and the United Kingdom can be high.

Carry on Baggage Limitations

Please check with the Conference Travel Agent or your airline for any restrictions which may apply to carry on baggage.

Climate

The average weather in Strasbourg in June can be warm and humid. The temperature ranges from average of 18C to 20C. July is one of the warmest months of the year. The average London temperature in July is 24C with a low of 14C. It is advisable to pack a lightweight raincoat in case of showers.

Electricity

The electrical current in France is 220 Volts (AC). In the United Kingdom it is 240 volts (AC). It is advisable to purchase a universal adapter prior to your departure.

Conference Website

The conference page at the ABA website (www.austbar.asn.au) will be active after 15 January 2009.

Disabled Access

Please notify the Conference Travel Agent if you require special assistance.

Travel, Accommodation and Tour Enquiries

Enquiries about travel, accommodation or tours should be directed to:

Ruth Carlton
Convention Services Manager
World Travel Professionals
Level 9, 97 Creek Street
Brisbane Queensland 4000

Tel: (07) 3220 2008 Fax: (07) 3220 2288
ruth.carlton@worldtravel.com.au

Conference Enquiries

All enquiries relating to the business sessions of the Conference should be referred to:

Dan O'Connor
ABA Conference Secretariat
Level 5, Inns of Court
107 North Quay
Brisbane Queensland 4000
Tel: (07) 3238 5100 Fax: (07) 3236 1180

Cancellation Policy

This applies only to the registration fee for registrants and accompanying person. Please refer to the Conference Travel Agent for the cancellation policy with respect to tours, accommodation and flights.

The following dates are important:

27 March 2009

If you cancel in writing by this date you will receive a Registration fee refund less \$A100.

18 May 2009

If you cancel in writing by this date you will receive a Registration fee refund less 20%.

Cancellation after **18 May 2009**
WILL NOT attract a refund.

Please note:

- Only written notification of a cancellation will be accepted
- Substitution of other people will be permitted up to 5 June, 2009.

Please send notification of cancellation to:

ABA Conference Secretariat
Level 5, 107 North Quay
Brisbane Queensland 4000
Fax: (07) 3236 1180

By registering, you agree and acknowledge:

Disclaimer

Neither the ABA nor any of its office holders or constituent members accept liability for damage and/or loss of any kind which may be incurred by Conference participants or by any persons accompanying them, both during official activities and any tour or other associated activity.

Alterations

The ABA reserves the right to vary, amend or cancel any part of the Conference if circumstances arise which, in the reasonable opinion of its office holders, require such variation, amendment or cancellation. Neither the ABA nor any of its office holders or constituent members shall be liable for any loss, liability, damage or expense suffered or incurred by any person.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

STRASBOURG and LONDON, 26 JUNE to 1 JULY, 2009

A. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Surname: _____ Given Name: _____

Title: _____ ☐ Barrister ☐ Judge ☐ Solicitor

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

_____ DX: _____ Mobile: _____

Facsimile: _____ Email: _____

Preferred Name for Name Tag: _____

ACCOMPANYING PERSON INFORMATION

Surname: _____ Given Name: _____

Preferred Name for Name Tag: _____

B. EVENTS INCLUDED

Please register for these events, even though they are included in the registration fee.

Event		Number of Participants
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Reception – London	28 June, 2009	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Gala Dinner – London	1 July, 2009	_____

C. REGISTRATION FEES

	Before 27/03/09	After 27/03/09	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Registrant	AUD \$1,795.00	AUD \$1,895.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying Person	AUD \$ 575.00	AUD \$ 675.00	\$ _____
Total Registration Fees \$ _____			

D. FORM OF PAYMENT

All payments must be in Australian Dollars. Payments may be made by cheque or bank draft payable to “ABA Conference” or by Credit Card.

☐ Cheque ☐ Amex ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa A tax invoice/receipt will be issued upon payment.

Credit Card Number:

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VERY IMPORTANT: EXPIRY DATE: ____/____/____

Cardholder's name: _____ Signature: _____

Please send this form, together with payment to:
Mr Dan O'Connor, Hon Secretary
Australian Bar Association
Level 5, Inns of Court, 107 North Quay
Brisbane Qld 4000 or (DX 905)