

IPBA Committee Sessions

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Time	13:30 – 15:00
Room	Vancouver Convention Centre, East – Meeting Room 8
Committee	WOMEN BUSINESS LAWYERS
Session	SUSTAINABILITY OF WOMEN IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

This session celebrates the success of women in the legal profession, acknowledging that the past five decades of advocating for gender equality have changed our world, by featuring a panel of women business lawyers who will share their successes in the practice of law and explore the continuing challenges women face in our profession. The panel will review where women lawyers stand today and why the gender issue remains a recurring topic even though the number of women entering the profession is on the rise. The panelists will address the question of whether diversity policies and corporate governance are the right tools in the present social, cultural and economic environment to pave the way to a higher level of inclusion, equivalent compensation, and representation on key law firm committees. The session will provide a specific focus on the reasons why law firms should create sustainability for women in the legal profession. With a mix of speakers from established law firms and entrepreneurial women who established their own firms, the goal of the discussion and debate will be to identify strategies for nurturing our own careers and those of the women following us.

Moderator: **Carolyn Ann Knox**
Veirano Advogados (Brazil)

Speakers: **Caroline Berube**
HJM Asia Law (Canada/China)
Miranda Lam
McCarthy Tetrault LLP (Canada)
Catrina Luchsinger
Froriep Renggli (Switzerland)
Priti Suri
PSA Legal Counselors (India)