

INSOL Europe – Judicial Wing

Mission Statement and Membership Protocol

1. The Judicial Wing is a group of members of INSOL Europe who are judges.
2. The mission of the Judicial Wing is to foster and share research, learning and experience on matters of common interest and to promote best practice in matters concerning (i) the conduct in courts of law of restructuring and insolvency proceedings, and (ii) cross-border cooperation between courts in restructuring and insolvency matters. In fulfilling this mission the Judicial Wing endeavours to actively promote and encourage young members of the judiciary to become a member of the Judicial Wing.
3. The Judicial Wing holds a plenary meeting in conjunction with and at the same location as the annual congress of INSOL Europe. The Judicial Wing may also hold other meetings from time to time as its members deem appropriate, including remote meetings.
4. Meetings are attended only by members of the Judicial Wing. The business of the meetings is private, save that the Judicial Wing may publish reports or materials presented at such meetings. From time to time the Wing may invite persons who are not members to attend at all or part of its meeting as guest presenters or guest observers.
5. Membership of the Judicial Wing is by invitation only. Invitations to join as members may only be issued following agreement between the Co-Chairs of the Judicial Wing and the Executive of INSOL Europe.
6. Invitations may only be issued to persons who are eligible having regard to the following criteria: -
 - (a) A candidate must be a member of INSOL Europe;

(b) A candidate must be a person appointed to the office of judge in his/her home State or the office of judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union or any of its constituent courts.

7. Judges who have retired from office will be entitled to continue their membership for a period of three (3) years following the date of their retirement, provided they have not returned to or entered professional practice as insolvency or restructuring practitioners or as lawyers or similar professional or commercial activity. During this period retired judges will no longer be entitled to benefit from the Allowance, but will be entitled to a 25% reduction on the registration fee for the annual conference of INSOL Europe.
8. The maximum number of members at any one time from each State shall be five.
9. Subject to the rules below, members of the Judicial Wing shall be entitled to avail of an Allowance granted by INSOL Europe for attendance at the annual meeting of the Wing and at the Annual Conference of INSOL Europe provided they register for and attend such meeting and conference.
10. The Executive of INSOL Europe shall appoint a Chair or Co-Chairs of the Judicial Wing, after consultation with the outgoing Chair/Co-Chairs. The maximum number of Co-Chairs at any one time shall be three.
11. The Chair/Co-Chairs of the Judicial Wing shall hold office for a term of three years and may be reappointed once for a second term of three years. Where more than one chair stands appointed, the co-chairs shall arrange their retirement by rotation in such manner as shall avoid simultaneous retirement of all co-chairs.
12. The function of the Chair/Co-Chairs will be as follows: -
 - (i) To convene, prepare the agenda for and preside at meetings of the Wing;
 - (ii) To act as spokespersons as required for the Wing;

- (iii) In consultation with the Executive of INSOL Europe, to recommend suitable new judges for admission to the Wing, and to issue approved invitations; and
- (iv) Propose suggestions for amendments to this Protocol to the Executive of INSOL Europe and liaise with the Executive of INSOL Europe on such amendments before they are sent to the members of the Judicial Wing for approval.

The Allowance

13. The Allowance for attendance at the Annual Conference and meeting of the Judicial Wing shall be the following: -

- (a) A contribution of €1,000 to the cost of travel, accommodation and subsistence, and;
- (b) Registration free of charge as a full delegate for the annual conference of INSOL Europe.

14. In respect of each State only one Allowance per annum will be granted.

15. Where more than one member of the Wing from the same state attend the annual conference in any year, the Allowance will be shared equally among such attendees, save where otherwise agreed between those attendees. Such members may agree alternative arrangements for application of the Allocation, such as sequential rotation of attendees in consecutive years.

16. To facilitate such arrangements, the Co-Chairs may request that members confirm their intentions regarding attendance at the annual conference six months ahead of the date fixed for the conference.