

Global Legal Profession and IBA





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About the International Bar Association (IBA)

Established in 1947, the IBA is the world's leading organisation of international legal practitioners, bar associations and law societies.

- Membership of over 50,000 individual lawyers and 205 bar associations and law societies.
 - The JFBA has been a member of the IBA since 1951
 - Over 1,000 members in Japan
- Global headquarters located in London; regional offices in Sao Paulo, Seoul and Washington D.C., an office at the Peace Palace in The Hague.



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Global 10 Largest Mega Firms in 1993

Law Firm	Base	Head Count	Revenue (USD)
1. Baker & McKenzie	US	1,604	504million
2. Skadden Arps	US	920	440
3. Jones Day	US	1,170	395
4. Clifford Chance	UK	1,203	294
5. Gibson Dunn	US	612	291
6. Weil Gotshal	US	605	288
7. Shearman Sterling	US	548	270
8. Sullivan Cromwell	US	361	270
9. Davis Polk	US	400	267
10. Cleary Gottlieb	US	430	244

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IBA Annual Conference

The IBA stages over 40 conferences each year in major cities throughout the world and the Annual Conference in autumn is the highlight of the IBA's yearly events.




First IBA Conference in 1947 in New York City

More than 6,000 international lawyers from over 120 countries gathered in Boston



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Global 10 Largest Mega Firms in 2013

Law Firm	Base	Head Count	Revenue (USD)	No. of Countries	% of Lawyers outside
1. DLA Piper	UK&US	4,036	2440million	30	65%
2. Baker & McKenzie	US	4,037	2419	45	84
3. Latham & Watkins	US	2,033	2226	14	32
4. Skadden Arps	US	1,735	2210	15	18
5. Clifford Chance	UK	2,525	2015	25	72
6. Kirkland Ellis	US	1,517	1938	4	13
7. Freshfields	UK	2,049	1936	16	67
8. Linklaters	UK	2,406	1895	20	61
9. Allen & Overy	UK	2,304	1886	29	67
10. Jones Day	US	2,363	1716	18	30

(The American Lawyer, Global 100 2013)

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Legal Framework of the Cross Border Legal Service

Global Framework – WTO/GATS – 1994

EU – Service Directive – 2006

Regional Agreements – NAFTA – 1994

TPP – 2014

Bi-Lateral Agreement – FTA
