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New IBA Directory App

- available from the App Store and the Google Play Store

The IBA has always been a networking organisation; now the network is also available as an App in the Apple Store and for Android in the Google Play Store.

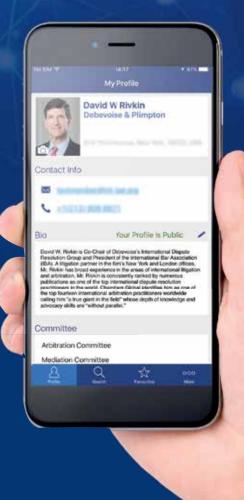
With the new IBA Directory App you can search for IBA members by name, city, country, committee or area of practice and make contact via email. You can also upload a photo and write a short biography so make sure your areas of practice are accurately represented to ensure that you are connecting to the right people.

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Welcome to Washington, DC 2016!

A s President of the IBA, I am delighted to invite you to the International Bar Association's 2016 Annual Conference in Washington, DC. I expect that this year's conference will be a special and memorable one, and I hope that you will join us there.

Established in 1790 to serve as the US capital, Washington, DC has always been the product of domestic and international influences. Its site along the Potomac River was chosen to win Thomas Jefferson's approval of Alexander Hamilton's plan for a national bank that would assume the Revolutionary War debt of the states. The city's distinctive design, combining a square grid with diagonal streets interlocking in traffic circles, was created by the French architect Pierre L'Enfant. The city serves as headquarters not only for the US Government but also many international organisations, international law firms, nonprofit organisations, trade unions, professional associations and arts institutions. Its streets are lined with iconic monuments and buildings. Because of the timing of this year's conference, we have the unique opportunity to experience the presidential election up close.

The IBA Annual Conference is always the central event of the international legal community's calendar, as it provides an occasion like no other to exchange knowledge and to create and renew a global network of colleagues and business contacts. The 2016 Conference is expected to draw a record number of participants, exceeding 6,000 delegates from around the world. For the first time in the Conference history, I will be hosting a series of keynote addresses and interviews with prominent government officials before the committee sessions each morning, which will be a unique opportunity to hear directly about the most important issues of our day. As of press time, Attorney General Loretta Lynch and Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson have agreed to provide a keynote address, to be followed by a question and answer session; other invitations have been issued. We will also be able to hear from, among others, SEC Chair Mary Jo White, former US Secretary of State General Colin L Powell, USA (ret) and former FBI Director Robert S Mueller, III.

The programme will feature more than 200 substantive legal sessions, workshops and panels, including topics on current events and contentious issues facing the profession. As usual, the LPD, SPPI, BIC and IBAHRI will present outstanding Showcase sessions, and the week will culminate in the exceptional Rule of Law day.

The conference will also feature sessions presenting the lessons and achievements of each of my Presidential Task Forces: on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights, the Judicial Integrity Initiative, Human Trafficking, and Independence of the Legal Profession. Each of these task forces has advanced the knowledge of the profession and the goals of the IBA in promoting the rule of law and serving broader society. The committee sessions will offer the chance to hear from the best experts in the field and will benefit all delegates, whichever your area of practice. Many of these sessions will also take advantage of our location in Washington, DC by including officials from the government, multilateral organisations and others based there.

Last year in Vienna, we were welcomed at the Opening Ceremony by José Manuel Durão Barroso, immediate Past President of the European Commission, and we also had the privilege of hearing from Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations; Fatou Bensouda, International Criminal Court Prosecutor; Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Secretary General of NATO and former Prime Minister of Denmark; and José Maria Aznar, former Prime Minister of Spain. As mentioned, in Washington, DC, we will be able to draw on the US Government and others at the highest levels. Look out for exciting announcements of our 2016 keynote speakers.

If you are not already a member of the IBA, I highly recommend that you join – not only for the instant discount from which you benefit for this conference, but also for the value in the continuous benefits to your education and professional development throughout the year and the connections the IBA committees can provide.

It continues to be a privilege to serve as the IBA President, and I look forward to meeting friends old and new in Washington, DC.

With warm regards for this historic week,

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David W Rivkin President, International Bar Association

The IBA Annual Washington, DC, 18–23 September 2016

The International Bar Association (IBA) Annual Conference is the premier conference for legal professionals worldwide to meet, share knowledge, network, build contacts and develop business. It also serves to advance the development of law and its role in business and society and to learn from the experience of others.

The IBA's first Annual Conference was held in 1947 and it has grown to become the world's largest and most prestigious international gathering of lawyers, each year attracting around 6,000 individuals representing over 2,700 law firms, corporations, governments and regulators.

Who attends

The IBA Annual Conference is open to both members and nonmembers of the IBA, with lawyers from over 130 jurisdictions and all parts of the legal profession, including lawyers in private practice, in-house counsel, human rights advocates, judges, bar leaders, regulators and government representatives. This unique mix of viewpoints provides a rich environment for discussion, debate and learning as well as the opportunity to develop lasting business relationships and lifelong friendships.

Why attend?

What will you get from attending?

- Up-to-date knowledge of the key developments in your area of law
- Access to the world's best networking and business development event for lawyers
- Invaluable international connections with leading practitioners worldwide
- A greater knowledge of the role of law in society
- The opportunity to be at the centre of the global legal profession
- To be part of the debate on the future of the law

What will your business get out of you attending?

- Increased profile in the international legal world
- New contacts to develop your international practice
- Knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing the legal profession globally
- Business intelligence on issues allowing you to pre-empt their impact and to exploit the opportunities they present
- The contacts, connections and prospects that flow from making the IBA part of your organisation's outreach programme

What to expect

The 2016 IBA Annual Conference in Washington, DC will feature around 200 conference sessions. These vary widely in style and with the core substantive committee sessions at the heart of the conference programme covering most sectors and practice areas, the conference will provide the opportunity to focus on your own areas of interest.

You will hear from leading international figures. In Vienna in 2015, these included José Manuel Barrosso (past President of the European Commission), Kofi Annan (former UN Secretary General), Anders Fogt Rasmussen (NATO Secretary General 2009–14) and José María Aznar (former President of the Government of Spain). In Washington, DC, we will be able to hear from leading officials of the US government and multilateral institutions, including as of press time Attorney General Loretta Lynch, Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson, SEC Chair Mary Jo White, former US Secretary of State General Colin L Powell, USA (ret) and former FBI Director Robert S Mueller, III.

Additionally, there are sessions on a wide range of topics, such as the challenges of law firm management and international relationships, ethics, the future of the legal profession, and the rule of law and human rights. You can hear from some of the leading thinkers in law today through a series of Showcase sessions highlighting the role the legal profession plays in society.

The conference provides everything from the opportunity to learn from the world's leading practitioners, to being part of the debate on the future of the law.

Full details of the preliminary programme of sessions can be found on pages 59-87.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at this conference, email: andrew.webster-dunn@int-bar.org

Conference

Conference Host Committee

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Key Conference speakers include:



Jeh Johnson United States Secretary of Homeland Security



Loretta Lynch Attorney General of the United States



Robert S Mueller, III Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation (2001–2013)



General Colin L Powell, USA (ret) US Secretary of State (2001–2005)



Mary Jo White Chair of the US Securities and Exchange Commission

About the IBA

The International Bar Association (IBA), established in 1947, is the world's leading organisation of international legal practitioners, bar associations, law firms and law societies.

The IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world. It has a membership of more than 80,000 individual lawyers and more than 190 bar associations and law societies spanning over 160 countries.

Inspired by the vision of the UN, the IBA was founded in the same spirit, just before the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was proclaimed in 1948.

The principal aims and objectives of the IBA are:

- to promote an exchange of information and views among its members as to laws, practices and professional responsibilities around the globe;
- to support the independence of the judiciary and the right of lawyers to practise their profession without interference;
- to support human rights for lawyers worldwide through the IBA's Human Rights Institute;
- to provide members with world class professional development to enable them and their organisations to deliver outstanding legal services;
- to deliver top level international network-building opportunities; and
- to be committed to the development of international law reform.

The IBA covers all practice areas and professional interests, providing members with access to leading experts and up-to-date information.

Through its various committees, fora and task forces, the IBA facilitates the exchange of information and views among its members as to laws, practices and professional responsibilities relating to the practice of law around the globe.

Why join the IBA?

By joining the IBA you become part of the leading global network of lawyers. Partners from virtually every major law firm in every major city worldwide are members. They join the IBA for its combination of education, information and networking.

How you benefit:

- Unique global networking opportunity unrivalled access to a network of over 80,000 lawyers and 50+ IBA conferences per annum
- Get active contribute to the debate on changes in international regulation and legal practice and share your perspective and experience
- Knowledge build your knowledge and expertise through meeting international thought leaders in areas that impact your client's operations
- Develop expertise join any of the 70+ IBA specialist committees and fora, gaining access to sector and practice area specific information, online information, publications, events and networking

How your organisation benefits:

- Risk awareness business intelligence on evolving issues allowing you to pre-empt their impact and to exploit the opportunities they present
- Global reach conferences held in locations worldwide and attract a wide international audience
- Local knowledge and contacts participation in Regional Forums what's happening in regions where your firm's clients have interests
- Cost savings discounted IBA membership fees at all IBA conferences worldwide
- Free resources the latest information on legal developments in your chosen committee practice areas – plus subscriptions to *IBA Global Insight*, the IBA's flagship bi-monthly magazine and *Business Law International*, the journal of the Legal Practice Division

Conference Registration

Registration deadline: Tuesday 6 September

Online: www.ibanet.org Email: confs@int-bar.org Fax: +44 (0)20 7842 0091

Post: International Bar Association 10 St Bride Street London EC4A 4AD United Kingdom

NB. Please ensure that you include payment information or enclose full payment, or your registration may be delayed.

Conference venue

Washington Marriott Wardman Park 2660 Woodley Road NW Washington, DC 20008

www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ wasdt-washington-marriottwardman-park

Accommodation

The IBA has purchased a limited number of bedrooms for delegates, for the nights of 17–23 September 2016 (inclusive), at a number of hotels.

How to make a reservation Complete the accommodation form (available to download from the website) or book online at www.ibanet.org/Conferences/washington_ accommodation.aspx.

Important dates and deadlines

Friday 1 July Early registration fee deadline

Friday 19 August Deadline for inclusion in list of participants

Tuesday 6 September Online amendment deadline

Tuesday 6 September Registration deadline

Tuesday 6 September Cancellation deadline

Global partnerships

The IBA has created partnerships with a number of global bodies including: the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL); the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); the Financial Action Task Force (FATF); and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The IBA brings together the worldwide legal fraternity to develop the harmonisation of law across borders and provide an environment conducive to international business. Examples include: the IBA-OECD-UNODC Anti-Corruption Strategy for the Legal Profession; the IBA Women Business Lawyers Initiative; the Anti-Money Laundering Forum; and the IBA Working Group on Business and Human Rights.

IBA Presidential Task Force on Climate Change and Human Rights



The IBA Presidential Task Force on Climate Change and Human Rights was established in 2013 and in September 2014 the task force's comprehensive report, Achieving Justice and Human Rights in an Era of Climate Change Disruption was published. The report assesses the severe challenges currently facing national and international legal regimes that are poorly suited to providing legal remedies

to those most affected by climate change, and outlines concrete recommendations for reform to create climate change justice structures that actively help protect and preserve environmental and human rights. Work in this area continues.

eyeWitness



In 2015 the IBA launched eyeWitness – a mobile app that seeks to bring to justice individuals who commit atrocities by

providing human rights defenders, journalists and ordinary citizens with the ability to capture the much-needed verifiable video and photos of these abuses. eyeWitness then becomes an ongoing advocate for the footage to promote accountability for those who commit the worst international crimes. The development of the app continues in 2016.

IBA conferences



The IBA organises over 50 specialist conferences and events globally each year, bringing together the leading specialists in their fields. The IBA Annual Conference, the largest gathering of international lawyers globally, attracts around 6,000 attendees each year, as well as high-profile speakers including three former Prime Ministers and two former Nobel Peace Prize winners in Vienna in 2015.



Conference newcomer orientation workshop

How to make the most of this IBA Annual Conference and really enjoy it

1430 – 1630, Sunday 18 September

- Are you new to the IBA?
- Is this your first time at an IBA Annual Conference?
- Have you been to an Annual Conference before but would like a refresher on how to make the most of it?

If you answered 'Yes' to any of the these questions, then be sure to make use of this excellent orientation workshop, run by Pippa Blakemore. This lively and participative introductory workshop to the IBA and the Annual Conference in Washington, DC, is a great way to:

- meet other newcomers to the IBA Annual Conference;
- have a clear understanding of the IBA, its work and its structure;
- identify the opportunities within the IBA for you;
- manage the programme as quickly as possible without being overwhelmed;
- get the most out of the week immediately;
- attend the 'best' sessions;
- become more involved with the organisation of the IBA;
- start developing relationships with delegates you meet; and
- feel that you are meeting up with old friends when you come to the IBA Annual Conference next year.

Conference host city -Washington, DC

The 2016 IBA Annual Conference will be held in Washington, DC, home to the federal government of the USA. Washington, DC is also an important centre for international organisations and is home to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, as well as a growing diversified business economy with easy access to the Northeast Corridor cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

The political centre of the USA, Washington, DC is home to some spectacular museums and iconic monuments clustered around the National Mall.

Washington, DC will give the 2016 IBA Annual Conference the perfect blend of opportunities for business, cultural exploration and to develop new contacts. This mix makes Washington, DC an ideal location for the world's leading conference for international lawyers.

Visitors to Washington, DC can enjoy access to many fascinating attractions and historic sites including the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Capitol Building and the White House. Touch a Moon rock, marvel at the Hope Diamond, view Dorothy's ruby red slippers or explore Native American culture at the Smithsonian Institution's 15 museums in the Washington, DC area. Discover treasures like the Gutenberg Bible at the Library of Congress, see the only da Vinci painting in North America at the National Gallery of Art and the Declaration of Independence at the National Archives.





The Social Programme

A n important element of the IBA Annual Conference is the Social Programme, which is designed to enable you to meet other delegates sharing the same interests in practice or from regions where you have business interests.

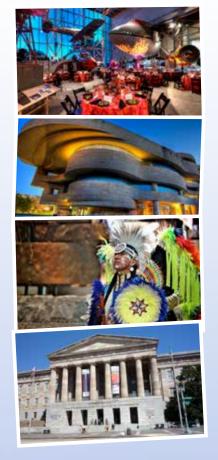
The Social Programme will also provide you with the opportunity to take in the sights, sounds and history of Washington, DC.

The programme begins on the evening of Sunday 18 September with the Conference Opening Ceremony, followed by the IBA Conference Welcome Party in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and the National Museum of the American Indian. It will finish on Friday 23 September in spectacular style with the Closing Party to be held in the National Portrait Gallery.

During the week there will be approximately 100 dinners, receptions and gatherings in some of the most sensational venues across the city. Apart from the opportunities to meet and connect with other delegates, they will allow you to take in the sights and history of Washington, DC.

Preliminary information on the social programme can be found on pages 92-94 with full details of other conference social events and committee functions being released later in 2016. Details will be posted on the conference website www.ibanet.org/Conferences/Washington2016.aspx

For information regarding sponsorship opportunities for IBA social events, please email andrew.webster-dunn@int-bar.org





The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute



the global voice of the legal profession

The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI), established in 1995, works to promote and protect human rights and the independence of the legal profession worldwide. The IBAHRI undertakes training for lawyers and judges, capacity-building programmes with bar associations and law societies, and conducts high-level fact-finding missions and trial observations. The IBAHRI liaises closely with international and regional human rights organisations, producing news releases and publications to highlight issues of concern to worldwide media.



All IBAHRI activities are funded by grants and individual donations.

To help support our projects, become a member for just £40 a year – less than £4 a month.

Visit **www.ibanet.org/IBAHRI.aspx** for more information, and click join to become a member. Alternatively, email us at **hri@int-bar.org**.

To read more on IBAHRI activities, download the IBAHRI Annual Review 2015 at http://tinyurl.com/IBAHRI-AnnualReview2015.





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Section and Committee information

Legal Practice Division



About the Legal Practice Division (LPD):

The LPD comprises more than 50 committees and fora, listed on pages 14-19 of this programme, which cover all specialist areas of substantive legal practice as well as focusing on regional matters and the interests of corporate counsel. LPD Committees are grouped into 16 sections with common interests.

To make heard the global voice of the legal profession, committees of the LPD regularly submit comments on pending legislation and regulation schemes and reforms all over the world, affecting many different practice areas. Working groups monitor activity by key regulators and identify opportunities for comment, particularly where there is potential international or cross-border impact, or where a new scheme is being piloted. They also work together with various intergovernmental world organisations to contribute the legal profession's viewpoint.

Committees also work together on projects to benefit their practitioners: guidelines for best practice, model rules and checklists, training proposals, and databases to collate and share information. Many sections and committees hold specialist conferences throughout the year, and produce publications for their members.

More information on the Legal Practice Division is available at www.ibanet.org/ Committees/Divisions/Legal_Practice/ home.aspx am delighted to invite you to Washington, DC for the IBA's 2016 Annual Conference. Once again, the LPD will be offering the opportunity to participate in an excellent programme of over 200 sessions, with a wide variety of stimulating and challenging topics.

We live in a time of extraordinary change that is reshaping the world and thus laws and their application. If you look at the outline of LPD sessions, you can identify the legal challenges deriving from such change. We have been able to cover all of them in the different sessions of our committees and fora.

I will highlight some highly topical debates. With Washington, DC playing host, special attention has been paid to legal matters related to US business, such as the session presented by the European and North American Regional Fora on the status of the landmark deal negotiated between the US and the EU – the Transatlantic Trade Investment Partnership – and its impact in the business environment of both continents. Also, all Regional Fora will lead a discussion, under the heading 'The world invests in North America and North America invests in the world', to look at the various legal and practical challenges that affect inbound and outbound investment.

I am also looking forward to our LPD Showcase session led by the Corporate and M&A Committee, which will focus on the challenges of managing a multinational business in a highly regulated environment. The session will include a panel discussion involving several well-known business leaders and policy-makers and other top panellists followed by a Q&A session, where matters such as the liability risks faced by business leaders, the impact of regulations in the international business community and the role to be played by both inhouse and external counsel will be dealt with.

Finally, our Corporate Counsel Forum will present sessions dealing with those issues that most concern in-house counsel in the current environment as well as their real expectations with external counsel, those being topics of the highest interest for all legal practitioners.

To counterbalance the time devoted to proactive participation and hard work, I encourage you to also take advantage of our exciting programme of social events, which will feature the best that Washington, DC has to offer in the way of culture, and of course the spectacular Opening and Closing Parties.

The IBA Annual Conference is a unique opportunity each year for international practitioners in every field to bring together their expertise for the benefit of all. I hope you will take full advantage of the outstanding value proposition available to you at this year's Annual Conference, while at the same time enjoying the pleasure of seeing old friends and making new ones in a wonderful city.

I look forward to seeing you in Washington, DC.

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Almudena Arpón de Mendívil Chair, Legal Practice Division

Antitrust and Trade Law Section 26-27

Council Liaison Officer Neil Campbell McMillan, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The Antitrust and Trade Law Section is among the larger sections in the Legal Practice Division with over 1,500 members.

Antitrust

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Co-Chairs

Janet McDavid Hogan Lovells, Washington, DC, USA Pieter Steyn Werksmans, Johannesburg, South Africa

The Antitrust Committee provides an international forum for the exchange of the most current thinking in the field of antitrust law.

International Trade and Customs Law

Chair

Marcelo Calliari TozziniFreire, São Paulo, Brazil

The International Trade and Customs Law Committee is a forum for international practitioners, corporate counsel, academics and government officials to convene, exchange ideas and promote discussion of issues across the spectrum of international trade and customs law.

Corporate Law Section 27-28

Council Liaison Officers

Jon Grouf Duane Morris, New York, USA; IBA Treasurer; LPD Secretary-Treasurer

John Williamson-Noble Gilbert & Tobin, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia; LPD Council Member

The Corporate Law Section has over 3,800 members from around the world.

Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises 27

Chair

Andres Cerisola Ferrere, Montevideo, Uruguay

The Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee addresses issues of ownership, management and financing of startups, owner-managed, closely held and family businesses and their legal advisers, and organisations with ambitions for growth.

Corporate and M&A Law

Co-Chairs

Christian Herbst Schönherr Rechtsanwälte, Vienna, Austria Jocelyn Kelley Blake Cassels & Graydon, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

The Corporate and M&A Law Committee is the principal committee within the IBA that covers issues relating to mergers and acquisitions. The committee reviews developments relating to corporate governance, privatisations and joint ventures, as well as multinationals, listed corporations, private family companies, partnerships and business trusts.

Corporate Social Responsibility

Co-Chairs Jeffrey S Collins Senior Counsel for International Policy Chevron, San Ramon, California, USA Neil Kirby Werksmans, Johannesburg, South Africa

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) is variously defined but is generally accepted to denote responsibly grounded business decision-making that considers its impact on people, communities and the environment. The increasing emphasis on CSR has particular importance for lawyers

both as advisers to their clients and, in the case of law firms, as enterprises in their own right. The committee's remit therefore includes both an examination of the many CSR-related issues on which business clients may seek legal advice from an in-house counsel or external lawyer, and the issues that confront lawyers and law firms in relation to their key stakeholders; partners, staff, clients, their professional regulator and the community in which they practise. The CSR Committee has over 400 members from around the world.

Criminal Law Section

Council Liaison Officer

Amir Singh Pasrich ILA Pasrich & Company, New Delhi, India

The Criminal Law Section has over 1,000 members from around the world.

Anti-Corruption

Co-Chairs

Pascale Dubois The World Bank, Washington, DC, USA Robert Wyld Johnson Winter & Slattery, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

The Anti-Corruption Committee focuses on the effect of new anticorruption laws around the world and comprises over 600 members. The advent of several anti-corruption conventions has brought about the enactment of new anti-corruption laws in scores of countries. Aggressive enforcement, including extraterritorial enforcement of national laws and a wide range of anti-corruption initiatives, has brought this issue to the forefront worldwide.

Business Crime

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Co-Chairs

Fabio Cagnola Studio Legale Bana, Milan, Italy Jan Lawrence Handzlik Handzlik & Associates, Los Angeles, California, USA

The Business Crime Committee's primary objective is to promote awareness within the business community and among transactional lawyers of the growing significance of legal compliance.

Criminal Law

Co-Chairs

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Mark Biros Proskauer Rose, Washington, DC, USA Ben Rose Hickman & Rose, London, England

The Criminal Law Committee provides a forum for members from many countries and criminal justice systems to meet regularly, communicate, exchange views and monitor developments in substantive and procedural criminal law.

Dispute Resolution Section 30-32

Council Liaison Officers Lawrence Teh Rodyk & Davidson, Singapore Eduardo Zuleta Gómez-Pinzón Zuleta, Bogotá, Colombia

The Dispute Resolution Section has over 4,200 members from around the world.

Arbitration

Co-Chairs

David Arias Arias, Madrid, Spain Anne Véronique Schlaepfer White & Case, Geneva, Switzerland

The Arbitration Committee focuses on laws, practice and procedures relating to the arbitration of transnational disputes, as well as alternate dispute resolution methods.

Consumer Litigation

Chair

Mariano Enrique de Estrada Bullo, Buenos Aires, Argentina

The aim of the Consumer Litigation Committee is to consider international aspects of liability and the consumer's rights.

Litigation

Co-Chairs Bettina Knoetzl Knoetzl, Vienna, Austria Christopher Tahbaz Debevoise & Plimpton, New York, USA

The Litigation Committee focuses on the legal, practical and procedural issues involved in conducting litigation. Differences and developments in individual jurisdictions are compared. The issues arising in international litigation receive particular attention, including issues such as jurisdiction, choice of law and the role of international judicial assistance in dispute resolution.

Mediation

Co-Chairs

Jalal El Ahdab Ginestié Magellan Paley-Vincent, Paris, France Jawad A Sarwana Abraham & Sarwana, Karachi, Pakistan

The Mediation Committee focuses on laws, practices and procedures relating to the mediation, conciliation and negotiation of transnational disputes, as well as other alternate dispute resolution (ADR) processes.

Negligence and Damages

Chair

Yusuf Ali Yusuf Ali & Co: Ghalib Chambers, Ilorin, Nigeria

The Negligence and Damages Committee has the objective of providing practical information from a range of jurisdictions to personal injury and other litigation lawyers worldwide.

Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section (SEERIL) 32-34

Council Liaison Officers

Peter Leon Herbert Smith Freehills, Johannesburg, South Africa Patricia Nuñez Nuñez Muñoz Verdugo & Cia, Santiago, Chile; Chair, Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section

Section Officers

Jean-André Diaz Total, Paris, France; Secretary, Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section Patricia Nuñez

Eugene E Smary Warner Norcross & Judd, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA; Vice Chair, Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section

The Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law (SEERIL) has a membership of over 2,400 lawyers in private practice, oil and mining companies, international organisations, government and academia. The section coordinates the activities of six committees that aim to advance the development and understanding of the law affecting oil and gas, mining, power, water, international construction projects and environment, health and safety law.

30-31 Environment, Health and Safety Law

Chair

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Glen McLeod Glen McLeod Legal, Perth, Western Australia, Australia

The objective of the committee is to promote knowledge and awareness in all areas of environmental, health and safety law and related issues, as well as the relationships between them.

International Construction Projects

Co-Chairs

Claus H Lenz LLS Lungerich Lenz Schuhmacher, Cologne, Germany Tony Marshall Hogan Lovells, London, England

This committee is for lawyers interested in construction law and in exchanging experiences from construction projects around the world. All aspects and types of construction and engineering projects are dealt with, from traditional building and civil engineering contracts to state-of-the art project finance infrastructure projects.

Mining Law

Chair

Florencia Heredia HOLT, Buenos Aires, Argentina

The objective of the Mining Law Committee is to promote an interchange of information and views and to advance knowledge among individual members of the section and others as to laws, practices and procedures affecting all activities concerning minerals and mining throughout the world.

Oil and Gas Law

Chair

Giovani Ribeiro Loss Mattos Filho Veiga Filho Marrey Jr e Quiroga, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The Oil and Gas Law Committee focuses on issues such as: exploration and production for all forms of hydrocarbons; onshore and offshore oil and gas; joint operating agreements and other usual contracts used by the industry; financing and insurance; comparative tax regimes; state participation and national oil companies; natural gas transportation and distribution; LNG chain; and hydrocarbons regulatory bodies and agencies.

Power Law

Chair

Ana Carolina Barretto Veirano, São Paulo, Brazil

The mission of the Power Law Committee is to provide a forum where energy lawyers with different legal backgrounds from around the world can interact and learn from one another in a setting encouraging collegiality and the friendly exchange of ideas. The committee explores various topics to provide its membership with practical and useful advice to better serve clients, and to offer the opportunity for collaboration, networking and friendships among its members.

Water Law

Chair

José Luis Vittor Hogan Lovells, Houston, Texas, USA

The Water Law Committee looks at the following issues: quantity and quality rights in international rivers; national water allocation and quality protection systems; water resource related aspects of natural resource development; hydroelectric development; water transfers; alternate dispute resolution mechanisms; and institutional issues in water resources development and distribution.

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Financial Services Section

Council Liaison Officers

René Bösch Homburger, Zurich, Switzerland Tarja Wist Waselius & Wist, Helsinki, Finland

The Financial Services Section is one of the largest sections in the Legal Practice Division, comprising over 3,000 members.

Banking Law

Co-Chairs

Russell DaSilva Hogan Lovells, New York, USA Roberto Emilio Silva Marval O'Farrell & Mairal, Buenos Aires, Argentina

The Banking Law Committee provides a worldwide forum for banking lawyers and other legal professionals within the banking community to address all sorts of practical and legal issues arising in commercial and regulatory activities in this context.

Capital Markets Forum

Co-Chairs

Tatsu Katayama Anderson Mori & Tomotsune, Tokyo, Japan Derk Lemstra Stibbe, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

The Capital Markets Forum is a private sector initiative set up to monitor and assist in the orderly development of capital markets, while recognising the importance of the legal role in providing a framework for market forces, and in settling the parameters of fair behaviour.

Insurance

Chair

David M Greenwald Jenner & Block, Chicago, Illinois, USA

Insurance is present in every facet of commercial, industrial and private life. The committee aims to provide information about developments in insurance and reinsurance law and markets throughout the world, as well as specialist knowledge to assist in the efficient solution of practical insurance problems. New insurance products are also brought to the attention of members.

Investment Funds

Co-Chairs

Christopher D Christian Dechert, Boston, Massachussetts, USA Jacques Elvinger Elvinger Hoss & Prussen, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

The Investment Funds Committee provides a forum for its members to consider current developments in the global investment funds industry, including regulatory developments, product structuring and distribution, and other issues relating to investment management.

Securities Law

Co-Chairs

Cecilia Mairal Marval O'Farrell & Mairal, Buenos Aires, Argentina Alfred Page Borden Ladner Gervais, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The main goal of the Securities Law Committee is to bring together securities lawyers from a broad range of countries to follow, discuss and shape public policy in a world of rapidly globalising capital markets. The focus of the committee is the intersection of national capital markets with each other in a world of cross-border transactions. Key areas of focus are developments in underwriting and distribution of all types of capital markets products, the securities laws as they impact cross-border mergers and acquisitions, the regulation of market players such as investment banks, brokers and exchanges, securities laws as they affect public companies and a close watch on cross-border and international regulatory developments.

Human Resources Section 36-37

Council Liaison Officers

Jaime Herrera Posse Herrera Ruiz, Bogotá, Colombia Salvador del Rey Cuatrecasas Gonçalves Pereira, Barcelona, Spain

The Human Resources Section has over 1,000 members from around the world.

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Co-Chairs

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Donald C Dowling Jr K&L Gates, New York, USA Antony Hyams-Parish Rawlison Butler, London, England

The committee is concerned with discrimination and gender equality issues that arise in the profession and under the general law. The committee members are made up of private practitioners, academics and in-house counsel who assist in the promotion of discrimination and gender equality issues.

Employment and IndustrialRelations Law36-37

Chair

Johan Lubbe Littler Mendelson, New York, USA

The aim of the committee is to develop and exchange knowledge of employment and industrial relations law and practice.

IBA Global Employment Institute 37

Co-Chairs

Graeme Kirk Gross & Co, Suffolk, England Pascale Lagesse Bredin Prat, Paris, France

The purpose of the committee is to assist multinationals and worldwide institutions in developing a global and strategic approach to the main legal issues in the human resources and human capital fields. It will provide a unique employment, discrimination and immigration law contribution on a diverse range of global issues. Their work is designed to enhance the management, performance and productivity of those organisations and to achieve best practice in their human capital and management functions in a strategic perspective.

Immigration and Nationality Law 37

Chair

Gunther Mävers michels.pmks Fachanwälte, Cologne, Germany

The Immigration and Nationality Law Committee is concerned with all aspects of immigration and nationality law on a worldwide basis, including business-related immigration, family reunion policies, refugees and compassionate cases.

Insolvency Section

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Council Liaison Officer

Pekka Jaatinen Castrén & Snellman Attorneys, Helsinki, Finland

Co-Chairs

Gregor Baer Gregor Baer Esq, San Francisco, California, USA Brigitte Umbach-Spahn Wenger Plattner, Zurich, Switzerland

The Insolvency Section has nearly 900 members. The section is the most prominent international association of lawyers interested in insolvency and creditors' rights law and serves as an Official Observer to the UNCITRAL Working Group on Insolvency Law, which it has assisted in developing the UNCITRAL Model Cross-Border Insolvency Law. It is currently working with the organisation to identify areas for harmonisation of domestic insolvency laws aimed at ensuring certainty and effectiveness in cross-border trade and other financial transactions.

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Intellectual Property, Communications and Technology Section

Council Liaison Officers

Peter Bartlett Minter Ellison, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia; IBA Assistant Treasurer; LPD Assistant Treasurer Clara-Ann Gordon Pestalozzi, Zurich, Switzerland

With nearly 1,700 members, the Intellectual Property, Communications and Technology Section is one of the larger sections in the Legal Practice Division.

Art, Cultural Institutions and Heritage Law

Chair

Mark Howard Stephens Howard Kennedy, London, England

The committee is concerned with all aspects of law as it relates to art, artists and cultural heritage in the broadest context. This extends from archaeology and the protection of ancient monuments to national heritage and public and private collections to the art trade and contemporary art. 'Art law' is an interdisciplinary field involving tax (individual estates and charities), commercial transactions, intellectual property in all aspects, and private and public international law.

Communications Law

Co-Chairs

Camila Borba Lefèvre Vieira Rezende, São Paulo, Brazil Jukka-Pekka Kristian Joensuu Cinia, Helsinki, Finland

The Communications Law Committee is a leading global forum for legal practitioners with specialist expertise or interest in the communications sector. The committee offers members access to a worldwide network of leading practitioners, in-house counsel and regulators active in telecommunications and media markets. The scope of the committee's work covers network, service and content-related developments across all delivery platforms. This provides members with access to practical global perspectives on the array of technological, commercial and policy issues that confront communications lawyers, their companies and clients.

Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law 41

Co-Chairs

Alexander Birnstiel Noerr, Munich, Germany Chris Jordan Davies Collison Cave, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

This committee focuses on intellectual property and entertainment law. The term 'intellectual property', as it is commonly referred to today, includes diverse areas of law. The main areas are patents, trademarks, copyright, trade secrets and unfair competition. Allied to these are a number of related areas including data protection, database protection, privacy, design rights and domain names. In the entertainment law area, the key focus is on the creation, provision and delivery of content in relation to print, films, broadcasts, cable programmes, musical works and sound recordings. There is also involvement with media law including defamation and privacy and authors' rights in a more general sense.

Media Law

Chair

Roxana Kahale Kahale, Buenos Aires, Argentina

The committee is dedicated to gathering and disseminating knowledge in all areas of law related to the media industry. This encompasses both content and communication issues.

Space Law

Co-Chairs

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Souichirou Kozuka Gakushuin University, Tokyo, Japan Joanne Wheeler Bird & Bird, London, England

The committee provides a forum for lawyers to address the increasing number of practical legal issues arising in commercial and regulatory activities in this specialised area of domestic and international law.

Technology Law

Co-Chairs

Yuval Horn Horn & Co, Tel Aviv, Israel Simone Lahorgue Nunes Levy & Salamão Advogados, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The Technology Law Committee brings together lawyers practising aspects of the law particularly relevant to modern technologies. They have in common that they deal with developing bodies of law coming to grips with the new questions posed by new technologies. The mandate of this committee is broad and includes virtually any kind of technology.

International Sales, Franchising and Product Law Section 43-44

Council Liaison Officer

Chris Watson CMS Cameron McKenna, London, England

The International Sales, Franchising and Product Law Section has over 1,100 members from around the world.

International Franchising

Co-Chairs

Rocío Belda de Margelina J&A Garrigues, Madrid, Spain Karsten Metzlaff Noerr, Berlin, Germany

The International Franchising Committee focuses on the law and business of international franchising. Committee interests include competition law principles, cross-border sales and licensing issues, the business forms employed and trademark and intellectual property protections required to assure franchising success.

International Sales

Co-Chairs

Sönke Lund Monereo Meyer Marinel-lo, Barcelona, Spain Karl Veldkamp Karl J Veldkamp Professional Corporation, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The International Sales Committee examines legal issues fundamental to the growth and development of international commerce, including international sales contracts, agency and distribution, cross-border acquisitions, warranties and financing of international sales.

Product Law and Advertising

Co-Chairs

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Luiz Azevedo Sette Azevedo Sette, São Paulo, Brazil Gregory Fowler Shook Hardy & Bacon, Kansas City, Missouri, USA

The committee covers a broad range of topics and problems, which are of increasing importance to the international lawyer in both national and transnational work in the field of product law and advertising.

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Rights Section	44

Council Liaison Officer Klaus Reichert Brick Court Chambers, London, England

The Law and Individual Rights Section has a membership of over 400.

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Family Law

Chair

Zenobia du Toit Miller Du Toit Cloete, Cape Town, South Africa

The committee focuses on developments of international significance in all aspects of family law, including marriage, divorce, inheritance, human rights in the family, adoption and international child abduction.

Healthcare and Life Sciences Law

Chair

Patricia Barbara Ann Barclay Bonnaccord Ecosse, Edinburgh, Scotland

The Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee is concerned with all aspects of healthcare law on a worldwide basis.

Indigenous Peoples

Chair

Steven Cooper Ahlstrom Wright Oliver & Cooper, Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada

The Indigenous Peoples Committee looks at questions of development as it affects both land and people. It approaches the subject from the legal perspective of the people and the land affected rather than that of developers or proponents of projects, governments or business in general.

Leisure Industries Section

Council Liaison Officer

Klaus Reichert Brick Court Chambers, London, England

Chair

David Jacoby Culhane Meadows, New York, USA

The Leisure Industries Section has over 200 international lawyers practising in the fields of travel, tourism, hospitality, sports and gaming law. The section started as the Travel Law Section and addressed the needs of travel law practitioners serving the travel industries. It grew to merge with the Tourism and Sports and Gaming Sections, expanding in its scope to provide a specialist network of professionals in the leisure industries. The section recognises that lawyers who work in the leisure industries often practise in one of the more traditional legal fields, and provides a focused forum on issues that emerge due to the greater amount of leisure time available and the increased internationalisation of sports and gaming.

Maritime and Aviation Law Section

Council Liaison Officer

Neil Campbell McMillan, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The Maritime and Aviation Law Section has over 800 members.

Aviation Law

Chair

James Tussing Norton Rose Fulbright, New York, USA

The Aviation Law Committee is concerned with several major areas of law. Aircraft transactions and financing are always a major interest. The committee also follows developments of international law with respect to airlines in both economic and tort areas, and also focuses on competition issues related to aviation.

44 Maritime and Transport Law

Chair

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Ricardo Rozas Jorquiera & Rozas Abogados, Santiago, Chile

The committee has a tradition of being the platform where leading maritime law professionals meet, create connections and discuss the most current legal issues in the field of maritime and transport law. The committee works for and supports the unification of maritime and transport law on a worldwide basis, and enables members to: increase knowledge of maritime and transport issues throughout the world; improve client advice; meet fellow practitioners face-to-face; and become well-known to other competent specialists.

Public Law Section

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Council Liaison Officer

Timothy E Powers Haynes & Boone, Dallas, Texas, USA

Chair

Pablo Ferrara South China Sea Institute, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China

The Public Law Section has over 400 members and provides a worldwide forum where all topics of public law are discussed and ideas are exchanged and developed. Its members are active worldwide in furthering the debate relating to governmental policy and the implementation and regulation of administrative action. In doing this, the committee makes a respected contribution to issues in the fields of judicial review and constitutional law. The committee strives to examine future trends in this area, anticipate new issues and examine new relationships between governments and the private sector. An ongoing theme is how the civil law and common law systems compare when dealing with these issues. By its very nature, the committee draws on lawyers who may come from different areas of practice, but whose work involves administrative law issues, whether in a litigation context or not.

Real Estate Section 46

Council Liaison Officers

Clara-Ann Gordon Pestalozzi, Zurich, Switzerland Tarja Wist Waselius & Wist, Helsinki, Finland

Chair

Nikolaus Pitkowitz Graf & Pitkowitz, Vienna, Austria

The Real Estate Section is the only truly international forum for lawyers interested in real estate law and has over 800 members. The recent globalisation of the real estate industry has fundamentally changed the committee's focus. While real estate assets are traditionally governed by national rules, real estate transactions have long ceased to be a purely national matter. Today, the ownership of properties is traded among investors around the globe. Increasing internationalisation of all aspects of real estate law has also changed the types of lawyers involved. In this evolving context, the committee provides a unique and valuable forum for lawyers from different countries and different legal backgrounds to address all sorts of practical and legal issues, exchange views and meet during conferences.

Taxation Section

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Council Liaison Officers

Leigh-Alexandra Basha McDermott Will & Emery, Washington, DC, USA

Jaime Carey Carey, Santiago, Chile; LPD Vice Chair

The Taxation Section has over 1,000 members around the world.

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Olga Boltenko Withers, Zurich, Switzerland Rashad Wareh Kozusko Harris Duncan, New York, USA

Individual Tax and Private Client

This committee is concerned with not only what the law is but how it might develop internationally in: inheritance rights and succession

rules; will-making; lifetime giving; trusts; creditor claims against trusts and estates; and regulatory compliance affecting trusts.

Taxes

Co-Chairs

Co-Chairs

Alain Ranger Fasken Martineau DuMoulin, Montreal, Quebec, Canada Ewout van Asbeck Van Doorne, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

The Taxes Committee offers its members access to the highest quality technical, practical and professional tax expertise to understand and find solutions to international tax issues and concerns, encourages interface between international tax specialists and promotes the building of networks among tax lawyers worldwide. The committee is divided informally into four practice group areas – income taxes, other taxes, tax litigation and employee benefits.

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African Regional Forum

Council Liaison Officer

Olufunmi Oluyede TRLP Law, Lagos, Nigeria

Chair

Sternford Moyo Scanlen & Holderness, Harare, Zimbabwe

The problems facing lawyers in Africa are different from those affecting lawyers in other regions. To this end, the African Regional Forum was created to identify and address these challenges.

Arab Regional Forum

Council Liaison Officer Lawrence Teh Rodyk & Davidson, Singapore

Co-Chairs Sadiq Jafar Hadef & Partners, Dubai, UAE Nasser Ali Khasawneh Eversheds, Dubai, UAE

This forum provides a network for lawyers who work in or have an interest in the Arab region, to establish contact and exchange information. A particular focus of interest is the continuing economic importance of the region, including reconstruction and investment projects.

Asia Pacific Regional Forum

Council Liaison Officers

 Peter Bartlett
 Minter Ellison, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia; IBA

 Assistant Treasurer;
 LPD Assistant Treasurer

 Jeffrey Blount
 H&Co Real Estate Holdings, Hong Kong SAR

Co-Chairs

Sunil Abraham Cecil Abraham & Partners, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Caroline Berube HJM Asia Law, Guangzhou, China

In addition to offering an unrivalled opportunity to establish contact among lawyers within and outside the region, and with acknowledged experts on different areas of law, specialist forum activities provide an unparalleled opportunity to keep abreast of legal business developments in the Asia Pacific region.

Corporate Counsel Forum

Council Liaison Officer

Almudena Arpón de Mendívil Gomez Acebo & Pombo Abogados, Madrid, Spain; LPD Chair

Chair

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Peter Rees QC 39 Essex Chambers, London, England

The Corporate Counsel Forum is the pre-eminent forum for discussion, education and spokesmanship for corporate counsel within the IBA. Through its conference sessions and publications, it looks at the most topical issues for corporate counsel in all legal fields, as the responsibilities and complexities of the role continue to increase.

European Regional Forum

Council Liaison Officers

Gianmatteo Nunziante Nunziante Magrone, Rome, Italy Vassily Rudomino ALRUD Law Firm, Moscow, Russian Federation

Co-Chairs

Szymon Kubiak Wardnyski & Partners, Warsaw, Poland Alexander Schwarz Gleiss Lutz, Düsseldorf, Germany

The forum develops and strengthens the existence of the IBA within the whole of Europe by promoting the goals of the IBA to members, non-members and others, disseminating professional know-how, and assisting the committees and other constituencies of the IBA to increase their presence in the different sub-regions of Europe, including parts of North Africa and the Middle East. The goals of the forum include addressing current and long-term needs of professional organisations and individual members within the geographical reach of the forum, as well as increasing membership and participation in the IBA and integrating them within the organisation. The forum will also facilitate cross-border activity between lawyers and Bars in different European countries. The forum has a particular focus on cross-disciplinary activities.

Latin American Regional Forum

Council Liaison Officer

Jaime Herrera Posse Herrera Ruiz, Bogotá, Colombia

Co-Chairs

Carlos Dominguez Hoet Pelaez Castillo & Duque, Caracas, Venezuela Ricardo C Veirano Veirano Advogados, São Paulo, Brazil

The Latin American Regional Forum covers all countries in Latin America as well as Mexico, Puerto Rico and Spanish-speaking areas of the Caribbean, and provides a focus for all activities in the region.

North American Regional Forum

Council Liaison Officers

Laura K Christa Christa & Jackson, Los Angeles, California, USA Paul Michel Lalonde Dentons Canada, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Co-Chairs

Luis Fernando Gonzalez Nieves Solcargo, Mexico City, Mexico Hansel T Pham White & Case, Washington, DC, USA

The North American Regional Forum covers Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the USA and English-speaking areas of the Caribbean. The aim of the North American Regional Forum is two-fold: to spread knowledge about legal practice within North America; and to expand the international perspective of lawyers practising in North America.

To register – complete the registration form or book online at www.ibanet.org/Conferences/Washington2016.aspx

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Public and Professional Interest Division

The Public and Professional Interest Division (PPID) consists of the Bar Issues Commission, the IBA's Human Rights Institute and the Section on Public and Professional Interest, providing a wide array of projects, activities, committees and other entities focusing on issues and professional interests that make the practise of law a profession and not just an occupation.

More information on the Public and Professional Interest Division is available at www.ibanet.org/Committees/Divisions/Public_Professional_Interest_Div/home.aspx

Section on Public and Professional Interest



About the Section on Public and Professional Interest (SPPI):

The Section on Public and Professional Interest (SPPI) constitutes a wide array of projects, activities, committees and other entities which focus on public and professional interest issues.

The objectives of the SPPI are: to promote an interchange of information and views among its members about the public and professional interest activities of the legal profession throughout the world; to support and promote those activities; to facilitate communication among its members; and to be active in the Section through its committees and other entities.

Areas in which the SPPI Committees and Entities have been particularly active in recent times include professional ethics, academic and professional development, women lawyers' interests, law firm management, pro bono work and young lawyer initiatives.

More information on the Section on Public and Professional Interest is available at www.ibanet.org/PPID/ Section_on_Public_and_Professional_ Interest.aspx The 2016 Annual Conference in Washington, DC promises to be one of the most anticipated, distinguished and highly attended conferences in the history of the IBA. Therefore on behalf of all the committees that together focus on and address the critical public and professional issues within the IBA, it is with considerable pleasure that I also invite you to Washington, DC and encourage you to attend what will be a truly memorable conference.

Within the IBA, the 17 Public and Professional Issues committees cover the spectrum of the most important topics that are fundamental to our profession. From access to justice, LGBTI rights and the rule of law, to human rights, poverty, social development, professional ethics and alternative business structures (and many more) – these and other issues dealt with by our committees not only go to our very 'identity' as lawyers and the role we all play in society, but also to what truly 'connects' all lawyers globally. They are all relevant to every legal practitioner, irrespective of where or how we practise and, importantly, they are what also both distinguishes our noble profession and binds it together.

I am delighted at the range of sessions our various committees and entities will be leading in Washington, DC and I would like to encourage you all to attend as many of these as possible. Our sessions will be engaging, stimulating and at times controversial, as we give you access to a diverse group of international thought-leaders and debates on subjects significant to you and our profession.

This year, the Public and Professional Issues Showcase is especially topical and particularly apt for the jurisdiction in which the conference is being held. It will look at 'The USA's long arm of justice and what it means to the world', discussing the legal theories on which the US seeks to base its extraterritorial jurisdiction, and will also consider whether or not those theories can be justified. Leading speakers drawn from across the globe will provide their perspectives, observations and personal experiences, thereby providing unique insights to the Showcase sessions, which should not be missed.

The Public and Professional Issues Annual Luncheon will take place following the Showcase on Thursday. This popular event provides an excellent opportunity to network with your IBA colleagues and to learn more about our important work and even how you could get involved. This year we have selected 'diversity' as our focus topic for the luncheon and I'd like to extend a personal invitation to you to join us at our lunch.

A traditional Annual Conference highlight is the annual Rule of Law Symposium, which always focuses on contemporary and extremely relevant current events or issues affecting the profession, and is led by our Rule of Law Forum. This year, the Symposium will analyse and discuss 'Special regional challenges to the rule of law' and 'Iran: testing the rule of law'.

In addition to the wide range of session topics, the Judges Forum has arranged two off-site court visits, which is a unique opportunity for delegates to go behind the scenes at the US Supreme Court and the US Court of Appeals.

The IBA Annual Conference presents the ultimate opportunity for lawyers from around the world to come together to gain substantive knowledge through quality sessions, while at the same time enjoying the pleasure of networking with old and new friends – all within a city that has and continues to shape the political and legal history of the US. Your continued support of the IBA and all its work is greatly appreciated, and I do hope you will take full advantage of the many invaluable benefits available to you this year in Washington, DC.

I look forward to meeting many of you during the conference week. Should you have any questions concerning the Public and Professional Issues work of the IBA, what we do and which of our committees you might wish to join, please don't hesitate to ask or contact me. I am available at any time to provide information and assistance with regards to how you can get involved, as are the other members of our Council and our various Committee Officers

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Academic and Professional Development 47-48

Council Liaison Officer Sarah Hutchinson BARBRI International, London, England

Co-Chairs Sarah Hutchinson Joan Roca Sagarra Roca Junyent, Barcelona, Spain

The Academic and Professional Development Committee has a membership of nearly 1,000 and aims to represent the interests of law teachers (academic and professional) as well as professional developers.

Access to Justice and Legal Aid

Council Liaison Officer

Geraldine M Clarke Gleeson McGrath Baldwin, Dublin, Ireland

Co-Chairs

Axel Filges Taylor Wessing, Hamburg, Germany Lucy Scott-Moncrieff Scott-Moncrieff and Associates, London, England

The Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee aims to gather information from around the world on the barriers to access to justice in each jurisdiction and any ways in which these barriers are overcome, with particular emphasis on statutory schemes such as legal aid, publicising its findings through reports and events with a view to sharing and spreading good practice. The committee also serves as a central coordinating point within the IBA, where all matters relating to access to justice and legal aid (given the fact that, this is a topic that overlaps with other committees of the Association) will be handled.

Alternative Business Structures

Council Liaison Officer

Stephen Macliver Sparke Helmore, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia; SPPI Chair

Chair

Steven Richman Clark Hill, Princeton, New Jersey, USA

The ABS Committee was first created as the Multidisciplinary Practices Committee, a President-appointed committee, to follow the developments of multidisciplinary practices (MDPs) in different jurisdictions. It developed recommendations for IBA Resolutions as to the requirements to be met when allowing MDPs, to ensure that the core values of the legal profession are not undermined.

In the aftermath of Enron, many MDPs, in particular those between accountants and lawyers, were dissolved, and MDPs became, if possible, even more controversial. Prohibited in some jurisdictions (like the United States and Belgium), allowed in some other jurisdictions (like Australia), there was little growth in the number, but much interest in the developments of these practices. In more recent times, MDPs seem to on the rise again, and, moving forward, it is becoming increasingly relevant to see how they are governed in different jurisdictions.

Forum for Barristers and Advocates

Council Liaison Officer

Professor Jeffrey Golden PRIME Finance - 3 Hare Court, London, England

Co-Chairs

David Barniville The Bar Council of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland Mark Livesey QC Bar Chambers, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

The Forum for Barristers and Advocates has over 1,300 members and represents those bar associations whose members practise as independent referral practitioners in jurisdictions where the legal profession is divided. It was formed by the bar leaders in these jurisdictions to give a voice within the IBA to the principles of independent advocacy. The forum has played a particular role in addressing the importance to the rule of law of the independence of advocates and the judiciary, the need for ethical conduct and training and education.

Human Rights Law

Council Liaison Officer

Stephen Macliver Sparke Helmore, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia; SPPI Chair

Chair

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John Vernon The Vernon Law Group, Dallas, Texas, USA

The Human Rights Law Committee aims to promote human rights in all areas of the legal profession, as well as in the broader community. This newly established committee evolved from being a working group under the Rule of Law Forum.

Judges' Forum

Council Liaison Officer

Geraldine M Clarke Gleeson McGrath Baldwin, Dublin, Ireland Chair

Justice Martin Daubney Supreme Court of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

The Judges' Forum comprises nearly 200 members and offers an opportunity for judges from all jurisdictions to meet and discuss issues that are of common and current interest to members of the judiciary. Membership of the forum is open to judges of all levels of court and seniority, whether exercising general or special jurisdiction, and including part-time retired judges.

Law Firm Management

Council Liaison Officers

Stephen Denyer The Law Society of England and Wales, London, England; SPPI Secretary-Treasurer

Maria Wolleh Mannheimer Swartling Advokatbyrå, Berlin, Germany

Co-Chairs

Robert Millard Møller PSF Group, Cambridge, England Aku Sorainen Sorainen, Tallinn, Estonia

In the highly competitive and demanding environment where everincreasing pressures are being felt in the practise of law, every lawyer – whether a partner or not, whether performing a specific management responsibility or not – must be prepared to meet these challenges. The Law Firm Management Committee provides lawyers with the practical tools that they need in order to enhance their practice, their business development skills and their management capabilities. The committee provides a forum for informative, practical and relevant programmes, seminars, discussion forums and articles on all aspects of practice and law firm management for firms of all sizes.

The Law Firm Management Committee is the largest committee within the PPID, with over 4,700 members.

Law Students

Council Liaison Officer

Sarah Hutchinson BARBRI International, London, England

Co-Chairs

Edward Chin London School of Economics and Political Science, London, England

Armin Khoshnewiszadeh University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway

The Law Students' Committee was founded as a platform for students to access the wealth of information and experiences available through the IBA and its committees. The committee has more than 700 individual and university group members from over 70 countries, making it a vibrant and diverse group.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) Law Committee

Council Liaison Officer

Stephen Denyer The Law Society of England and Wales, London, England; SPPI Secretary-Treasurer

Co-Chairs

Federico Godoy Beretta Godoy, Buenos Aires, Argentina David Ryken Ryken and Associates, Auckland, New Zealand

The LGBTI Law Committee focuses on the unique legal issues facing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex individuals. The committee advocates for full marriage equality, the elimination of discrimination based on gender identity, sexual orientation and gender expression, transgender depathologisation and the decriminalisation of LGBTI status and relationships.

Pro Bono

Council Liaison Officer

Stephen Revell Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Singapore

Chair

Peter King Weil Gotshal & Manges, London, England

This committee's objectives are to foster worldwide recognition of the principle that access to justice is the right of all individuals and to promote access to justice for all, regardless of their financial means, race, age, ethnicity, gender or popularity of cause. The committee has over 350 members and provides a forum for lawyers from diverse backgrounds to exchange views and discuss practical solutions to problems encountered in the provision of legal assistance, including state-funded and non-governmental legal aid, advisory services, the use of public defenders and certificates, clinics, public interest litigation and public legal education. It is also working to ensure that laws reflect the interests of every resident, including the poor and the marginalised, and that judicial, quasi-judicial, administrative and dispute resolution processes are open and accessible to all, administering laws on a fair, transparent and efficient basis.

Professional Ethics

Council Liaison Officer

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Steve Stevens Stenas Legal, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Professional ethics involves an area that all lawyers must be familiar with, regardless of their field of practice. The Professional Ethics Committee seeks to promote the high standards of professional conduct and ethics on a global basis. The committee has over 600 members and provides a forum for all international lawyers who are interested in discussing and debating issues affecting the practice of law. In today's world, a lawyer may face conflicting duties and the application of professional standards may be far from apparent.

Regulation of Lawyers' Compliance

Council Liaison Officer

Stephen Revell Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Singapore

Chair

Nicole Bigby Berwin Leighton Paisner, London, England

This committee was formed to meet the growing interest of IBA members in the regulation of law firms and lawyers (and the related compliance obligations and the risks of failure to comply). The committee provides a forum where members can discuss, debate and influence legislation affecting the practice of law, particularly in light of the ever-expanding multijurisdictional approach to the regulation of law firms and lawyers.

Rule of Law Forum

Council Liaison Officer Peter Rees QC 39 Essex Chambers, London, England

Co-Chairs

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Essam Al Tamimi Al Tamimi & Company, Dubai, UAE Homer Moyer Miller & Chevalier Chartered, Washington, DC, USA

The Rule of Law Forum continues to address and guide the Association in its rule of law work.

Senior Lawyers

Council Liaison Officer

Professor Jeffrey Golden PRIME Finance/3 Hare Court, London, England

Co-Chairs

Peter Alfandary PRA CrossCultural & Development, London, England Peter Sigler Michelmores, London, England

The Senior Lawyers' Committee is designed, as the name implies, to cater for the needs and interests of senior lawyers and comprises over 600 members. It acts, not only within, but also outside of the IBA to advance the interests of senior lawyers, particularly in issues of age discrimination.

War Crimes

Council Liaison Officer

Stephen Denyer The Law Society of England and Wales, London, England; SPPI Secretary-Treasurer

Co-Chairs

Jonathan Grimes Kingsley Napley, London, England Steven Kay QC 9 Bedford Row, London, England

The IBA's War Crimes Committee is the only IBA committee of its kind focused specifically on international criminal law, a field of law that has seen tremendous growth and development over the past 15 years. The committee endeavours to provide IBA members with comprehensive and reliable information and resources on international criminal law. It also provides lawyers, international agencies and tribunals with an unparalleled and easily accessible network of contacts and, in turn, is directly involved with the IBA's ongoing programme in support of international, ad hoc and domestic war crimes tribunals. The committee works alongside the IBA's Human Rights Institute to promote justice around the world and uphold the principle of accountability.

Women Lawyers' Interest Group

Council Liaison Officer

Maria Wolleh Mannheimer Swartling Advokatbyrå, Berlin, Germany

Chair

Maria Wolleh

The Women Lawyers' Interest Group comprises over 2,300 members and offers a forum for women members from Australia to Zambia to discuss topics of global significance to women practitioners.

Young Lawyers

Council Liaison Officer

Sarah Hutchinson BARBRI International, London, England Co-Chairs

Makoto Hirasawa Okuno & Partners, Tokyo, Japan Catriona Watt Fox, London, England

The Young Lawyers' Committee's primary goal is to further the interests and objectives of young lawyers around the world and within the IBA. The committee has over 1,200 members and aims to help them establish themselves within the legal profession by promoting their professional skills.

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Bar Issues Commission



ear friends and colleagues

It is with great pleasure I invite you to the IBA's Annual Conference in Washington, DC and to attend the Bar Issues Commission (BIC) sessions that we have planned.

The BIC is the division within the IBA in which bar leaders and bar representatives from around the globe gather and exchange ideas, share experiences and discuss issues concerning the legal profession. International 'bar issues' also affect individual lawyers and law firms that have an interest in regulation, cross-border rules and ethical matters in the world's many different jurisdictions.

We have many engaging sessions prepared for Washington, DC. These include a Showcase session which will address 'Independence of the legal profession' and report on the findings of the Presidential Task Force convened to examine this issue. There will be an overview of the situation in various jurisdictions; common threats identified, contributing causes and the different challenges outlined and confronted. This session will also outline the Task Force's recommendations on what can and should be done to strengthen the future of the legal profession to ensure it maintains its independence.

Other BIC sessions will explore how bar associations can assist young lawyers and examine the place of ethics in a professional world. The BIC International Trade in Legal Services subcommittee will present a session on mutual recognition agreements, increasingly being used in the latest generation of trade agreements to give effect to market access commitments on professional services.

I also wish to encourage all our bar representatives to attend the BIC Open Meeting, which will take place on Thursday morning. This is the opportunity for representatives to find out what work is being planned – and to propose subject matter and programmes for future activities within our very dynamic BIC. Your guidance and feedback is critical to the success of the BIC.

And, as always, we will have our BIC dinner on Thursday evening. This will be a relaxed and pleasant gathering of old friends and new. Do come along and join the BIC 'family'.

My fellow BIC Officers and I look forward to seeing you in Washington, DC!

Kind regards

Margery Nicoll Chair, Bar Issues Commission

About the Bar Issues Commission (BIC):

The Bar Issues Commission (BIC) supports the activities and interests of the IBA's Member Organisations by providing a forum for discussion on issues of common interest. Through its Policy Committee, the BIC examines and proposes resolutions and guidelines that are of relevance to member organisations for approval by the IBA Council.

The BIC holds an annual conference in May each year, presents sessions at the Annual Conferences and runs projects and provides e-bulletins for its members.

The BIC has three subcommittees to which members are appointed to work on matters that have an impact on bar associations and law societies. These are:

International Trade in Legal Services (ITILS) Subcommittee

Chair

Steven C Nelson Dorsey & Whitney, Hong Kong SAR

This subcommittee focuses on cross-border legal practice and the rules as set out by the GATS on the foreign trade regimes for legal practice.

BIC Regulation Subcommittee

Chair Søren Jenstrup LETT, Copenhagen, Denmark

This subcommittee monitors, researches and exchanges information about developments in lawyer regulation around the world.

Bar Executive Officers Subcommittee

Co-Chairs

Ken Murphy Law Society of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland Merete Smith Norwegian Bar Association, Oslo, Norway

This subcommittee brings together the senior executive members of bar associations to exchange knowledge and ideas on the administration, structure and role of bar associations and law societies worldwide.

For more information on all BIC sessions, see page 47.

International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute







We are delighted to invite you to the IBA's 2016 Annual Conference in Washington, DC and hope to see many of you at our sessions and activities taking place throughout the week.

The IBAHRI started the year by supporting the first congress of the Independent Lawyers' Association of Myanmar in January. The inauguration ceremony was opened by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and IBA President David W Rivkin. We are continuing to work with the Independent Lawyers' Association of Myanmar throughout the year and we are also spearheading capacity-building programmes with new national bar associations in Tajikistan and Timor-Leste.

In addition, we are undertaking training programmes in Tunisia and Mexico, and planning follow-ups to our 2015 fact-finding missions. We have a permanent presence in Geneva, where we undertake a wide range of research and advocacy activities focused on legal professional independence and human rights. This includes the presentation of our report 'The Role of the Universal Periodic Review in advancing human rights in the administration of justice' to the UN Human Rights Council during its 31st session earlier this year, following its launch at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

We are very excited about the topics and issues the IBAHRI will focus on in Washington, DC, which will relate to the core programmatic and research work of the IBAHRI, as well as wider discussions on human rights issues that have a global impact, both for legal professionals and the general public.

On the cusp of the US presidential elections, the IBAHRI Showcase session will focus on the current levels of human rights protection in the US. The session aims to be interactive in order to create an open letter that will be sent to the new US President after their inauguration.

The IBAHRI will extend its focus on human rights in the region with its session 'The Inter-American human rights system: how well is it working?', which will critically examine the successes and shortcomings of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights.

The IBAHRI will also host a panel discussion session on refugees, looking at what makes someone a 'refugee' in the eyes of the law and hosting a debate on whether this legal classification needs to be redefined in light of the current crisis in the European and MENA regions.

Finally, the IBAHRI is holding its biennial general meeting, providing an opportunity to meet us and our fellow IBAHRI Officers to hear about what we do on a daily basis and some of our research activities, including our work on drones and the death penalty.

We look forward to seeing you in Washington, DC.

Warm wishes,

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Baroness Helena Kennedy QC and Ambassador (ret) Hans Corell Co-Chairs, International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute

About the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI):

The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) works with the global legal community to promote and protect human rights and the independence of the legal profession worldwide.

The IBA established its Human Rights Institute in 1995 under the honorary presidency of Nelson Mandela, to promote and protect human rights and the independence of the legal profession under a just rule of law. The IBAHRI is an independent entity within the Public and Professional Interest Division (PPID) of the IBA. For more information, visit **www.ibanet.org/IBAHRI.aspx**.

The IBAHRI's work is conducted thanks to grants and donations, and relies largely on individuals who become members by contributing just £40 a year. To find out more about supporting the IBAHRI's work, visit **www.ibanet.org/IBAHRI.aspx**, or email **hri@int-bar.org**.

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Schedule of sessions by committee

Conference venue

Washington Marriott Wardman Park

2660 Woodley Road NW Washington, DC 20008

The working sessions and general lunches (included in the delegate registration fee), unless otherwise stated, will take place at the conference venue.

The Fora and Divisional lunches and breakfasts will take place at the adjacent Omni Shoreham Hotel.

The working language of the conference is English. This programme is provisional and subject to change. Sessions may be changed or withdrawn at any time.

Working sessions will take place Monday to Thursday 0930 – 1230 and 1430 – 1730, and Friday 0930 – 1230 and 1330 – 1600, at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park.

The conference dress code is business attire for working sessions and smart casual for social events, unless otherwise stated.

Coffee and tea breaks will be held at 1015 – 1045 and 1545 – 1615.

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Showcase sessions

Monday to Thursday 0930 - 1030

Morning Keynote Addresses

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Monday 1430 – 17<u>30</u>

HRI SHOWCASE: Human Rights in the United States – a letter to the next President from the international legal community

Presented by the IBA's Human Rights Institute

By the end of 2016, the United States will know who the next President will be and they will take office in January 2017. This session will take a detailed look at the human rights situation in the US as discussed by a distinguished panel. All participants at the session will be provided with a template open letter to the new President and will be invited to make suggestions on what to include in the substance of the letter, which will be completed by IBAHRI staff on the basis of the suggestions made at the session and then presented as an open letter to the new incumbent.

Tuesday 1045 - 1200

Preventing climate chaos: the latest judicial, legal and policy developments in achieving justice and human rights in an era of climate disruption

Presented by the Presidential Task Force on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights, the Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee and the IBA's Human Rights Institute

Carbon emissions are increasing, global temperatures and sea levels are rising and human suffering associated with climate disruption is intensifying – despite more than two decades of world government talks through the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. In the face of the frustrating pace and results to date of international discussions, and the short time period scientists have warned in which emissions must be mitigated, there is a growing trend for citizen suits asking domestic courts to rule nationally, and even subnational governments have duties to effectively mitigate emissions based on constitutional, civil and human rights. The legal profession and the judiciary are also now recognising the vital role they can play in preventing climate chaos.

In October 2014, the IBA released its ground-breaking report, *Achieving Justice and Human Rights in an Era of Climate Disruption.* The report, by the Presidential Task Force on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights, provided over 50 recommendations that world and state bodies could implement to progress climate justice. These included more effective use of the courts and human rights tribunals to mitigate emissions, providing effective remedies for those already suffering from climate disruption and identifying new measures and means for achieving justice in climate disruption adaptation measures, such as granting legal status to persons displaced by climate change and achieving food security.

This session will provide an update on the latest judicial, legal and policy developments and trends in achieving justice and human rights in an era of climate disruption. It will include the following focal points:

- the possible worldwide implications of the ground-breaking decision in *Urgenda v the Netherlands, Asghar Leghari v Pakistan* and other court and human rights climate decisions and claims operationalising the role of lawyers, judges and human rights tribunals in holding governments accountable for inadequate carbon emission reduction policies;
- the launch of a new Model Climate Change Remedies Statute

 this session will provide the first opportunity to discuss this
 forthcoming report to be published in September 2016 with the
 Working Group Co-Chairs;
- the launch of another new report, *Justice Issues in Climate Adaptation* by the IBA Climate Justice Adaptation Working Group. This session will provide the first opportunity to discuss this forthcoming report's findings and recommendations for new or revised international agreements and state measures for recognition and protection of persons displaced through climate change, and the right to food security;
- progress by the IBA in advancing IBA Presidential TaskForce on Climate Justice and Human Rights recommendations to international bodies, including the UN Global Compact, UN Environment Programme, UNFCCC, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Human Rights Council, and Permanent Court of Arbitration; and
- some key issues arising from the December 2015 UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties in Paris, such as: prospects for the anticipated new agreement to be effective, legally binding and to further human rights; and whether and how effective compensation mechanisms will be achieved for loss and damage occurring to least developed countries in circumstances where climate disruption could not be prevented and losses are beyond those for which adaptation can be used.

Tuesday 1430 – 1730

LPD Showcase: new corporate gladiators – leaders of multinational business in a highly regulated environment

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee and the Legal Practice Division (LPD)

Today's regulatory environment has made corporate life increasingly challenging for business leaders. Corporate scandals have existed from the beginning of corporate time and became top-of-mind with Enron's wildly publicized debacle in 2001. This together with the 2008 financial crisis ushered in a new era of government regulations to combat fraud, money laundering and financial institution abuses. The result has been new laws in most jurisdictions including Sarbanes Oxley, FATCA, OFAC and FCPA in the US to name a few. And these laws have global reach – crossing borders, raising corporate reputational risk and threatening organisations with a growing number of enforcement actions and international sanctions. Yet, new scandals fill the headlines despite the efforts of regulators, governments and corporate leaders.

America's most respected senior executives and high profile regulatory officials, led by a well-known financial journalist, will engage in an exciting discussion on risk management in the complex web of interacting rules across borders, on the scope of influence in the regulatory process and on how to manage a crisis situation. They will also discuss the role of the board and of compliance programmes. Determining the importance and scope of action of legal counsel, both internal and external, will be at the centre of the session.

Wednesday 1045 - 1200

The impact of corruption on human trafficking Presented by the Presidential Task Force Against Human Trafficking

The IBA Presidential Task Force Against Human Trafficking will present an expert panel addressing the intersection of corruption and human trafficking. Human trafficking – a multi-billion dollar transnational criminal enterprise – adversely impacts national and regional security, global enterprise, human rights and the rule of law. Labour, sex and organ trafficking all persist due to corruption among public officials and individuals in business, trade, and commerce. The panel will discuss corruption case studies and explore recommendations to curtail corrupt acts that facilitate human trafficking. The panel will also cover the IBA Presidental Task Force's efforts to provide expert training in collaboration with local experts in key countries. This panel will draw on extensive research conducted for the IBA for its report on Human Trafficking and Corruption.

Wednesday 1430 - 1730

BIC SHOWCASE: independence of the legal profession (launch of Task Force report)

Presented by the Bar Issues Commission and the Presidential Task Force on the Independence of the Legal Profession

This showcase session will address the nature of challenges faced by the legal profession to its independence. It will report on the findings of the Presidential Task Force convened to examine this issue and will include an overview of the situation in various jurisdictions; the common threats, contributing causes and different challenges confronted. This session will also outline the Task Force's recommendations on what can and should be done to strengthen the future of the legal profession to ensure it maintains its independence.

Thursday 1045 – 1230

SPPI SHOWCASE: the USA's long arm of justice and what it means to the world

Presented by the Section on Public and Professional Interest

The US appears to be continuing to extend its jurisdiction far beyond its own shores, with recent high-profile examples including LIBOR and FIFA, and some long standing controversies, such as Guantanamo.

By reference to these and other examples, this showcase session will discuss the legal theories on which the US seeks to base its extraterritorial jurisdiction and consider whether or not those theories can be justified.

General interest

A conversation with...

Special events with distinguished guests sharing informed opinions and providing insight on key issues facing our world today, are held during the lunch break, complementing the Conference's programme of 200 working sessions.

Entitled 'A conversation with...', these lunchtime sessions are open to all delegates and are scheduled to **begin promptly at 1315**. In recent times, guests have included: **Fatou Bensouda**, Prosecutor of the International Criminal; **Anders Fogh Rasmussen**, Secretary General of NATO (2009–2014); **Patricia O'Brien**, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel at the United Nations; and **John B Bellinger**, **III**, former Legal Adviser for the US Department of State under Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

These events do not require any additional fees or advance booking. The **start time of 1315** allows for lunch to be eaten before joining debates where members of the audience are encouraged to ask questions about, and to put forward their views on, topics shaping the world at local and global levels.

The 2016 series of 'A conversation with...' line-up is:

Monday 1315-1415

A conversation with... General Colin L Powell, USA (ret) – US Secretary of State (2001–2005)



For more than 50 years, General Colin L Powell, USA (ret) has devoted his life to public service in the United States. He served in the US Army for 35 years, rising to the rank of four-star general, and has held senior military and diplomatic positions across four presidential administrations. Posts held include

President Ronald Reagan's National Security Advisor (1987–1989) and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1989–1993 for both President George H W Bush and President Bill Clinton. Under President George W Bush, General Powell was appointed the 65th Secretary of State (2001–2005), an appointment unanimously confirmed by the US Senate. In this role, he led the State Department in major efforts to address and solve regional and civil conflicts.

Tuesday 1315 - 1415

A conversation with... Robert S Mueller, III – Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation (2001–2013)



Robert S Mueller, III served as the sixth Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the United States well-known domestic intelligence and security service (with both intelligence and law enforcement responsibilities), from September 2001 to September 2013. He was nominated by President George W

Bush and was sworn in as Director on 4 September 2001, just one week before 9/11. His ten-year term was extended for an additional two years at the request of President Barack Obama and pursuant to legislation passed by Congress. Earlier in his career, Mr Mueller held positions as Assistant United States Attorney – where he investigated and prosecuted major financial fraud, terrorist and public corruption cases, as well as narcotics conspiracies and international money launderers – and Chief of the US Department of Justice Criminal Division, overseeing the John Gotti mobster prosecution among others.

Thursday 1315 – 1415

A conversation with... David M Crane, Justice Richard Goldstone, Diane Orentlicher, Ambassador David Scheffer, Jane Stromseth and David Tolbert



David M Crane Founding Chief Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (2002–2005)

Justice Richard Goldstone Former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the Former Yugoslavia (1994–1996)

Diane Orentlicher *Deputy, Office for War Crimes Issues, US Department of State (2009–2011)*

Ambassador David Scheffer US Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues (1997–2001); United Nations Secretary-General's Special Expert on UN Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials Jane Stromseth Former Director for Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs at the National Security Council and Deputy, Office for War Crimes Issues, US Department of State (2012–2015) David Tolbert Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (2004–2008); former Registrar of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon and Special Expert to the UN Secretary-General on the Khmer Rouge Trials

Developing your practice

Pippa Blakemore, BSc PGCE, of The PEP Partnership, will be leading three fully participative and interactive sessions on ways in which you can develop your practice.

Win more work – turn contacts into clients and referrers: Pippa's COPACABANA approach to international networking

This session will give you relevant practical tips and ideas on how to grow your practice and how to:

- network successfully;
- build relationships internationally;
- make the most of any event you attend without feeling 'pushy' or uncomfortable;
- introduce yourself to other people and remember their names;
- extract yourself from boring people;
- follow up with any people you meet in a personal way, including on social media;
- develop and strengthen relationships with referrers and intermediaries;
- read other people's body language and control your own;
- find reasons to keep in touch in different ways;
- talk about fees without embarrassment;
- conduct sales meetings with confidence; and
- win new work.

MONDAY 1430 - 1730

Grow and keep your clients: Pippa's RAINBOW strategy

Your clients can be your greatest ambassadors and sources of new work. We will develop strategies to:

- understand the current pressures on your clients;
- understand your clients' business;
- strengthen and deepen your relationships with your clients;
- increase the quality and quantity of work from your clients;
- meet client expectations;
- provide 'added value';
- obtain feedback on your clients' perceptions of you;
- anticipate and prevent problems;
- deal with difficult clients and complaints;
- handle challenging fee discussions;
- cross-sell between your firm and the client;
- prepare a client relationship management strategy; and
- implement your client relationship plans.

WEDNESDAY 1045 - 1230

Give a powerful presentation: Pippa's five steps to confidence

By the end of this session, you will have given a presentation, in which you will know how to:

- win and keep the audience's attention for a wide range of audiences;
- make a complex legal lecture interesting to all;
- deliver a winning pitch presentation;
- keep to time;
- project your voice effectively;
- use your body language powerfully;
- be impressive in your personal appearance;
- handle awkward people and answer difficult questions;
- increase your confidence and overcome your nerves; and
- use your notes and visual aids effectively.

IBA Bar breakfasts

IBA Bar breakfast hosted by the American Bar Association (ABA)

The ABA Futures report and the current legal terrain in the USA



At its mid-year meeting in February 2016, the ABA House of Delegates adopted a set of factors that should be considered by courts and regulatory bodies in addressing the multitude of options for delivery of legal services. Legal Zoom, Avvo, limited licence legal technicians

and other non-traditional models, including delivery of legal services by non-lawyers, raise issues of regulation and ethics. The programme will explore and compare the recent work of the ABA Futures Commission with that of other countries, and focus on the current ABA policy as recently adopted by the House of Delegates, and the impact on not only state by state regulation, but the international ramifications as well.

TUESDAY 0800 - 0930

The IBA Bar breakfast hosted by the Conseil National des Barreaux

Business and human rights – the dual role of the lawyers: human rights defender and business adviser



WEDNESDAY 0800 - 0930

Tour of the Supreme Court of the United States

The IBA's Judges' Forum has organised a tour of the Supreme Court, the highest court of authority in the US. Please note that places are limited.

Delegates registered for the conference will be invited to sign up in person at the conference in September 2016.

MONDAY 1400 - 1730

Tour of the US Court of Appeals (DC Circuit)

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THURSDAY 1400 - 1730

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General meetings

Thursday 1045 - 1130

IBA's Human Rights Institute General Meeting *Presented by the IBA's Human Rights Institute*

Conference attendees are invited to participate in this general meeting of the IBAHRI. During the meeting, IBAHRI Director Dr Phillip Tahmindjis AM and IBAHRI Co-Chairs Ambassador (ret) Hans Corell and Baroness Helena Kennedy QC will discuss the IBAHRI draft resolution on drones. IBAHRI Officers and staff will be present to answer questions and respond to suggestions related to the past, present and future work of the Institute.

Thursday 1045 - 1130

Legal Practice Division General Meeting

Presented by the Legal Practice Division (LPD)

All division members are encouraged to attend this meeting and are invited to put to the officers any questions they may have, relevant to the work of the Division.

Thursday 1430 - 1800

IBA Council Meeting and Election of Officers

The IBA Council is the governing body of the Association, having the general control of the affairs of the IBA and passing, as required, resolutions and guidelines for members and the legal profession worldwide. Those entitled to attend are the IBA Officers, division officers, Honorary Life Members of the Council, appointed representatives from member organisations, the appointed deputy secretary generals and any co-opted members.

The election of the IBA Officers and BIC Officers to serve from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018 will take place at this meeting.

Rule of Law Symposium

Presented by the Rule of Law Forum

Friday 1000 – 1600

In Prague in 2005, the IBA Council passed a Rule of Law Resolution. It was followed by a rule of law initiative in 2006. The Rule of Law Forum has been given the responsibility to provoke, urge and assist the membership of the IBA in supporting and promoting the rule of law. Since 2006, the final day of the IBA Annual Conference has been dedicated to rule of law issues. Following successful rule of law symposia in Chicago, Singapore, Buenos Aires, Madrid, Vancouver, Dubai, Dublin, Boston, Tokyo and Vienna, the final day of the conference in Washington, DC 2016 will also be devoted to the rule of law.

FRIDAY 1000 - 1230

Special regional challenges to the rule of law

Presented by the Rule of Law Forum

The morning programme of the Rule of Law Symposium will examine a regional conflict situation in terms of its history, views of the protagonists, previous efforts to resolve protracted issues, the applicability of principles of international law, and elements of potential compromises or resolution of the conflict or of particular issues that the conflict has created. Participants will include lawyers from the region itself, diplomats or negotiators who have sought to deal with the issues, international law authorities and Rule of Law Forum leaders involved in the project.

Iran: testing the rule of law

Presented by the Rule of Law Forum

The afternoon programme looks at a range of rule of law issues related to Iran, ranging from compliance with the Nuclear Arms Agreement, to issues of economic sanctions to international law principles related to regional stability and the actions of ISIS, or Daesh. Moderator Essam AI Tamimi will discuss with experts on Iran and experts on related issues of international law, rule of law questions in which Iran may be involved or face scrutiny, implications for the region and beyond, and the relevance and applicability of international law.

FRIDAY 1330 - 1600

Presentation of the IBA Human Rights Award 2016

The IBA award for outstanding contribution by a legal practitioner to human rights recognises extraordinary personal endeavour in the field of law that has produced notable impact on the promotion, protection and advancement of human rights, administration of justice and the rule of law. This award is made annually to a legal practitioner who is deemed to have made an exceptional contribution to human rights, either in their own jurisdiction or internationally, particularly with respect to the right to live in a fair and just society under the rule of law.

The IBA reviews all nominations received and the award winner is selected by an expert panel. The 2016 award will be presented to the winner at the IBA Rule of Law Symposium by the President of the IBA.

The 2015 honouree was Intigam Aliyev, an Azerbaijani human rights lawyer and President of the Legal Education Society, Azerbaijan, for his dedicated fight to protect human rights and uphold the rule of law in Azerbaijan, including bringing over 100 petitions of alleged human rights abuses before the European Court of Human Rights. Mr Aliyev's award was collected by his children due to his incarceration in Azerbaijan on charges of tax evasion, illegal entrepreneurship, abuse of authority, services forgery and misappropriation.

Other previous winners include: Bangladeshi human rights lawyer and defender Adilur Rahman Khan, for his campaigning against human rights abuses such as torture, extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances (2014); Somalian Constitutional Law Professor Abukar Hassan Ahmed, for his dedication to the fight for human rights and the rule of law in Somalia and defending people arrested for their political beliefs (2013); Iranian lawyer Abdolfattah Soltani, for his courage and commitment to the rule of law and human rights in Iran, including the provision of probono legal counsel (2012); and Colombian lawyer Dr Iván Velásquez Gómez, for his commitment to human rights and justice and his courage working on governmental transparency and organised crime (2011).

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Daily schedule of working sessions

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Monday 1045 - 1200

Are arbitrators under attack?

Presented by the Arbitration Committee Users, institutions, practitioners all have high expectations for arbitrators. Does it go too far? Do arbitrators get the necessary

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Criminalisation of homosexual activity around the world: are we going forwards or backwards?

Presented by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Law Committee

This session will look critically at moves around the world to limit or punish same-sex behaviour through state and non-state actors. What steps are being taken by the UN and individual countries to recognise the equality and privacy of LGBTI persons? On the other hand, there appears to be a growing backlash by individual states and also some non-state actors in the name of 'traditional family' values. Are we on a collision course, and what about the people caught in the middle?

Is the European Banking Union keeping its promises?

Presented by the European Regional Forum and the Banking Law Committee

This session will look at

- taking stock of the development of the European Banking Union: supervision, resolution, deposit insurance;
- challenges for the Euro area's Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM) for significant and less significant banks;
- how the SSM compare with the US system of banking supervision and regulation;

- is the Euro area's Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM) ready to fend off the next banking crisis?
- status and challenges in global coordination of bank resolution;
- does Europe need a common deposit insurance system?

One toke over the line: legalisation of marijuana

Presented by the North American Regional Forum, the Criminal Law Committee and the Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee

This interactive roundtable panel will explore the myriad legal issues in an increasing number of jurisdictions where marijuana has been legalised for both medical and recreational purposes and the impact on cartels, marijuana growers and big pharma.

Technology stimulating job growth: the hiring and other employment challenges of startups in the high-tech sector

Presented by the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee and the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee

Small business and, in particular, technology startups are the engines for growth in job creation. New startups, however, face various workplace law challenges, ranging from alternative staffing models to flexible benefits provided as the organisation grows. This session will examine the peculiar employment law and employment relations issues attended to the 'startup' phase of new businesses as they 'go global' and provide good practices to ensure compliance.

Monday 1045 – 1230

Around the tables, breakfast and a taste of hot topics in the Intellectual Property, Communications and Technology Section Presented by the Intellectual Property, Communications and

Technology Section

The format is interactive networking, and topics are selected to be of current interest and likely to stimulate a lively debate. Moderators on each table introduce the topic and the participants do the rest.

Background knowledge or experience within the areas for discussion is not required. You will have the opportunity to discuss four topics: at scheduled turnover times the participants move around the tables to the next topic of their choice.

Our menu will include hot and 'late breaking' topics in the areas of intellectual property law, internet law and mobile technologies, technology contracting and dispute resolution, arts law and space law.

The discussion is usually around the interface between law, business and technology with a global focus. Many topics for discussion are often the subject of considerable topic and media interest and this will be the case again. By participating in the table topics you will gain a greater insight into these areas and be able to add your own comments. In addition, a 'degustation' breakfast buffet will be hosted in the room so that no time is wasted for those who want to boost their energy levels before or during the session. The session will provide you with a great opportunity to meet many other lawyers and discuss topics of mutual interest with them: don't forget your business cards. We welcome new participants in these discussions. We will also be soliciting your views about your areas of interest and other suggestions, to enable the Section to programme future activities accordingly.

Monday 1045 – 1230 (continued)

Artificial intelligence: preparing lawyers for new technology in practice

Presented by the Academic and Professional Development Committee and the Technology Law Committee

How are law schools and professional developers integrating technology into training and giving future lawyers the skills necessary for practice?

Beyond the mutual agreement procedure: how to resolve cross-border tax disputes in the post-BEPS world

Presented by the Taxes Committee

Some base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS) outcomes could substantially increase tax uncertainty in cross-border situations, leaving taxpayers at the mercy of the relevant tax authorities to agree the position. The number of cases determined under the mutual agreement procedure is increasing year on year, but the number of open cases is increasing even faster. Taxpayers can face double taxation as they wait for an answer that may never arrive. Is mandatory binding arbitration the solution? How else can taxpayers resolve cross-border tax disputes?

Building a more diverse workforce: is affirmative action the answer?

Presented by the Women Lawyers' Interest Group and the Discrimination and Equality Law Committee

In this interactive session, the benefits of a diverse workforce in the workplace will be discussed from various perspectives, and also among industries.

How can lawyers and in-house counsels help promote a diverse workplace in benefit obits for workers and companies?

Cartels and corruption

Presented by the Antitrust Committee, the Anti-Corruption Committee and the Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee

This programme will consider the interplay between cartels and other forms of corrupt conduct, such as bribery, market manipulation and fraud.

Cyber risks

Presented by the Insurance Committee and the Business Crime Committee

This joint session will be a case study involving the hacking by an IT supplier of its customer, which will either be an internet dating agency or an internet gambling company. Delegates will consider the criminal and insurance implications for both the company, supplier and individual directors.

Does law enforcement have you in its sights: essential knowledge on economic sanctions and AML for your practice

Presented by the Anti-Money Laundering Legislation Implementation Working Group

What every lawyer needs to know about the risks of advising clients in delicate and often time-pressured situations relating to sanctions and economic crime. As major changes take place in the Middle East and elsewhere, the panel will discuss current and topical issues and risks, recent legislative changes and case law and the important things for lawyers to remember to avoid serious reputational risk and criminal investigation or charge. Given the conference is in Washington, DC this year, we will have a specific focus and contributions on legislative, regulatory and enforcement trends emanating from the US, which is always a jurisdiction to watch in this area.

Green products, consumers and the environment

Presented by the Consumer Litigation Committee, the Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee and the International Sales Committee

This session will explore recent cases of 'green products' that were criticised for not being as green as they were supposed to be, both from consumer and environmental law perspectives.

Hot topics in international sales, franchising and product law

Presented by the International Sales, Franchising and Product Law Section

This session will comprise a series of roundtable discussions on various topics presented by the International Sales, Franchising and Product Law Section.

Liquidity: renewed regulatory focus

Presented by the Investment Funds Committee

Post-financial crisis liquidity risk management has become one of the focus areas for supervision by regulators all around the world. This session will feature industry experts that will examine the renewed focus of European and US regulators on portfolio composition and liquidity, including recent legislative initiatives in the regulated fund space.

Main features of modern auction processes

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

M&A recovery is bringing back auction processes, whereby a potential seller of a business invites several potential buyers to submit a bid.

In this session we will deal with the main features of these competitive processes from the perspective of both the seller and bidders, including the role changes involved when drafting contracts and preparing due diligence, the specific formalities to be complied with, and the negotiation and time constraints that most bidders must undergo.

Modern litigation issues facing corporate counsels

Presented by the Litigation Committee and the Corporate Counsel Forum

For years, legal departments have sought innovative ways to control the cost of litigation. The strategies run the gamut from negotiating fee reductions to alternative fee arrangements to using technology to automate processes and project management to track costs. Despite these efforts, many corporate counsel are still struggling to control litigation costs and justify the spend on litigation services.

In this interactive session, speakers will explore both existing and novel tools for budgeting and cost management in litigation, and critically assess which tools have made a meaningful difference and which have not. Corporate counsel will discuss the extent to which they have been able to challenge estimated costs and stick to budgets, and the success or failure – from their perspective – of flat fees, block billing and contingency arrangements. Litigators from private practice will comment on the ability of law firms to preserve litigation fees and deliver value in an increasingly competitive and cost-sensitive market. Insurers and third-party funders will also be asked to share their experiences in managing litigation and controlling costs. The potential benefits of third-party funding will be critically assessed from the perspective of the client, corporate counsel and external counsel.

Procurement and dispute resolution strategies beyond the yellow brick road: lessons learned from the Rio 2016 Olympics and other world-class sporting events

Presented by the International Construction Projects Committee

Procurement and dispute resolution strategies are key aspects of every construction project, regardless of its size or relevance. But, what happens when cost and timing are so essential for a project that they do not allow for variations of any type? Are traditional approaches to procurement and dispute resolution useful when, in the face of complex construction and engineering challenges, the parties fail to align the procurement methods with their selection of dispute resolution mechanisms?

This session will explore this and other major issues from the perspective of past, present and future world-class sporting events, including the London 2012 Olympic Games, the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, and the Qatar 2022 FIFA World Cup, extracting lessons from actual experience.

Project management in M&A transactions

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee and the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

With the increased time and fee pressures for M&A transactions, optimising efficiency is the name of the game. An important factor of effectively structuring M&A transactions is project management, which encompasses a variety of aspects ranging from realistic timing to organising best qualified teams often across several jurisdictions and preparing as well as monitoring proper budgets. Good project management requires intricate experience in M&A transactions, but also profound management skills and the necessary instruments and equipment. This joint session organised by the Law Firm Management Committee and the M&A Committee will analyse how substantive and management skills can be best combined to create optimal results for clients.

Regulatory, compliance and enforcement challenges in the Arab region

Presented by the Arab Regional Forum, the Anti-Corruption Committee, the Corporate Counsel Forum and the Litigation Committee

Regulatory, compliance and enforcement challenges in the Middle East. One challenge of globalisation is ensuring compliance with the regulatory regimes of host countries and establishing compliance programmes that meet best practices recommended by various international organisations. This session will examine the regulatory frameworks that most affect business in the Middle East:

- What are the regulatory risks of doing business in the Middle East?
- How do businesses manage export controls, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering challenges in the region?
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- What is the role of local, international and multinational enforcement agencies?
- Do arbitration centres have a role to play?

All this and more will be discussed during the Arab Regional Forum's primary event of the year.

State liability for failure to provide public security *Presented by the Negligence and Damages Committee*

A state has some basic duties to the citizens. One of such duties is to ensure that the citizen has protection and security from certain wrongs. Does a victim of insurgency have any claims against the state for injury, damage and loss caused by non-state groups?

Trade of minerals and conflict minerals: its impact on the industries

Presented by the Mining Law Committee, the International Trade and Customs Law Committee and the Technology Law Committee

This session will, on the one hand, gather top players involved in lawmaking, enforcement and compliance relating to the trade of conflict minerals and, on the other hand, gather representatives of leading corporations concerned about the trade of conflict minerals and the manufacturing of products containing metals produced from conflict minerals. A panel discussion will review the key issues and challenges that affect the trade, and the mining and manufacturing industries.

Where will my nanny/plumber come from? Middle and low-skilled worker shortages in light of the migrant currents in the EU and elsewhere

Presented by the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee and the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee

Corporate immigration mostly focuses on skilled workers and the means to ensure their international mobility in order to serve the best interests of companies. But which is the status of national legislations when it comes to the immigration of middle and lowskilled workers? Are they 'welcome' or not? Who needs them? Who shall sponsor them?

The session will thus focus on the following topics:

- open systems v immigration quotas;
- definition of middle and low-skilled workers: when does a worker 'qualify' as a 'non-qualified' worker?
- immigration procedures and labour market test;
- terms and conditions of employment for middle to low-skilled employees and other specifics from an employment law standpoint, such as minimum wages etc, in order to make the panel more inclusive;
- the need for a local sponsor in order to initiate the immigration procedure versus a 'do it on your own' approach;
- accompanying family members of middle and low-skilled workers: can they join the family? and
- the impact on local legislations of the massive flows of migrants in the world.

Young lawyers' introductory session

Presented by the Young Lawyers' Committee

This session will assist young lawyers in navigating and making the most of the Annual Conference, from tips on how to network effectively, assisting them in understanding the structure and the functioning of the IBA, as well as becoming involved in its committees.

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A conversation with... General Colin L Powell, USA (ret)

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Tour of the Supreme Court of the United States Presented by the Judges' Forum

The IBA's Judges' Forum has organised a tour of the Supreme Court, the highest court of authority in the US. Please note that places are limited.

Delegates registered for the conference will be invited to sign up in person at the conference in September 2016.

Monday 1430 – 1545

Law firm referral networks: strength in numbers or wishful thinking

Presented by the Alternative Business Structures Committee and the Law Firm Management Committee

Currently, numerous law firm referral networks exist with the purpose of providing law firms with a voluntary referral network to broaden their reach into other countries. They are not limited to small or even medium-sized firms. Firms with multiple offices may even be practising in the jurisdictions where other firms in the network are situated. Lawyers in member firms often go to their own sources, whether through personal relationships or bar association connections. Have these networks lived up to their potential? This session will feature lawyers from different referral networks and jurisdictions, and engage in a roundtable discussion, with audience involvement, to explore the value and future of such networks as an alternative business structure in itself.

Monday 1430 – 1730

Aggressive war

Presented by the War Crimes Committee

In 1945, the Nuremberg and Tokyo International Military Tribunals considered a 'war of aggression', legally a crime against peace, the most 'supreme international crime'. It differed from other war crimes, only in that 'it contains within itself the accumulated evil of the whole'. The 70th anniversary of the Nuremberg judgment offers a unique opportunity to look back at the legacy of the Nuremberg and Tokyo tribunals through the lenses of crimes against peace. What does it mean today to plan, prepare, initiate or wage wars of aggression? What are the consequences for a breach of the existing norms regulating the prohibition against the use of force to resolve international disputes? What is the meaning of the Nuremberg precedent vis-à-vis today's lack of effective remedy for the establishment of individual criminal liability for violation of international peace and security? What are the hopes and challenges that will test the ICC's ability to exercise jurisdiction on the crime of aggression pursuant the Rome Statute?

Asset preservation divorce planning

Presented by the Family Law Committee

This session relates to asset management before/during and upon divorce.

Branding in sports

Presented by the Leisure Industries Section, the North American Regional Forum and the Product Law and Advertising Committee

This programme, particularly timely in an Olympic year, will discuss the confluence of two of the most popular and powerful economic forces in the world: consumer branding and competitive athletics. It will examine particular legal issues that practitioners need to address.

Complex real estate transactions

Presented by the Real Estate Committee

Simple sale of real estate? Not at all! Nowadays, more than ever during the ordinary course of real estate deals, we face complicated/ complex structures, from the obligations imposed by the institutions financing the acquisition and problems with releasing existing securities, forward agreements, negotiations with various parties to secure that the purchaser will acquire all the properties almost at the same time, to big acquisitions of entire portfolios in various jurisdictions governed by one master agreement and subject to separate purchase agreements in each jurisdiction. And, let's not forget bond financing, tax increment financing, yieldmaintenance break-up fees, and defeasance issues and requirements, among the many issues and choices that can confront and confound the parties to the transaction, if not their counsel. Throw in crossborder issues and the legal and cultural differences inherent when transactions cross borders, and you have a transaction that presents both challenge and opportunity to all involved. The role of counsel in overseeing and running the transaction and orchestrating the activities of the many players involved in such complex real estate transactions has never been more critical. This session is not only targeted at real estate lawyers, but also at other specialists, whose practice touches real estate issues, to get the most of this discussion.

Corridors of knowledge in the Abya Yala

Presented by the Indigenous Peoples Committee

We will report on the second phase of our work transferring legal and business knowledge from the successful indigenous population of northern Canada to the still-developing indigenous population of Colombia. During our session we will be highlighting the principles derived from our bi-national visit. We will be presenting findings in conjunction with the mining committee. The project will help to establish international benchmarks for mining companies and indigenous peoples working together as partners and equals in the extraction industries.

Crime and punishment? How foreign and local corruption laws and their enforcement are impacting the business environment and legal profession in Latin America

Presented by the Latin American Regional Forum

Corruption reduces efficiency and increases inequality and it is estimated that it accounts for more than five per cent of the global GDP.

Corruption and bribery has been entangled in Latin American history for centuries; however, the response by societies and institutions has changed. An example of this is the proliferation of laws, trials, investigations, demonstrations and convictions relating to corruption.

Globalisation has also arrived to the anti-corruption fight. Latin American companies and law firms are exposing themselves to global rules such as the FCPA and the UK Bribery Act.

While the business sector is becoming more and more involved in the fight against corruption, governments and judges have shown a different approach throughout Latin America. Acts that were accepted years ago are now becoming both socially and legally punishable.

Better corporate governance rules and compliance programmes have been the response from companies and such a response shows that corruption is definitely impacting the business environment, as well as the practice of law. Companies now have risk control management and compliance officers. Law firms now have compliance partners and offer compliance programmes and corporate governance advice to clients.

The purpose of this session is to conduct an analysis of the changes in the business environment and in the legal profession as a result of the fight against corruption.

Digital life after death. Now is the time to think about your post-mortem digital assets Presented by the Intellectual Property, Communications and

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Facebook mortality is currently running at about 300,000 per month. This is just one facet of a much bigger issue. Many people now use various cloud and social media platforms as the primary, indeed often exclusive, repositories for their correspondence, photos, music, documents and other materials with actual or potential value.

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From a legal perspective, in addition to specific inheritance or succession considerations, disputes are likely due to inconsistent IP treatment of offline and online content. Physical copies of books and musical recordings that are sold and can then be transferred to others, whereas e-books and online music are generally subject to limited licences.

The terms of service of many cloud providers typically restrict or prohibit transfers of content and even disclosure of passwords to third parties such as next-of-kin or executors and trustees.

Moreover, due to the commingling of information about deceased and living individuals, digital assets will also give rise to complex privacy and data protection issues.

This session will address not only the legal challenges but will also explore possible solutions, including the emergence of digital memorialisation services and potential roles for commercial 'digital registrars' as well as individual agency arrangements relating to online content.

Dispute Resolution Section Showcase: effective advocacy for all modes of dispute resolution

Presented by the Dispute Resolution Section and the Forum for Barristers and Advocates

A fundamental element of all forms of dispute resolution, effective advocacy is something most disputes lawyers continue to hone throughout their careers. This year's dispute resolution showcase will focus on the art and science of effective advocacy. Consisting of interactive workshop sessions and demonstrations by some of the world's finest advocates, this showcase session will explore what works and what doesn't, as well as how to tailor the fundamentals of effective advocacy to different audiences and needs. This showcase session will be a 'must-see' – and a great deal of fun – for disputes lawyers at all stages of their careers.

How can bar associations help young lawyers?

Presented by the Bar Issues Commission and the Young Lawyers' Committee

Law practice is becoming increasingly specialised and quite often when young lawyers qualify they are only beginning their journey towards the practice of a legal speciality. How does a young lawyer know what professional direction to pursue, post qualification? How can bar associations help with career guidance, with directing young lawyers towards the type of law practice best suited to the talents of individual young lawyers and towards those aspects of law where there is a shortage of legally qualified lawyers and therefore where there are better opportunities for career advancement? To what extent should bar associations help young lawyers by providing specialist courses, speciality accreditation and continuous professional development courses? Furthermore, to what extent and in what way should bar associations support young lawyers' organisations and involve these young lawyer organisations in their structures? In what respects do young lawyers feel their bar associations are deficient and what advice would they give bar associations as to how they should improve the services they offer in this regard?

This session, which is jointly organised by the Bar Issues Commission and the Young Lawyers' Committee, will look at these issues from the separate perspectives of bar associations and young lawyers. Speakers will be drawn from the leaders of both bar associations and young lawyers' organisations to discuss this important and interesting topic.

HRI SHOWCASE: Human Rights in the United States – a letter to the next President from the international legal community

Presented by the IBA's Human Rights Institute

By the end of 2016, the United States will know who the next President will be and they will take office in January 2017. This session will take a detailed look at the human rights situation in the US as discussed by a distinguished panel. All participants at the session will be provided with a template open letter to the new President and will be invited to make suggestions on what to include in the substance of the letter, which will be completed by HRI staff on the basis of the suggestions made at the session and then presented as an open letter to the new incumbent.

Intersection: business, politics and the legal profession

Presented by the Corporate Law Section, the Banking Law Committee and the Securities Law Committee

Private business activities can have major social impacts. When they do, lawyers abound.

This diverse panel of private-practice lawyers, in-house counsel, politicians, government staff, lobbyists and public interest advocates will tell it like it is – how legal skills and training are used to advance and reconcile their constituencies' often divergent objectives. The panellists – in two sessions – will engage each other and the audience in wide-ranging give-and-take discussions of what determines who wins or loses or just survives to fight another day when government approval and ongoing oversight are key to the success of commercial endeavours. The heightened political atmosphere of the US elections, which will then be in full swing, will no doubt add a special contemporary dimension.

Latest developments in US tax policy: how are they affecting multinational companies, and how are taxpayers and governments reacting? (regional topic)

Presented by the Taxes Committee

A US showcase session with two elements: one consisting of current and former governmental officials discussing governmental activity focused on international developments, and the second of chief tax officers of multinational companies focused on the approach of major multinationals to tax planning and compliance. The session will also address the interaction of the US tax system with other tax systems, the strains inherent in the current state of affairs and potential fundamental tax reform in the US.

Liability issues for airlines, aircraft manufacturers and governments

Presented by the Aviation Law Committee

This panel will offer a comparative law survey of 'truly intriguing' issues in airline and aircraft manufacturer liability. We will discuss how the laws of different countries deal with important issues relating to airline and aircraft manufacturer liability, such as available causes of action for product defects, whether punitive damages and preimpact damages are recoverable, aviation treaty issues pertaining to airline liability, and procedural devices for consolidating claims from a common disaster.

Managing legal and compliance risk in running your practice: what key risks are keeping you awake at night and the tips for managing them (and getting back to sleep!)

Presented by the Regulation of Lawyers' Compliance Committee

Just when you feel everything is under control and you've dealt with one legal or compliance challenge, another emerges. This session will discuss the key legal and compliance issues that law firms are

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currently grappling with, and strategies to help managing partners, in-house legal teams, executive and professional practice partners and other business staff to manage them (and, hopefully, sleep better at night). It will be a wide-ranging discussion – and no risky subject is off-limits! So from implementing new data protection regulations and the Privacy Shield, or introducing risk review and IT systems for client matter inception processes or addressing cybersecurity or getting to grips with sources of malpractice claims and updating your firm-wide compliance approach to anti-bribery and corruption laws – there will be at least one useful takeaway.

Mock trial: what were you thinking? The criminal trial of a multinational company and its CEO on corruption and fraud charges

Presented by the Criminal Law Section

This interactive criminal trial looks at the potential liability of a corporation and its CEO, charged with numerous counts of foreign bribery, conspiracy, money laundering and criminal breach of trust.

The session will examine key issues of:

• jurisdiction of US courts over foreign corporations and their officers;

• the criminal liability of a corporation and that of individual directors, officers and employees in the organisational setting;

- the liability of a corporation and its CEO for conduct of foreign subsidiaries and their agents;
- the availability of plea bargaining to reduce or eliminate the criminal exposure of the corporation and/or corporate of officers; and
- avoiding the unexpected: anticipating and responding to parallel criminal and regulatory proceedings in multiple jurisdictions.

Navigating sanctions in a changing world

Presented by the International Trade and Customs Law Committee and the International Sales Committee

Economic sanctions can trip even the most diligent, as today's ally can become tomorrow's enemy. Furthermore, imposing sanctions is easier than removing them, resulting in measures that can surprise the unsuspecting with criminal and civil penalties. This panel will explore the current state of economic sanctions on trade and investment, and what clients and advisers can do to reduce risks and stay in compliance.

Ports and terminals

Presented by the Maritime and Transport Law Committee

The session will consider the complex interaction between oceangoing vessels and the infrastructure that supports their calls to load and discharge cargo. It will focus mainly on:

- the important security issues involved, including cybersecurity problems, for both ships and terminals;
- the various conditions of use contracts, towage and pilotage agreements that private terminals and towing companies are requiring vessel masters to sign as a condition for calling at such terminals or using their services, including the enforceability of clauses that exculpate, waive or limit the terminal's, pilot's and/or tug's liability for damage to terminal facilities and the environment;
- the applicable damage principles for measuring such damage, including 'new for old' and depreciation allowances and mitigation requirements; and
- the commercial, logistical and legal implications of the everincreasing size and drafts of the vessels calling at port facilities.

Sustainable development goals

Presented by the Pro Bono Committee

The UN sustainable development goals constitute a challenge to lawyers and their clients. Can lawyers be a positive influence in the achievement of these goals through their own practices and their interaction with their clients? Are there particular goals on which efforts should be concentrated? What concrete actions can lawyers take in the short or longer term?

The commodity price downturn: would the industries survive?

Presented by the Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section

The commodity price downturn that currently affects the oil, gas and mining industries has strongly impacted the markets. Companies have been forced to restructure their business, making huge efforts to reduce their costs, increase efficiency, divest under-performing assets, and so on. Despite these efforts, market capitalisation of companies has been heavily impacted. This panel will analyse the causes of the current downturn cycle, how long it is expected to last and how much it will impact the extractive industries.

Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and its impact on transatlantic relations

Presented by the European Regional Forum and the North American Regional Forum

The setting of this year's Annual Conference in Washington, DC provides an ideal opportunity for a discussion about the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

TTIP offers immense prospects for employment and economic growth and will help set high global standards for trade; however, the agreement is controversial and mired in myth.

The 11th round of US-EU negotiations on TTIP finished in October 2015 and expectations on both sides of the Atlantic are high.

Yet the possible benefits and threats have been poorly debated, at least publicly.

The session, jointly organised by the European Regional Forum and the North American Regional Forum, will be an excellent venue to bring together a panel of politicians, diplomats and academics to discuss economic, political and social aspects of the proposed economic integration.

Welcome to our country! But please... put down that job application

Presented by the Human Resources Section

A debate over refugees, the Syrian/African diasporas, employment opportunities and inclusion.

With the Syrian and North African crises, lots of countries in Europe and around the world finally got serious about accepting refugees on a massive scale, offering humanitarian asylum. But the 'dirty little secret' regarding refugee asylum is that many (not all) countries outlaw legally admitted refugees from working and, in practice, employers may be reluctant to hire newly admitted asylum seekers. Are these regimes improperly discriminating against the refugees they claim to shelter? How sustainable is admission into a country that locks you in a camp and stops you from earning a living?

This special session will shine a light on the refugee right-to-work problem by featuring a spirited, extemporaneous moderated debate over refugee right-to-work policy and address issues such as:

- Asylum-seeking status and possessing a valid work authorisation

 is there a difference, and what records do employers need to
 legally hire asylum seekers?
- Dovetailing asylum and local government job placement programmes what global employers should know
- Hiring the best talent assessing job skills and experience of asylum seekers when corroborating documentation is lacking – challenges for employers

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- Employers' conundrum acting as good corporate citizens by promoting the hiring of asylum seekers and stepping in discrimination pitfalls
- Integrating asylum seekers into the workforce what to know, avoid and best practices for global employers
- Immigration discrimination: compliance and liability issues as to rejecting asylee candidates
- Exploitation and human trafficking: verifying that aslyee employees – both direct staff and employees of suppliers and contractors – are not improperly taken advantage of

Win more work – turn contacts into clients and referrers: Pippa's COPACABANA approach to international networking

This session will give you relevant practical tips and ideas on how to grow your practice and how to:

- network successfully;
- build relationships internationally;
- make the most of any event you attend without feeling 'pushy' or uncomfortable;
- introduce yourself to other people and remember their names;
- extract yourself from boring people;
- follow-up with any people you meet in a personal way, including on social media;
- develop and strengthen relationships with referrers and intermediaries;
- read other people's body language and control your own;
- find reasons to keep in touch in different ways;
- talk about fees without embarrassment;
- conduct sales meetings with confidence; and
- win new work.

Would, could, should: the role of government in the protection of human rights by ensuring business respect for such rights

Presented by the Public Law Section and the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee

This session will examine the state's duty to protect the human rights of individuals within its territory and/or jurisdiction, and the ways in which governments do, could or should regulate business conduct – including by providing access to remedies for human rights violations involving businesses – to ensure that this state duty is fulfilled. The session will examine emerging policies and legislative initiatives and consider their sufficiency and effectiveness in achieving this objective. The session will also consider the ways in which states may ensure that businesses under their jurisdiction respect human rights throughout their operations, wherever those may be.

Monday 1615 – 17<u>30</u>

Identifying and realising the business development value contained in networks and alliances

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee and the Alternative Business Structures Committee

This session will:

- examine the return on investment for a firm participating in a network/alliance, in terms of both tangible and intangible benefits;
- discuss what investment really means in terms of financial and other contribution or commitment; and
- explore the case for staying out of any network/alliance, in order to provide the audience with as much guidance as possible, to consider the cases for and against such participation, so that if a firm does proceed with such an initiative, it can do so with its eyes wide open.

Tuesday 0800 – 09<u>30</u>

IBA Bar breakfast hosted by the American Bar Association (ABA)

The ABA Futures report and the current legal terrain in the US



At its mid-year meeting in February 2016, the ABA House of Delegates adopted a set of factors that should be considered by courts and regulatory bodies in addressing the multitude of options for delivery of legal services. Legal Zoom, Avvo, limited licence legal technicians

and other non-traditional models, including delivery of legal services by non-lawyers, raise issues of regulation and ethics. The programme will explore and compare the recent work of the ABA Futures Commission with that of other countries, and focus on the current ABA policy as recently adopted by the House of Delegates, and the impact on not only state by state regulation, but the international ramifications as well.

Tuesday 0930 - 1030

Morning Keynote Address

Taking advantage of the conference's location in Washington, DC, each day will begin with a keynote address by a leading official of the US Government and multilateral institutions. **Attorney General Loretta Lynch and Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson** have agreed to provide a keynote address (subject of course to unexpected world events), to be followed by a question and answer session; other invitations have been issued. The dates for each address and additional speakers will be confirmed and announced closer to the conference.

Tuesday 1045 - 1200

Enabling technology and defeating devices technology, crooks and whistleblowers. The employer's dilemma of alienating or embracing whistleblowers

Presented by the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee, and the Anti-Corruption Committee

New technology may make it easier for corporate fraud and embezzlement to occur. However, when an employee reports detected corporate transgressions, the employer's response becomes equally as important as the substance of the charge. This session will focus on how employers treat the whistleblowing employee. If the employer disagrees with the whistleblowing employee's perception of what constitutes a corporate transgression, does the employer treat the employee as a rogue employee? Or, is the more prudent approach to embrace the employee until the completion of a thorough investigation. This session will also include as a speaker a former employee who was a whistleblower.

News from around the world

Presented by the International Franchising Committee

This session will present the main legal developments in franchising around the world.

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Practical issues in entity classification and claiming tax treaty benefits for transparent entities *Presented by the Taxes Committee*

Many jurisdictions allow a range of types of tax transparent entity, from general and limited partnerships and LLPs, to unit trusts and cooperatives, to opaque corporate entities that can elect to be taxed as transparent instead. What issues arise when seeking benefits under double tax treaties? Will treaty benefits be blocked by BEPS actions?

Preventing climate chaos: the latest judicial, legal and policy developments in achieving justice and human rights in an era of climate disruption

Presented by the Presidential Task Force on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights, the Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee and the IBA's Human Rights Institute

Carbon emissions are increasing, global temperatures and sea levels are rising and human suffering associated with climate disruption is intensifying – despite more than two decades of world government talks through the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

In the face of the frustrating pace and results to date of international discussions, and the short time period scientists have warned in which emissions must be mitigated, there is a growing trend for citizen suits asking domestic courts to rule national and even subnational governments have duties to effectively mitigate emissions based on constitutional, civil and human rights. The legal profession and the judiciary are also now recognising the vital role they can play in preventing climate chaos.

In October 2014, the IBA released its ground-breaking report, *Achieving Justice and Human Rights in an Era of Climate Disruption*. The report, by the Presidential Task Force on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights, provided over 50 recommendations that world and state bodies could implement to progress climate justice. These included more effective use of the courts and human rights tribunals to mitigate emissions, providing effective remedies for those already suffering from climate disruption and identifying new measures and means for achieving justice in climate disruption adaptation measures, such as granting legal status to persons displaced by climate change and achieving food security.

This session will provide an update on the latest judicial, legal, and policy developments and trends in achieving justice and human rights in an era of climate disruption. It will include the following focal points:

- the possible worldwide implications of the ground-breaking decision in *Urgenda v the Netherlands, Asghar Leghari v Pakistan* and other court and human rights climate decisions and claims operationalising the role of lawyers, judges and human rights tribunals in holding governments accountable for inadequate carbon emission reduction policies;
- the launch of a new Model Climate Change Remedies Statute

 this session will provide the first opportunity to discuss this
 forthcoming report to be published in September 2016 with the
 Working Group Co-Chairs;
- the launch of another new report, *Justice Issues in Climate Adaptation* by the IBA Climate Justice Adaptation Working Group. This session will provide the first opportunity to discuss this forthcoming report's findings and recommendations for new or revised international agreements and state measures for recognition and protection of persons displaced through climate change, and the right to food security;
- progress by the IBA in advancing IBA Presidential TaskForce on Climate Justice and Human Rights recommendations to international bodies, including the UN Global Compact, UN Environment Programme, UNFCCC, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Human Rights Council, and Permanent Court of Arbitration; and

some key issues arising from the December 2015 UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties in Paris, such as: prospects for the anticipated new agreement to be effective, legally binding and to further human rights; and whether and how effective compensation mechanisms will be achieved for loss and damage occurring to least developed countries in circumstances where climate disruption could not be prevented and losses are beyond those for which adaptation can be used.

See you later, arbitrator! Is arbitration a suitable alternative to resolve intellectual property disputes?

Presented by the Arbitration Committee and the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee

There appears to be an increase in the number of IP disputes that are resolved by arbitration. What makes that way so attractive? Are there obstacles to overcome, in particular regarding jurisdiction and public policy? Are certain disputes better handled by state courts? What is the perspective of the users from the industry? Have the recent modifications of various arbitration rules (including WIPO) brought some helpful features that make arbitration even more attractive? Arbitrators and counsel specialising in intellectual property as well as in-house counsel frequently dealing with IP disputes will try to give their answers to these questions.

Sleepless in the C-suite: how you can help GCs sleep at night

Presented by the North American Regional Forum, the Corporate Counsel Forum and the Law Firm Management Committee

Managing legal issues in a non-stop global environment, dealing with ordinary and extraordinary scenarios 24/7, may be draining and a sleepless nightmare if General Counsels (GCs) do not have the right inside and outside teams. The session will explore the key issues that keep GCs awake and what they expect from outside counsel in today's technology driven interconnected world to help them sleep soundly.

Tuesday 1045 - 1230

2016-2017 tax actions to file: hot topics

Presented by the Individual Tax and Private Client Committee

This panel will focus on the hottest and more recent topics in the international private client arena. Issues that will be tackled are the most recent national provisions on exchange of information, the push towards more transparency in the trust sector, as well as the post-voluntary disclosure asset protection techniques.

Aircraft purchase contracts, as viewed by the airframe and engine manufacturers, airlines and finance parties

Presented by the Aviation Law Committee

Aircraft fleet choices are among the most important business decisions to be made by airlines. This session will review some of the key decisions to be made in negotiating aircraft purchase agreements, including choice of airframe and engine types, timing of deliveries, customisation options, manufacturer credits and product support, progress payments and financing, delays, warranties and critical issues to be negotiated with engine manufacturers.

Autonomous driving and car connectivity

Presented by the Technology Law Committee and the Communications Law Committee

'Autonomous driving' and 'car connectivity' are two of the most prominent buzzwords these days relating to potentially truly disruptive technologies. These topics raise a large number of issues, just to name a few:

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- How shall autonomous driving be regulated?
- Will it increase or reduce the number of accidents?
- Who will be responsible for what?
- What does it mean for insurance?
- How to solve the programming dilemma: if a child suddenly runs in front of a car, how shall the car react?
- What does it mean for urban living (do we still need garages within the city)?
- Who owns the traffic flow data that is produced by a moving car?
- How and by whom must consent be given for collecting personal data?
- For which purposes can such data be used (eq, also by insurances? in case of accidents, etc)?

David v Goliath: how small entrepreneurs can be successful in negotiations with multinational corporations

Presented by the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee, the Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee and the Technology Law Committee

Based on real-life experiences, this interactive session will look at successful negotiation techniques and tactics for entrepreneurs and development stage businesses when negotiating with large, multinational players. Different rules, same game: in the first part of the session, we will have a live negotiation/case study in the guick living technology sector, while in the second part, we will do the same in the capital-intensive life sciences sector.

Departures from and lateral hires into law firms

Presented by the Professional Ethics Committee, the Alternative Business Structures Committee and the Law Firm Management Committee

This session will address the critical issues surrounding the movement of lawyers or groups of lawyers between firms. To whom does the client belong? And the fees? How about the files? Notices to clients: who does it and when? Protecting the client, head hunter liability, resulting conflicts and compliance obligations that the lawyers must observe will also be considered.

Effective antitrust compliance programmes

Presented by the Young Lawyers' Committee, the Antitrust Committee and the Corporate Counsel Forum

This session will offer practical advice on how to design and implement effective antitrust compliance programmes, including designing programmes to maximise the availability of leniency credit.

How African lawyers and bar associations should respond to foreign lawyers seeking to perform professional services in their jurisdictions Presented by the African Regional Forum

International and regional free trade agreements and protocols introduced an era of liberalisation of trade in services. Clients are doing business across borders, lawyers are following their clients, and technological advancements are enhancing the ability of lawyers to do business globally.

Yet asymmetries exist among jurisdictions. Furthermore, jurisdictions are at different levels of development as far as advances in provision of legal services is concerned.

Africa has enjoyed sustained growth during the past 15 years. This growth is attracting investors and service providers, including legal service providers, from other jurisdictions.

The session will seek to answer the question of how African lawyers should respond to this relentless and inexorable advance into Africa of the globalisation of the trade in legal services.

How to navigate corporate scandals: the need for 'super lawyers' with criminal and commercial litigation skills. Part 1 – the fact-finding phase Presented by the Litigation Committee and the Business Crime

Committee

As Volkswagen, BP, Petrobras and FIFA will attest, most major corporations will face a corporate scandal at some point. The lines between civil and criminal law become blurred when such a scandal erupts. The lawyers involved face the tricky task of managing the sometimes-competing demands of civil, regulatory and criminal law. This panel, run in two parts over a morning and afternoon session, will enable attendees to identify the key landmines and how to avoid them.

The initial phase of any crisis involves finding out what happened and deciding what to tell the relevant authorities, shareholders, key customers and employees. This session will be a practical workshop on topics including:

- the pressure to comment and respond before the full facts are known;
- getting your investigation right: how do you conduct a thorough investigation while respecting employees' rights? What, if anything, do you put in a written investigation report?
- dealing with regulators or prosecution authorities: how and when should you draw a line between cooperation and incrimination? the competing interests of the company and its people; and
- aligning your client's media strategy with its position in civil or criminal proceedings.

Law firm management profit-increasing café

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

We will look into the question of how to grow revenues and profits in difficult markets. We would expect that participants in the café would discuss critical issues and current challenges in areas such as:

- How to overcome pricing challenges from clients?
- How to increase profit margins despite pressure?
- How to make commodity work more profitable if there is less premium work?
- How to maintain profits by achieving higher efficiency?
- How technology changes can make profits increase through better working practices?
- How staff costs can be reduced by working smarter?
- How cashflow challenges can be overcome?
- How to invest in technology so that profitability will increase?
- How investing in new offices can be undertaken so that profits will increase?

The Café format will also allow the table to discuss these issues and share insights and solutions.

Money for old rope: obtaining and enforcing patents relating to new uses of known products Presented by the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee

The issue of obtaining and enforcing patents for new uses of known products is a controversial one. On one side of the argument, those opposed to the grant of such patents say that new patent protection should not be given to known products. On the other side of the debate, those seeking such patents say that they are entitled to protection in circumstances where they have invested heavily in investigating and developing new uses for known products and have spent vast sums of money obtaining regulatory approval to market such products.

Tuesday 1045 – 1230 (continued)

The other significant challenge relating to patents for new uses of known products is the enforcement of such patents. Generally speaking, the manufacture alone of a product covered by a 'new use' patent will not infringe that patent. It is only when the product is put to the patented use that an infringement occurs. This presents a range of enforcement challenges, including issues associated with identifying infringers and taking action for indirect and contributory infringement.

This session will discuss the competing interests and viewpoints in relation to this very topical issue.

Navigating dispute resolution in North America and the Asia Pacific region – do we use the same ship?

Presented by the Asia Pacific Regional Forum, the Litigation Committee and the Mediation Committee

With the rise of the Asian economies, Asian investments and business activities in North America have increased significantly over the years. In this session, our panel of leading international lawyers will explore the dispute resolution landscape in North America in relation to these incoming international contracts and discuss the trends and reasons that determine the choice of law and dispute resolution mechanisms. The speakers will share their experiences in negotiating dispute resolution clauses, conducting proceedings (in courts, arbitration or mediation), navigating expectations of clients from different legal systems and cultures, and ultimately how these proceedings play out within the complex litigation landscape of North America. The panellists will also discuss the increasing prominence of multi-tiered dispute resolution clauses and whether mediation, often found in contracts as the first tier of the dispute resolution process, should be approached as an end in itself rather than a first step to be taken in the ultimate journey to litigation or arbitration.

Puerto Rico and other developments in sovereign debt restructuring

Presented by the Banking Law Committee, the Securities Law Committee and the Insolvency Section

It isn't just about Greece anymore. Puerto Rico, Argentina and other sovereign debtors are stepping up to the debt restructuring process with new challenges and new opportunities. Among the topics to be examined are the treatment of quasi-sovereign debt, the role of the courts, political considerations, and the use of traditional and nontraditional financial market solutions.

Rocking your (financial) world: FinTech and financial market infrastructure

Presented by the Capital Markets Forum and the Technology Law Committee

New financial technology – 'FinTech' – has spawned a range of new financial services, driven by the 'cloud', increased use of opensource software and other technological innovations. FinTech has also created new classes of financial service providers, as increasing complexity and regulatory costs fundamentally change the business model of investment banking post-financial crisis.

While these innovations have brought us new possibilities in areas as diverse as crowdfunding, peer-to-peer lending, algorithmic asset management and thematic investing, they have introduced new risks, including exposure to virtual criminal activity and regulatory initiatives in areas such as data protection, tax, cross-border jurisdiction, and even sovereignty. The risks to financial infrastructure providers such as central securities depositories and settlement systems are particularly acute, as the pace and nature of innovation gives rise to concerns about safety and effectiveness, given these institutions' role in maintaining and promoting financial stability and economic growth. This session will explore the booming FinTech industry and its effects on financial markets infrastructure. Topics addressed will include how FinTech is reshaping interactions among financial market participants, safety and effectiveness, regulatory challenges associated with investor protection, and operational risk.

Seventy years after the judgment at Nuremberg – has the US failed to support international justice at the ICC?

Presented by the War Crimes Committee

A mock trial prosecution of the US for not joining the International Criminal Court (ICC) with the pro-ICC and anti-ICC sides presenting their cases upon this important international issue. Each side will have three eminent witnesses dealing with the issues for and against the ICC presented through counsel and presided over by a US judge. The audience will be asked to vote as the jury at the end of the trial.

The trial will be covered through prosecution counsel Greg Kehoe:

- 1. the legacy of Nuremberg and the involvement in the Treaty of Rome of the US;
- 2. the merits of international justice;
- 3. the damage by US failure and the need for their joining the ICC.

Defence counsel Steven Kay QC will present the US case against joining the ICC as being:

- 1. policy, risks to independence and lack of acceptance of system by other states including Russia and China;
- 2. the failings of the ICC;
- the support for international justice by the US makes it a positive force.

This will be a lively and dynamic session examining a topic of global strategic importance for the US.

Should we raise the walls or lower them? The future of Schengen provisions and border control *Presented by the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee*

The border-free Schengen Area currently guarantees free movement to more than 400 million EU citizens, as well as to many non-EU nationals, business people, tourists or other persons legally present on the EU territory.

War, terror and the refugee crisis are causing certain Schengen states to reinstate national border controls and may accelerate the development of new forms of surveillance to the detriment of freedom of movement and rights under international treaties and conventions.

The panel will discuss the tools already in place, such as the Schengen Information System II; tools to come, such as the commission's 'Smart Borders' programme; and the empowerment of EU border control agency, Frontex. The panel will also go beyond the Schengen Area to see how other countries with vast borders are controlling them.

Spin-offs, breakups and demergers

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

With an increasing emphasis on industry focus and scale, spin-offs, breakups and demergers have become an increasingly common path for the corporate board to create value in recent years, globally. These deals are a regular part of the M&A palate and involve many of the same strategic considerations and complexities of execution as traditional M&A. This panel will explore these complexities with lawyers from prominent transactions who will unpack the thinking and negotiations involved in specific deals as well as the structuring and feasibility issues across jurisdictions.

Update on current trends in liabilities of officers, directors and stakeholders of privately and publicly held companies

Presented by the Negligence and Damages Committee

A director of a public or private limited company, acting within the scope of their authority, by an act or omission causes damage to a third party. In such situations, under relevant statutes in different jurisdictions what will be the liability of the director and the company? What will be the liability under the civil or common law? Will the liability be different if the director acted outside the scope of their authority as director?

Water wars – the next driver of global conflict: thirst and the rule of law

Presented by the Water Law Committee

With water supplies getting drier across the world, this session will explore the legal consequences of long-term water scarcity; the panel will also analyse the economic impact of cross-border, regional and social unrest caused by such water wars and concomitant legal battles.

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A conversation with... Robert S Mueller, III

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Tuesday 1430 - 1545

Life cycles 1: following a product from inception to end user

Part 1 – the inception, from the plan to the product *Presented by the International Sales Committee and the Product Law and Advertising Committee*

For four different panels, this group of sessions will follow a specific product during its entire lifetime. Starting with the initial idea to the final usage of the product by the customer, the panellists will discuss and highlight the main legal questions that will arise and have to be resolved during this time. The topic will be divided into four subtopics.

Part 1 will discuss the most important legal questions arising at the beginning of the product's lifetime such as developing the product dealing with rights regarding the product design, that is in relation to employees and/or independent suppliers and consumers; advertising planning; protection of trade secrets during the further development and securing intellectual property rights.

Making life easier? Facilitating temporary entry for lawyers: why, how and under what circumstances?

Presented by the Regulation of Lawyers' Compliance Committee

This session will consider the latest developments in immigration regimes (and associated regulatory contexts) governing lawyers both unilaterally and in trade agreements and will outline for discussion and input the IBA's proposed model options for trading blocs, governments and lawyer regulatory bodies to consider when approaching this issue.

New technology and work – robotics and how it affects the (shrinking) remaining human being at the workplace

Presented by the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee, the Banking Law Committee and the Technology Law Committee

New technology profoundly impacts the way of work. New technology may be enabling – allowing individuals to accomplish tasks previously beyond human reach/strength – or new technology also has a displacing impact by replacing human beings as workers. This panel will examine the impact of the introduction of new technologies in the workplace on those employees who remain behind. The panel will discuss issues of training, psychological impact of 'my job may be next' for automation and the increased pressure that technology places on higher productivity by the human beings who utilise the technology.

New York Convention

Presented by the Arbitration Committee

This session will discuss particular issues arising out of the New York Convention, notably based on various reports received by the subcommittee.

Tuesday 1430 – 1730

Barbarians at the gate: the attack on professionalism

Presented by the Forum for Barristers and Advocates, the Judges' Forum, the Bar Issues Commission and the Young Lawyers' Committee

Barbarians at the gate, part I: ethics versus professionalism

As pressure for work for lawyers increases as a result of globalisation and non-lawyers doing legal work, lawyers are becoming more competitive for business than ever before. Adversarial relationships, long marked by aggressiveness tempered by professional courtesy, are more and more marked by hostility instead. This is not limited to the courtroom or in arbitration, but transactional negotiations at all levels. Concern over the 'new normal' of behaviour has led some to seek to equate breaches of professionalism with breaches of ethical rules of conduct. Particularly in the international context, cultural issues also become important: one jurisdiction's acceptable behaviour is another jurisdiction's sanctionable conduct. Where are the lines? This programme explores these issues through two role-playing scenarios, both in dispute resolution and the corporate world, with informed discussion and commentary from the panellists, and ample opportunity for active audience participation and engagement.

Barbarians at the gate, part 2: the attack on professionalism

Are the conventions that have underpinned the practice of law now challenged by new paradigms? Or have they been displaced? Do traditional modes of entry into the profession meet contemporary expectations of law graduates? How has the rise of consumerism affected the ways in which lawyers act, advise and charge, and what are the implications for professional standards? In the 21st century, is a lawyer's duty to the administration of justice truly paramount, or has it been overtaken by other duties? What does it now mean to be a lawyer? Is it any different now to be a member of the independent referral bar? Is the ancient model of the independent barrister – a sole practitioner who is expected to be honest, honourable and available to be retained by either side to a dispute - bad for business? Or should changes over the past 20 years simply be seen as the inevitable development of a profession that can trace its origins back to a time before Chaucer? And what is the response of judges and the courts - are they attuned to modern professional attitudes, practices and expectations? These questions, and more, will be examined in a highly interactive session featuring international judges and bar leaders.

Tuesday 1430 – 1730 (continued)

Creating a pro bono infrastructure appropriate for your law firm

Presented by the Pro Bono Committee and the Law Firm Management Committee

This session will consider how a pro bono function can be managed within law firms, and will examine various models, including the involvement of dedicated legal and non-legal staff and committee and similar structures. The extent to which firms, particularly smaller firms, can share resources will also be discussed. Interaction with external parties such as pro bono clearing houses may also assist firms in developing their pro bono efforts but needs to be managed internally as well as externally.

Cross-border insolvency: UNCITRAL Model Law statutes 15 years later – time for an upgrade?

Presented by the Insolvency Section and the Legislation and Policy Subcommittee

It's been over 15 years since the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency was first enacted by Mexico and Japan, and then later came into effect in a small number of other jurisdictions, including the United States as Chapter 15 of the US Bankruptcy Code. While its supporters heralded Chapter 15 and similar statutes as ushering in a new global regime for cross-border insolvency cooperation through widespread enactment of the Model Law, fewer than 20 UNCITRAL member states have done so to date, limiting its jurisdictional effect. Our panel of international insolvency law practitioners, judges and law reform experts will provide an overview of practice under Chapter 15, how it differs from cases under US Chapters 7 and 11, and the substantial universe of cases beyond Chapter 15's reach. The session will examine where Chapter 15 or the UNCITRAL Model Law enacted by other countries works especially well (for example, recognition of foreign proceedings and granting of discretionary relief in single debtor cases) and where the Model Law has fallen short (such as failures to facilitate: turnover of assets to a foreign jurisdiction, enforcement of foreign court orders giving universal effect to foreign proceedings or limiting opening of concurrent local proceedings; and coordination of global corporate group insolvency proceedings). Panellists will interact with conference participants in a forum-style discussion of best practices and possible legislative reform models and initiatives on the horizon.

Design-build/EPC contracts: legal and practical issues encountered

Presented by the International Construction Projects Committee

This session will review and discuss some key legal and practical issues often encountered in practice when a design-build/EPC contract is used. It will review advantages and disadvantages of this contract model, risk management issues, pre-qualification of contractors, differences in approach between building and industrial projects, use of standard form/bespoke contracts, performance-based specification/performance guarantee issues, effective management of the design submittal process, change management issues and the role (if any) of the employer's engineer.

Global enforcers roundtable

Presented by the Antitrust Committee

Senior antitrust enforcers from around the world will participate in a global discussion of current antitrust enforcement issues.

Global entrepreneurship – young lawyers and young entrepreneurs: a mismatch or a winning combination?

Presented by the Young Lawyers' Committee and the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee

A session of experts, young entrepreneurs and young lawyers will describe and compare their experiences in establishing new companies and startups around the world.

This session will analyse and compare different approaches and views, from the universities to the global markets, with a focus on winning combinations.

How to navigate corporate scandals: the need for 'super lawyers' with criminal and commercial litigation skills. Part 2: the remediation phase Presented by the Business Crime Committee and the Litigation Committee

As Volkswagen, BP, Petrobras and FIFA will attest, most major corporations will face a corporate scandal at some point. The lines between civil and criminal law become blurred when such a scandal erupts. The lawyers involved face the tricky task of managing the sometimes-competing demands of civil, regulatory and criminal law. This panel, run in two parts over a morning and afternoon session, will enable attendees to identify the key landmines and how to avoid them.

Corporate scandals generate complex legal problems, including employment law challenges, disputes with counterparties (customers, suppliers, etc), shareholder actions, regulatory sanctions, class actions and criminal prosecutions.

This session will be an interactive panel discussion on topics including:

- aligning your client's evidence and strategy in civil, regulatory and/ or criminal proceedings;
- utilising civil and criminal law tools to recover assets; and
- aligning your client's legal and commercial strategy, including the need to 'move on'.

How can we contribute to the innovation of the legal profession?

Presented by the Women Lawyers' Interest Group

In this interactive session, the speakers will discuss the opportunities global megatrends offer to the legal profession and how challenges can best be tackled. Topics will include the structure and management of law firms, effects of IT and outsourcing, as well as understanding and anticipating megatrends. Moreover, the panellists will deal with the concept of innovation and how this can be introduced to the legal business.

Human trafficking, immigration and satellites

Presented by the Space Law Committee and the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee

The issue of the huge movement of migrants and migrant smuggling transcends land, air and sea borders, and requires a response that does likewise – with the efficient and coordinated use of satellite technology. Satellite images will be an essential tool in monitoring and tracking migrants and refugees, and in the elaboration and coordination of an international regulatory regime dealing with the issue. This session will look into the possibilities and legal issues arising from such activities.

Integration of the Ruggie Principles into global bar associations

Presented by the Human Rights Law Committee

In June 2011, in an unprecedented step, the United Nations Human Rights Council unanimously endorsed a set of Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The guiding principles presented by John Ruggie now need to be adopted by the legal establishment. This session will present the Ruggie Principles and a call to action to bar associations, law societies, law firms and global corporations. Unless the principle find a home in these institutions, they will not have the broad impact necessary to properly advance the cause of human rights. Members of the panel will represent law societies, large law firms and global corporations, and discuss both the challenges to, and benefits of, adopting the Ruggie Principles.

Lost in translation: part 3

Presented by the Senior Lawyers' Committee and the Young Lawyers' Committee

This is the third of what, by general consent, have been excellent sessions led by Peter Alfandary on cross-cultural matters. In this session, Peter and his panellists will be focusing upon how cultural differences affect the success or failure of negotiations; how do culturally intelligent lawyers 'flex' their negotiating styles to get the best outcome; the session, as in previous years, will include a short masterclass followed by an interview with leading practitioners skilled in the art of cross-border negotiating.

LPD Showcase: new corporate gladiators – leaders of multinational business in a highly regulated environment

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee and the Legal Practice Division (LPD)

Today's regulatory environment has made corporate life increasingly challenging for business leaders. Corporate scandals have existed from the beginning of corporate time and became top-of-mind with Enron's wildly publicized debacle in 2001. This together with the 2008 financial crisis ushered in a new era of government regulations to combat fraud, money laundering and financial institution abuses. The result has been new laws in most jurisdictions including Sarbanes Oxley, FATCA, OFAC and FCPA in the US to name a few. And these laws have global reach – crossing borders, raising corporate reputational risk and threatening organisations with a growing number of enforcement actions and international sanctions. Yet, new scandals fill the headlines despite the efforts of regulators, governments and corporate leaders.

America's most respected senior executives and high profile regulatory officials, led by a well-known financial journalist, will engage in an exciting discussion on risk management in the complex web of interacting rules across borders, on the scope of influence in the regulatory process and on how to manage a crisis situation. They will also discuss the role of the board and of compliance programmes. Determining the importance and scope of action of legal counsel, both internal and external, will be at the centre of the session.

Mediation and third-party funding: another way to incentivise settlements

Presented by the Mediation Committee

The session will focus on a unique angle of mediation that has not been explored so far. While third-party funding (TPF) has been a hot topic in the field of arbitration for many years now, it has not yet been explored through a mediation prisma and especially to assess whether the involvement of such a funder may incite such a party to settle. Financial parameters will be key to understand how investors and parties decide to commence a dispute and when to put an end to it: they will be primarily addressed by a few TPFs, now well-recognised in the field. Of course legal and ethical aspects will be covered too, with the views of renowned practitioners and arbitrators.

North, Central and South America's energy future ahead: oil and gas new plays everywhere Presented by the Oil and Gas Law Committee

The currently depressed international crude oil prices call for an adaptation of regulatory frameworks and opportunities in the entire continent. From the (however limited) US shale plays, to Mexico's bidding offers (both offshore and onshore) – amidst a sweeping change from a former nationalistic stand – to new offers from Colombia and a decided return of Argentina's new government, to market policies and incentives for non-conventional E&P. By ending a ten-year cycle of public interference that artificially induced an energy crisis, new opportunities are available for the oil and gas sector and its professionals. Brazil's maze of public policies and difficult stand of both state-controlled and private oil companies will also face new issues to keep viable the energy supply in said country.

In this session the business law climate will be reviewed throughout the American continent to explain what law practitioners and advisors should be aware of to be indispensable to the oil industry, for advisors to follow the trend and make investments on a solid basis, at a time when there are not many competitive plays in other continents with stable cash flow projections

Private trust companies: global overview/use for international families

Presented by the Individual Tax and Private Client Committee

Private trust companies are increasingly popular in international family planning. They are very efficient for a number of reasons, among which confidentiality and a possibility to facilitate the direct involvement of family members in the decision-making processes. This panel will look at some recent developments in this field, touching upon the dos and don'ts of these structures from a multijurisdictional perspective.

Roundtable discussions of global trends

Presented by the Taxes Committee

A dynamic interactive session with parallel roundtable discussions of global trends not covered elsewhere in the programme. National reporters drawn from 60 jurisdictions will lead discussions, and designated senior members of the Taxes Committee will be on hand to provide perspective and practical insights, and to help stimulate lively interaction.

The changing landscape: key strategic challenges and choices

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

A distinguished panel of senior partners of leading law firms from major jurisdictions across the globe will discuss the key strategic challenges and choices for both multinational and independent law firms. The panel members will each briefly highlight the most pressing issues and opportunities from their perspective, followed by a panel discussion with active audience participation.

The next financial crisis: will it come, what will cause it and are we prepared?

Presented by the Financial Services Section

Pre-eminent lawyers and industry representatives will discuss the risks for a new financial crisis to occur. They will analyse what caused the 2008 global financial crisis, explore whether legislators and regulators have taken sufficient measures to prevent a new financial crisis, and debate what could cause a new crisis.

Tuesday 1430 – 1730 (continued)

The web: where should the power of control lie – regulators, providers or consumers? Presented by the Communications Law Committee

This session will further consider, review and undertake comparative analyses of the net neutrality international regulations; the latest developments in the debate over net neutrality; and where the pendulum may come to rest between the three stakeholders: the state regulator, operators (network and/or OTT) and consumer?

Understanding the environmental ramifications of real estate

Presented by the Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee

Environmental issues are increasingly at the forefront of any real estate transaction, including due diligence for contamination, environmental assessment and review requirements for development projects, the need to mitigate environmental issues for permitting requirements, and working with government agencies when public or sensitive land will be impacted. This panel will explain how to navigate complex environmental issues that are critical to successful real estate transactions and development projects.

Who is a refugee?

Presented by the IBA's Human Rights Institute

The definition of 'refugee' has been the subject of scholarly debate for many years. This issue has been exacerbated by the flood of people fleeing to Europe in recent times from North Africa and elsewhere, creating a crisis for lawyers, governments, courts and civil society. However, the challenge potentially extends beyond these parameters to include people leaving their homelands because of climate change and other factors. A distinguished panel will consider the various facets of this dilemma, followed by an open discussion to determine whether existing legal definitions of 'refugee' are any longer adequate, and what should be done. The IBAHRI, through its UN programme, will then take the conclusions and suggestions made at the session and present them to the relevant authorities.

Tuesday 1615 - 1730

Investment arbitration

Presented by the Arbitration Committee

Result of the research done by the subcommittee on investment arbitration on the future of investment arbitration (TTIP, concerns expressed by users and the public, etc).

Life cycles 2: following a product from inception to end user

Part 2 – control and get the most from your distribution

Presented by the International Sales Committee

Part 2 will highlight the different options for the manufacturer regarding the distribution of a product. The questions to be discussed by the panellist will comprise inter alia (1) what legal and practical aims do manufacturers have regarding distribution; and (2) what us the most suitable way to achieve these aims and structure distribution for a specific product.

New technology and new forms of atypical work including 'crowdsourcing': challenges and risks for multinationals

Presented by the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee and the Taxes Committee

New technology has indeed made the world flat. Employers may source workers from all over the world to participate in a project without those individuals leaving their home countries. This panel will examine the workplace and payroll compliance tax challenges employers face when global virtual teams work on a project consisting of both traditional employees, agency employees, independent contractors and individuals engaged in different manners.

The economics of consumer class actions (fees, settlements and funding)

Presented by the Consumer Litigation Committee, the Judges' Forum and the Professional Ethics Committee

This session will address economic issues such as: it is correct whether to allow ways of third-party funding for consumer class actions; if there must be a relation between lawyers' fees; and what consumers are getting from a settlement or judgment.

Wednesday 0800 - 0930

The IBA Bar breakfast hosted by the Conseil National des Barreaux

Business and human rights – the dual role of the lawyers: human rights defender and business adviser



Wednesday 0930 - 1030

Morning Keynote Address

Taking advantage of the conference's location in Washington, DC, each day will begin with a keynote address by a leading official of the US Government and multilateral institutions. **Attorney General Loretta Lynch and Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson** have agreed to provide a keynote address (subject of course to unexpected world events), to be followed by a question and answer session; other invitations have been issued. The dates for each address and additional speakers will be confirmed and announced closer to the conference.

Wednesday 1045 - 1200

The impact of corruption on human trafficking

Presented by the Presidential Task Force Against Human Trafficking

The IBA Presidential Task Force Against Human Trafficking will present an expert panel addressing the intersection of corruption and human trafficking. Human trafficking – a multi-billion dollar transnational criminal enterprise – adversely impacts national and regional security, global enterprise, human rights and the rule of law. Labour, sex, and organ trafficking all persist due to corruption among public officials and individuals in business, trade, and commerce. The panel will discuss corruption case studies and explore recommendations to curtail corrupt acts that facilitate human trafficking. The panel will also cover the IBA Presidental Task Force's efforts to provide expert training in collaboration with local experts in key countries. This panel will draw on extensive research conducted for the IBA for its report on Human Trafficking and Corruption.

The ramifications of being an 'accidental franchise' – is your IP licence, distribution, dealership, agency or other similar agreement really a franchise?

Presented by the International Franchising Committee

An ever-expanding list of countries now have laws that specifically regulate franchises. These laws often contain a broad definition of what a franchise, is provide for statutory duties of disclosure and registration, and expose a 'franchisor' to significant risk for non-compliance. This session will consider the many intellectual property and other licence, distribution, dealership, agency and similar arrangements that sometimes become accidental franchises, and the obligations and risks of being a franchise.

Tourism development in environmentally sensitive areas such as national parks and World Heritage sites

Presented by the Leisure Industries Section, the Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee and the Human Rights Law Committee

More and more, people the world over long to and can visit its culturally and environmentally distinctive places. Precisely because they are unusual, if not unique, however, such locales are often the subject of special global, multinational or other protections recognising their precarious ecologies or significance to human heritage. Particularly in view of the Ruggie Principles, how can businesses in the tourism/hospitality space meet the popular demand to visit while preserving what is being visited?

Wednesday 1045 - 1230

Accommodating mental health disabilities in the workplace

Presented by the Discrimination and Equality Law Committee and the Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee

Mental disabilities are the 'final frontier' of robust protection against workplace discrimination. This session will answer the difficult – sometimes even taboo – questions around accommodating employees with mental health issues: who gets to say who suffers from a mental disorder that rises to a jurisdiction's definition of 'disability'? When can an employer subject to a disability quota demand its staff provide proof of mental health issues? Does an employee with mental health issues who comes forward seeking reasonable accommodation risk inevitable workplace discrimination? When is a mental disability too severe to accommodate? What liability does an employer have when staff with mental health issues injure co-workers or customers? To what extent do substance abuse disabilities merit accommodation? How can a jurisdiction outlaw illegal drugs while simultaneously forcing employers to accommodate employees because they use illegal drugs?

Champagne from New York, mon Dieu, quelle horreur

Presented by the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee and the International Sales Committee

Proponents of strong protection for geographical indications have long believed that geographical indications act as an indicator that a product has particular characteristics or qualities due to the origin of that product. Those proponents have fought hard to protect geographic indications through the use of international treaties and other means.

Opponents to the protection of geographic indications say that many names of products that are said to be geographic indications are in fact generic descriptors of particular types of products. Some also say that whilst agricultural products and their direct derivatives may be entitled to be protected as geographic indications that the system of protecting geographical indications goes too far when it protects manufactured goods.

This session will examine 'Made in...' product labelling and geographical indication protection in cross-border sales transactions. It promises to be a lively debate between those in favour of protecting geographic indications for both agricultural and manufactured goods and those who believe that geographic indications should not be protected, or should at least not be protected in relation to manufactured goods.

Conveniens and non-conveniens: the proliferation of judicial and non-judicial mechanisms for resolving and managing disputes involving corporate adverse impacts on human rights Presented by the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee

The panel will discuss both judicial and non-judicial mechanisms that provide avenues for advancing disputes involving corporate adverse impacts on human rights, and will present practical guidance on the role of lawyers in advising clients on these mechanisms.

The first part of the panel will discuss the diversity of available mechanisms from in-house operational grievance mechanisms to domestic and foreign courts, and from the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development national contact points to the accountability mechanisms of development banks. This part of the panel will give attendees an insight into each different forum that a client may come before, as well as the potential repercussions.

The second part of the panel will focus on providing practical guidance on the role of lawyers in advising clients in taking part in these mechanisms and designing operational level grievance mechanisms. Particular attention will be given to what corporations may do to meet their responsibilities to provide remedies pursuant to the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, while also providing a practical way of meaningfully and efficiently dealing with human rights-related grievances.

Creating lawyers who can work across civil and common law jurisdictions

Presented by the Academic and Professional Development Committee, the Professional Ethics Committee and the Bar Issues Commission

What are the legal, ethical and cultural issues, and how do we address these issues in law schools and in lawyer training?

Effective remedies in multijurisdictional mergers *Presented by the Antitrust Committee*

This programme will discuss the challenges of negotiating remedies in multinational mergers where different competition authorities may insist on different remedies.

Feeding the world: is technology-based farming sustainable?

Presented by the Agricultural Law Working Group and the Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee

Chemical fertilisers, new crop varieties and genetically manipulated organisms to tolerate heat, drought and disease have been key drivers to increase agriculture production and meet food demands of the world's population.

However, modern agriculture raises ethical and practical dilemmas: pesticide pollution, resistance of insects, small farmers pushed out of business, the creation of monocultures and the cloning of animals in meat production, to name a few. What is the role of regulation and who should make the rules?

Wednesday 1045 - 1230 (continued)

This session of the newly established IBA Agriculture Working Group will consider this issue from a regional perspective. Africa, Asia, South America, the US and Europe may have different concerns as to whether, and how, a new balance might be found. Is the present regulatory framework adequate to incentivise a new equilibrium?

Forget about the fees: what do in-house counsel expect of outside counsel?

Presented by the Corporate Counsel Forum

This session will look at what in-house legal teams are now looking for in their outside legal counsel, but will do so without mentioning fees once!

Grow and keep your clients: Pippa's RAINBOW strategy

Your clients can be your greatest ambassadors and sources of new work. We will develop strategies to:

- understand the current pressures on your clients;
- understand your clients' business;
- strengthen and deepen your relationships with your clients;
- increase the quality and quantity of work from your clients;
- meet client expectations;
- provide 'added value';
- obtain feedback on your clients' perceptions of you;
- anticipate and prevent problems;
- deal with difficult clients and complaints;
- handle challenging fee discussions;
- cross-sell between your firm and the client;
- prepare a client relationship management strategy; and
- implement your client relationship plans.

Human rights and the environment

Presented by the Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee

This session will explore the rapidly growing focus on environmental issues with the lens of human rights considerations. The IBA's Presidential Task Force on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights report made groundbreaking recommendations approaching climate change with a human rights perspective. However, the human rights ramifications of environmental issues extend beyond climate change to broader environmental considerations, including supply chain issues for multinational companies, environmental justice, and harms and remedies for environmental and human health harms. This panel will take a broad look at the intersection of environmental issues and human rights, and how these topics increasingly are merging in ways that will impact the environment, companies and individuals.

It's a small world after all: practical protection of taxpayers in exchange of information between taxation authorities

Presented by the Taxation Section

Cross-border exchange of tax information has proliferated in recent years, under double tax treaties and tax information exchange agreements, FATCA, the EU Savings Tax Directive and now, the Directive on Administrative Cooperation, and more is expected through the OECD Common Reporting Standard, the exchange of tax rulings proposed in BEPS, and the prospect of country-by-country reporting. But many taxpayers legitimately want to keep their commercial and financial information private, and to maintain the confidentiality of advice and documents that are legally privileged. Not all tax authorities are as sophisticated or as careful with confidential information as others. How can a taxpayer's legitimate interests be defended from the ever more burdensome obligations of disclosure and the risks involved in information exchange across borders?

Law firm global expansion: structure, governance, ethics and tax considerations for firms and their partners

Presented by the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee, the Individual Tax and Private Client Committee, the Law Firm Management Committee, the Professional Ethics Committee and the Taxes Committee

This highly interactive session among the audience and expert panellists from closely held company, law firm management, professional ethics, private tax and other perspectives will explore various real-world examples and potential new models for this perennially-hot topic of great interest to law firms and their partners as they seek to compete globally.

Oil, gas and mining insolvencies: digging out of the hole

Presented by the Insolvency Section and the Mining Law Committee

While global commodity prices have sunk like a stone, various mining companies around the world have faced serious difficulties. Simultaneously, oil and gas producers have been struggling with the lowest oil prices in many years. The giants are shaking as some of the world's biggest mining companies and large segments of the oil and gas sector are suddenly in serious trouble. These industries also face regulatory challenges. Moreover, the general political atmosphere is turning greener, supporting alternative energy sources. Traditional oil, gas and mining concerns, as well as subcontractors, are financially distressed and many will soon face insolvency. It is problematic that there appear to be just too many spare mines and oil and gas rigs available for anyone interested to invest or acquire, making realisation on those assets sometimes unfeasible. The session will discuss the reasons behind the current crisis and whether there is any light at the other end of the tunnel. We will also learn different ways of tackling various issues related to mine/oil/gas insolvencies and discuss how stakeholders have considered the situation and potential scenarios, and found remedies from their perspectives. This will include restructuring plans. Panellists will include leading players from the mining, oil and gas industry, as well as insolvency practitioners with deep experience in these cases.

Protecting sellers' interests

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

Part 1 of this session will focus on the protection of a company's founders and will also navigate through the complexities of the protection of minority investors. Thus, the session will focus on the key requests of those investing into growing companies and how the founders can address those requests. They include: valuation for subsequent investment rounds, vesting requirements for founders, exit scenarios, liquidation preferences, dilution protections, guarantees of founders, board seats and decision-making. The session will explore contractual and statutory solutions for such issues in different legal systems. The session will benefit lawyers advising the founders, venture capital funds, private equity funds and the management of growing companies.

One of the main value-adds acting for a seller is to understand and adapt the key defensive shields available against any potential claim by a buyer. Part 2 of this session will explore how to maximise the effect of disclosure against warranties, limit exposure on any indemnities and best practice on which limitations on liability in a share purchase agreement are most effective in certain transactions. A further analysis of the range of possibilities commonly used in current best practice and whether any of these can be refined or improved further should also provide some practical drafting points.

Public disclosure of payments to governments and indigenous peoples

Presented by the Securities Law Committee and the Anti-Corruption Committee

Many jurisdictions, including the United States, the European Union and Canada, have recently moved towards transparency measures in the extractive sector, requiring oil, gas and mining companies to publicly disclose payments they make to governments and in some cases indigenous peoples. The programme will discuss these new measures and key considerations for businesses, governments, securities lawyers and compliance advisers.

Revisiting offshore shipping contracts: how to navigate in the troubled waters of a volatile oil market

Presented by the Maritime and Transport Law Committee

The current drop in the oil market has brought a different number of challenges to the International Oil Companies (IOCs) and vessel/rig owners of how to manage the existing fleet of rigs, offshore support vessels (OSVs) and all types of offshore floating equipment.

We all know that oil is a volatile commodity, but it has been a long time since the industry has faced a situation like this and it seems to be a good time to put the owners, operators and their main customers – and their lawyers of course – at the same table for a healthy brainstorm.

Early termination and/or renegotiation of long-term charters have been the current trend. Associated court/arbitration disputes will certainly arise.

The session will also benefit from the strong US presence in this market – and also with the increment of the 'shale factor' – to create a good forum for representatives of IOCS, rig and OSV owners/ operators to discuss alternatives for an efficient way moving forward, especially with so many vessels/units laid up.

The session will also accommodate representatives from the ship finance and shipbuilding sectors as, of course, both are affected by the impact of offshore shipping contracts.

Step-in rights in project finance

Presented by the Banking Law Committee

A trend in cross-border project finance for funders and offtake purchasers is to benefit, in addition to projecting warranties, from the right to step in and take over project completion and operation in the event of a failure by the borrower or contractors to perform adequately, with a view to allowing the project to generate revenues. These step-in rights pose challenges to the structure and documentation of project finance transactions; they may complicate regulatory approvals and add new dimensions to the funders' risk assessment, which are enlightened by the legal and market experience of the exercise of step-in rights.

The expanding reach of trade agreement dispute resolution

Presented by the International Trade and Customs Law Committee, the Arbitration Committee and the Litigation Committee

Dispute resolution under international trade agreements has expanded far beyond customs clearance and other border issues to include market access in goods, services and investment. This panel will discuss recent trends in WTO and free trade agreement dispute resolution, which has grown to include issues of public health, the environment and intellectual property, with significant impacts for clients and their businesses.

The impact of illicit financial flows on Africa's development and what African bar associations should recommend to their members and governments in response to the illicit financial flows

Presented by the African Regional Forum and the Anti-Corruption Committee

Illicit financial flows take a number of forms. The effect has been to deprive affected countries of funds needed to support developmental programmes. This has resulted in rich African countries, the majority of whose inhabitants are poor. The countries are rich in resources but the wealth is not being enjoyed by the majority of the people who live in them.

It is estimated that without illicit financial flows, Africa would not require aid. Consequently, curtailing or eliminating illicit financial flows has the potential to lift millions of Africans out of poverty and under-development.

The session will examine the nature, extent and consequences of the problem, and how African lawyers and bar associations should respond to it.

The Inter-American human rights system: how well is it working?

Presented by the IBA's Human Rights Institute

The Inter-American human rights agencies, and the system overall, have produced some remarkable advances for human rights as well as facing some significant dilemmas in a challenging regional context. This session will consider the achievements and shortcomings of this system, comparing it with other regional systems, in order to produce some views on the optimum delivery of effective human rights implementation.

The UNCITRAL draft treaty on the enforcement of settlements reached through mediation: the next frontier of intentional mediation

Presented by the Mediation Committee

The session will cover a hot topic and proposal that is being currently (since July 2014) considered by the UNCITRAL Commission (Working Group II). Since July 2015, when the proposal was approved in Vienna, the UNCITRAL Working Group is indeed exploring and preparing a convention on the enforceability of international commercial settlement agreements reached through mediation/ conciliation. The objective was to go beyond the existing UNCITRAL Model Law on Conciliation 2002 and the accompanying 'Guide to Enactment of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Conciliation 2002'. Various pending points of discussion will be covered during that session: whether a treaty is needed, rather than a model law; what kind of ADRs (mediation, conciliation, etc) the Convention will target; whether only international settlements will be covered, as well as agreements with states and state agencies; the formal content of the settlement agreement for it to be recognised under the Convention; whether the Convention will also cover settlement agreements reached through direct negotiations between the parties. International Mediation Institute (IMI), official UNCITRAL representatives involved in this process and mediation practitioners will be invited to speak and talk about this challenging project.

The world invests in North America and North America invests in the world Presented by the Regional Fora

This session will be jointly organised by all IBA Regional Fora and will provide an insight into global foreign direct investments. This session will build on previous Regional Fora sessions held in Tokyo and Vienna on global cross-border investments, and the various legal and practical challenges that affects inbound and outbound investment.

Wednesday 1045 - 1230 (continued)

Your future is not real: legal issues in virtual and augmented reality

Presented by the Electronic Entertainment and Online Gaming Subcommittee and the Leisure Industries Section

2016 is shaping up to be the year that finally delivers on the virtual reality promises that have existed since the 1990s. With these fledgling virtual spaces, and the equally enticing realm of digitally augmented reality, new issues will continue to arise in many areas of the law. Come discuss the latest technology and those legal issues with a panel of experts, both from the business and legal side of the virtual reality industry, and be ready for technology demonstrations during the session.

Wednesday 1315 - 1415

A conversation with...

For more information see page 55.

Wednesday 1400 - 1730

Law firm visits

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

Delegates will have an opportunity to visit three Washington, DC law firms to discuss strategy, practice areas and practice management, organisational issues, marketing and office systems.

Real estate property tour

Presented by the Real Estate Committee

In addition to the interesting sessions, the Real Estate Committee will organise our special real estate property tour. The idea of the tour is to provide participants with an insider's look at landmark developments through a tour of many of Washington, DC's key districts.

Wednesday 14<u>30 - 15</u>45

Anatomy of a franchise dispute: lessons for transactional lawyers drafting franchising agreements

Presented by the International Franchising Committee and the Arbitration Committee

Which areas in a franchise agreement are most likely to give rise to a legal dispute? How are they tackled in the franchising contractual documents and key clauses of the agreements? This session presents an overview of some of the most noted and recent decisions on the matter of franchising around the world and tries to determine how these decisions have an impact on the main provisions of franchise agreements; drafting suggestions will be explored. Master franchise and area development agreements are of course included in the analysis.

Innovative approaches to attract and retain the best talent in your firm

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

The highly participative world café format will enable participants to discuss new approaches, learn from others and gain relevant and practical insight on the following questions:

• What does legal talent mean in the context of today's practice of law, and is the war for talent different in the legal profession compared with other industries?

- What can my law firm apply from other approaches/strategies used to attract the best lawyers?
- Is the main competition for talent among firms or among firms and companies and the desire to be an entrepreneur?
- How best to assess and select talent to make sure that we are recruiting the right people for our firm?
- What is generation Y looking for when choosing a firm and how to build an employer brand of choice?
- What main retention strategies apply to your firm's size, market and values/culture?

Lessons learned and looking ahead: 30 years of investment arbitration in Asia

Presented by the Arbitration Committee and the Asia Pacific Regional Forum

This year's Asia Pacific Arbitration Group session focuses on investment arbitration. It is 30 years since the first investment arbitration under a bilateral investment treaty (BIT) was initiated against Sri Lanka in 1987. During that time, the international law protections offered to foreign investors under BITs and multilateral conventions have become both an important policy tool for host states in attracting investment, while also raising domestic political concerns about the preferential treatment of foreign investors and the impact of claims in response to governmental regulation of domestic economies. The speakers on this panel will share their views and advice on the experience of different Asia Pacific countries facing investor-state claims and look ahead to the future of investment arbitration in the region in light of the recently concluded Trans-Pacific-Partnership.

Life cycles 3: following a product from inception to end user

Part 3 – travelling products

Presented by the International Sales Committee

Part 3 will accompany the product while it is on its way to the distributor and to the customer and discuss the most important questions that arise during transport. This session will deal with aspects such as supply duties and trade terms, international agreements and mandatory provisions regarding cross-border transportation – also, depending on the different ways of transport, duties of the forwarder, the transport company and the recipient of the goods, inspection duties and insurance.

Wednesday 14<u>30 – 17</u>30

2005-2015: was that a successful decade? A hard look at the impact of foreign financing (private and multilateral) in Latin America

Presented by the Latin American Regional Forum

Latin America, with a current generally low inflation and historically low unemployment rates (with Argentina, Brazil and Venezuela as notable exceptions), has been one of the fastest-growing regions in the world in the 2005-2015 period. This growth derived from internal and external factors. Internal factors included prudent macroeconomic policies and structural reforms. External factors comprised high commodity prices and cheap and abundant foreign financing.

Capital inflows have been fuelled by specific conditions in advanced economies and stronger fundamentals in the region. Capital inflows are in general beneficial; however, it is important to prevent these inflows to generate financial excesses through the application of a strict fiscal policy and general discipline in the allocation of resources.

This session will focus on the impact of foreign financing in Latin American countries during the 2005-2015 period, with an aim of determining what went well and what went wrong – both from a region's and a financier's perspective – in order to adopt policies that will foster growth in the next decade.

Are museums for sale?

Presented by the Art, Cultural Institutions and Heritage Law Committee and the Individual Tax and Private Client Committee

Our public cultural institutions and museums are coming under everincreasing budgeting pressure; simultaneously, many a fashion house start their own shiny museums.

In coping with the issue, some museums have begun to extend boundaries of how they conduct business for example, by selling existing high-value works of public collections; by having corporate sponsors with direct influence through board positions on management; by extracting assignments of copyrights and donations in return for making contemporary artwork available for exhibitions in their institutions; by co-publishing standard art literature and by otherwise cooperating with the commercial art markets. Recently, many of those cooperations – in particular when it comes to loans of privately held artworks to museums or support from commercial galleries – have become heavily criticised. Also in building and development the battle continues. Landmarks, new wings or major exhibitions can often only be realised with the aid of big influential donors.

This session will analyse the latest trends from both ethical and legal perspectives, with the participation of museum experts, artists, collectors and their advisers. We will compare legal frameworks in which public institutions such as museums operate, discuss their competitive position compared to private museums and scrutinise repercussions of the changes that can be seen on general art markets, collectors and artists who produce contemporary art.

Asset tracing: finding the trail to hidden treasures

Presented by the Insolvency Section, the Asset Recovery Subcommittee and the Litigation Committee

This session will focus on how to recover assets by means of putting the target (the perpetrator's company) into an insolvency proceeding. At that point, a trustee takes over and has access to all relevant information of the company. This provides access to a completely new world of information for the victim. What can't be found in the company's records can be explored via the discovery mechanisms available to the trustee. As the company's legal representative, the trustee can ask business partners of the company (such as banks) to disclose missing information (for example, when and where money was wired) and can fill gaps that the victim never would be able to fill with other asset tracing tools or via a private investigator. The trustee sits 'in the heart' of the victim and can operate directly from there and kill the beast from inside. Experts will explore how powerful this tool is, when it can be applied and how cross-border cooperation works in practice. They will discuss where there are serious limitations on this procedure, and how they can be overcome. Attendees will come to understand the efficacy of asset tracing with the help of insolvency proceedings. In the first half of the session, the panel will include practitioners experienced in acting as or on behalf of trustees in this context, their advisors, a US judge and industry participants. After the break in the second half of the session, practitioners will deal with other issues in detail. The title to assets may be in various names. Indeed a sophisticated network of companies, trusts, and other entities may make it almost impossible to discover the ultimate beneficial owner (UBO) - 'almost' because lawyers, supported by teams of forensic accountants, investigators and others, have with remarkable success developed and applied techniques in both civil and common law jurisdictions around the world to uncover the UBO.

BIC SHOWCASE: independence of the legal profession (launch of Task Force report)

Presented by the Bar Issues Commission and the Presidential Task Force on the Independence of the Legal Profession

This showcase session will address the nature of challenges faced by the legal profession to its independence. It will report on the findings of the Presidential Task Force convened to examine this issue and will include an overview of the situation in various jurisdictions; the common threats, contributing causes and different challenges confronted. This session will also outline the Task Force's recommendations on what can and should be done to strengthen the future of the legal profession to ensure it maintains its independence.

Breaking news in the digital age: legal issues surrounding electronic delivery of news and entertainment

Presented by the Media Law Committee

This panel will explore the various legal challenges that the news industry faces in our digital world:

- news gathering: citizen journalism everyone collects and delivers news without applying professional rules – what is the implication for quality of the news? Survival of professional journalism?
- news delivery: new media (aggregators, social media), new business models of traditional media; and
- financing the media: does data have more value than news?

Buying assets abroad: a nightmare?

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

This session will cover the challenges and specificities of cross-border asset transactions involving a number of different jurisdictions around the world. Issues concerning transferring different types of assets from seller to buyer, obtainment of third-party consents, as well as interaction and incompatibility between different legal systems will all be covered, among others. Leading practitioners in the cross-border M&A field will discuss actual complex cases they worked on and share their knowledge and experience in international asset deals.

Climate change: who pays? Managing, adapting and resolving climate change risks and exposures Presented by the Litigation Committee and the Insurance Committee

As the effects of climate change become more specifically felt and better understood, businesses and their insurers are coming to grips with the need to plan for new climate-related risks and potential liabilities. In this session, government and industry experts and practitioners will discuss the latest real-world impact of climate change and related liability, both from the perspective of the insurance industry, which is increasingly called on to cover climate change-related risks, and litigators who are called on to resolve

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disputes regarding the allocation of and compensation for those risks.

Presented by the Academic and Professional Development Committee, the Law Firm Management Committee and the Young Mediators Subcommittee

If the work traditionally undertaken by junior lawyers is outsourced and commoditised, how does the next generation develop its skills? How do we create top-quality future partners if there is less junior work available?

Cruise and passenger shipping: industry trends and challenges

Presented by the Maritime and Transport Law Committee

The US is the home port of the cruise, a sector in shipping that is starred for continuing growth, particularly in the Asian markets and rivers of Europe. The European yards' order books are full and export credit agencies continue to play an important role in financing these modern ships, including the first with dual-fuel powered hybrid engines, and all of which will provide a new level of luxury and amenity. Exciting new destinations – including Cuba and the polar route – also bring challenges. The industry faces challenges in new regulation – emissions control and ballast waste water treatment – and heightened risks around passengers, including physical and cyber threat.

Wednesday 1430 - 1730 (continued)

Double and triple jeopardy: does the punishment fit the crime?

Presented by the Corporate Counsel Forum and the Anti-Corruption Committee

This session will look at the fact that corporations are often held accountable to different regulators and different enforcement agencies around the world for a single infringement (bribery/ corruption/antitrust), often in an entirely different part of the world. Is this really an application of the rule of law by all the principles as we know them, or rather regulator opportunism?

Law in a dangerous climate

Presented by the Senior Lawyers' Committee

This innovative session will consider the issues facing lawyers in war zones or areas where there is severe economic, political or social dislocation. It will address how to manage, maintain and even grow your law firm at times of armed conflict, disease or oppression, and how to cope in the face of a breakdown of the rule of law.

Multilateral financing for natural resources projects

Presented by the Mining Law Committee, the Banking Law Committee and the Project Finance Subcommittee

These are hard times for financing mining and natural resources projects in general, due to the down cycle that the industry is still undergoing. In addition, developing countries with many valuable resources are likely to present higher project risks that commercial banks may not always be able to take. Financing with development finance institutions and multilateral development banks has consequently proved to be an option for certain projects more than ever. However, these institutions require high standards of due diligence and guarantees, which sometimes represent a higher structuring cost, the flip side being the greater confidence that investors are likely to afford the project precisely given their involvement, along with their enhanced environmental and social risk management tools, such as the IFC Performance Standards, and best practices in project implementation and local consultation.

This session, led by the Mining Law Committee and joined by the Banking Law Committee, will analyse the leading views and trends in multilateral financing for natural resources projects.

New developments in software law: copyright, licences and development agreements

Presented by the Technology Law Committee

While internet-related matters have dominated information technology law in recent years, there have been developments in software law that will have considerable impact on software developers. Three major topics will be examined in this session.

The future of software licences has come into question following the decision of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) in *Oracle v UsedSoft* that the Oracle licence was in fact a sale, thereby allowing used software to be resold by licensees notwithstanding licence terms prohibiting this. Speakers will review the clash between civil law and common law that the CJEU decision has exposed and new models for software supply transactions, such as software as a service (SaaS).

The session will then move on to an assessment of what is the best model for software development from a legal point of view by weighing up the pros and cons of Waterfall software development agreements against newer models such as Agile development agreements. As for all topics in the session, each speaker will take a different point of view and defend this in the context of a debate. The third major topic will be developments in software copyright law. Is there a future for the doctrine of non-literal infringement? Cases in the United States, Europe and New Zealand will be analysed in an attempt to answer the question of whether there can be copyright infringement even where program code has not been copied. And to conclude, the controversial 2014 decisions of the US courts in *Oracle v Google* on the subsistence of copyright in Application Program Interfaces (APIs) will be addressed.

New technologies, new services: what are your rights in the new digital world and how can they be enforced?

Presented by the Communications Law Committee, the Consumer Litigation Committee and the Human Rights Law Committee

This session will address developments in consumer protection rights with respect to new digital services and enforcement mechanisms involving consumer litigation, such as different types of class actions in several jurisdictions.

Private equity and the capital markets: from leveraged financing to PE-backed IPOs

Presented by the Securities Law Committee, the Corporate and M&A Law Committee and the Private Equity Subcommittee

Private equity (PE) players are pushing market practice and regulation in new directions. Issues that arise in the private equity context include controlling shareholder liability, characterisation of management fees and sharing of inside information by directors with sponsor firms. How are dynamics and deal terms affected in transactions involving PE firms that are highly experienced in doing capital markets deals?

Providing and paying for healthcare: public, private or something in between? Obamacare and beyond

Presented by the Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee, the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee, the Insurance Committee and the Taxes Committee

Societies seek to achieve the goal of providing their people with highquality, comprehensive and affordable healthcare in different ways. How many should be covered and for what conditions? At what cost? Who should pay? Who should provide? This session will explore some of the different approaches followed by different countries – from private/private to public/public and the variations in-between, including the impact of Obamacare on paying for and providing healthcare in the United States.

Resolving investor-state disputes through mediation: past, present and future of the IBA rules on investor-state mediation

Presented by the Mediation Committee

This session will focus on the IBA state-investor rules, which were issued a few years ago, but other aspects of ADRs in the field of state-investor disputes will also be explored. The objective is mainly a 'promotional' one, that is to make all players in the field know those IBA rules are today available and can be effectively used. The original drafters will be invited to speak to give some background about how the rules were crafted. Some well-known practitioners will also share their experience to explain why the rules can be of help and why they think mediation is, or is not, sufficiently used in this area. Equally, the question as to whether the same type of profile is required to mediate or to arbitrate such disputes will also be discussed.

The brave new world, doing more (or at least as much) with less. Challenges facing intellectual property in-house counsel and outside counsel in the world of smaller budgets (but with the business wanting the same outcomes)

Presented by the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee

Intellectual property in-house counsel balance a competing set of priorities: they must manage, enhance and protect their companies' IP to drive overall shareholder value and maintain their companies' competitive edge. At the same time, in-house counsel must achieve aggressive cost savings and continually demonstrate their value to the organisation. In addition, they must balance all these priorities in an increasingly complex global IP legal landscape of trademarks, patents, copyrights, rights of publicity and trade secrets.

Our panel of in-house and outside IP counsel will discuss:

- how in-house counsel can manage these challenges through internal tools and resources that scale and by effective cost management;
- how in-house counsel can cultivate closer partnerships with their business stakeholders by demonstrating a return on the company's investment in IP;
- how outside counsel can partner with their in-house clients to deliver practical, cost-effective advice and assistance; and
- what mechanisms outside counsel can create for their in-house clients to manage, enhance, and protect those companies' IP.

Time-related obligations in key jurisdictions: an update

Presented by the International Construction Projects Committee

Timely performance is of the utmost importance on construction projects of every nature and time-related claims are a frequent subject of requests to attorneys around the globe. This session will examine recent developments in the handling of time-related obligations and provide practical tips for advising clients on preserving, preparing and resolving time-related claims across multiple jurisdictions. Recent amendments to the Society of Construction Law's Delay and Disruption Protocol will serve as a starting point to review best practices for resolving schedule delay claims, including key questions related to methodology for the review of extension of time requests and float ownership.

The session will bring together views from across civil and common law jurisdictions, and will provide detailed insight from legal and scheduling practitioners.

Update on legal and commercial issues related to drones

Presented by the Aviation Law Committee

Drones are in the news almost every day as intrusions and other security incidents occur and new commercial uses of drones are constantly being considered, including surveying crops, assistance in forecasting weather, delivery of products and perhaps even (eventually) pilotless passenger aircraft. Further, many countries are considering how they will regulate drones. This session will explore the potential uses of drones and regulatory and liability issues associated with their use.

Why bother with specialist trial advocates?

Presented by the Forum for Barristers and Advocates and the Litigation Committee

Whether in established or emerging jurisdictions, the role of the independent advocate in the administration of justice is poorly understood. Whether in common law or civil law jurisdictions, practitioners may be reluctant to utilise specialist advocates because of misplaced fears they may poach clients or simply increase the client bill. In fact, the independent referral bar, properly utilised, improves the quality of justice and ensures both quality and cost control. What specialist trial advocates do, and how they ensure an independent legal profession, will be explained.

Wednesday 1615 - 1730

Are recent trends in franchising competition law-proof?

Presented by the International Franchising Committee and the Antitrust Committee

The session will discuss the current status of recent trends in competition law affecting franchising, including: (i) digital & e-commerce: ECJ Pierre Fabre judgment, EU Commission inquiry on e-commerce and the debate on whether restrictions of third party platforms are allowed; (ii) mandatory laws on the dependency of franchisees on the franchisor around the globe ('abuse of dominance' rules in both the civil and comp law context, and the impact on termination cases around the globe); and (iii) franchising in a multi-tier setting (combination with a selective or exclusive distribution system in the same – or other – regions).

Immunities of international organisations: unnecessary legacy of the past or important protection to keep?

Presented by the International Organisations Subcommittee

The subcommittee will organise a session with general counsels of international organisations (IOs), but also judges and representatives of the bar to look at the rationale of IOs in a globalised world. While immunities are challenged in an increasing number of cases and countries, the question of the independence of IOs is more crucial than ever because it affects their credibility.

The session will look at the current challenges faced by IOs as well as to the necessary evolution.

Law firm of the future, second instalment: managing independence in a globally connected world

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

The necessity of 'professional independence' is deeply rooted in the legal profession. Many law firms proudly state that they are 'independent', and in recent years, the meaning of 'independent law firm' has evolved to mean 'not part of an international law firm'. However, in a globally connected world, the meaning of 'independence' is ever more elusive, and most if not all 'independent law firms' and their partners collaborate with international law firms in some way – on client work, business development and know-how.

First, this panel will examine the many formal and informal ways in which 'independent' law firms collaborate with each other and, in particular, with international law firms. Secondly, we also examine the various structural alternatives, from less formal collaboration arrangements to 'best friends' arrangements and referral associations – and how these differ in key aspects from exclusive alliances or mergers. Thirdly, we will discuss what is required from a business, management, leadership and reward perspective within 'independent' law firms to make any such collaboration effort successful.

Life cycles 4: following a product from inception to end user

Part 4 – the conception by the user, general conditions and litigation

Presented by the International Sales Committee and the Consumer Litigation Committee

Part 4 will discuss all aspects of the final sale to the customer, such as contracts with the end user as well as commercial aspects of sales practices, including general terms and conditions, mandatory and commercial warranties, warning and information obligations and consumer protection with an emphasis on litigation strategies.

Soft law

Presented by the Arbitration Committee

Based on the results of the survey launched last year, this session will discuss the extent to which the main IBA soft law instruments have been received, the way in which they have been applied and current trends regarding their use.

Thursday 0930 - 1030

Morning Keynote Address

Taking advantage of the conference's location in Washington, DC, each day will begin with a keynote address by a leading official of the US Government and multilateral institutions. **Attorney General Loretta Lynch and Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson** have agreed to provide a keynote address (subject of course to unexpected world events), to be followed by a question and answer session; other invitations have been issued. The dates for each address and additional speakers will be confirmed and announced closer to the conference.

Thursday 1045 - 1130

IBA's Human Rights Institute General Meeting *Presented by the IBA's Human Rights Institute*

Conference attendees are invited to participate in this general meeting of the IBAHRI. During the meeting, IBAHRI Director Dr Phillip Tahmindjis AM and IBAHRI Co-Chairs Ambassador (ret) Hans Corell and Baroness Helena Kennedy QC will discuss the IBAHRI draft resolution on drones. IBAHRI Officers and staff will be present to answer questions and respond to

suggestions related to the past, present and future work of the Institute.

Legal Practice Division General Meeting

Presented by the Legal Practice Division (LPD)

All division members are encouraged to attend this meeting and are invited to put to the officers any questions they may have, relevant to the work of the Division.

Thursday 1045 – 1200

Innovative billing models: what to learn from real estate transactional lawyers

Presented by the Real Estate Committee, the Corporate Counsel Forum and the Law Firm Management Committee

Is time-based billing coming to an end? How does the digitalisation, artificial intelligence and commoditisation change the billing methods of the industry? Time-based billing has been the standard of the industry already from the 1970s and now digitalisation is inevitably changing the business. We already have interesting and innovative

solutions about the new way of billing. How do they work? Is it possible to give added value to the client through billing? Is it possible to make money by saving clients money?

International organisations and the fight against corruption: implementation and policy trends

Presented by the Anti-Corruption Committee, the International Organisations Subcommittee and the Public Law Section

International organisations play an important role in fighting corruption in the public and private sectors. This session will examine the role of international organisations, their strengths and weaknesses, and trends for policy development in targeting bribery, corruption, money laundering and illegal commercial conduct.

Liquified natural gas, an essential part of the energy power game

Presented by the Oil and Gas Law Committee

Liquified natural gas (LNG) has provided the mobility of such an essential component of the energy matrix as is the case of natural gas. Competing with natural gas pipelines passing through complex geographies and different countries that compound the geopolitics that are presently at unprecedented level of complexity, LNG provides for a source of energy wherever needed along a coast line. But at the same time, a net of agreements and regulations apply to make it feasible. In this session a case and region-specific review will be made on the many challenges imposed on the sector.

Standing out: making the most of a marketing budget

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

This session will explore how to better differentiate a firm from its competitors, which is the single factor that managing/senior partners report would do most to help their business. Hence, all have marketing budgets. The session will explore the sharp focus needed on ways to use marketing spend to make a firm stand out, and it will include:

- client insights into the way they perceive law firms' business development activities;
- experience sharing by managing partner and marketing professionals;
- a discussion on the relationship between marketing, PR and business development plans; and
- insights into the use of independent directories.

Thursday 1045 - 1230

Children and the law... Our role in protecting them Presented by the Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee, the Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee, the Family Law Committee and the Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee

This session is a showcase concerning the universal problems of abuse, neglect and exploitation of the world's most vulnerable and what we can do about them.

The Committee notes that in all areas of legal practice, decisions made by clients have a direct and/or indirect impact on children. Obviously, their ability to defend themselves from adverse decisions is limited by immaturity, lack of access to services and the indifference (or worse) of those who made those decisions.

Some of those decisions are obvious: the parents who separate, the educator who abuses, the criminal who preys, the employer who exploits and the doctor who doesn't listen.

Some are not so obvious: the polluter that destroys food sources, the retailer that sells garments made in sweatshops, the online service provider that doesn't vet, the legislator that imposes unintended requirements.

Climate change and the financing of renewable energy projects

Presented by the Power Law Committee

Climate change has come to the forefront as one of the challenges to the renewables industry. The financial consequences of the unpredicted loss of resources and the uncertainty as a result of climate change have been seen as emerging risks by lenders and underwriters. This session will discuss the risks associated with climate change in the financing of renewable energy projects and highlight the trends from the perspective of lenders, underwriters, rating agencies, contractors and project sponsors.

Costs, interests and other necessary stuff that causes problems in international arbitration

Presented by the Young Lawyers' Committee and the Arbitration Committee

Sometimes these ancillary decisions are easy; sometimes an institution assists the arbitrators in these matters. However, in some instances all these decisions and requests can cause a lot of trouble. Challenges may occur, especially in cases where ad hoc arbitration is agreed or an institution, where the money has to be administered by the arbitral panel itself, has been chosen. This session sheds light on obstacles and how to overcome them, be it regarding interest calculation, assessment and awarding, as well as all the tricks regarding costs both from counsel and arbitrators' perspective.

Cybersecurity for public companies

Presented by the Securities Law Committee

Another Y2K hoax or a matter for boilerplate disclosure – how will new rules play out? What are the key questions that corporate directors should ask executives about cyber risk management?

Governance during the corporate crisis: an analysis of corporate governance and investigation challenges associated with a major corporate scandal of an international dimension Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee and the Corporate Governance Subcommittee

Against the backdrop of a number of recent scandals with an international dimension within big worldwide corporations, this session will analyse, on the basis of a hypothetical case, legal and other challenges from a corporate governance and investigation perspective. We will focus on how lawyers and other practitioners dealt with these issues, based on the panel's experience and studies.

Investment treaty protections for construction projects

Presented by the International Construction Projects Committee

Construction and insurance companies, consulting firms, financial institutions and other investors may protect their business relating to infrastructure projects by relying on bilateral and multilateral investment treaties. When operating in foreign countries, these companies, firms and institutions may have legal rights and protections with respect to situations for which they may have no contractual remedies. These rights and protections may be claimed in international arbitration proceedings against the host state on the basis of provisions contained in international treaties. This session will analyse the rights and protections deriving from investment treaties that are particularly relevant to construction projects.

Mutual recognition agreements

Presented by the BIC International Trade in Legal Services Subcommittee

Mutual recognition agreements (MRAs) are increasingly being used in the latest generation of trade agreements to give effect to market access commitments on professional services. This pushes the onus back on to competent authorities, such as bars and courts, to negotiate the detailed arrangements through which foreign lawyers can provide legal services. It also raises many questions about what such agreements should contain and what they can reasonably be expected to achieve.

This session will look at some recent examples of lawyer MRAs, their pros and cons, and outline the critical questions competent authorities need to ask before they embark on MRA negotiations.

Poacher turned gamekeeper: the legal and ethical challenges of cooperating with law enforcement

Presented by the Criminal Law Committee and the Business Crime Committee

Law enforcement agencies increasingly rely on companies selfreporting as a recognised means of policing business crime. The panel explores the numerous legal and professional and ethical challenges this development creates.

Professional duties to clients and third parties. Managing conflicts: traditional v multinational law firms – both private practitioners and company general counsel approach

Presented by the Professional Ethics Committee, the Judges' Forum and the Litigation Committee

This panel will consider the duties that are owed to various parts of the firm and to clients of the various parts of the firm. The various conflicts regarding which professional rules apply will be considered as will how to manage acting for and against clients and/or their affiliates in various offices. The panel may consider additions to the firm in various offices and the shifting duties of managing information and multinational processes for addressing and managing conflicts of interest, and may consider the use of ethical walls.

Recalls, reputations and repeat business: bringing companies and their products back from the brink of disaster

Presented by the Litigation Committee and the Product Law and Advertising Committee

Whether recalling products due to safety risks (think over the counter pharmaceutical sabotage and exploding airbags), or other quality compliance defects (think incapacitating mobile phone and computer 'bugs' or car emissions/fuel efficiency software 'issues'), the reputational damage that can accrue to highly valuable global brands is potentially devastating. If handled swiftly and responsibly, however, those companies and their brands need not just 'survive' the crisis; instead they can thrive in the aftermath, having demonstrated by their corrective action response how to reassure consumers that, while mistakes happen, they can be relied on to put things right.

We will highlight the many essential considerations arising for companies and their in-house counsel in the midst of reputational crises fuelled by an urgent (typically global) recall of products from consumers. We will present real-world recall examples and the companies and lawyers who were in the trenches, as well as true to life case studies in this interactive and vibrant session, with a focus on the winning legal, communications and public relations strategies that bring companies and their products back from the brink of disaster.

Restructuring distressed businesses: strategies for saving healthy assets, carve-outs and divestments of losing assets and recognising the difference Presented by the Insolvency Section

Many companies or groups of companies and not only those large in size but also small and mid-size undertakings have more than one business division. Some of these divisions may do well but others may operate at a loss, burning cash, triggering major liability risks or having other substantial problems. The overall undertaking is often in danger if no solution for the distressed business division can be found in due time. What would otherwise be a sustainable business model in the successful division is now required to identify a quick solution. Such solutions can be in the form of a successful restructuring or winding-up of the distressed business. However, in some cases and for various reasons the owner is not willing or able to pursue such a solution. At first glance divesting the distressed business seems to be an obvious and easy alternative. If well-structured, prepared and executed it can indeed be a very attractive alternative. If pursued as an ordinary M&A transaction without taking care of all risks and challenges resulting from or arising out of the distressed business, the result can be disastrous - in particular if the buyer fails to restructure the acquired business.

In this session the risks and challenges facing undertakings with distressed business divisions and the difficulties encountered when those undertakings simply wait too long will be discussed. The session will address various considerations to solve the problem and save the healthy businesses of the undertaking, circumstances that should be avoided and attempt to devise recommendations to ensure, as best as possible, a successful outcome. Questions to be addressed include: what can be done to shield the healthy aspects of the business from those that are failing? What is the best way to structure a carve-out of distressed businesses? What is the recommended divestment strategy and structure? What information should be disclosed in a purchase and sale transaction? What considerations should be made when selecting a buyer, and what terms and conditions and commitments of the buyer are necessary in the sale of a distressed business?

Sell me your data: sales, protection and commercial exploitation of databases in crossborder transactions

Presented by the International Sales Committee, the Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee, the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee and the Technology Law Committee

Databases and big data are of central importance in the global information society. Huge amounts of data are more easily accessible due to improvements in electronic access to information and global communications. This session will deal with the protection and possible exploitation of databases at national and international level, as well as regulations and contracts regarding the sales of databases and related commercial aspects.

SPPI SHOWCASE: the USA's long arm of justice and what it means to the world

Presented by the Section on Public and Professional Interest

The US appears to be continuing to extend its jurisdiction far beyond its own shores, with recent high-profile examples including LIBOR and FIFA, and some long standing controversies, such as Guantanamo.

By reference to these and other examples, this showcase session will discuss the legal theories on which the US seeks to base its extraterritorial jurisdiction and consider whether or not those theories can be justified.

The antitrust/intellectual property interface: how are courts and competition authorities around the world dealing with standard essential patents and FRAND commitments?

Presented by the Antitrust Committee, and the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee

This programme will consider recent developments in antitrust issues raised by SEP and FRAND and how these issues are addressing the interplay, including the European Court of Justice decision in *ZTE v Huawei*.

Thinking outside the patent box: what are countries doing to attract IP activity, and how can these incentives be used by a multinational group? Presented by the Taxes Committee

Many countries are keen to attract the high-value creative and research jobs that generate intellectual property, and also to keep the mobile income generated by those activities. What are the opportunities and pitfalls of cost-based incentive regimes, such as research and development tax credits and cost-sharing, and of revenue-based incentive regimes, such as patent boxes?

Topics in multilateral and export credit agencies lending

Presented by the Banking Law Committee

As economies grow increasingly intertwined, multilateral lenders, government-sponsored development banks and export credit agencies have taken on an even greater role in all areas of cross-border finance. Complex structures that include the pairing of equity investments with debt products are opening up new avenues of development financing. At the same time, these lenders are leading the way in implementing environmental and social policies that will lead to a greater balance between economic development and the preservation of human rights and human dignity. This session will explore the powerful role of these institutions in global lending and investment.

US/non-EU ramification of EU succession regulation: practical solutions from real-life cases Presented by the Individual Tax and Private Client Committee

The EU Succession Regulation harmonises the conflict-of-law rules on cross-border successions of the European Union member states and is applicable to all deaths on or after 17 August 2015. Among the member states, the United Kingdom, Denmark and Ireland have opted out. Nevertheless, the Regulation has important effects on such states, as on non-EU member states such as, for instance, the United States and Switzerland. The panel will focus on the delicate issues emerging from the application of the Regulation to third states, resulting from the first real life cases that have emerged.

Water makes the money flow: financing models for water supply and sanitation projects Presented by the Water Law Committee

This session will analyse, compare and contrast multilateral, bilateral and commercial financing models for water supply and sanitation projects. Washington, DC, as the headquarters of International Financial Institutions such as the World Bank Group and US government agencies active in the water sector, is an ideal location to bring together experts in financing water and sanitation to discuss the challenges to 'getting it right' with a mix of sovereign lending, grant funding and project finance adapted to project risk and affordability.

Whose discrimination laws reach border-crossing staff? Choice of law, discrimination claims, expatriates, international secondees and 'peripatetic' staff

Presented by the Discrimination and Equality Law Committee, the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee and the Litigation Committee

The most fundamental question in cross-border employment law practice is inevitably: which country's employment laws reach bordercrossing staff such as expatriates, mobile workers and employees with international territories? Then there is the related question: to what extent is a choice of law provision enforceable when it appears in an employment agreement, expatriate assignment letter, employee benefits programme or compensation plan? These issues become particularly tricky when a border-crossing employee brings a discrimination claim because wide differences in how jurisdictions address and compensate discrimination claims all but invite forum shopping. This session will address discrimination claim jurisdiction, venue, forum-selection and forum shopping in contexts including the extraterritorial reach of employment and discrimination laws; Europe's Rome I regulation; choice of law and choice of forum clauses in employment and benefits agreements; and foreign and 'hibernating' employment contracts.

Thursday 1315 - 1415

A conversation with... David M Crane, Justice Richard Goldstone, Diane Orentlicher, Ambassador David Scheffer, Jane Stromseth, and David Tolbert

For more information see page 55.

Thursday 1400 - 1730

Aviation roundtable and off-site tour Presented by the Aviation Law Committee

Join us for a tour of the local aviation facilities, followed by a roundtable discussion.

Please sign up at the IBA speaker desk onsite, as the number of participants is limited.

Tour of the US Court of Appeals (DC Circuit)

The IBA's Judges' Forum has organised a tour of the US Court of Appeals (DC Circuit) to take place as part of the Annual Conference week.

Please note that places are limited and delegates registered for the conference will be invited to sign up in person at the conference in September 2016.

Thursday 1430 - 1545

Electromobility: the legal challenges and opportunities arising from the large-scale deployment of green cars

Presented by the Power Law Committee, the Communications Law Committee and the Technology Law Committee

Green cars are creating new challenges and opportunities in the automotive industry. They also represent a challenge for policy-makers, who need to grapple with issues such as the integration of electric vehicles into power grid networks, impacts of large-scale deployment of green cars on electricity demand and energy storage, connectivity and all the ensuing technological, communications and privacy issues. This session will review the challenges of electrical cars and how policy-makers, local authorities, car manufacturers and connectivity and service providers have a role to play, debating these issues from a fresh and unique angle.

New technology and its impact on the financial services industry – new challenges for employers Presented by the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee and the Banking Law Committee

Like in many industries, new technology has created a sea change in how the financial services industry operates and services its customers, for example, total access to accounts via mobile phones through which thousands of dollars may be moved between accounts and bills paid. As a regulated industry, new technology also creates new workplace challenges for employers in this industry. A number of jurisdictions have increased compliance and transparency requirements for the financial services industry, for example, new UK regulations concerning individuals who perform controlled functions. This session will examine changing compliances challenges for employers in the financial services industry in light of technology driven operational changes and heightened regulatory enforcement.

Subrogation/recourse

Presented by the Insurance Committee

This session will present the results of the multijurisdictional 2016 Insurance Committee Substantive Project on Subrogation and Recourse.

Thursday 1430 – 1730

A game of thrones: interaction between manufacturer and distribution channels Presented by the International Sales Committee

From the starting point of the new balance of power of distribution on the internet and of larger international retail organisations, this panel will deal with the most important practical and legal issues in the relationship between the manufacturer and members of the distribution channel. Among the topics to be discussed will be marketing duties and minimum purchase and sales obligations, restraints on competition, price control, internet sales, termination clauses and compensation.

Building information modelling (BIM): progress in adoption and the legal and contractual implications Presented by the International Construction Projects Committee

The next generation of information management for construction projects is building information modelling (BIM). This concerns the whole life cycle of projects from inception to design and build into operation and finally, demolition. It brings with it benefits including an ability to consider whole project life cycle cost as opposed to a focus only on capital expenditure at the design and build stage. This session will consider progress towards the adoption of BIM around the world and the legal and contractual implications that flow from it.

Client-facing KM: using knowledge management to strengthen your relationships with clients Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

Within that framework, we propose the following presentations:

- 1. impact of knowledge management (KM) in key client account programmes;
- 2. building and using KM collaboration platforms with clients;
- 3. making the most of training, reverse training and two-way secondments to know and better serve your client;
- 4. the changing relationship between KM and business development, new governance and stakeholders; and
- 5. KM and client relationship consequences of law firm expansion and merger.

Company financing: trends in debt and equity funding

Presented by the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee

Credit funds flourished in the private equity landscape after the financial crisis and broadly compete today with traditional banks. Debtors increasingly turn to direct lending from credit funds and credit or equity capital markets. In fact, traditional banks have also adapted to the new situation and are changing their ways. All of the above considered, strategies evolve with new 'loan-to-own' strategies, hybrid instruments and an increasingly thinner line between debt and equity. Legal practitioners have to adapt to changing realities and new client needs and, for that purpose, must have a thorough grasp of these new structural trends shaping the environment for our practices.

Disruption or protection? The impact of privacy, data protection and cybersecurity laws on the adoption and use of technology

Presented by the Technology Law Committee and the Human Rights Law Committee

This session will discuss how the disconnection between various international privacy, data protection and cybersecurity laws may impact global economies, human rights concerns and the cost savings and benefits of cloud-based solutions and other technology offerings. The session will discuss privacy, data protection and cybersecurity considerations from the consumer perspective as well as the business and human rights perspectives.

Give a powerful presentation: Pippa's five steps to confidence

By the end of this session, you will have given a presentation, in which you will know how to:

- win and keep the audience's attention for a wide range of audiences;
- make a complex legal lecture interesting to all;
- deliver a winning pitch presentation;
- keep to time;
- project your voice effectively;
- use your body language powerfully;
- be impressive in your personal appearance;
- handle awkward people and answer difficult questions;
- increase your confidence and overcome your nerves; and
- use your notes and visual aids effectively.

Hot topics in international arbitration

Presented by the Arbitration Committee

A discussion on hot topics in international arbitration at the time of the IBA 2016 Annual Conference (eg, arbitration and human rights and role of arbitral tribunals and experts in the calculation of damages).

Human rights due diligence: preparing for a legal obligation

Presented by the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee and the Anti-Corruption Committee

The aim of this panel is to assist lawyers in understanding human rights due diligence (especially through supply chain contracts) in preparation for such due diligences to become a legal obligation. The United Nations adopted a framework on business and human rights in 2011, the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGP). One of the pillars of the UNGP is the responsibility of business to respect human rights. In connection with this responsibility, the UNGP entail a human rights due diligence requirement. Unlike traditional due diligence that deals with risks to a company, human rights due diligence is connected with risks to affected stakeholders (other than the company itself). Although the UNGP are non-binding as such, states assume a role in ensuring the enforcement of the obligations entailed in the UNGP. Thus lawyers should be familiar with human rights due diligence as it is becoming increasingly important. The session focuses on human rights due diligence (as well as enacted or proposed legislation on the topic) and provides insights how to implement effective human rights due diligence (in supply chains).

LGBTI discrimination in the workplace: the state of the law and best practices for multinational companies

Presented by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Law Committee

As the freedom to marry expands throughout the world, it becomes more clearly problematic that there is a lack of protection for LGBTI persons in the workplace. In many jurisdictions, a same-sex marriage can take place at the weekend, only to be followed by a dismissal in response on Monday morning for being gay. This session will summarise the current state of the law regarding LGBTI workplace discrimination and will discuss best practices for recruiting and retaining LGBTI employees, including a dialogue around cutting-edge issues, such as gender transition guidelines, paternity leave and the future of benefits for unmarried same-sex partners.

Low bono, entrepreneurship and society

Presented by the Poverty and Social Development Subcommittee and the Young Lawyers' Committee

What are low bono legal services and how can they be a significant force to promote social development and eliminate poverty?

Leaders of 'low bono' law firms, social entrepreneurs, and executives of international financial and development institutions will explore with the audience the impact of social entrepreneurs in the economic and social development of communities around the world.

The panellists will discuss different alternatives for 'low bono' collaboration among law firms and social entrepreneurs to create innovative solutions that address our planet's problems. These opportunities include potential partnerships of law firms with international financial and development institutions, governments and communities.

Mediation of maritime disputes: what's new there?

Presented by the Mediation Committee and the Maritime and Transport Law Committee

The session will be a first-time and unique opportunity for the Maritime and Mediation Committees to work together to show how disputes in what is often an international frame can be – and are often – settled through alternative dispute resolutions (ADRs), and not just litigation or arbitration. The session aims to develop insight and skills in the use of negotiation, mediation, arbitration and other forms of ADR as a tool, from the perspective of all maritime users. The specific topics covered will include: law and jurisdiction clauses, mediation and arbitration clauses, agreements to mediate, cost/ benefit diagnosis, small claims, the choice of a maritime mediator, and the use of co-mediation. We will aim to invite specialists from the London Maritime Arbitration Association, the Society of Maritime Arbitrators, and other maritime institutions.

Natural resources agreements: common law provisions in civil law jurisdictions

Presented by the Mining Law Committee, the Litigation Committee and the Oil and Gas Law Committee

There are important fundamental differences between the way that common law and civil code jurisdictions articulate rights and obligations under contract. Too often, in the context of natural resources agreements, lawyers draft clauses and contracts in the legal tradition

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to which they are accustomed; however, this can subject clients to significant risk regarding the way in which certain clauses in their agreements will be applied in the local jurisdiction and may even result in an unenforceable agreement. This session features experienced counsel 'ambidextrous' in both legal frameworks to discuss some of the most common pitfalls that can render natural resources agreements 'lost in translation' between civil and common law traditions.

No trespassing: migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and the criminalisation of movement across borders

Presented by the Criminal Law Committee, the Business Crime Committee and the Human Rights Law Committee

Whether it is the flood of Syrian refugees into Western Europe, the influx of Latino immigrants into the United States, or the movement of oppressed ethnic minorities in Asia, the movement of human beings across borders is increasingly intertwined with the criminal legal process. This panel will examine the criminal laws that migrants encounter, discuss the legal distinctions between migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, and explore if and when the movement of people should or must be criminalised. We expect a diverse panel of practitioners and viewpoints to result in a lively and spirited discussion of what may be one of the great legal and humanitarian issues of our time.

Over the counter or underground: emerging and new models for legal services

Presented by the Alternative Business Structures Committee, the Law Firm Management Committee and the Professional Ethics Committee

Has law become commoditised and homogenised? Do businesses consider the purchase of legal services as the same as buying office supplies? In many ways, legal services have taken on an 'over-thecounter' quality or even an underground nature. Beyond consumers, even small and medium-sized businesses are attempting to address their legal needs by themselves, forsaking lawyers. In other cases, they are turning to alternatives to the traditional law firm. What exactly are Legal Zoom and AVVO? They pull legal documents off the internet or engage lawyers through various online companies. They may start turning, where available, to the 'quasi' or 'limited' licenced legal technicians. This session explores the current status of the legal terrain across jurisdictions, in both civil and common law venues, and sheds light on what may be now considered an entire 'counterculture' of legal services.

Part 1: recent challenges for private equity Part 2: the best legal frameworks for venture capital investments

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee and the Private Equity Subcommittee

Part 1 of this session will consider at key developments and challenges in the private equity sphere. With a focus on current trends around the globe, it will constitute a valuable opportunity for parties interested in the international private equity sector and, in particular, for practitioners to obtain a comprehensive update.

Part 2 of this session will highlight the framework for venture capital investments from the following jurisdictions: (1) United States; (2) Europe (EU); (3) Asia; and (4) Latin America. The panellists will explore the following topics: (1) structure of venture capital investments in their jurisdiction – debt v equity, or a combination; (2) the effect of government incentives on the venture capital structures – incubation centres promoted and funded by governments; (3) universities, involvement in incubating and supporting venture companies; and (4) existing companies or enterprises, involvement in venture capital – companies' own venture funds. The legal frameworks will also include the management role that venture investors undertake in each jurisdiction.

Rights of the child: examining how a child's view is, or should be, heard by the courts

Presented by the Family Law Committee and the Judges' Forum

This session will examine the right of the child to be heard and the manner in which the child's voice should be heard by the courts and how this relates to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Sip it or cellar it? Fine wine investing *Presented by the Investment Funds Committee*

This session will feature practitioners and wine industry representatives discussing the opportunities and challenges in the organisation and operation of investing in the wine industry. The session will analyse the basics of wine investing, including the risks and global fund structures utilised to raise capital to invest in investment quality wines.

The interplay between antitrust merger review and foreign investment review

Presented by the Antitrust and Trade Law Section

Many mergers and acquisitions are subject to both antitrust and foreign investment reviews. These foreign investment reviews are often based on national interest and national security concepts that may not be well defined or objective, and that follow a different logic from conventional antitrust and international trade rules. This panel will explore the growth of foreign investment reviews, how they relate to antitrust and international trade regimes, and how they must be taken into account by practitioners when assessing plans for cross-border investment and mergers and acquisitions.

The law of war, torture and international human rights

Presented by the Human Rights Law Committee

The conduct of hostilities of US forces and their allies in Iraq and Afghanistan has once again come under scrutiny thanks to a series of parliamentary and special select committees inquiries in the UK, US and among European partners and institutions. Among the most hotly debated counterterrorism practices, the use of torture and extraordinary renditions authorised by the Bush administration in the wake of the 9/11-triggered 'war on terror' have seen the most divisive positions. On the one hand, proponents of the practices, among which many Republican presidential candidates argue that torture indeed yielded actionable intelligence and helped 'keep the country safe' from further terrorism. On the other hand, torture opponents have laid out a plethora of arguments ranging from the illegality of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment, to its inefficacy, to the counterproductiveness that the use of these techniques has shown in the face of the rise of insurgencies and terrorism. Most importantly, some of the legally salient aspects of the decision to recur to torture have been ignored for a variety of reasons. Discussions concerning accountability, for example, have been only marginal. Who should be prosecuted: the authors of the policies or those who carried out actual acts of torture and other abuse of prisoners? What was the role of lawyers at the justice and defence departments, and do grounds exist for the good-faith reliance on the advice of counsel defence? Is there a duty to provide reparations to those who suffered those abuses? Was there a role for the European human rights system in preventing these abuses? How effective was it? Finally, what impact did the use of torture have on the broader normative prohibition against cruelty? These and other questions will be explored during our panel discussion.

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The spectrum of general anti-avoidance and antiabuse rules and their impact on examples of tax planning ideas

Presented by the Taxes Committee

How can taxpayers navigate safely through the forest of rules that tax authorities have developed to tackle tax avoidance, including the specific targeted rules (TAARs) and more general anti-avoidance or anti-abuse rules (GAARs) passed by legislatures, and the judicial approaches of substance over form, ignoring inserted steps or steps with no business purpose, the civil law concepts of 'abus de droit' and 'fraus legis', appeals to the intention of the legislature, and creative judicial interpretation of the facts or construction of the legislation? The focus will be on what circumstances put a taxpayer practically at risk and how; what steps should be undertaken to assure that a transaction for which tax planning is important is fairly considered; and what steps need to be undertaken to assure a full and fair review when a transaction is reviewed by taxing authorities years later.

Throwing the baby out with the bath water: old and new challenges associated with protecting confidential, secret and proprietary information

Presented by the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee and the International Franchising Committee

Protecting confidential information, trade secrets, know-how and proprietary information has always been challenging. These challenges have included problems in identifying the information said to be secret (and establishing that it is secret) as well as seeking redress for misuse without disclosing what is sought to be protected.

New issues in relation to the protection of confidential information, trade secrets, know-how and proprietary information have arisen as a result of the EU Trade Secrets Directive and the Trade Secrets provisions of the Trans-Pacific Partnership and proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.

This session will look at these old and new issues relating to confidential information, trade secrets, know-how and proprietary information, including how entities manage this type of information (including the concept of confidentiality clubs), and what to do when everything goes wrong and there is an actual or threatened misuse.

Thursday 1430 – 1800

IBA Council meeting and election of Officers

The IBA Council is the governing body of the Association, having the general control of the affairs of the IBA and passing, as required, resolutions and guidelines for members. Those entitled to attend are the IBA officers, division officers, Honorary Life Members of the Council, appointed representatives from member organisations and any co-opted members.

The election of the IBA Officers and BIC Officers to serve from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018 will take place at this meeting.

Sign in from 1430.

Thursday 1615 – 1730

Dispute resolution in the power industry

Presented by the Power Law Committee and the Arbitration Committee

Due to the volatile prices in the energy market and the current massive change of market conditions, such as the transformation from conventional to renewable energies, more and more disputes arise between market players. The parties to such disputes regularly aim for alternative dispute resolution based on a specific knowledge and understanding of the particularities of the energy sector (in a technical and commercial sense). Furthermore, where large investments are in dispute, parties have a keen interest in keeping their dispute confidential. This session will discuss the different dispute resolution mechanisms in the power industry as well as the legal regimes under which such disputes may be decided, such as the Energy Charter Treaty.

Market misconduct

Presented by the Insurance Committee and the Consumer Litigation Committee

The session will address market misconduct issues that are currently in insurance regulators' sights. These include misselling, selling with inadequate regulatory organisations, unfair discrimination, deceitful advertising, and overpricing premiums and commissions. Industry experts and practitioners will compare the remedies against misselling available to insurance consumers in different jurisdictions, and litigation risks that insurers face in light of class actions and regulator activism.

New technology, remote employment relationships and the cross-border duty of care obligations of multinational employers

Presented by the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee, the Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee and the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee

Multinational corporations increasingly utilise matrix or global virtual teams to work on projects. Employees and independent contractors are engaged across the globe. While team members may be out of sight, the employer's obligations of duty of care ensuring a safe and healthy workplace remain the same as if the entire team worked under one roof. Furthermore, multinationals may be subject to increased risks, including work permit immigration law compliance challenges.

Friday 0930 – 1230

A review of international immigration service providers: compare and contrast the difference between lawyers and other immigration service providers globally. Who can provide immigration advice and services?

Presented by the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee and the Bar Issues Commission Regulation Subcommittee

Why lawyers are a one-stop shop in the global migration space. A review of international immigration service providers and the defined role of lawyers. Legal services are crucial for encouraging and supporting transnational trade and investment. As economies have become more global, the demand for global cross-border legal services has grown significantly. Increasingly governments are pursuing trade agendas designed to break down barriers to cross-border trade, including in relation to the legal profession. The provision of legal services does include the relocation of a global workforce within different jurisdictions, territories and the relevant domestic migration laws and international trade agreements that apply to these jurisdictions. This session is designed to be interactive and will compare and contrast the difference between lawyers and other immigration service providers globally, with the international trade law context.

Current legal developments

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee and the Current Legal Developments Subcommittee

This session will review key developments in corporate and M&A law in jurisdictions around the world that have relevance for lawyers globally.

Global anti-corruption update

Presented by the Anti-Corruption Committee

This yearly and very popular session will review the current trends and developments in anti-corruption policy, investigations and enforcement from around the world in an engaging round table dialogue with world experts.

Hot or not: recent M&A trends and transactions, with a special focus on the use of insurance of tax uncertainties

Presented by the Taxes Committee and the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

What tax structures are being used in current international transactions? And, in particular, how can buy-side or sell-side insurance bridge the gap between the protections that a buyer demands and those that a seller offers?

Is discrimination against irregular staffers legal outside of Europe? Should it be?

Presented by the Discrimination and Equality Law Committee and the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee

Law across the EU prohibits discrimination in benefits, pay and terms of employment, against irregular staff such as temporary workers, part-timers and so-called 'zero-hour' employees. An EU directive flatly requires that all these irregular employees get (proportionately) everything their regular full-time colleagues get. But other countries are not so accommodating to 'irregulars'. Bosses in the US, for example, tend to give vacation, paid holidays, insurance and other benefits only to their regular full-timers. US employers are actually accused of hiring part-timers and temps just to save costs. This session will confront the fundamental public policy quandary: Do irregular staffers need and deserve special protection that elevates them to a discrete protected class? The session will explore: how the European protection of irregular staff works in practice; whether jurisdictions beyond Europe have or need similar rules; and alternative legal theories for irregular status discrimination, 'indirect/disparate impact' race and gender discrimination.

Recent developments on unitisation and abandonment/decommissioning of oil and gas fields: global outlook

Presented by the Oil and Gas Law Committee

The current crisis of the oil and gas industry affects key decisions on oil and gas production milestones including unitisation and abandonment/decommissioning. Unitisation is the joint development of a hydrocarbon reservoir, which extends across two or more licence or contract areas (if the field is governed by a production sharing contract regime) in order to ensure the efficient production of the reservoir and to maximise the economic recovery of petroleum from such licences of the contract areas. The oil and gas industry anticipates growing activity in well-abandonment and platformdecommissioning operations. Although advanced technologies bring new techniques to abandonment/decommissioning, oil and gas players seek to minimise costs because these expenses are not recouped. In this session the recent legal developments on these two topics will be reviewed, considering not only legal but also technical and business issues.

Watch the weight: is that container overweight?

Presented by the Land Transport Subcommittee and the Maritime and Transport Law Committee

From 1 July 2016, the SOLAS (Safety of Life At Sea) Convention obliges the shipper of goods to weigh the container used for the carriage of the goods. The shipper is responsible for providing the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) to carriers and terminal operators in a way that is prescribed by SOLAS. If the VGM is not provided, the containers shall not be loaded on board of a vessel and will have to stay on land. This session aims to clarify and discuss the substantial impact these amendments have on the industry: how will sellers deal with the new amendments? Can the gross mass of the containers be verified in time? Will sea carriers or terminal operators adapt their services? And importantly: how will all of this be enforced in the various jurisdictions?

Friday 1000 – 1230

Special regional challenges to the rule of law Presented by the Rule of Law Forum

The morning programme of the Rule of Law Symposium will examine a regional conflict situation in terms of its history, views of the protagonists, previous efforts to resolve protracted issues, the applicability of principles of international law, and elements of potential compromises or resolution of the conflict or of particular issues that the conflict has created. Participants will include lawyers from the region itself, diplomats or negotiators who have sought to deal with the issues, international law authorities and Rule of Law Forum leaders involved in the project.

Friday 1330 – 1600

Iran: testing the rule of law

Presented by the Rule of Law Forum

The afternoon programme looks at a range of rule of law issues related to Iran, ranging from compliance with the Nuclear Arms Agreement, to issues of economic sanctions to international law principles related to regional stability and the actions of ISIS, or Daesh. Moderator Essam AI Tamimi will discuss with experts on Iran and experts on related issues of international law rule of law questions in which Iran may be involved or face scrutiny, implications for the region and beyond, and the relevance and applicability of international law.

Conference information

Conference venue

Washington Marriott Wardman Park

2660 Woodley Road NW Washington, DC 20008

Registration

To register for the conference, please complete the enclosed registration form and send it by **Tuesday 6 September**, together with your payment, to:

International Bar Association

4th Floor, 10 St Bride Street London EC4A 4AD, United Kingdom Fax: +44 (0)20 7842 0091 Email: confs@int-bar.org

You can also register online at www.ibanet.org/conferences/ Washington2016.aspx.

Your registration will be acknowledged by email upon receipt of full payment and all registration and logistical details will be available from the 'My IBA' section of the IBA website.

Social functions

Social function bookings will **NOT** be confirmed until full payment is received by the IBA. If full payment is not received by **Friday 19 August**, bookings will be released without further warning.

As numbers may have to be limited for certain functions, places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Requests for bookings for unregistered accompanying persons will only be granted at the discretion of the Conferences Director.

Badge barcoding

All name badges (both delegates and accompanying persons) will display a barcode. Your name badge is your ticket. Badges operate in a similar way to e-tickets and will be scanned for delegates and accompanying persons before entry into all IBA official functions. To gain entry to a social function delegates and accompanying persons must wear their badge and have previously purchased a place(s) for the event. **We do not issue paper tickets for social functions.**

Information on your social function bookings and payments are stored in the barcode on badges. Entry to social functions is by badge only. The badge must be presented and the barcode scanned. If a badge is not presented, entry will be refused. All social functions must be booked and paid for in advance otherwise entry will not be permitted.

In order to transfer a booking to another person, you must visit the IBA Registration Desk and supply full details of the person (name, organisation, IBA membership number) to whom the transfer is to be made. As entry to social functions is by barcode only, transfer of bookings cannot be made at the social function venue and must be made at the IBA Registration Desk prior to the social function.

Accompanying persons registrations

Accompanying person(s) must **NOT** be a member of the legal profession or use the conference as a business networking opportunity. Checks are made to ensure this is adhered to. If the IBA believes the accompanying person is attending in a professional or business capacity, the IBA reserves the right to refuse or cancel the registration of the accompanying person and request they register as a full delegate for the conference.

Access for accompanying persons to the conference venue is limited to the Tours and Accommodation desks in the lobby level of the Washington Marriott Wardman Park. Accompanying persons are not permitted to attend, under any circumstance, working sessions or general delegate lunches, with the exception of the Opening Ceremony and the Rule of Law Symposium.

Accompanying persons are not entitled to attend social events without the registered delegate present or purchase places at social events. Any social event purchase must be made by the registered delegate.

Only registered accompanying persons (ie, those who have paid the accompanying persons fee) are eligible to participate in the social programme, except with the prior agreement of the Conferences Director.

Important dates

Friday 1 July – Early registration fee deadline

Early registration fee and inclusion in the online delegate search – registration forms and payment must be received at the IBA office by Friday 1 July. The online delegate search will be available to all registered delegates at www.ibanet.org/conferences/ Washington2016.aspx by early August.

Friday 19 August – Deadline for inclusion in Conference list of participants

Conference list of participants – for inclusion in the list of participants available at the conference, registration forms and payment must be received at the IBA office by **Friday 19 August**.

In addition to the printed list of participants, registered delegates will also have access to the IBA conference app, available on PDAs and smartphones, to search through an up-to-date directory of delegates, view their contact information, discover the location and times of speakers' sessions and send personal messages to other conference delegates.

Social function purchases – places for social functions will not be confirmed until full payment is received by the IBA. If full payment for social functions is not received by **Friday 19 August** then the reserved places will be released and made available to other delegates without further notice.

Tuesday 6 September – Online amendment deadline

Online amendments/additions – the last day that an individual can add social events or accompanying persons online is **Tuesday 6 September**. After this date, all amendments and/or additions to conference registrations can only be made on-site in Washington. Please note that changes to delegates contact details or addition of accompanying persons after **Friday 19 August** will not be reflected in the Conference list of participants.

Tuesday 6 September – Registration deadline

All registrations (online and by hard copy) must be received by close of business on **Tuesday 6 September** in order to be processed. Registrations received on or close to **Tuesday 6 September** may take several days to process due to the high volume received at this time. Therefore you may experience a short delay in your registration fee being processed and, in some cases, this will be after **Tuesday 6 September**. Note: after this date, conference registration will be still possible on-site and the higher on-site registration fee will apply.

Social function purchases – all social function bookings must be finalised by close of business on **Tuesday 6 September**. After this date, all amendments, returns and purchases of social function places will only be possible upon arrival at the conference. Places at social events returned in person, on-site, will be subject to a 25 per cent administration charge, and a refund will only be made if the place is resold. All refunds will be made from the London office after the conference. Please note that new purchases will be subject to availability at the conference.

Tuesday 6 September – Cancellation deadline

Cancellation – notice of cancellation must be received in writing at the IBA office by **Tuesday 6 September**. A 15 per cent administration charge will be deducted from registration fees and 25 per cent from any social function bookings. After this date, no refunds can be made for registration fees; however, your entire registration can be transferred to a substitute delegate employed within your law firm/company on-site at the IBA Registration Desk. The substitute delegate must bring along written permission for the transfer from the original delegate. Only one transfer/substitute per registration is permitted. The entire registration, including any social function bookings, will be transferred to the new delegate.

If you choose to cancel your registration after the deadline and do not transfer to a colleague, any social function places you have purchased will automatically be returned to be resold and cannot be claimed at a later stage by another delegate. Successful social function resales will be refunded, less an administration charge of 25 per cent, from the London office after the conference.

Social function booking cancellations

Social function bookings cancelled in person, on-site at the conference will be subject to a 25 per cent administration charge. A refund will only be made if the ticket is resold and all refunds will be made from the London office after the conference.

Fast track registration

All delegates who have registered and paid for the conference, social functions and membership fees in full by close of business on **Tuesday 6 September** will receive a voucher for the fast track registration desk. The voucher is scheduled to be emailed on **Wednesday 14 September** to the email address indicated on the registration form. Please bring this voucher to the registration desk either in hard copy or on your smartphone.

Registration fees

All prices are in US dollars.

	On or before 1 July	2 July – 6 September	At the Conference
IBA members	US\$2,525	US\$2,905	US\$3,410
IBA members academics/			
judges (full-time)	US\$1,895	US\$2,905	US\$3,410
Senior lawyers*	US\$1,895	US\$2,905	US\$3,410
Public lawyers	US\$1,895	US\$2,905	US\$3,410
Young lawyers	US\$1,895	US\$2,905	US\$3,410
IBA corporate group member**	US\$1,895	US\$2,905	US\$3,410
Corporate counsel	US\$2,270	US\$2,905	US\$3,410
Non-members***	US\$3,030	US\$3,535	US\$3,920
Accompanying persons****	US\$305	US\$305	US\$305

*Reduced rate is offered to lawyers who are over the age of 65, have been an IBA member for more than 20 years and are no longer practising law.

**The IBA corporate group member is a reduced rate offered to the in-house legal department of international corporations. This rate is only applicable if your company has a corporate group membership with the IBA.

***Non-members can register at the IBA rate if the IBA membership form is submitted at the same time as their conference registration.

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Only registered accompanying persons (ie, those paying the accompanying persons registration fee) are eligible to participate in the social programme, except with the prior agreement of the Conferences Director.

Registration forms received at the IBA office indicating incorrect registration fee selection will be processed at the correct registration fee rate. An email will be dispatched informing the delegate of this error and further conference documentation will not be available until the full registration fee has been received.

Registration fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Conference documentation, including website access to any available speakers' papers, online delegate search and conference list of participants
- Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party on Sunday 18 September
- General delegate lunches, Monday Friday inclusive
- Tea and coffee during breaks

Accompanying person fees include:

- Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party on Sunday 18 September
- Attendance at the Rule of Law Symposium on Friday 23
 September

Please note the accompanying person fee does not include attendance at the general delegate lunches provided for delegates daily.

Payment of registration fees

US dollars: by cheque drawn on a US bank in favour of the International Bar Association. Please send to: 4th Floor, 10 St Bride Street, London EC4A 4AD, United Kingdom.

OR by bank transfer to the IBA account number: 01286498 (Sort Code 56-00-03) at the National Westminster Bank, St James & Piccadilly Branch, 208 Piccadilly, London W1A 2DG, United Kingdom.

OR SWIFT address NWBKGB2L, IBAN GB55NWBK60730101286498.

Please ensure that a copy of the bank transfer details is attached to your registration form and sent to the IBA office.

Pounds sterling: by cheque drawn on a UK bank and converted at the current rate of exchange, payable to the International Bar Association. Please send to: 4th Floor, 10 St Bride Street, London EC4A 4AD, United Kingdom.

OR by bank transfer, converted at the current rate of exchange, to the IBA account number: 13270222 (Sort Code 56-00-03) at the National Westminster Bank, St James & Piccadilly Branch, 208 Piccadilly, London W1A 2DG, United Kingdom.

OR SWIFT address NWBKGB2L, IBAN GB05NWBK56000313270222.

Please ensure that a copy of the bank transfer details is attached to your registration form and sent to the IBA office.

Euro: by bank transfer, converted at the current rate of exchange, to the IBA bank account number 06570631 (Sort Code 56-00-03) at the National Westminster Bank, St James & Piccadilly Branch, 208 Piccadilly, London W1A 2DG, United Kingdom.

OR SWIFT address NWBKGB2L, IBAN GB58NWBK60721106570631.

Please ensure that a copy of the bank transfer details is attached to your registration form and sent to the IBA office.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR NAME, MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (if applicable) AND THE WORDS 'CON664+ WASHINGTON' APPEAR ON ANY TRANSFER OR DRAFT.

Credit card payments: by Visa, MasterCard or American Express.

No other cards are accepted. Credit cards will be charged in US dollars. Your credit card company will convert this cost to the currency of your credit card.

Receipt of payment without submitting a fully completed registration form does not constitute a 'complete' registration and will not secure your place at the conference. Registrations will only be confirmed once the IBA Office is in receipt of both the completed registration form and full payment.

Cancellation/refunds/substitution

Any cancellation must be received in writing at the IBA office by **Tuesday 6 September** in order for fees to be refunded. A 15 per cent administration charge will be deducted from registration fees and 25 per cent administration charge on social functions.

Refunds will only be made via the payment method they were originally sent, if a payment is refunded via bank transfer it will also be subject to any applicable bank charges.

If you have made an accommodation booking, either through our housing agent JLC or independently, you are responsible for cancelling this separately. The IBA takes no responsibility for any financial penalties you may incur.

After **Tuesday 6 September**, no refunds can be made for registration fees; however, your registration fee can be transferred to a substitute delegate employed within your law firm/company. If you choose to cancel your registration after the deadline and do not transfer to a colleague, any social function places you have purchased will automatically be returned to be resold and cannot be claimed at a later stage by another delegate. Successful resales will be refunded, less an administration charge of 25 per cent from the London office after the conference.

After **Tuesday 6 September** it is only possible to arrange a delegate transfer on-site at the IBA Registration Desk and the substitute delegate must bring along written permission for the transfer from the original delegate. Only one transfer/substitute per registration is permitted and the entire registration, including any social function bookings, will be transferred to the new delegate.

Social function booking cancellations – Social function bookings cancelled in person, on-site at the conference will be subject to a 25 per cent administration charge. A refund will only be made if the ticket is resold and all refunds will be made from the London office after the conference.

Cancellation of registration

Provided you have cancelled your registration to attend an IBA conference in accordance with the terms of the 'cancellation of registration' clause included in the 'Information' section of the relevant conference programme, you must then confirm to us in writing at the IBA office as soon as possible but in no event later than one year (12 calendar months) from the date of any such conference all necessary details to enable any reimbursement owed to you to be paid. We regret that no refunds will be made after the date that is one year (12 calendar months) after the date of the relevant conference.

No deductions or withholdings

All fees payable to us by you in accordance with the terms contained in this 'Information' section shall be paid free and clear of all deductions or withholdings whatsoever.

If any deductions or withholdings are required by law to be made from any fees payable to us by you under the terms contained in this 'Information' section you shall pay such sum as will, after the deduction or withholding has been made, leave us with the same amount as we would have been entitled to receive in the absence of any such requirement to make a deduction or withholding.

If we obtain the benefit of any tax credit or other relief by reference to any such deductions or withholdings, then we shall repay to you such amount as, after such repayment has been made, will leave us in no worse position than we would have been had no such deductions or withholdings been required.

Group/agent/third-party bookings

The IBA is unable to process group registrations or registrations supplied through an agency. Registration, payment and all conference correspondence must be made directly with the registered delegate and not via a third party. Should we receive a conference registration and/or payment from a third party, the registration will not be processed and the funds will be returned automatically to the bank they originated from, with any applicable charges deducted.

International Bar Association is incorporated as a Not-for-Profit Corporation under the laws of the State of New York in the United States of America and is registered with the Department of State of the State of New York with registration number 071114000655 and the liability of its members is limited. Its registered office in New York is at c/o Capital Services Inc, 1218 Central Avenue, Suite 100 Albany, New York 12205 – **please note that conference registrations cannot be accepted at this address:** the administrative office of the Association is at 4th Floor, 10 St Bride Street, London EC4A 4AD, United Kingdom.

Language

The working language of the conference is English.

Registration check-in

The registration desk will be located on the Exhibition Level of the Washington Marriott Wardman Park. Once you have collected your documents you must display your name badge clearly at all times within the Marriott and all IBA social events in order to gain entry.

Registration hours are:

Saturday	1500 – 1800
Sunday	1000 - 1800
Monday – Thursday	0830 – 1730
Friday	0830 – 1430

Multi-faith prayer room

A multi-faith prayer room will be available for use at the conference during registration hours.

Badges

For security reasons, name badges **must** be worn at all times during the conference and at social functions. Your name badge is your 'ticket' for the Opening Ceremony, Welcome Party and any IBA social events you have purchased place(s). Access to the IBA event space at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park, once you have collected your registration documentation will be denied entry unless you are wearing the correct conference badge.

After initial collection of conference documentation, accompanying persons are limited to the Tours and Accommodation desks in the lobby level of the Washington Marriott Wardman Park, and attendance at the Opening Ceremony. Accompanying persons are not permitted to attend, under any circumstance, working sessions or general delegate lunches, with the exception of the Opening Ceremony and the Rule of Law Symposium. Security checks will be in place and staff will challenge delegates not wearing a valid conference badge. Proof of identity is required for replacement badges.

Accommodation

The IBA has purchased a limited number of bedrooms for delegates, for the nights of 17–23 September 2016 (inclusive), at a number of hotels.

How to make a reservation

Complete the accommodation form (available to download from the website) or book online at **www.ibanet.org/Conferences/ washington_accommodation.aspx**.

Access for people with disabilities

The Washington Marriott Wardman Park is accessible by wheelchair. Please notify us if you require special assistance.

Entry formalities

All delegates are responsible for checking visa entry requirements for the United States; we strongly recommend you check on a regular basis for any change to the entry formalities into the USA. Applications can take up to several months to process and delegates will have to apply for their visa in person at their local embassy. Please contact your local embassy for entry formalities and apply for any required visa well in advance.

US Visa Waiver Programme (VWP) – since 2009 travellers to the US previously eligible to visit under the VWP are now required to obtain travel authorisation prior to travel. Further to the above on 18 December 2015, the US Congress passed a Bill updating the requirements for the Visa Waiver Programme (VWP); under the new rules, with effect from 1 April 2016 all travellers wishing to enter the US under the VWP will need to hold a passport with an integrated chip, for further information visit http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visa-waiver-program.html

For further information please visit the following website: http://travel.state.gov

The organisers may at any time, with or without giving notice, in their absolute discretion and without giving any reason, cancel or postpone the conference, change its venue or any of the other published particulars, or withdraw any invitation to attend. In any case, neither the organisers nor any of their officers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be liable for any loss, liability, damage or expense suffered or incurred by any person, nor will they return any money paid to them in connection with the conference.

Social programme

Social functions will **NOT** be confirmed until full payment is received at the IBA office. If full payment is not received by **Friday 19 August** the allocation will be released without further notice. Places, where relevant, must be purchased for children over 13 years old. Some social functions may not be suitable for young children and, if this is the case, the IBA reserves the right not to admit them.

Social function amendments and returns

All social function bookings must be finalised by close of business on **Tuesday 6 September**. After this date all amendments, returns and purchases of social function places will only be possible upon arrival at the conference. Social function places returned in person, on-site, will be subject to a 25 per cent administration charge, and a refund will only be made if the place is resold. All refunds will be made from the London office after the conference.

Please note that new social function purchases will be subject to availability at the conference.

Social function prices

The IBA does not mark-up prices or make a profit from social functions. Dining in a large group will cost more than dining individually because of additional costs such as room hire, transport, decoration, etc.

Committee socials

A full list of committee social functions will be sent to all delegates.

Dress code

The conference dress code is business attire for working sessions and smart-casual for social events unless otherwise stated.

Sponsorship

For details of all sponsorship opportunities at this conference, email: andrew.webster-dunn@int-bar.org.

*Indicates functions open to delegates and registered accompanying persons for which there is no charge. Admission is by conference badge.

Sunday 18 September

1430 - 1630

Conference newcomer orientation workshop Washington Marriott Wardman Park

1700 – 1830 *Ononing Corom

*Opening Ceremony

Transport will be provided directly after the Opening Ceremony to the Welcome Party.

1900 - 2200

*Welcome Party

The Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum and The National Museum of the American Indian

Located next to each other on the National Mall are two of Washington's most iconic museums: the National Museum of the American Indian and the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. For a truly unique experience, we are combining the two for the Welcome Party so you really can experience for yourselves the extraordinary transition that has been made over the centuries. Begin with either a celebration of Native American culture, with a continuous flow of authentic tribal dances and local Native American art, or across the street in the Air and Space Museum, which is home to the largest collection of historic air and spacecraft in the world. Touch the moonrock or meet an astronaut! Between the museums you can stop at the IBA Hot Air Balloon Bar and travel between the past and future with some unexpected guests. There is no better way to begin your week in the US capital than enjoying a lively evening of food, music and entertainment in these world famous venues.

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Monday 19 September

1230 – 1430 (A) Arab Regional Forum lunch The Omni Shoreham Hotel

Price: US\$95

1230 - 1430

(B) European Regional Forum lunch The Omni Shoreham Hotel

Price: US\$95

1230 - 1430

(C) North American Regional Forum lunch The Omni Shoreham Hotel

Price: US\$95

1230 - 1430

(D) Women Lawyers' Interest Group lunch The Omni Shoreham Hotel

Price: US\$95

Tuesday 20 September

0800 – 0930 **African Regional Forum breakfast** The Omni Shoreham Hotel

0800 - 0930

IBA Bar breakfast hosted by the American Bar Association (ABA) *The ABA Futures report and the current legal terrain in the USA The Omni Shoreham Hotel*



At its mid-year meeting in February 2016, the ABA House of Delegates adopted a set of factors that should be considered by courts and regulatory bodies in addressing the multitude of options for delivery of legal services. Legal Zoom, Avvo, limited licence legal technicians

and other non-traditional models, including delivery of legal services by non-lawyers, raise issues of regulation and ethics. The programme will explore and compare the recent work of the ABA Futures Commission with that of other countries, and focus on the current ABA policy as recently adopted by the House of Delegates, and the impact on not only state by state regulation, but the international ramifications as well.

1230 – 1430 (E) Asia Pacific Regional Forum lunch The Omni Shoreham Hotel

Price: US\$95

1230 – 1430 (F) Latin American Regional Forum lunch The Omni Shoreham Hotel

Price: US\$95

Wednesday 21 September

0800 - 0930

Arbitration Committee breakfast The Omni Shoreham Hotel

0800 - 0930

Corporate Counsel Forum breakfast *The Omni Shoreham Hotel*

The Corporate Counsel breakfast is a closed event for in-house counsel only.

0800 - 0930

Family Law Committee breakfast

The Omni Shoreham Hotel

0800 - 0930

The IBA Bar breakfast hosted by the Conseil National des Barreaux

Business and human rights – the dual role of the lawyers: human rights defender and business adviser The Omni Shoreham Hotel



0800 – 0930 **Managing Partners' breakfast** The Omni Shoreham Hotel

1230 – 1430 (G) Legal Practice Division lunch The Omni Shoreham Hotel

Price: US\$95

Afternoon

IBA football match

After the enormous success of the Erster Wiener Arbeiter-Fußball-Club in Vienna in 2015, the IBA football stars will again gather for instinctive passes, competitive team effort and huge enjoyment for participants and spectators alike. Venue details will be announced nearer the time. As before, we ask that all players ensure that they register with the IBA during the conference week. Estimated cost will be \$75 per person and the game will commence at 1500 on Wednesday 21 September 2016. Please register your interest in playing prior to (or during) the conference week to Keith Oliver or Leonie Stevens (keoliver@petersandpeters.com / Istevens@ petersandpeters.com).

Thursday 22 September

0800 - 0930

Academic and Professional Development Committee breakfast The Omni Shoreham Hotel

1230 - 1430

(H) African Regional Forum lunch

The Omni Shoreham Hotel

Price: US\$95

1230 – 1430

(I) Section on Public and Professional Interest lunch The Omni Shoreham Hotel

Price: US\$95

1800 - 2000

*Host Committee reception

World Bank Headquarters (1818 H Street, NW)

The 2016 Washington, DC Host Committee welcomes you to its reception at the World Bank Headquarters Building—home to the World Bank and ICSID (International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes). The headquarters building—just a few blocks from the White House—was constructed in 1941 for the US Surgeon General and in 1946 was occupied by the US State Department. However, ever since the World Bank opened for business on June 25, 1946 the address has always been the same—1818 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

The Host Committee has arranged special access for IBA delegates to this spectacular glass atrium that connects the World Bank buildings. It houses many fine works of art and guests are invited to join the Host Committee to enjoy wonderful food and drink while they enjoy the numerous art pieces and artefacts from around the world.

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2030 – late Law Rocks! Washington, DC

Law Rocks! is a series of live 'battle of the bands' style rock concerts in which law professionals battle it out on stage for charity at legendary music venues around the world. Law Rocks! started in London five years ago, with the first IBA edition taking place at the Paradise Rock Club in Boston in 2013.

The net proceeds of the event will go to the IBA's Human Rights Institute and local charity, so if you want to battle it out on stage, or simply enjoy a night of great music for a good cause, visit **www.lawrocks.com**.

Friday 23 September

1930 – 2230 (J) Closing reception National Portrait Gallery

Price: US\$150

Delegates are invited to enjoy an evening of food, wine and music in the stunning surroundings of the National Portrait Gallery. The Gallery is part of the Smithsonian Institution, and is housed in the historic Old Patent Office Building, one of America's finest examples of Greek revival architecture and the third-oldest federal building in Washington, DC.

The party will take place in the Great Hall, where President Abraham Lincoln celebrated his second inaugural ball. The Hall's sumptuous decor in the American Victorian Renaissance style will provide a dramatic setting to close out the conference week in style. The Hall's paintings, sculpture, photographs and prints tell the diverse story of 20th-century USA: guests will enjoy portraits of leaders, rebels, artists, entrepreneurs and other prominent personalities who shaped the culture of the age. Another highlight is the gallery of 'America's Presidents', one of two official national collections of presidential portraits, representing many of the most iconic images of US commanders-in-chief (as well as the most recent unveiling, Frank Underwood from 'House of Cards'!). Guests will also have special access to the conservatory, where the museum's works are refurbished.

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Please tick box if you are a speaker and **ONLY** attending your working session.

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Please state the title of your working session and the day it is being held during the week of the conference.

–Day _

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Please tick box if you are interested in attending the Rule of Law Symposium on Friday 23 September.

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Arab Regional Forum lunch (A)	US\$95		US\$
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