



# THE ONLY GLOBAL ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG LAWYERS BECOME A MEMBER



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# A GUIDE TO AIJA MEMBERSHIP

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# LEARN. NETWORK. DEVELOP.

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“AIJA is a huge part of my personal and professional life. Professionally, AIJA seminars and events have given me the opportunity to grow as a lawyer, and learn about international law and jurisprudence from some of the sharpest legal minds, whom I can call my friends. AIJA is a family that will help you grow personally and professionally. It's been one of the best decisions of my life, and I hope it will be so for you too!”

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## ARE YOU...

- a lawyer under 45 with an international legal practice?
- seeking to expand your professional network globally?
- determined to advance your career?
- ready to join a friendly and inclusive community?

we are **aija**

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**JOIN THE  
INTERNATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION OF  
YOUNG LAWYERS**



# MEMBER BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

## 1. Enrich your professional knowledge

- Access more than 20 events every year. From webinars to seminars, conferences and the Annual Congress, they're all available at discounted rates
- Gain insights into your area of practice and various jurisdictions around the world thanks to connections in the AIJA community

## 2. Develop your global network

- Connect with others looking to exchange information through online forums, in-person, virtual and hybrid events
- Grow your professional network with AIJA members through friendships and referrals
- Attend national and regional networking events organised by AIJA National Representatives

## 3. Strengthen personal branding

- Speak at AIJA events and share your views with a global audience
- Build your own profile and get listed in the AIJA online directory
- Have your interests represented at multilateral organisations such as the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations or the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)



## 4. Develop leadership skills

- Volunteer in activities related to events, committees, Commissions, and publications
- Benefit from free business coaching at AIJA events

## 5. Get involved in the association's work

- Vote at the Annual General Assembly
- Stand for election as a Commission Officer, Executive Committee member or National/Regional Representative
- Join and support a cause you care about



# BECOME A MEMBER

THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:



## 1. Individual membership

**< 26  
YEARS**

**75 €/year**

+ VAT if applicable

**26-30  
YEARS**

**180 €/year**

+ VAT if applicable

**30 >  
YEARS**

**360 €/year**

+ VAT if applicable

## 2. Collective membership

National, regional and local bar associations or law societies including private practice lawyers and corporate counsel members. Law firms don't qualify for collective membership. The AIJA Bar Relations Coordinator is the liaison officer with these entities.

**YOUNG  
SECTION**

**450 €/year**

+ VAT if applicable

**OTHER**

**850 €/year**

+ VAT if applicable

## 3. Future lawyers

Law students and recent graduates.

**FUTURE  
LAWYERS**

**20 €/year**

+ VAT if applicable



Membership is valid for a civil year (January/December). If, as a new member, you sign up for membership as of 1 November, your AIJA membership is extended for a period of 14 months.

**Apply online at:**

[www.aija.org/en/membership.html](http://www.aija.org/en/membership.html)

# CONNECT TO THE ONLY GLOBAL ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG LAWYERS

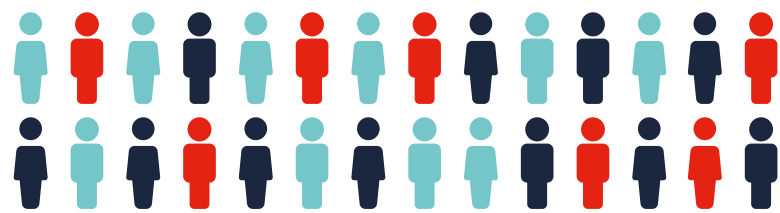
## Who we are

AIJA is the only global association dedicated to private practice lawyers and in-house counsel aged 45 and under.

### OUR MEMBERS



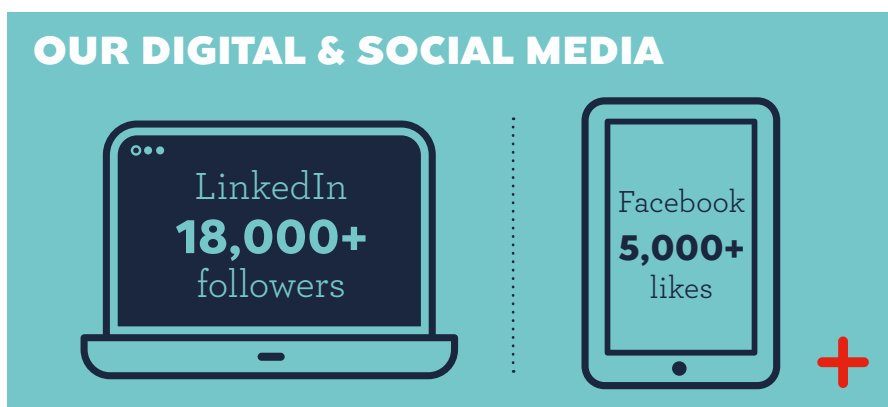
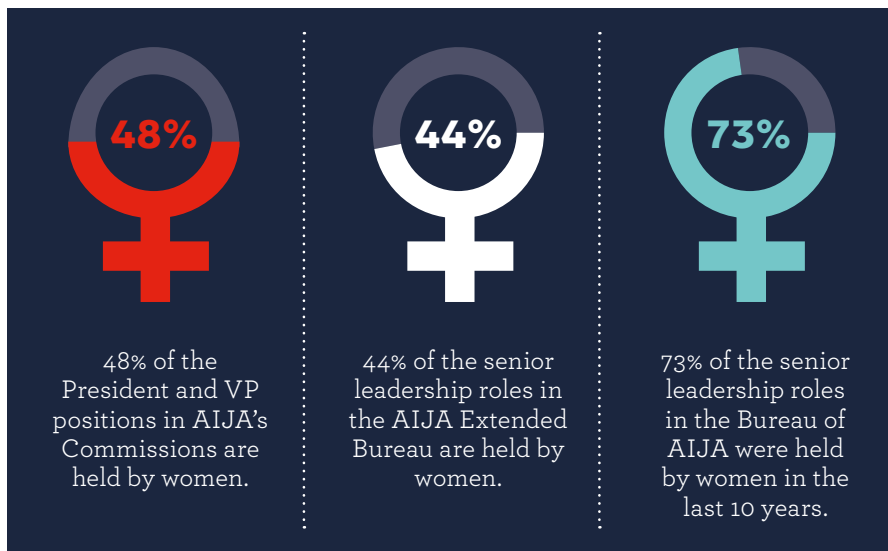
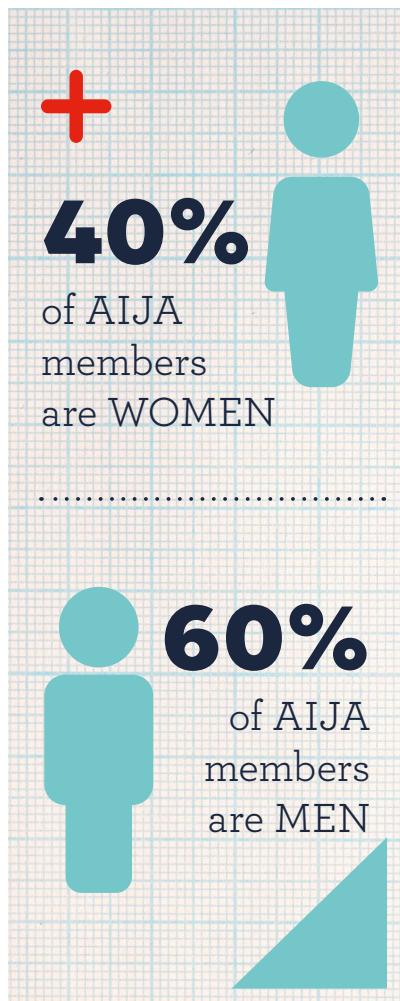
65%  
of members  
in leadership  
positions in  
their law firm



4,000  
individual members  
and supporters



# DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ACROSS OUR MEMBERSHIP



Based on data available in November 2021

## Organisations we engage with:



## Annual Sponsors

### GLOBAL

barbri | INTERNATIONAL

# ENGAGE WITH US



Each year, we choose a theme on which to focus some of our activities and our signature event, the Annual Congress. This tradition ensures our programmes reflect the rich diversity of perspectives, expertise and skills within our community. Through awareness raising and action, we also support a dynamic and wide-ranging profession.

**Transforming what we care about into action:**

## RE-THINKING THE LAW IN FOUR DIMENSIONS



### Organisation of the 61st Annual Congress

21-26 August 2023

"Re-Thinking the law in four  
dimensions"

**15**

working sessions  
& workshops

**40+**

hours of  
networking

**80**

hours of  
business coaching



### Spotlight AIJA

A series of podcasts which offer practical tips to help young lawyers and more seasoned professionals to improve their business and professional lives.

**6**

episodes

**750+**

plays in one year

**50+**

countries listening

## THE FUTURE OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION



### AIJA Academy

A series of monthly 90-minute sessions to gain tools and develop your professional skills, learn more about your area of expertise and connect with a global community of lawyers.

**280+**

registrants

**45+**

countries

**19**

external keynote  
addresses



### Legal Tech Board

It keeps members up-to-date on legal tech solutions, latest developments & trends, and provides adequate tools to accomplish digital transformation in their law firms.

**3**

co-chairs

**2**

podcast episodes

## INNOVATION



**First hybrid Congress  
for legal professionals -  
59th Annual Congress**

24-28 August 2021

“Innovation: Exploring  
tomorrow’s legal world”

**640+**

onsite and online  
participants

**41**

countries

**80+**

first timers

**38**

sponsors

## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



**Celebrating our  
59th anniversary**

**175+**

AIJA members and  
friends running, cycling  
and walking for human  
rights



**First AIJA network  
to promote and  
progress the  
advancement of  
women’s careers  
in the legal sector**

**5**

onsite and online  
panels per year

**300+**

registrants

**37**

countries

**3,200+**

km

**€10,000+**

raised in donations



**The AIJA Diversity Officer**  
supports a diversity and inclusive  
environment in the association  
and at our events

## SUSTAINABILITY

**First sustainable  
Congress in 2019**

“Sustainability and  
the law: Planet.  
People. Future”

**700+**

international lawyers

**61**

countries



**Shortlisted for Best  
Conference in the  
International &  
European Association  
Awards 2020**



**The AIJA Sustainability  
Officer** coordinates a collective  
effort to undertake serious  
responsibilities and deliver  
concrete results for a more  
sustainable (legal) world.



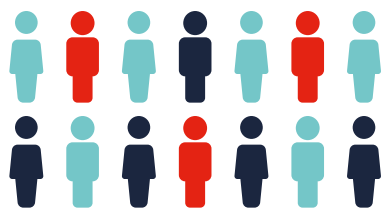
**Publication of  
the first AIJA  
manifesto**  
“Sustainability is  
the future of law.  
A vision for the  
legal profession”

# LEARN.



“AIJA provides first-class networking opportunities as its members span across the globe from the Americas through to the Asia-Pacific. Its unique academic programmes are tailor-made to equip the modern young lawyer with the necessary mindset, knowledge and skills to succeed. “

## Engage with your peers, globally



**4000+**

lawyers take part in Commissions to support the association's priorities

Exclusive to members, the 21 AIJA Commissions are volunteer-led and cover the majority of law practice areas and professional interests. They steer and shape the events and educational programmes of the association.

Membership of a Commission is one of the most important benefits of being a member of the association. Joining one or more Commissions in AIJA enables you to share best practices within your area of expertise, get involved in the association's projects and events such as Commission meetings, Commission-led seminars, Commission sessions at the AIJA Annual Congress or the Half-Year Conferences, and Commission social gatherings.



**86%**

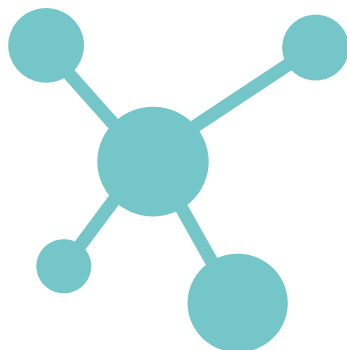
would recommend our webinars



**95%**

recommend our events

## Our technical Commissions



- Antitrust
- Banking, Finance and Capital Markets
- Commercial Fraud
- Corporate and M&A
- Environmental and Energy Law
- Healthcare and Life Sciences
- Immigration Law
- In-house Counsel
- Insolvency
- Intellectual Property, Technology, Media, and Telecommunications
- International Arbitration
- International Business Law
- International Private Clients and Family Law
- Labour and Immigration Law
- Litigation
- Real Estate
- Skills, Career, Innovation, Leadership and Learning (SCILL)
- Sports Law
- T.R.A.D.E. (Trade, Retail, Agency, Distribution, E-commerce)
- Tax Law
- Transport Law

## WHAT'S NEXT IN 2023:



### **The Power of Venture Capital Ecosystems in Uncertain Times**

20-22 April 2023, Barcelona



### **Annual Healthcare & Life Sciences & Antitrust Conferences**

27-29 April 2023, Budapest



### **Half-Year May Conference**

24-27 May 2023, The Hague



### **Breakfast in America - Transatlantic Challenges**

15-16 June 2023, New York



### **Annual Litigation & T.R.A.D.E. Conferences**

22-24 June 2023, Munich



### **AIJA/INSOL Europe Young Members Group (YMG) Joint Conference**

29 June - 01 July 2023, Seville



### **61st International Young Lawyers' Congress**

21-26 August 2023, Rio



### **Transport Law & Arbitration Joint Seminar// Public Procurement seminar**

14-16 September 2023, Athens



### **The Crypto Revolution: A dive into the world of cryptocurrencies, blockchains and NFTs**

28-30 September 2023, Vaduz



### **Deals in leisure: The industries that bring enjoyment to your life – wine, food and hospitality**

05-07 October 2023, Piedmont



### **Half-Year November Conference**

29 November - 02 December 2023, Paris

**PLUS:** Expert webinar series & Online Networking

In many jurisdictions, AIJA is an approved provider of Continuing Legal Education (CLE). Please check the complete list of upcoming events at [www.aija.org/en/upcoming-events.html](http://www.aija.org/en/upcoming-events.html)



# NETWORK.

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“Within a few years of active participation in AIJA, it is possible to develop a network of deep-rooted relationships with colleagues from all over the world, all that while having an awful lot of fun! AIJA is the best gift a lawyer can give him/herself!”

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## **Build connections with a diverse network of 4,000+ lawyers in 90+ countries:**

- Connect with others who share a common purpose by participating in Commissions, committees, and events
- Participate in national and regional gatherings organised by the AIJA National Representatives, your main local contacts
- Interact with members through the forum and chat on the online member portal MyAIJA
- Identify new contacts in your jurisdictions or others via the MyAIJA online directory
- Join conversations with other members on LinkedIn and WhatsApp groups moderated by the AIJA Commissions

# DEVELOP.



“AIJA is home to all young lawyers who are looking to learn and expand their professional network in a friendly and dynamic environment. The more you want to get involved, the more you can be, for instance by participating in the organisation of Commissions activities. What I love about AIJA is that I made new friends and developed new business opportunities while discovering new cultures, improving my public speaking, team work and management skills. To me, AIJA is priceless.”

## Member governed; volunteer driven

Develop new skills or improve existing skills, expand interests, meet new people, have fun and contribute to the AIJA community with your experience and expertise.

Members can volunteer in activities related to events, committees, Commissions, and publications. They are a vital part of the AIJA community, offering freely their time to help with the different activities and events of the association, or starting new projects.

Some volunteer opportunities:

### Events Organising Committee

You can volunteer to organise events on behalf of the association all over the globe.

### Commission Officer

You can take on a President or Vice-President role to lead a group of members in their area of practice.

### Executive Committee

You can stand for election as EC member to advise the Bureau on priority topics for the association and membership.

### Standing Committees

You can also be part of a committee leading on membership, Commissions work programmes, or the educational programme of the association.

## Coaching

Free professional coaching is offered at least three times a year, during the Half-Year Conferences and the Annual Congress.

## Skills: Master lectures

Skills based classes delivered online by professionals to equip lawyers with the necessary knowledge and frameworks to succeed in their profession.

## Speaking opportunities

### Speak at events

With more than 20 in-person and online events organised every year, there are plenty of opportunities to share your knowledge, get personal exposure, and network with peers at AIJA and partner events.

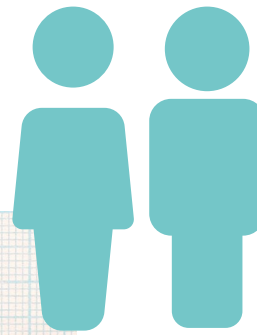
## Be a guest in the SpotlightAIJA podcast

Make your voice heard in a community of more than 4,000 international lawyers by sharing your views and experience on topics such as innovation, technology, leadership, marketing, creativity or branding.

## Scholarships

The AIJA scholarship programme enables fresh graduates and law students to attend AIJA events worldwide. It can cover up to 100% of all costs related to an event, including attendance, accommodation and travel.

# OUR STRUCTURE



AIJA fulfils its mission to provide outstanding international opportunities for young lawyers to network, learn and develop with the support of several bodies in the organisation.



## Commissions

The 21 AIJA Commissions cover major law practice areas and professional interests. AIJA events are organised and run by members through the Commissions. The Commissions also publish newsletters or reports. They meet regularly during the year. Each Commission is led by a President and supported by Vice-Presidents.

## Bureau

The association is administrated by a Bureau composed of five members: President, First Vice-President, Secretary General, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. The First Vice-President is elected by the ordinary General Assembly, one year before starting his/her one-year mandate of president of the association.

The Secretary General and the Treasurer are also elected by the General Assembly for 2-year mandates.

## **Standing Committees – the Extended Bureau (EB)**

The EB is composed of the co-chairs of the Officers of the Commissions Committee, the Academic Programme Committee, the National Representatives Committee and the Human Rights Committee.

## **Officers of the Commissions Committee (OCC)**

The OCC coordinates the activities of the Commissions and, through them, the substantive work of AIJA.

## **Academic Programme Committee (APC)**

The APC is responsible for the academic content of AIJA events. At its meetings, the upcoming seminars and other events are discussed and coordinated with Commission members involved in the events planning.

## **National Representatives Committee (NRC)**

The NRC is responsible for membership retention and recruitment activities, in coordination with Regional Coordinators, National, Local and Regional Representatives. At the local level, the AIJA National Representatives are the primary contacts for members.

## **Executive Committee (EC)**

The EC, formed mainly by 48 individual AIJA members elected by the General Assembly, assists and advises the Bureau and is responsible for approving applications for membership in AIJA, as well as for appointing the National Representatives of the countries represented in the Association. Each elected Committee member has a three-year term.

## **General Assembly (GA)**

The GA, composed of all members of the association having voting rights, meets at each Annual Congress. The Assembly decides on financial and governance matters. The Assembly also elects the First Vice-President, the Executive Committee members, the Secretary General, and the Treasurer notably through electronic voting.

## **Human Rights Committee**

The Human Rights Committee is involved in several projects dedicated to the protection of the rule of law and the right of every lawyer to practise their profession freely.

## **AIJA Team**

The AIJA Team provides secretariat support for the different membership groups and ensures timely implementation of all programmes and events.

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