

FAD - Fathers Against Discrimination a.s.b.l. "Both Parents for All Children" 29, Boulevard Prince Henri L-1724 Luxembourg Luxembourg

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Maison de l'Avocat Bâtonnière Pit RECKINGER 2A, boulevard Joseph II L-1840 Luxembourg BP 361 L-2013 Luxembourg

Dear Bâtonnière RECKINGER,

There are twenty-two (22) commissions functioning within the Luxembourg Bar Association. Each commission is called upon to give advice and make proposals to the Board of the Order, and generally to help and support it in the specific areas assigned to it. The Family Law Commission is composed of:

President:

Nathalie BARTHELEMY, Barthelemy et Waltregny **Members** : Sonia DIAS VIDEIRA – Partner at Dupong, Krieps, Du Bois & Dias Videira Deidre DU BOIS – Partner at Dupong, Krieps, Du Bois & Dias Videira Valérie DUPONG – Partner at Dupong, Krieps, Du Bois & Dias Videira Joëlle CHRISTEN – Etude BCTV Sabine DELHAYE – Etude Delhaye-Delaux Julie DURAND – Durand, Hoffman & Pietropaolo Claudine ERPELDING – Wagener & Erpelding Aurore MERZ-SPET – Turk & Prum Anne ROTH – NCR Avocats Filipe VALENTE – Etude Filipe Valente





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In total, 10 members plus the president. 11 female and 1 male which gives total of 91% female representation. All considering it can be asserted that the Bar Association of Luxembourg do not follow general guidance advocated and promoted by the Luxembourg government to introduce quota wherever possible allowing both sexes, male and female to be represented equally or as equally as possible across all state administrative offices and social spheres in Luxembourg.

There are approx. 116 attorneys, members of the Luxembourg with family law specialization and substantial number of other attorneys practicing family law without specific background but with experience in the field. Considering the above it is rather odd if not to say bizarre to learn that 3 seats out of 10 available in the commission are held by 3 partners from the same law firm. Would you know by any chance why that is?

In addition to the above could you also provide us with the following information:

- 1. Who appoints members of the commission? Is there an election and selection process in place or the members can be chosen single handily by the Bâtonnière?
- 2. Is there a procedure used for submitting applications?
- 3. Is there a deadline for submitting applications? If so, when?
- 4. Who can apply, when can someone apply and what is the criteria the candidates must meet to be considered?
- 5. Is there any special training the candidate must attend before applying?
- 6. Are there any restrictions as with regards to number of seats in the commission?
- 7. Do members serve in the commission on a term basis? If so, how long is one term?
- 8. Are there any limitations with regards to number of terms a member can serve in the commission?
- 9. Can a member resign from the seat?
- 10. Do members of the commission receive compensation for their work in the commission?
- 11. Can a Bâtonnière serve as member of the commission?
- 12. Are political and ideological convictions of the candidates for the seat taken into consideration before the appointments? For example a membership of a radical organization with clear bias ideological or political views?
- 13. How of then does the commission meet? Are the meetings of the commission public or non-public?

Thank you in advance for your reply.

Most respectfully,

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