



CCBE-EWLA

“Gender and the legal profession – where are we now, where do we want to be and how to get there?”

Monday 8th March 2021 / 10.00 – 12.00

The Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), recognised as the voice of the European legal profession, represents the bars and law societies of 45 countries, and through them more than 1 million European lawyers. The CCBE represents European bars and law societies in their common interests before European and other international institutions. It regularly acts as a liaison between its members and the European institutions, international organisations, and other legal organisations around the world. The regulation of the profession, the defence of the rule of law, human rights and democratic values are the most important missions of the CCBE.

The European Women Lawyers Association (EWLA) is a federation of national women lawyers associations from amongst the European Union countries and those of EFTA countries. Members of EWLA are also individual women lawyers and academics from these countries. EWLA pursues the co-operation of European women lawyers, in order to combine their specific expertise in monitoring law and politics seen from the angle of fundamental rights, and in particular gender equality.

10.00 – 10.15 – Welcome speeches and opening remarks

- **Margarete von Galen**, President of the CCBE
- **Katharina Miller**, President of the EWLA

10.15 – 11.00 – CCBE - Panel Session I, followed by an open discussion

Measures to address Gender imbalance within CCBE national Bars and Law Societies

Speakers:

- **Alix Frank-Thomasser**, Chair of the CCBE CSR Committee
- **Joanna Wisła-Płonka**, Head of the Polish delegation to the CCBE, member of CCBE CSR Committee and Chair of the CCBE EU Lawyers Committee
- **Laurent Martinet**, Vice-President of the Conseil National des Barreaux, former Vice-Bâtonnier of the Paris Bar and member of the French delegation to the CCBE

Moderator: Margarete von Galen, President of the CCBE

11.00 – 11.45– EWLA - Panel Session II, followed by an open discussion

Legal Technology and the Future of Women in Law

Speakers:

- **Susanne Hirschberg**, Vice-President EWLA and owner of law firm Hirschrecht
- **Maria Eugenia Gay**, Dean Barcelona Bar and Partner Gay-Rosell & Solano
- **Antonia Verna**, Treasurer EWLA and partner Portolano law firm
- **Alexandra Pifl**, director Corporate Communications, Public Affairs & CSR for L'ORÉAL Austria
- **Dace Luters-Thümmel**, Secretary General EWLA and owner law firm Luters-Thümmel

Moderator: Katharina Miller, President of the EWLA

11.45 – 12.00 – Conclusions