Joint CCBE-FBE Conference
Sofia Hotel Balkan, 23 June 2022

The role of lawyers post-pandemic 2022
The dynamics of working in polarised societies, the changing image of lawyers, and the evolution of legal practice
14:00 – 14:30 Opening speeches

- President of the Supreme Bar Council, Ivaylo DERMENDJIEV

- President of the National Assembly, Nikola MINCHEV

- President of the Sofia Bar Association, Stephan MARCHEV

- President of the CCBE, James MacGUILL

- President of the FBE, Dominique ATTIAS

- French Ambassador in Bulgaria, Florence ROBINE

- Minister of Justice, Nadezhda YORDANOVA
14:30 – 15:00 Keynote speech by Jeroen OUWEHAND, Global Senior Partner, Clifford Chance Amsterdam

Social responsibility of law firms – How to reconcile the obligation of lawyers to represent their clients according to the law on the one hand, and public interest concerns on the other?

15:00 – 15:30 Keynote speech by Rupert COWPER-COLES, Partner at RPC London

How to counter abusive litigation such as strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs)?

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 16:45 Panel discussion on promoting social responsibility and countering abusive litigation

Moderator: Bas MARTENS, Vice-President of the European Bars Federation (FBE)

Panellists:

- Jean-Marc GOLLIER, Chair of the CCBE Environment and Climate Change Committee
• Margarete von GALEN, Former CCBE President

• Michael GRIEM, President of the Frankfurt Bar

• Panellist from the Bulgarian Bar (TBC)

16:45 – 17:45: Panel discussion on innovation and the digitalisation of legal practice

Moderator: Izabela KONOPACKA, Vice-President of the European Bars Federation (FBE)

Panellists:

• Agnieszka POTERALSKA, Member of the FBE New Technology Committee
• **Thierry WICKERS**, CCBE Third Vice-President and former Chair of the CCBE Future of the legal profession and legal services Committee

• **Iain MITCHELL**, Vice-Chair of the CCBE Surveillance Committee

• **Panellist from the Bulgarian Bar (TBC)**