

Warsaw Bar Association in the international forum

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Warsaw
Bar
Association



The mission of the WBA (Okręgowa Izba Radców Prawnych w Warszawie) is to represent the professional interests of attorneys at law (radcowie prawni) and to ensure the highest quality of the legal services provided by attorneys at law. Membership in the bar association is mandatory.

Bar association's
involvement
in international
organizations
and periodic legal
conferences

● World City
Bar Leaders

● International
Bar Association
www.ibanet.org

● European Bars
Federation
www.fbe.org

Main activities of the bar association in the international forum:

- Sharing professional experience with lawyers from other countries.
- Undertaking initiatives toward international integration of the legal community.
- Participation in national and international initiatives for growth in cooperation between the legal communities of different countries.
- Actions aimed at increasing the knowledge of European Union law and the law of other countries among Polish attorneys at law and attorney trainees.
- Cooperation in forming and growing contacts with foreign lawyers interested in working with Polish lawyers.



Did you know?

The WBA is the professional self-governing organization of attorneys at law in the Warsaw region. It is Poland's largest local self-governing body of the free professions.

- The WBA has over **13,000** attorneys at law and attorney trainees as members.
- The WBA conducts training for law graduates enabling them to qualify as attorneys at law.
- The roll of foreign attorneys maintained by the WBA includes several dozen foreign lawyers, from Australia, Austria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States.

- Attorneys' Code of Ethics—violation of the code may result in disbarment.
- The WBA has its own internal disciplinary court—attorneys at law and trainees are subject to disciplinary liability for actions in violation of law, rules of ethics, the dignity of the profession, or their professional obligations.
- Mandatory professional liability insurance – EUR 350,000 for every attorney at law, per occurrence.



Practice of the profession of attorney at law in Poland

- Attorneys at law have the right to conduct administrative matters, matters in the civil courts, commercial courts, labour courts and administrative courts, and family law matters, to defend clients in matters involving petty offences, and to appear as counsel or as defence counsel in criminal matters and fiscal criminal proceedings.



The Foreign Affairs Committee pursues the mission of the WBA by, among other things:

- Organizing study trips for members of the bar association.
- Hosting foreign delegations.
- Cooperation in organizing foreign internships.
- Organizing seminars and lectures on foreign law.
- Encouraging foreign lawyers to conduct training for attorney trainees and lectures for members of the bar association.
- Organizing legal seminars and integration events for foreign lawyers in Poland.
- Publishing articles on topics related to foreign law in professional journals.



Cooperation agreements signed by the Warsaw Bar Association with foreign bars

- Frankfurt Bar Association (2011)
- Moscow Bar Association (2012)
- Tel Aviv Bar Association (2014)
- Barcelona Bar Association (2015)
- Madrid Bar Association (2016)
- Milan Bar Association (2017)