

The European Women Lawyers' Association (EWLA) is a non-profit making European non-governmental organisation having philanthropic, scientific and educational aims. In particular, it aims at promoting women's equality and fundamental rights. It was founded in 2000 and is incorporated under Belgian Law as an "Association internationale sans but lucrative" (AISBL). Members of EWLA are women lawyers' associations and individual women lawyers from European States (in particular EU, EEA, and EFTA member states) and from all legal professions (lawyers, in-house counsels, judges, criminal prosecutors, public servants, legal scholars, etc.).

The aims of EWLA are:

- to improve European legislation in all fields with respect to women's equality and fundamental rights;
- to contribute, in European institutions, to the advancement of fundamental rights and women's equality in Europe;
- to bring together women lawyers across Europe, in particular by serving as a network of national women lawyers' associations, by strengthening the links and contacts between individual European women lawyers and by encouraging cooperation between them.

For these purposes, EWLA

- undertakes studies, research and conferences of European women lawyers, also in cooperation with, or upon request by organisations and institutions inside and outside of Europe, with the aim to achieve substantive equality between men and women;
- drafts resolutions and statements on legal and policy issues of European-wide importance;
- has established, and continues to establish, contacts with relevant organisations and institutions, such as bar associations, law societies, associations of women lawyers, faculties and schools of legal education and research, both on a national and international level, and European or other public authorities;
- encourages and supports setting up national women lawyers' associations.

Some of the advantages of being a EWLA member:

- You are a member of a Europe-wide network of colleagues in your field of expertise.
- You support strengthening fundamental rights and women's equality through EWLA's work on the European level.
- You can actively participate in improving European law and policy by joining one of EWLA's WORKING GROUPS. As a member of a WORKING GROUP, you may also be asked to represent EWLA within European institutions.
- You deepen your understanding of European law and you meet key European personalities by attending EWLA's annual congresses.

For more details, see www.ewla.org

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Members of EWLA

Full Membership (for legal practitioners and associations inside the EU, EFTA or EEA)

Individual Membership

Any woman can apply for full membership if she is a qualified legal practitioner (in any legal profession) according to customs and practice of the EU, EFTA or EEA member state where she has her principle residence, or has studied law, or is a student of law.

The yearly membership fee for legal practitioners (in any legal profession) is 100,- €.

The yearly membership fee for law students or legal interns (stagiaires) is 25,- €.

Corporate Membership

Any association of women in legal professions with legal capacity with its principal seat in one of the EU, EFTA or EEA member states can apply for full membership.

The yearly membership fee for full corporate members is 200,- €.

Associate Membership (for legal practitioners and associations outside the EU, EFTA or EEA)

Individual Membership

Associate membership is available for individual legal practitioners who are a qualified legal practitioner (in any legal profession) according to customs and practice of a European state (but not a EU, EFTA or EEA member state) where she has her principal residence, or has studied law, or is a student of law. The application for membership must be agreed upon by the Board of EWLA.

The yearly membership fee for legal practitioners (in any legal profession) is 100,- €.

The yearly membership fee for law students or legal interns (stagiaires) is 25,- €.

Corporate Membership

All associations of women with legal capacity in legal professions with its principal seat in Europe, but outside of the EU, EFTA or EEA member states, can apply for associate membership. The application for membership must be agreed upon by the Board of EWLA.

The yearly membership fee for associate corporate members is 200,- €.

Observers

Observer status is open to the following type of institutions:

- Organizations of legal professions,
- Representative student associations with an orientation on European legal education,
- Scientific associations in the field of law,

provided they have their principal seat in Europe, they are engaged in women's issues and if agreed upon by the Board of EWLA.

Any other institution can obtain observer status upon proposal by the Board of EWLA and agreed upon by the EWLA General Assembly.

Individual application for membership**(For corporate applications please go to www.ewla.org)**

Please send your application by mail or fax to the EWLA address below. You may also apply online at www.ewla.org Please type or write all information CLEARLY in BLOCK LETTERS.

Title _____ Name _____

Date of birth(yyyy-mm-dd) _____ Email _____

Position _____ Street _____

City _____ Post code _____

Country _____

Telephone number _____ Mobile phone (optional) _____

Law association(s) to which you belong _____

Jurisdiction(s) in which you are admitted to practice law _____

I apply for regular EWLA membership and I agree to pay the yearly membership fee of 100 Euro.| *Individual membership (practising jurist)***I apply for reduced EWLA membership and I agree to pay the yearly membership fee of 25 Euro.**| *Individual membership (stagiaire or student)*

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Please choose one of the following options for payment:

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Authorization Form for Credit Card Payment

| **Fee earner** (regular individual membership in EWLA at a yearly membership fee of **100 Euros**)

| **Stagiaire or student:** (reduced individual membership in EWLA at a yearly membership fee of **25 Euros**)

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