

International Law Weekend 2019

**Why you should join the American
Branch of the International Law
Association (ABILA)**



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The American Branch is a part of a much larger organization called the International Law Association. This sets it apart from our sister organizations – the American Society of International Law and the ABA Section of International Law.



The International Law Association (ILA), founded in 1873, is the preeminent international NGO for developing and restating international law.

The ILA, headquartered in London, has over 4,000 members. Individuals and organizations join the ILA by becoming a member of one of its 63 branches around the world, which are listed here.

We would like to increase our membership at ILW. Won't you join ABILA?

Why join?

- **Invitations to all Branch Conferences**
 - International Law Weekend
 - Regional ILWs
- **Membership on Branch Committees**
- **Membership in the American Branch means membership in the ILA**
 - Invitations to ILA Biennial Conferences
 - ILA Committees and Study Groups
- **Receipt of Branch Publications**



Why should you join the American Branch?

First, you can take part in the conferences run by the organization, including International Law Weekend and Regional ILWs.

Second, you can become a member of a Branch committee, which I'll explain in a moment.

Third, membership in the American Branch means membership in the ILA. As a Branch member you'll be invited to attend the ILA Biennial Conferences and you can apply to be one of the Branch's nominated members on ILA Committees or Study Groups.

Finally, you'll receive Branch publications.

Lets quickly look at each one of these benefits.

International Law Weekend



Each October, the American Branch presents ILW in New York City. This two-and-a-half day conference features over 30 panels, and many of the world's leading international lawyers and diplomats participate. These educational conferences bring together practitioners, academics, government officials, and members of international and nongovernmental organizations. As a Branch member, you're not only encouraged to attend, but also invited to propose panels, speak on panels and help organize the conference. Students attend for free, and there is a modest fee of \$25 for ABILA members and \$50 for (early bird) non-members or \$75 (if you register after September 1) which is an incredible price compared to the registration fees of other international law conferences.

ABILA Committees

- Arms Control and Disarmament
- Formation of Rules of Customary Int'l Law
- International Arbitration
- International Commercial Law
- International Criminal Court
- International Environmental Law
- International Human Rights
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Intellectual Property
- International Investment Law
- International Trade Law
- Islamic Law
- Law of the Sea
- Space Law
- Teaching Public Int'l Law
- United Nations Law
- Use of Force



Like the ILA, most of the activity of the American Branch is conducted through its Committees. The Branch currently has 17 Committees. Committee projects are diverse, ranging from multi-year academic studies (such as the recent book-length treatment of law of the sea terms and concepts undertaken by the Branch's Law of the Sea Committee), to shorter academic analyses, to advocacy work (such as amicus briefs or congressional testimony about treaties or legislation). Although the American Branch as a whole does not take positions on current international law issues, the Branch's committees may. Committee work product is published in the biennial Proceedings of the American Branch as well as on-line. Branch Committees may also contribute studies or organize panels that further the work of the related ILA Committees.

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ILA Activities

- **Biennial Conferences**
 - 2016: Johannesburg, South Africa
 - 2018: Sydney, Australia
 - **2020: Kyoto, Japan**
- **ILA Committees and Study Groups**
- **Online access to members directory**



ILA 2020
Bridging for the Future

Date: 25-27 August 2020
Place: Kyoto International Conference Center

The poster for the ILA 2020 conference features a collage of images including a pagoda, a woman in a kimono, a traditional Japanese building, and a modern conference center. The text on the poster includes the title 'ILA 2020 Bridging for the Future' and the event details: 'Date: 25-27 August 2020' and 'Place: Kyoto International Conference Center'.

Members of the American Branch are also members of the ILA. Every two years the ILA holds a biennial conference hosted by one of the branches. In August 2018, the ILA met in Sydney, Australia. The next conference will be August 23-27, 2020, in Kyoto, Japan.

The American Branch can nominate its members to serve on Committees and Study Groups at the international (ILA) level.

Also, American Branch members have access to updates and news on international law events around the world, and an online directory of members.

ABILA Publications

- American Branch Proceedings
- American Branch Newsletter
- ILA Biennial Conference Report
- International Practitioner's Notebook



The American Branch produces a number of publications, including the Proceedings, which contain the reports and work product of the American Branch's committees, a summary of recent International Law Weekends and regional ILWs, and keynote addresses delivered at those conferences.

We also regularly send out a Newsletter about Branch activities and other events involving international law. Our Newsletters include a new feature highlighting new members.

Student Opportunities

- **ILW Ambassadors**
- **Join Committees**
- **Attend ABILA conferences for free**



How to become a member of ABILA

- The easiest way is to become a member is on-line:
<http://www.ila-americanbranch.org/>
- **Membership:**
 - **Student associate (FREE)**
 - First Year (\$70)
 - Second Year (\$100)
 - Regular (\$125)
 - Sustaining (\$200)
 - Patron (\$5000)



It's very easy to become a member. You can sign up and pay online. The first two years of membership are at a discounted price.

You can also sign up at the American Branch table near the registration desk with our Membership Officer Bethel Mandefro.



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If you are interested and want to learn more, you're welcome to speak to any of us in the leadership of the American Branch.

Thank you for your attention.