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Life on the A list

So how does Cooley Godward partner Richard Climan manage to land on nearly every who's who lawyer list published on both sides of the big pond?

The guy gets around on a global scale.

Until last week, he was vice chairman of the American Bar Association's Committee on Negotiated Acquisitions. Now, he's taken it over.

The first chairman of the 750-member committee to be based on the West Coast, Climan said he's eager to give up sleep and rack up more frequent-flier miles if it means taking an even bigger role with the global platform of mergers and acquisitions lawyers. The committee claims members from the U.S. and 10 other countries and its leaders are elected.

"The time and travel demands of this position are punishing," Climan wrote in an e-mail from an ABA conference he attended last week. "But I feel I'm up to the challenge."

While Climan still has to work his day job of managing Cooley's M&A group, he's looking at a few perks: While he has to visit Chicago for a conference, his speaking tour also features a hop to Paris. And that's just this year; it's a three-year term.