



**World Bar Conference, Edinburgh
14 – 16 April 2016**

8 weeks to go!

The Faculty of Advocates is looking forward to hosting the World Bar Conference 2016 in Edinburgh. The conference takes place in Scotland for the first time in 14 years and gives the Faculty the opportunity to showcase some of world's finest legal speakers in Edinburgh's greatest buildings.

Parliament Debating Chamber

The Faculty is pleased to announce that final approval has been received to host the sessions on the Saturday within the Scottish Parliament debating chamber. Delegates will be admitted to the chamber floor to enjoy the conference from the view usually reserved members of the Scottish Parliament. See worldbarconference.com/venues for further details.

As part of the conference social calendar, delegates and their partners will be given the opportunity to take one of four different tours around the parliament building, themed around the building, its art, Scottish history or literature. Details of the conference social events can be found at worldbarconference.com/social.

Enjoy the City...

Edinburgh is one of the world's most picturesque cities. Come enjoy the sights and sounds. There's something for everyone! We've pulled together a small selection at worldbarconference.com/edinburgh to inspire your plans.

Limited places remain available for the conference sessions and social events. Full details and registration information can be found at worldbarconference.com/booking.

Register now [here!](#)



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WBC2016: Ten Reasons to Book Now!

Here are ten reasons why you should sign up for the World Bar Conference now!

1. Where else will you find a conference in such **spectacular venues**? Drinks receptions will be in [Edinburgh Castle](#) and [Parliament Hall](#), and the conference dinner will be in the [National Gallery of Scotland](#). Thursday and Friday conference sessions will be in the [National Museum of Scotland](#), and subject to final confirmation the Saturday sessions will be in the Debating Chamber of the [Scottish Parliament](#).

All of the venues are within the heart of the city - see worldbarconference.com/venues and worldbarconference.com/venuemap further details.

2. We challenge you to find a conference with **such a star studded panel of speakers**. Being a bar conference, our speakers are principally members of bars from around the world but we have also leading judges and professors on the bill. To summarise we have:

- **Heads of bar:** 10 heads of bar from Scotland, England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Hong Kong and South Africa
- **Eminent practitioners:** 9 senior counsel and 4 junior counsel from around the world
- **Judges:** The President of the UK Supreme Court, the Lord President of the Court of Session, a judge of the International Court of Justice, and judges from Ireland, South Africa and Australia
- **Professors:** Professors Richard Susskind and Georg Yarrow
- **2 Independent reviewers** of terrorist legislation from the UK and Australia

Find our speaker profiles at: worldbarconference.com/speakers.

3. Talks are on **topics of interest** to all advocates and barristers. Some sessions focus on challenges and opportunities facing independent referral bars. Others cover the contribution of law to the economy, gender and diversity, confidentiality and surveillance, technology in practice, standing up for the rule of law and making law, and using international law in domestic courts. You can find the full programme at worldbarconference.com/programme.

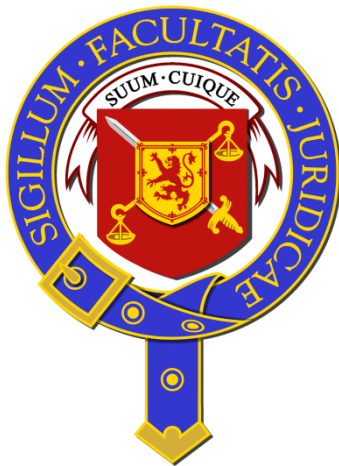
4. It's in **Edinburgh!** The conference will allow you the privilege to see many of the city's finest buildings in exclusive circumstances. The rest of the city you will have to share. Nevertheless, if you have the time, the city has the culture, restaurants, shops, bars, sights and sounds to satisfy every visitor's needs. Come to [eat scones](#) on the deck of the Royal Yacht Britannia, stroll up [Arthur's Seat](#) and look down over the whole city, or just enjoy the "[water of life](#)" at one of the local hostels.

5. It may make significant contribution to (or even complete!) your **Continuing Professional Development** requirement for the year.

6. **Meet kindred spirits** - members of independent referral bars from around the world, who are facing many of the challenges you face, and be able to share experiences and approaches. This should also be one of those rare beasts – a legal conference that is fun.

7. We have secured **preferential accommodation rates** at various Edinburgh hotels for those who need to stay over. All of the venues are within a short walk of these and other hotels in the city. See worldbarconference.com/accommodation for details.

8. It's incredibly **good value** at £665. Just to put this in perspective, the Global Law Summit in London in 2015 was £1499 for three days without a conference dinner; the Commonwealth Law Conference was £1400 without dinner for a 5 day conference, a one day human rights conference in London in October 2015 was £450, and a forthcoming IBA 3 day conference in London in March is £1205. We are able to offer this price because we have managed to secure sponsorship including free use of some of these iconic venues. For your money you get a prestigious three day conference, with the usual hospitality between sessions, plus three evenings' entertainment in the form of two drinks receptions and a conference dinner. There is no planned profit element to the conference at all so the fee is purely to cover costs.
9. It's **easy to sign up**. There is a conference website with more information and sign up pages here: worldbarconference.com/booking.
10. There are **only 200 places** and they are filling fast. If you don't act soon you may be too late!



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