

Section des Avocats Etrangers

INVITATION

SPRING 2010 – JOINT CONFERENCE

2nd Annual Forum -- LAWYERS IN THE FUTURE

Cross-Border Practice / Lawyers without Borders

**Should it and will it matter where lawyers are admitted
to practice in 2010 and thereafter?**

DATE: Wednesday, 21 April 2010
TIME: 17h00 to 19h30
VENUE CONFERENCE: Room B4, Palais de Justice, Geneva
COCKTAIL AT: Le Soupçon immediately thereafter

This **Joint Conference** of the **Section of Foreign Lawyers of the Geneva Ordre des Avocats** and the **AIBL / Association of International Business Lawyers of Geneva** will provide an opportunity to discuss with leading panelists the new challenges continuing to arise for the legal profession

- Opening remarks: Vincent Spira, Bâtonnier, Etude Ducrest, Nerfin, Berta, Spira & Bory Villa, Geneva
- Confirmed Panelists in-house, private practice, law schools and bar associations are:
 - Jean-François Ducrest, ancien Bâtonnier, Geneva Bar Association
 - Odette Dupont, Nestlé, Group Legal Department, Vevey
 - Olivier Merkt, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, SGS, Geneva
 - Calvin Hamilton, Hamilton Abogados, Madrid
 - Dean Christian Bovet, University of Geneva Law School
 - Antoine Romanetti, Lalive, Geneva
 - Rabab Yasseen, Mentha & Associés, Geneva
- Topics for discussion will include:
 - Cross-Border Legal Representation
 - Attorney-Client Privilege / Professional Secrecy
 - Admission to the Bar in the 2010's
 - Law Schools' approach to the changing Legal Profession
 - Unauthorized Practice of Law
 - Independence of Lawyers
 - Legal Specialization by sector and by expertise

THE CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH

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