



Dear AIJA Members,
Dear friends,

I am honoured to submit my candidacy for the position of Secretary-General of our beloved Association.

AIJA means a lot to me not only professionally but also personally. I joined AIJA in 2016 at the age of 27, when I was starting my legal career in another country. I felt different and was not sure where I belonged. Joining AIJA was the best thing to happen to me as I learned that my case was not as unusual as I thought it be and that there are many lawyers out there with similar background stories. Again and again, I have learned that our Association thrives when we combine excellence with openness, ambition with empathy, and global reach with genuine collegiality.

Over the years, I have participated in more than 35 in-person AIJA events, as well as multiple online events. These experiences did more than grow my knowledge; they built friendships. Coffee-line conversations became brainstorming sessions over locations for future seminars, commission meetings turned into mentoring circles, and late-evening working groups (you all know what I mean) blended professionalism with warmth. AIJA is where colleagues become collaborators and, very often, friends—across jurisdictions, languages, and practice areas. These relationships keep me grounded, broaden my perspective, and remind me that our work is ultimately about people.

I have had the privilege of contributing across AIJA: serving as Co-Chair of the SCILL Board, serving on organising committees for a number of seminars in Sofia, São Paulo, and Konstanz; acting as one of the Academic Coordinators for the Madrid Annual Congress in 2024; supporting governance initiatives; speaking at events; and actively contributing to member engagement. These roles have given me a 360° view of AIJA—from member experience and governance to partnerships, finance interfaces, and event delivery—and a deep appreciation of the AIJA Spirit that animates our work.

Why the position of a Secretary-General? Because this role sits at the intersection of governance, continuity, and culture. As AIJA grows in size and complexity, we must maintain our agility while strengthening the systems that support it. The Secretary-General is the custodian of our rules and processes, the steward of our institutional memory, and the bridge between elected leadership, commissions, committees, and members. In practical terms, the Secretary-General translates strategic direction into clear procedures, safeguards documentation and handovers, and ensures decisions are prepared with context, recorded with clarity, and executed with consistency—so good ideas become shared progress.

If elected, my focus will be practical and member-centric ensuring:

- Sound Governance & Clear Rules: making it easy for volunteers to do great work by clarifying responsibilities, timelines, and decision-making paths; further caring the great work of the current Secretary-General Dino Serafini in updating and documenting procedures; and ensuring compliance with our statutes and policies.
- Member Experience at the Core: designing smooth journeys—from joining and onboarding to learning, leading, and reconnecting—so that every AIJA interaction feels welcoming, relevant, and well organised.
- Responsible, Sustainable Operations: strengthening planning and delivery so seminars and congresses run predictably, with measured budgets, thoughtful logistics, and transparent follow-up.
- Digital & Data Readiness: improving tools and data flows to support coordination, reporting, and continuity; and making information discoverable and reliable for the next volunteer who steps in.
- Bar Relations & Partnerships: nurturing relationships that elevate our visibility and impact, while keeping AIJA independent, collegial, and future-oriented.

My approach is collaborative, steady, and solution-oriented. As a corporate lawyer managing my own firm, I work daily at the intersection of commercial law, corporate law, contract law, governance, and M&A. The same discipline applies to the life of the Association: listen first, decide with context, document clearly, and execute consistently. I am committed to empowering volunteers, supporting Commission Officers, and partnering constructively with the Officers' teams and the AIJA Office.

I am deeply grateful for the support of my family, my firm, colleagues, mentors, and the many friends I have made within AIJA. I also wish to recognise the great work of my predecessors and, especially, my dear friend Dino, with whom I had the pleasure of working closely. I would be honoured to carry forward their achievements, protecting what works, improving what can be done better, and keeping our doors open to new ideas and new members.

AIJA has given me opportunities to learn, contribute, and grow. As Secretary-General, my commitment is to serve: to ensure the machine continues to run smoothly, the rules are clear, the data is reliable, and the culture remains unmistakably AIJA—fair, inclusive, and sustainable.

Thank you for your consideration and friendship.

Warm regards,

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