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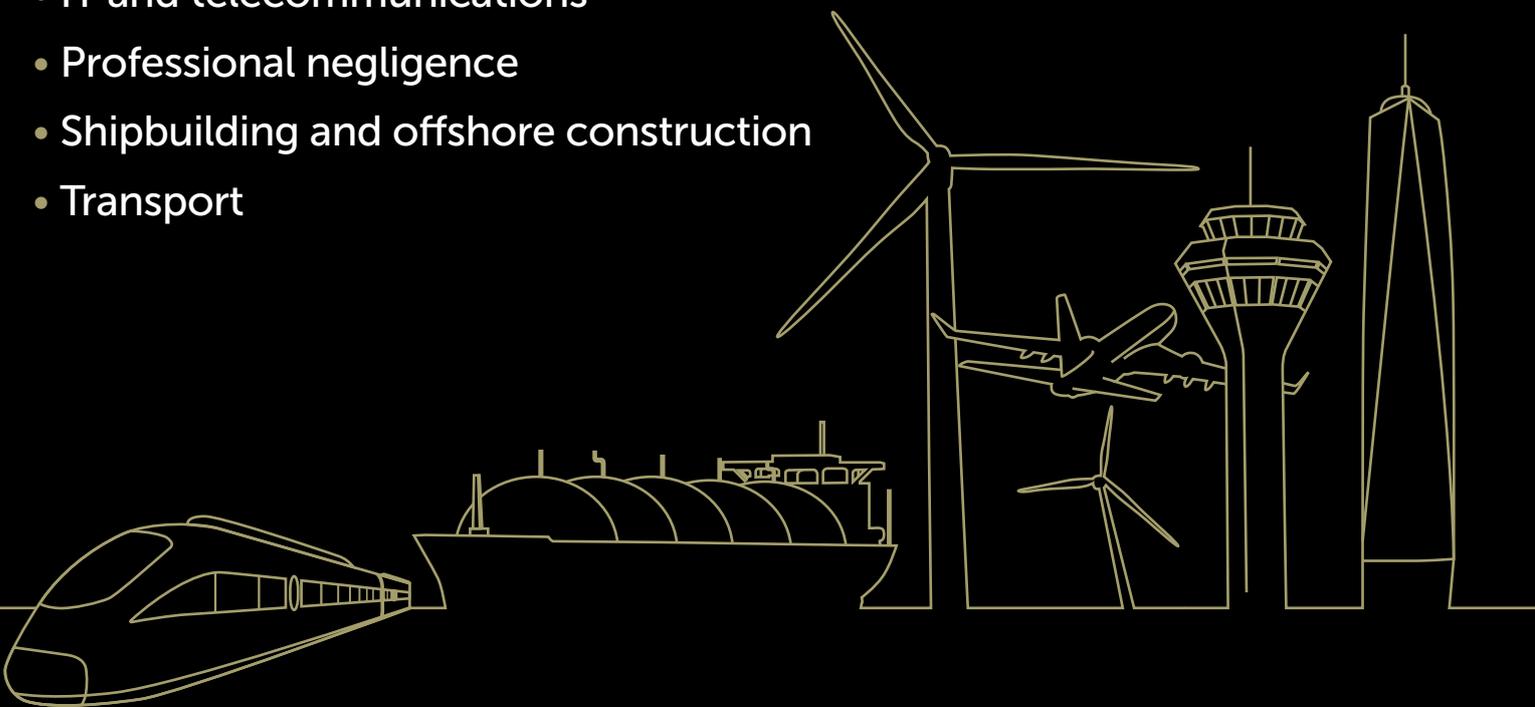
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Continuing Professional Development/Continuing Legal Education

Up to 25 hours are available to those delegates attending the whole conference. At the conference, certificates of attendance will be available from the IBA Registration Desk and the IBA Membership stand. Certificates of attendance can also be obtained after the conference, by emailing confs@int-bar.org.

All information in the programme is correct at the time of print.

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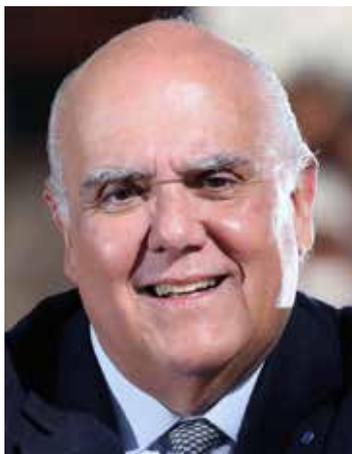


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Should you have any questions regarding the available exhibiting and sponsorship options at the conference in Seoul, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at andrew.webster-dunn@int-bar.org or telephone on +44 (0)20 7842 0090

Welcome to Seoul!



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The IBA's inspirational founding documents focused the Association from the outset on supporting national and international friendship, dialogue, justice equality and harmonisation, and dreamed of a world in which all of us would live under the protection of the rule of law. We continue to hold these aims and values dear to our hearts more than 70 years later, and our work and membership has broadened to include almost every country.

It is in this spirit that we prepare to travel to Seoul, South Korea for the International Bar Association's 2019 Annual Conference. As the President of the IBA, I am delighted to invite you to join me for what is sure to be an exceptional event.

The IBA Annual Conference is the central event of the international legal community's calendar as it presents an unequalled opportunity to exchange knowledge and to create and renew a global network of colleagues and business

contacts. The 2019 programme will include more than 200 sessions, which culminate in the inspiring Rule of Law Symposium. As always, there will be outstanding showcase sessions presented by the LPD, BIC, SPPI and HRI and committee sessions will offer the chance to hear from the best experts in the field and will benefit all delegates, whatever your area of practice.

I am also planning three IBA Showcases to highlight a selection of my presidential focuses, addressing bullying, sexual harassment and other barriers to diversity in the legal profession; creating a refugee visa and the prevention of abuse and slavery; and examining open and closed legal markets.

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 that the IBA committees can provide.

A vibrant mix of tradition and cutting-edge modernity, Seoul and its hospitable residents embody an innovative creativity that still honours its distinctive past. Our inspirational hosts remind us that through resourcefulness and inclusivity, both within our countries and across national boundaries, we move closer to the world of true justice that was so movingly envisaged when the IBA was formed in 1947. I encourage you to participate in our global conversation in this dynamic capital city in September 2019.

Horacio Bernardes Neto

IBA President



'I welcome you to Seoul to attend our flagship Annual Conference, to have a wonderful IBA experience and to join the ranks of esteemed lawyers from around the world – lawyers making a difference!'

James M Klotz *Vice-President, International Bar Association*

'The IBA's Annual Conference in Seoul will again bring leading practitioners from across the world together to address all important legal matters, setting the legal agenda. Sessions on cutting-edge topics of substantive law, combined with those affecting the legal profession, plus the quality of all attendees, is sure to make Seoul's offering a truly unique event. Looking forward to seeing you then.'

Almudena Arpón de Mendivil *Secretary-General, International Bar Association*



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The IBA Annual Conference

Seoul, 22–27 September 2019

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 serves to advance the development of international law and its role in business and society and to provide members with world-class professional development opportunities to enable them to deliver outstanding legal services.

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, attracting more than 6,000 delegates representing 2,700+ law firms, corporations, governments and regulators.



What to expect

The 2019 IBA Annual Conference in Seoul will feature more than 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.

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 IBA Annual Conference attracts many distinguished speakers who, in recent years, have included: Romano Prodi, former President of the European Commission and Prime Minister of Italy; Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary-General; Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland; José María Aznar, former President of Spain; José Manuel Barroso, former European Commission President; Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court; Anders Fogh Rasmussen, former Secretary-General of NATO and Prime Minister of Denmark; Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke CH QC MP, former UK Chancellor; Jeh Johnson, former United States Secretary of Homeland Security; Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund; Loretta E Lynch, former US Attorney General; Robert S Mueller III, former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and General Colin L Powell, former US Secretary of State.

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 23–49.

Who attends?

The IBA Annual Conference is open to both members and non-members of the IBA, with lawyers from over 130 jurisdictions and all parts of the legal profession attending, 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
- World-class professional development opportunities – CLE/CPD
- 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 and your clients 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



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The IBA would like to extend special thanks to the members of the Host Committee for their support in hosting the IBA 2019 Annual Conference in Seoul.

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Important dates and deadlines

Friday 5 July

Early registration fee ends

Friday 9 August

Online delegate search opens

Friday 23 August

Conference list of participants closes

Tuesday 10 September

Deadlines for:

- Registrations (online and by hard copy)
- Online amendments/additions
- Social function purchases
- Cancellations
- Substitutions

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Free resources

Gain access to publications, committee updates, webcasts, podcasts, films and training sessions, and stay at the top of your game



What membership means for **your firm**

Business development and referral network

The IBA is the biggest referral network in the legal world – there is no better place to expand your business globally



Risk awareness

Obtain business intelligence on topical issues, allowing you to pre-empt their impact and utilise the opportunities they present



Time efficient

The IBA brings you the opportunity to meet 6,000 individuals representing 2,700 international law firms at the IBA Annual Conference



Cost saving

Register for the IBA conferences, which take place worldwide, at discounted IBA member rates



What are the IBA members SAYING?

We first came to the IBA hoping that we would obtain work and referrals, which we have, but we didn't expect to gain relationships with firms which have allowed us to pass out work with peace-of-mind. That connectivity is second to none.

It has really been invaluable.

Paul Marmor, Sherrards Solicitors LLP, London

Membership has allowed us to connect to peers in different jurisdictions, and so better serve our client's needs. Businesses are increasingly international, and so it is vital to have the ability to connect with others and maintain the growth of our firm.

Anne-Helene Le Trocquer, De Gaulle Fleurance & Associés, Paris

First, I would say that I have met wonderful people, and that's the most important thing. You also obtain work. It's not that you look for business – you look for people, for friendships and then the business follows.

Jonas Bergstein,
Bergstein, Montevideo

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IBA Global Networking Hub:

Everything you want to know about networking at the IBA Annual Conference; connecting to the right people; getting return on relationships and really enjoying it (even if you are NOT a newcomer)!

- Do you get results from networking events?
- Do you know how to connect to the right people?
- Do you nurture your relationships on a regular basis?
- Do you struggle with getting your relationships to help you to grow your practice?
- Do you have trouble with marketing and 'selling' yourself?

If any of these questions resonate with you, then you're not alone.

Many lawyers struggle with how to build relationships and networking at conferences and networking events in a way that is intentional and actually helps propel them forward, make more income, get more referrals or get better clients.

In this practical and empowering special session, advocate Itzik Amiel, international speaker, bestselling author and the global authority on business development and business networking for lawyers, will share the 7 secrets to building your relations

capital by identifying the people critical to your success, and developing strategies to build relations and grow your practice and referrals. These strategies based on his bestselling book: 'The Attention Switch'. If you want to be connected, make yourself worth connecting to. It's a journey, and every step counts.

This unique and hands-on introductory networking session to the IBA and the Annual Conference in Seoul is a great way for both regular IBA attendees and newcomers to:

- Learn about 7C fundamental elements of building relationships capital and get return on relationships from participating at IBA Annual Conference.
- Identify little known authentic ways to accelerate conversations and influence outcomes during the IBA Annual Conference.
- Learn how rainmaker lawyers create and use networking events in general – and the IBA Annual Conference in particular – to get results.

- Build an inventory of the best qualities you have in engaging others – and how to activate them every time during the Annual Conference.
- Learn the secret how to gain confidence while networking at IBA Annual Conference.
- Special practical networking tips for introverts (that work every time)!
- Learn creative ways to follow up with important contacts in a way that forms lasting alliances.
- Understand the IBA, its work, its structure and the opportunities for you to become more involved in IBA in the future.
- Practical insights on the IBA Annual Conference programme, structure and efficient planning of your participation.
- Start forming connections with new attendees and/or nurture and meet up with old friends at IBA Annual Conference.

1500 – 1700, SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER



Delegates at the opening ceremony, IBA Annual Conference, Rome © IBA 2018

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**18th Annual International Mergers
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6–7 JUNE 2019
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**15th Annual IBA Competition
Mid-Year Conference**

12–14 JUNE 2019
MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MIAMI, USA
**IBA/ABA Annual US and Latin America
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13 JUNE 2019
ALTITUDE 360, LONDON, ENGLAND
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7–8 NOVEMBER 2019
SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL
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7–8 NOVEMBER 2019
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Conference – Technology Law
Taken to the Next Level**

14–15 NOVEMBER 2019
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**Digital Operations: 2019 –
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20 NOVEMBER 2019
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6 DECEMBER 2019
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**9th Annual IBA Finance &
Capital Markets Tax Conference**

25–27 MARCH 2020
CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA
**Biennial IBA Latin American
Regional Forum Conference**

Conference host city – Seoul

South Korea has made a spectacular rise from being one of the poorest countries to the fourth largest economy in Asia and the 12th largest in the world. It has become a developed high-income country in one generation, an achievement known as the 'Miracle on the Han River'. South Korea remains one of the fastest growing developed countries.

The economy has been dominated by the conglomerates and chaebols, such as Samsung, LG and Hyundai. Now the focus for economic growth is on diversifying the economy, building a wider and more international business base and developing as a technology-based economy. With its high-tech industry and sophisticated consumer market, it offers an attractive market for businesses worldwide to enter or to expand their Asian presence.

The 2019 Annual Conference will be held in Seoul, South Korea, a thriving metropolis that mixes the traditional with the modern – from skyscrapers, high-tech subways, K-pop culture and K-beauty, to Buddhist temples, palaces and street markets and a history going back 5,000 years.



Tourist attractions include: Gyeongbokgung Palace – the first and largest of the royal palaces built during the Joseon Dynasty in 1395; N Seoul Tower – a communication and observation tower located on Mt Namsan; Starfield Coex Mall – a well-known underground shopping mall that houses many department stores, a movie theatre, an aquarium, duty-free shops, a casino and restaurants; and Lotte World – one of the world's largest indoor amusement parks.



This technology-forward but deeply traditional city, located between the north Asian powerhouses of Japan and China, is an ideal location for the largest and most prestigious event for international lawyers. Seoul will provide an abundance of business and networking opportunities, the chance to explore this bustling and energetic city and to experience the dynamism of the region.

About the IBA

The 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 170 countries.

Inspired by the vision of the United Nations, 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;
- support the independence of the judiciary and the right of lawyers to practise their profession without interference;
- support human rights for lawyers worldwide through the IBA's Human Rights Institute;
- provide members with world-class professional development to enable them and their organisations to deliver outstanding legal services;
- deliver top-level international network building opportunities;
- be committed to the development of international law reform; and
- contribute to the advancement, development and harmonisation of law at an international level.

The IBA covers all practice areas and professional interests, providing members with access to leading experts and up-to date information, enabling them to better represent their clients' interests.

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. Join the IBA for its combination of professional development, top-level network-building opportunities and commitment to the advancement of the rule of law.

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
- Being part of a global organisation at the forefront of the development of international legal progress

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 to know 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



Global partnerships

The IBA has created partnerships and works closely with a number of global bodies, including the:

- UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD);
- UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); • UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL);
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- Financial Action Task Force (FATF);
- B20;
- European Parliament;
- World Bank;
- World Trade Organization (WTO);
- International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT); and
- Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

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; the IBA Working Group on Business and Human Rights; the collaboration between the IBA Legal Policy and Research Unit (LPRU) and the European Parliament's Rapporteur on Whistleblower Protections, MEP Virginie Rozière; or the IBA LPRU's participation in several Expert Working Groups of the UNODC.



A workshop at the European Parliament discussing the IBA LPRU report *Whistleblower Protections: A Guide* © IBA 2018

eyeWitness to Atrocities



eyeWitness to Atrocities, an initiative of the IBA, is a registered charity seeking justice for the worst international crimes. Launched in 2015, eyeWitness seeks to facilitate justice for atrocity crimes by providing human rights documenters with a mobile camera app to capture verifiable photos and video for investigations or trials. The information received by eyeWitness is reviewed by legal analysts who identify the appropriate regional, national and international justice mechanisms to act on the information. eyeWitness works closely with its partners around the world to collect, curate and tag relevant information, which is used to build photo and video dossiers that can later be used in court.



IBA conferences, publications, website and app (www.ibanet.org)

The IBA's world-class conferences and high-quality media content provide unrivalled professional development and network-building opportunities for international legal practitioners and professional associates. The IBA organises more than 50 specialist conferences globally each year as well as the IBA Annual Conference, the world's largest gathering of international lawyers, attracting around 6,000 attendees each year.

Publications and committee updates cover a wide variety of interests with high-quality information for practitioners. The IBA's flagship magazine *IBA Global Insight* keeps members informed of the issues affecting the legal profession around the world. All publications and reports are available through the IBA website and app.



IBA presidential task forces and special projects

As part of its mandate to be the voice of the legal profession, the IBA convenes a number of task forces and presidential priorities to explore and address pressing contemporary issues.

These include focus on a wide variety of areas:

- Climate change justice and human rights, addressing this fundamental justice concern and assessing the challenges to the current national and international legal regimes on climate change.
- Human trafficking and how the legal profession can contribute to mitigate the problem.
- Independence of the legal profession, assessing the threats to the independence of lawyers around the world.
- Global financial crisis, focusing on the crises as much as the aftermath and resulting in the IBA publication *Poverty, Justice and the Rule of Law*.

Current key interest areas for the IBA include cybersecurity, the future of the legal profession, judicial integrity and the rule of law.

Showcase sessions

Monday 0930 – 1230

D&I DAY

IBA Showcase: addressing bullying, sexual harassment and other barriers to diversity in the legal profession

Presented by the Presidential Task Force on Bullying and Harassment in the Legal Profession, the IBA's Human Rights Institute, the IBA Legal Policy and Research Unit and the IBA Diversity Council

In 2019, the International Bar Association is releasing its landmark research on bullying and sexual harassment in the legal profession. A global survey of approximately 7,000 legal professionals across 134 countries – the largest of its kind – found high rates of bullying and sexual harassment, chronic underreporting and inadequate responses from workplaces. In addition to the compelling moral, ethical and legal reasons to address such conduct, the survey also provides a strong business case: legal professionals are leaving their workplaces and the profession entirely due to bullying and sexual harassment. Urgent change is needed. The first half of this session will see a high-profile panel discuss the research and consider how the profession can effectively address bullying and sexual harassment. The second half will feature a broader discussion about how bullying, sexual harassment and structural barriers hinder greater diversity with the global legal profession.

Monday 1430 – 1730

IBAHRI Showcase: are human rights in retreat?

Presented by the IBA's Human Rights Institute

This session intends to explore threats to the respect for human rights and the rule of law. The rise of populism and acts of authoritarian nationalism from influential state actors has led to International legal obligations being ignored, and, as a result, the rule of law and fundamental human rights to be undermined. Globally, we have witnessed crucial examples of this, from Trump's USA, a state once considered a beacon for safeguarding fundamental human rights, and its withdrawal from the UN Human Rights Council in June 2018, to Hungary's stringent immigration controls under Orban's leadership. This session will discuss responsibilities of states, the relevance of organisations like the UN, and the role of lawyers in maintaining international order and respecting human rights as the foundation of our globalised world. In upholding the rule of law, States should provide a means of redress when specific rights are not defended and discussing exactly how the legal profession can work to address this grave concern will be deliberated.

Tuesday 0930 – 1230

LPD Showcase: the role of the general counsel in a fast-moving world – how to deal with complexities, challenges and change

Presented by the Legal Practice Division and the Corporate Counsel Forum

We live in a period of extraordinary and unprecedented complexity and change. The global landscape is unstable; fundamental economic changes, the impact of technological change on individuals, companies and societies, the existential threat of climate change, crumbling trust of civil societies in authorities, institutions and business, growing inequality, an apparent weakening of concepts of globalisation and multilateralism in favor of protectionism and nationalism, the new generations' expectations for a better and fairer society – the list is long and the challenges are monumental.

The fast-changing environment and the challenges and complexities impacting the way we work and live have a deep impact on the corporate agenda and the responsibilities and tasks of general counsels (GCs). In addition of having become an integrated part of the business, the GC's tasks are increasingly shifting to more external relations, sustainability and environmental protection, changing risk patterns and meeting the expectations of the next generations. This, together with technological change, also reframes the relationship with external counsel and on the approach of GCs towards new delivery models of external legal support for the in-house legal department.

The Showcase of the Corporate Counsel Forum will examine the effect of these changes on GCs and external counsel and on the skillset necessary for the GCs of today and on the relationship between the in-house legal department and external counsel.

Tuesday 1430 – 1730

IBA Showcase: the creation of an international refugee visa and a model of protection for refugee and migrant children

Presented by the Presidential Task Force on the Refugee Crisis Initiative, the Family Law Committee and the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee

There are more people on the move than ever before. Many areas of the world have become an unsafe place to live due to armed conflicts, wars and general political instability where state forces are unable to protect their citizens. An unprecedented number of such migrants and refugees are children. People living in regions of conflicts and upheaval have no choice but to seek refuge in safer areas, whether permanently or temporarily. Such areas of refuge are often in a country to which the refugee may not enter legally without an authorised visa. The IBA Presidential Task Force on the Refugee Crisis Initiative has examined the viability of an international protocol for both a refugee visa, as well as a model for the treatment of migrant and refugee unaccompanied children. This Showcase session will feature the results of this research and address how the international legal community can be a catalyst for change.

Wednesday 1430 – 1730

BIC Showcase: collapse of the middle the different impacts of modern populism in and within bars and the legal profession

Presented by the Bar Issues Commission and the Professional Ethics Committee

‘The first thing we do, let’s kill all the lawyers.’

(Shakespeare, Henry VI, Part II, act IV – statement made by Dick the Butcher, a follower of rebel Jack Cade, who thought that if he disturbed law and order, he could become king)

‘First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out – Because I was not a socialist.

Then they for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out – Because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out – Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me – and there was no one left to speak for me.’

(Martin Niemöller, prominent German Lutheran pastor and outspoken foe of Adolf Hitler, who spent seven years in a concentration camp)

The term ‘populism’ – which has become a euphemism for describing extreme ideological positions in public discourse – is becoming increasingly popular and proving attractive to more people in many countries today. It is difficult to deny that the designation of a person or party as ‘populist’ poses a serious problem beyond the actors, as it seems a threat for the future of democracies, legal systems and the entire legal profession. Lawyers and judges feel many times pressed while seeking to maintain due process and legal representation of unpopular clients in an age of increasing trials by social media. Regardless of its historical antecedents, populism today poses challenges not only in terms of attacks on the judiciary, but in terms of what is acceptable speech; it is no longer a matter of right or left. For many, it seems to be the political cancer of the 21st century.

This BIC Showcase session will look into recent efforts by governments and political parties around the world to tighten control of the judiciary, not give credence to the rule of law, use the courts as a delaying tactic (when not in some way promoting bribes to and corruption of judges), as well as to manage lawyers and prosecutors under different slogans. Scholars and practitioners assert that the trouble with the legal profession is not only that it can lose its autonomy, and thus its ability to act as a sociopolitical force that is independent from the ruling political party or coalition – but that, by virtue of the tightened control, law can become an unattractive channel for widespread opposition to economic, political and social actions and policies of a society or government. The legal profession should probably look at both Shakespeare and Niemöller’s citations when considering how to address this polarising critical issue, which, while putting pressure on bar and law practitioners, provides them an essential say and role in society.

Thursday 0930 – 1230

SPPI Showcase: the economic benefits of legal aid, and how to prove them

Presented by the Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee and the Section on Public and Professional Interest

This session will launch a report by the Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee and the World Bank, which sets out the conclusions of a year-long project to identify the economic benefits of legal aid in countries around the world.

Smaller, or more geographically restricted, studies have all concluded that legal aid saves governments money, but often those same governments are unconvinced. This report is intended to put the matter beyond doubt, through the depth and breadth of the research and the acknowledged expertise of the researchers. Economists and statisticians are analysing material, including that provided by IBA members, to show how legal aid saves government expenditure in other areas, both in the long and short-term, such that expenditure on legal aid should properly be seen as an effective way of saving public money, as well as a benefit to the individuals helped and the society in which they live.

In addition, the report will provide a cost–benefit analysis tool by which the economic benefits of legal aid can be calculated in a wide variety of situations, ranging from whole legal aid systems to small-scale studies looking at the benefits arising from the availability of legal aid in specific scenarios and locations. The project is already attracting widespread interest by international and national bodies concerned with access to justice and poverty alleviation, and, as well as speakers from IBA bodies, we expect to have high-profile speakers from such organisations.

Thursday 1430 – 1730

IBA Showcase: opening a legal market around the world

Presented by the Presidential Task Force on Open/Closed Legal Markets, the BIC International Trade in Legal Services Committee and the Law Firm Management Committee

In this session, we will discuss how countries around the world have taken steps to open their respective legal markets. We will look at the current status of market opening in various countries and how the steps taken thus far have affected the industry, both domestic and foreign.

We will specifically review how market opening has impacted South Korea and what this has meant for Korean companies doing business abroad, Korean law firms and the foreign law firms that have opened offices in Korea. We will compare and contrast the South Korean experience to that of other parts of the world.

General interest

A conversation with...

Special events are held during lunch breaks throughout the conference week with distinguished guests sharing informed opinions and providing insight on key issues facing our world today. Titled 'A conversation with...', these lunchtime sessions are open to all delegates and are scheduled to begin promptly at 1315.

These events are open to all delegates and do not require any additional fees or advance booking. The start time of 1315 allows 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.

In recent times, guests have included: **Julian Assange**, founder and editor-in-chief of WikiLeaks; **The Hon John Winston Howard OM AC**, Australia's 25th Prime Minister; **General Colin L Powell, USA (ret)**, US Secretary of State (2001–2005); and **Mary Robinson**, Ireland's 7th President (1990–1997).

The 2019 series of 'A conversation with...' will take place Monday – Wednesday:

IBA Bar breakfasts

Tuesday 0800 – 0915

IBA Bar breakfast hosted by the Japan Federation of Bar Associations and the Law Council of Australia



The death penalty and criminal justice in Asia

In 2016, the Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA) adopted a 'Declaration Calling for Reform of the Penal System Including Abolition of the Death Penalty,' which calls for an immediate moratorium leading to abolition of the death penalty by 2020 to coincide with Japan hosting the UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Key questions identified by the Declaration include:

When a crime is committed, how should we deal with it? How can an offender come to feel and express genuine remorse for their crime and avoid reoffending? How can we ensure that our criminal justice systems contribute to the recovery of humanity and the rehabilitation and social inclusion of offenders, based on the inherent dignity and value of convicted persons as human beings?

These questions recognise the death penalty as a symptom of imperfect criminal and penal systems that too often prioritise punishment while neglecting rehabilitation and reintegration. Presented by the JFBA and the Law Council of Australia, this session will focus on the complex problem of death penalty abolition in Asia, including the role of bar associations in making the case for change. Speakers from across the world will exchange views and share experience of relevant activities to explore the overall purpose of criminal justice with a central focus on the death penalty.

Thursday 0800 – 0915

IBA Bar breakfast hosted by the Law Society of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Bar Association



Hong Kong's unique role as an Asian international legal hub under 'one country, two systems'

Hong Kong, a common law jurisdiction ranked highly globally for its rule of law, independent judiciary and absence of corruption, is the third leading global financial centre, after London and New York (Global Financial Centre Index). Its stock market is ranked the third largest in Asia (after Japan and Shanghai) and the fifth largest in the world in terms of market capitalisation.

This breakfast will focus on how the principle of 'one country, two systems' following the return of Hong Kong's sovereignty to China on 1 July 1997, supports the cross-border and international practice of Hong Kong-based lawyers in capital markets, finance, intellectual property, M&A, investment and trade and dispute resolution in Mainland China, Asia and globally. Experts' discussion will include reference to Hong Kong's secure privacy and cybersecurity framework, recent developments in Hong Kong's international dispute resolution framework, including third party funding and arbitrability of intellectual property disputes and how Hong Kong based lawyers and their clients can benefit from the belt and road initiative.

Workshops

Itzik Amiel is a global leading authority on networking, personal branding and relationship capital and will be leading the following workshops designed to assist you in developing your skills when pitching for clients and strengthening the relationships within your existing networks.

Tuesday 1430 – 1545

Follow up or fail: the proven follow-up system to stay top-of-mind and get more opportunities (without being nudgy!)

Following up is key to creating a successful practice, but the problem is that it is often forgotten in the post-networking process, causing a dramatic loss in business and opportunities. Research shows that lawyers who follow-up with prospects make more than three times more clients than lawyers who do not follow-up properly. Why is that? Because most lawyers have not been taught how to effectively follow-up and don't actually 'see' the high value, trust and loyalty it creates, which in return will increase their practice growth exponentially.

Lawyers often hope and expect to do business the first time they meet a new prospect. Yet studies reveal that only two per cent of new contacts are turned into a project after the first meeting. The other 98 per cent will only become clients once a certain level of trust has been built up, and trust is first built through effective follow-up.

Lawyers who follow-up get to know their prospects and their clients better. They understand their issues, solve their problems and provide solutions.

Have you ever expressed your interest in a product or service but never heard back from the company? Research shows that only 20 per cent of leads are ever followed up. In other words, 80 per cent of potential opportunities are lost simply due to lack of follow-up.

This session will cover:

The follow-up process

- How to make follow-up a daily habit and your main priority
- Systematise your follow-up work to support consistency
- Systematise your follow-up process to easily stay in touch with prospects, referral sources, existing and past clients

Different types of follow-up

Learn how to follow-up in different situations and in different ways.

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Identify five practical ways for creating trust in a variety of common business situations.

Tools for follow-up

Tools that will assist in making the follow-up process easier, more efficient, consistent and last for a longer time, all for the results you are looking for.

Thursday 1615 – 1730

Client engagement blueprint: seven practical steps to switch connections to clients, keep them for a longer time and beat your competition (without making any change!)

In a dynamic legal market that is constantly innovating, and with more choice for clients than ever, developing a successful law firm client engagement strategy is vital for the future of law firms. Client engagement is here to stay, and law firms need to invest in it to keep up with the competition and stay in business.

But how exactly do law firms go about building relationships with their clients? What can they do to get clients to be emotionally attached and loyal to the firm?

Most professionals focus on marketing too soon and wonder why it isn't working. Maybe you are getting enquiries, but they don't convert into paid clients? Or you aren't even getting enquiries because you are trying to sell professional services? The truth of the matter is that nobody wants to buy legal services, but rather the outcomes that those legal services provide.

This presentation will introduce you to the fundamental building blocks for creating a client engagement blueprint for your practice that will convert more than 98 per cent of your prospects into clients. This client engagement system works, is consistent, steady, brings predictable revenue and you can count on it, while spending less time.

This session will cover three main points:

- client engagement system: seven blocks that all successful client engagement systems need to have;
- client expectation: practical tips to manage client expectation from you and your services; and
- how to deal with challenging clients: strategies used by rainmakers and successful lawyers to deal with challenging and complaining clients.

General meetings

Wednesday 0930 – 1230

BIC Bar Leaders' Forum

This is an opportunity for Member Organisation Representatives to be updated on the status of ongoing projects in which the IBA is involved, and specifically those that touch on sensitive areas for bar associations. It will also allow them to find out what work is being planned, and propose subject matter and programmes for future activities within our very dynamic BIC.

Thursday 1430 – 1815

IBA Council Meeting

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: 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.

Sign in from 1430.

IBA App – additional functionality now added

– available from the App Store and the Google Play Store

The IBA App has been updated to become even more user friendly, providing you with the latest legal news, updates and content while on the move.

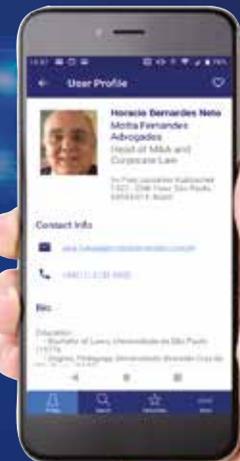
All new functionality is now available for the App in both the Apple Store and for the Android version in the Google Play Store.

New functionality:

- Access to IBA Digital Content – with new articles, stories and items of interest available and updated daily
- The ability to download PDFs and podcasts from the IBA Digital Content library to your mobile device

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Rule of Law Symposium

Presented by the Rule of Law Forum

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, Vienna, Washington, DC, Sydney and Rome, the final day of the conference in Seoul 2019 will also be devoted to the rule of law.

Friday 0930 – 1600

Rule of Law Symposium – persecution of lawyers and judges: threats to the rule of law and the independence of the legal profession

Presented by the Rule of Law Forum, the Human Rights Law Committee, the IBA's Human Rights Institute, the Judges' Forum and the Professional Ethics Committee

In every region of the world, judges, lawyers and other human rights defenders who pursue the rule of law are experiencing increasing instances of persecution and intimidation. These include frivolous criminal charges, retaliatory disciplinary proceedings, illegal surveillance, online smear campaigns, physical threats, incarceration and

assassination. In the majority of these cases, the state is implicated as either the sponsor of the retaliation or in its failure to prevent or punish the perpetrators. However, corporations are also involved in these matters, either with complicity or proactively preventing malpractices. Where these attacks occur with impunity, the rule of law and the independence of the legal profession and the judiciary are at stake. Our panel will focus attention on this important topic and will propose ways for the IBA membership to get involved. It will show the relevance of lawyers and judges as the promoter of the rule of law. Panellists will include representatives from the UN, NGOs that are working on this issue and hopefully one or more members of the legal profession who have experienced such persecution first-hand. The symposium will end with good practices to fight the persecution of lawyers and judges.

The following awards are presented at the IBA Annual Conference, in recognition of outstanding work and commitment in the legal profession.

Annual IBA Pro Bono Award

The IBA's Pro Bono Committee annually honours a lawyer who has shown an outstanding commitment to pro bono work as part of their legal career.

The IBA Pro Bono Committee's mission is to support the IBA in promoting pro bono work globally through implementation of the IBA Pro Bono Declaration and the exchange of information and the promotion of best practice. Pro bono work is a cornerstone of the legal profession, and the IBA Pro Bono Committee wants to help build a culture of pro bono work by lawyers, law firms and organisations of lawyers as a vehicle for access to justice where that right is not fully supported by legal aid.

The award is presented at the SPPI Awards breakfast on Thursday 26 September, and the hope is that all winners will accept the Award in person during the IBA's Annual Conference.

Annual IBA Outstanding Young Lawyer Award

This award, presented by the IBA's Young Lawyers' Committee, recognises a young lawyer who has shown not only excellence in their work and achievements in their career to date, but also a commitment to professional and ethical standards as well as a commitment to the larger community.

The award created in partnership with the IBA and LexisNexis is in recognition of William Reece Smith Jr. A former IBA President, William Reece Smith Jr, who passed away in 2013, distinguished himself as one of the finest and most respected legal experts.

The award is presented at the SPPI Awards breakfast on Thursday 26 September, and the hope is that all winners will accept the Award in person during the IBA's Annual Conference.

IBA Award for Outstanding Contribution by a Legal Practitioner to Human Rights

Each year, the IBA presents an award to an outstanding lawyer in the world of human rights law.

The award will be made to a legal practitioner (whether in private practice, public interest, employment as a legal adviser, academia, bar leadership or other regulation of the profession) who, through personal endeavour in the course of such practice, is deemed to have made an outstanding contribution to the promotion, protection and advancement of the human rights of all, or any group of, people, particularly with respect to their right to live in a fair and just society under the rule of law.

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Gangnam-gu
Seoul 06164
South Korea

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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.

Dress code

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

Working sessions

All working will take place at the COEX Convention & Exhibition Center (COEX).

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The eyeWitness mobile app; seeking justice for the worst international crimes

eyeWitness to Atrocities begins with a simple vision: a world where the perpetrators of the worst international crimes are held accountable for their actions. As an initiative of the **International Bar Association (IBA)**, with the support from **LexisNexis Legal & Professional**, the eyeWitness to Atrocities app provides a means of documenting human rights atrocities in a secure and verifiable way so that the material can be used as evidence in a court of law.

Every day, around the world, human rights defenders, investigators, journalists and ordinary citizens capture photos and video of atrocities committed by violent and oppressive states and groups. eyeWitness provides these individuals with a tool to increase the impact of the footage they collect by ensuring the images can be authenticated and, therefore, used in investigations or trials.

With the eyeWitness mobile app, users capture photos or videos with embedded metadata that shows where and when the image was taken and confirms that it has not been altered. The images and accompanying verification data are encrypted and stored in a secure gallery within the app. Users then submit this information directly to a storage database maintained by the eyeWitness organisation, creating a trusted chain of custody. Users retain the ability to share and upload copies of their now verifiable footage to social media or other outlets.

eyeWitness becomes an advocate for the relevant footage it receives, ensuring it is used to promote accountability for the atrocities filmed. An expert legal team analyses all footage received and identifies the appropriate authorities, including international, regional or national courts, to investigate further. eyeWitness also works closely with organisations already documenting such crimes to incorporate the app into existing workflows that seek accountability for these same crimes.

By offering a solution to the evidentiary challenges of mobile phone footage, the eyeWitness app empowers those courageous individuals who are capturing footage with the ability to use these the images to bring the perpetrators of serious international atrocity crimes to justice.

The eyeWitness to Atrocities app is available to download for free on Android smartphones. For more information, visit www.eyewitnessproject.org, follow [@eyewitnessorg](https://twitter.com/eyewitnessorg) on Twitter or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/eyewitnessorg), or watch the eyeWitness [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).



Daily schedule of working sessions

Monday 0930 – 1045

Asian values and legal systems: opportunities and setbacks for advancement of LGBTI rights and interests in enterprises, employment, immigration, property relations, and related matters

Presented by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) Law Committee and the Diversity and Equality Law Committee

The panel will describe and discuss LGBTI rights and issues regarding discrimination, equality, employment, civil status, immigration, property relations and criminalisation. The panel will also take into account how different jurisdictions treat LGBTI rights and issues and whether there are endemic mechanisms in place that could be availed of to protect LGBTI rights and interests.

Children and unaccompanied minors in detention

Presented by the Human Rights Law Committee

The UNHR engaged a global study in 2016 into the deprivation of liberty which has found a number of recommendations. Based on the overall mandate established by the UNGA Resolution, the following core objectives of the global study have been identified:

- assess the magnitude of the phenomenon of children being deprived of liberty, including the number of children deprived of liberty (disaggregated by age, gender and nationality), as well as the reasons invoked, the root-causes, type and length of deprivation of liberty and places of detention;
- document promising practices and capture the view and experiences of children to inform the recommendations that the global study will present;
- promote a change in stigmatising attitudes and behaviour towards children at risk of being, or who are, deprived of liberty;
- provide recommendations for law, policy and practice to safeguard the human rights of the children concerned; and
- significantly reduce the number of children deprived of liberty through effective non-custodial alternatives, guided by the international human rights framework.

These recommendations clearly describe that the crisis for children is likely to become worse due to the ongoing refugee crises we are seeing worldwide, and the lack of responses by many states at a level that is effective.

Climate change law in an increasingly (bi)polarised world

Presented by the Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section (SEERIL), the Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee, the International Construction Projects Committee, the Mining Law Committee, the Oil and Gas Law Committee, the Power Law Committee and the Water Law Committee

The panel will address the evolving principles of climate change law and the often-conflicting responses of stakeholders to the problems posed by climate change. It will also consider the impact of populist/nationalist political movements, extreme natural events, economic incentives and disincentives, and other developments on the evolving national and international efforts to address climate change.

Hot topics in international sales, trade, franchising and product law

Presented by the International Sales, Trade, Franchising and Product Law Section, the International Franchising Committee, the International Sales Committee, the International Trade and Customs Law Committee and the Product Law and Advertising Committee

Our hot topics session is designed to be interactive – it is the opposite of a ‘talking heads’ format! We host a series of tables where we discuss ‘late breaking’ topics in the areas of international sales, trade, franchising and product law. The format is interactive and topics are selected to be of current interest and likely to stimulate discussion and debate. Moderators at each table introduce and briefly discuss the table topic and then participants weigh in with their views.

You will have the opportunity to discuss three topics. We have scheduled turnover times when the participants change tables to move to the next topic of their choice. By participating in the table discussions, you will gain a greater insight into these areas and the other participants and table moderators will benefit from your comments.

The session will provide you with a great opportunity to meet many other lawyers and discuss topics of mutual interest with them. Many times at our session, participants meet lawyers from other countries who they keep in touch with for years to come. Each year our table moderators comment that they ‘learnt as much or more’ from the table participants as they themselves conveyed!

Judges and arbitrators as adjudicators and settlement facilitators and the Singapore convention on enforcement of mediated settlements

Presented by the Dispute Resolution Section, the Arbitration Committee, the Consumer Litigation Committee, the Litigation Committee, the Mediation Committee and the Negligence and Damages Committee

This session will discuss whether and to what extent judges and arbitrators should facilitate settlement, and the impact of the Singapore Convention on Enforcement of Mediated Settlements on international disputes.

Legal expense insurance schemes and access to justice

Presented by the Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee

Legal expense insurance (LEI) is a well-established industry and a significant source of legal funding in many developed jurisdictions, notably in Europe. It is established, but less developed in some common law jurisdictions, including Canada and some parts of the USA.

Elsewhere in the world, however, legal expense insurance has been a vexed aspect of the access to justice initiatives of the profession. The reasons most often cited for the failure of LEI to establish itself in otherwise-developed jurisdictions have included the intransigence of governments, the indifference of the insurance industry, the lack of understanding of the concept within the legal profession, the size of certain markets and a lack of transparency of approach.

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LEI is a simple concept. It has often been proposed as a solution to deal with the issue of access to justice for the 'forgotten middle'. It recognises that a section of the community will always have the ability to access and afford legal services when the need arises. It likewise recognises that those who cannot, and are never likely to be able to access such services, will be assisted by the public purse.

The need for access to legal services generally arises out of a crisis, or at least an untimely event not of the person's choosing. Middle income earners do not expect, and do not plan, to have the resources on hand to meet the costs of such a need as and when it arises.

Since not all people will need access to legal services, it becomes a classic example of an event for which spreading the risk of such a need by means of insurance is the answer.

Over the course of 2018–2019, the Committee has been researching the following issues in LEI provision, and it will present a session on its findings, and proposed solutions to improve access to justice through LEI.

Jurisdictions where LEI is widely available:

1. In which jurisdictions is LEI available?
2. How is it marketed?
3. How is LEI regulated in different jurisdictions?
4. What roles exist for bar associations in the maintenance of standards of legal services and promotion of product?
5. What measures are in place to ensure choice of lawyer for the insured client?
6. What are the contractual arrangements between lawyers and LEI providers?

Jurisdictions where LEI is underutilised:

1. What are the reasons for the underusage?
2. What impediments exist to the greater use of LEI?
3. To what extent has the introduction of LEI been supported by the insurance industry and the legal profession?
4. Can research establish best-practice principles that could be used to widen the use of LEI in different jurisdictions?

The research will be undertaken by questionnaire to bar associations, law societies and members of the IBA, as well as LEI providers and associations. The Committee intends to use the session in Seoul to present its research, as it has done successfully in previous years.

Sleepless in Seoul

Presented by the North American Regional Forum and the Corporate Counsel Forum

General counsel from around the world will discuss the main challenges they face in their position and key drivers in decision-making. Key topics will include: criteria for deciding when to outsource legal work and when to keep it in-house, internal legal team building and competition for talent.

What are the effects of shipbuilding defaults in South Korea and other shipbuilding nations?

Presented by the Maritime and Transport Law Committee and the Insolvency Section

With the fall in the oil price and the uncertainties of the shipping markets in recent years, we have seen hundreds of offshore supply vessels under construction abandoned in the Asian shipbuilding nations. How are the disputes under the shipbuilding contracts being resolved? What is the status of the shipbuilders themselves? And how does this sit with the high levels of new orders we are seeing among other vessel types?

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Young Lawyers' introductory session

Presented by the Young Lawyers' Committee

This session will assist young lawyers and newcomers in navigating and making the most of the IBA Annual Conference, from tips on how to network effectively to assisting them in understanding the structure and function of the IBA, as well as becoming involved in its committees. This session will also look at the structure of the IBA as a whole and explain how anyone can get involved in the IBA Young Lawyers' Committee.

Monday 0930 – 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 Art, Cultural Institutions and Heritage Law Committee, the Communications Law Committee, the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee, the Media Law Committee, the Space Law Committee and the Technology Law Committee

This session will be a continuation of the successful forum which our section has run in previous years, with different tables discussing different 'topics of the day' in a forum that fosters interaction and the chance to discuss issues with colleagues from all over the world.

Criminal Law Section's mock trial

Presented by the Criminal Law Section, the Anti-Corruption Committee, the Business Crime Committee and the Criminal Law Committee

This interactive criminal trial session has become one of the main and best attended events during the IBA Annual Conference. It will focus on a case of conflict of interest and alleged criminal liability of a corporate entity and some of its top management, all of whom are charged with various criminal allegations, among them corruption and foreign bribery.

D&I DAY

IBA Showcase: addressing bullying, sexual harassment and other barriers to diversity in the legal profession

Presented by the Presidential Task Force on Bullying and Harassment in the Legal Profession, the IBA's Human Rights Institute, the IBA Legal Policy and Research Unit and the IBA Diversity and Inclusion Council

In 2019, the International Bar Association is releasing its landmark research on bullying and sexual harassment in the legal profession. A global survey of approximately 7,000 legal professionals across 134 countries – the largest of its kind – found high rates of bullying and sexual harassment, chronic underreporting and inadequate responses from workplaces. In addition to the compelling moral, ethical and legal reasons to address such conduct, the survey also provides a strong business case: legal professionals are leaving their workplaces and the profession entirely due to bullying and sexual harassment. Urgent change is needed. The first half of this session will see a high-profile panel discuss the research and consider how the profession can effectively address bullying and sexual harassment. The second half will feature a broader discussion about how bullying, sexual harassment and structural barriers hinder greater diversity with the global legal profession.

Monday 1000 – 1045

Taxes Committee Welcome*Presented by the Taxes Committee*

Come and meet the officers of the IBA Taxes Committee before a presentation by the keynote speakers.

Monday 1115 – 1230

Banks' toolkit for corporate borrowers' restructuring: what to do when the extend-and-pretend strategy is no longer an option*Presented by the Banking Law Committee and the Insolvent Financial Institutions Subcommittee*

This session will look at what to do when the extend-and-pretend strategy is no longer an option.

Cross-border real estate transactions*Presented by the Real Estate Section*

Trends and innovation in use of tools in real estate transactions.

Diving the true cost of water – putting a price on a God-given right*Presented by the Water Law Committee*

Unlike commodities that are priced based on scarcity, the cost of water is largely determined according to the cost of the infrastructure required for its delivery to the consumer. This session will examine the elements of water pricing and the determination of water tariffs and pricing structures.

D&I DAY**Gender and international trade: old challenges and new opportunities***Presented by the International Trade and Customs Law Committee*

This panel will examine some of the new initiatives to address gender issues in international trade agreements.

Hot topics for small and medium law firms*Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee, the Asia Pacific Regional Forum and the Young Lawyers' Committee*

This session will focus on small and medium law firms' interests, including strategy development, HR and training, knowledge management, IT, offices, etc. This session will share the knowledge and experience of our Law Firm Management Committee members from small, medium and large firms.

The format will be informal, relaxed and interactive with the audience, focusing on the interests of the room in order to have useful takeaways rather than upfront prepared speeches.

Impact investment and M&A*Presented by the Corporate Law Section, the Business Human Rights Committee, the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee and the Corporate and M&A Law Committee*

Impact investing focuses on investment in companies to create measurable social benefit and create a financial return. Private equity and investment funds, large corporations, family offices and philanthropy foundations are devoting increasing amounts of funds to be invested under these two premises in very relevant sectors, such as infrastructure, renewable energy, real estate, agro-industrial projects, healthcare and education.

In this interactive session, we will discuss with high-profile industry speakers the issues and challenges affecting this new era of investment and M&A trends, which any corporate lawyer should be aware of.

Mining in Africa: the view from Asian mining investors*Presented by the Mining Law Committee, the African Regional Forum and the Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

This session will cover the experience of selected Chinese investors in various parts of Africa, how they cope with local hurdles (public service, utilities, corruption) and their vision for future cooperation with African mining countries.

Product liability cases were anticipated to be the best examples of class actions. But do they really work to benefit consumers? Do they put money in consumers' pockets? Do they change manufacturers' behaviour?*Presented by the Consumer Litigation Committee*

Is there strength in numbers? From the era of *Donoghue v Stevenson* consumers have sought recourse against manufacturers for defective products. In more recent times, consumers have increasingly sought to join together to present a united front against manufacturers in the form of class actions and collective redress. However, more and more, the actual benefits to consumers in acting collectively are being debated as well as whether such actions actually have an impact upon the approach that manufacturers adopt with respect to product safety. This session shall join this debate and examine the actual benefits of collective redress in providing compensation to claimants and improving products provided by manufacturers.

The future of sanctions enforcement: a game of thrones?*Presented by the Public Law Section*

Economic sanctions have increasingly become a favoured method through which international organisations and sovereigns, including the United States, attempt to accomplish their foreign policy goals. Enforcement of sanctions regimes by different sovereigns inevitably intersects with interesting issues of competing foreign policy objectives, global trade and conflicting legal systems. Addressing recent developments in the Huawei and other cases, this panel will shed light on how international sanctions may develop into the new norm for geopolitical tensions and conflict.

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Monday 1115 – 1230 (continued)

Unilateral measures and the risk of tax war*Presented by the Taxes Committee*

The panel will discuss the consequences deriving from base-protective unilateral tax measures (such as newly introduced digital taxes) and the risk that such measures may result in retaliatory actions by counterparties. The panel will also discuss whether those measures may:

- (i) mean the end of corporate income tax as we know it; and
- (ii) result in multiple levels of taxation without any treaty relief.

Unnatural selection – manipulation of the human genome*Presented by the Law and Individual Rights Section, the Asia Pacific Regional Forum, the Family Law Committee, the Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee, the Indigenous Peoples Committee and the Latin American Regional Forum*

This session will look at

- how genetic technologies are developing to permit selection of certain 'desirable' attributes in our children;
- ethics and the law;
- implications of genetic treatments for inherited diseases or disorders; and
- clinical trials and how trial populations are selected and implications for groups that are understudied.

Monday 1400 – 1700

Tour of the Supreme Court of South Korea*Presented by the Judges' Forum*

The IBA Judges' Forum has organised a court tour for the IBA Annual Conference. Please note that places are limited and are assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Delegates registered for the conference will be invited to sign up in person at the IBA Annual Conference in September 2019.

Monday 1430 – 1545

Artificial intelligence algorithms: protection of business secrets and IP/AI is gaining popularity and business value*Presented by the Intellectual Property, Communications and Technology Section, the Art, Cultural Institutions and Heritage Law Committee, the Communications Law Committee, the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee, the Media Law Committee, the Space Law Committee and the Technology Law Committee*

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is gaining popularity and business value. This is why providers of AI solutions are looking for protection of that value as for their other tangible assets. Legal practitioners around the world are seeking ways to protect these assets, and the regime of protection of business or trade secrets is a likely avenue to achieve this goal. In addition, the protection of AI and AI algorithms on the basis of intellectual property will be discussed: are copyright and patent adequate concepts and instruments to protect the value of AI algorithms? How do you control and protect the data? Algorithms as well as smart service solutions should not be open to high-jacking attacks in particular in times of cyber warfare.

Combatting climate change – contributions of the legal profession: farming and the uptake of new biotechnology*Presented by the Agricultural Law Section*

The implications of climate change for agriculture are clear, direct and significant. Likewise, agriculture, notably livestock production, is a significant contributor to global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Farming is reportedly responsible for over a quarter of total GHG emissions. By contrast, the share of farming in global gross domestic product (GDP) is about four per cent, indicating that agriculture is highly GHG-intensive.

Developing countries are especially vulnerable to climate change and lack capital to invest in innovative adaptations. While agricultural biotechnology remains controversial and ownership thereof rests largely with larger and capital-intensive research programmes of multinational agrichem firms, these techniques provide an especially promising set of tools that have recently produced dramatic improvements in yield and reductions in production costs and input use intensity, factors that may lead to emission reductions.

Important questions that will be addressed in this session include: international norms and standards, domestic legislation, advice provided by law firms and climate litigation – what role can innovative agricultural practices and technologies play in GHG mitigation and adaptation to climate change? What legal, policy and institutional changes would encourage the innovation and diffusion of these practices and technologies, and of Climate-Smart Agriculture techniques in general, to developing countries?

Comparative law: what do lawyers in practice really need to know?*Presented by the Academic and Professional Development Committee*

The term 'comparative law' is used by lawyers and academics in a variety of contexts, but what does it truly mean, and what is its relevance to practice? This panel, curated by the Academic and Professional Development Committee and consisting of leading international academics and practitioners, will seek to unpack this loaded term and consider its implications for global legal practice. It will also discuss the fundamental question of how to train and educate lawyers in comparative law at all stages of their careers and the challenges of maintaining a comprehensive approach to this expansive subject area. Finally, the panel will also address the future for this crucial discipline in the face of increasingly protectionist approaches to the regulation of legal practice and education.

Digital transformation, cybersecurity and technology protection in the Arab world*Presented by the Arab Regional Forum*

The session will discuss:

- encouraging innovation and addressing transfer of technology challenges: regulatory challenges; intellectual property and trade secrets; and technology transfer considerations;
- cybersecurity – addressing legal and regulatory issues in business and in the workplace;
- technology and disputes: resolving technology-related disputes and utilising technology to resolve disputes; and
- digital transformation and artificial intelligence in the legal world: from e-justice/arbitration to legal tech, automated law firms and modern legal departments.

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Monday 1430 – 1545 (continued)

Employment issues in startups and high tech companies

Presented by the Human Resources Section, the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee, the Diversity and Equality Law Committee, the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee and the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee

In multiple jurisdictions, legal systems are struggling with new forms of entities with different legal issues over their life cycles in the tech sector. Such companies often require innovative contractual and compensation architecture, and pose novel problems for the employment lawyer. This session will focus on the unique features of high technology startup companies for the employment practitioner over the life cycle of entities in this sector.

D&I DAY

From East to West: developments and issues in the advancement and protection of the rights of transgender and non-binary people

Presented by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) Law Committee and the Family Law Committee

The panel will discuss the recent advancements and issues pertaining to transgender and binary people's rights in different parts of the world. In particular, the panel will discuss the right to identity, the right to change name, the right to marry or enter into civil unions, and non-discrimination. Matters pertaining to access to medical services, identity documents, separate accommodations – toilets, prisons, safe spaces – will also be taken up.

Global anti-corruption update

Presented by the Anti-Corruption Committee

This is an annual session hosted by the Anti-Corruption Committee, where practitioners from around the world provide a report on key developments in anti-corruption law and enforcement.

Good people, bad structures – new CFC rules and US tax reform: do you need to change anything?

Presented by the Taxation Section, the Private Client Tax Committee and the Taxes Committee

The panel will focus on recent changes in controlled foreign company (CFC) legislation and will consider whether current structures need to be revised.

Litigation crisis management

Presented by the Litigation Committee

This panel intends to explore the interplay between different stakeholders who become involved in a corporate crisis as it evolves and their different roles and perspective. The panel will address how to balance the necessity of transparent and quick communication with the public and the different perspective needed when defending the corporation against civil claims or dealing with regulatory or criminal inquiries. The intention is to use a case study or a scenario and through that discuss what roles corporate counsel, outside counsel (litigation as well as investigative teams) and PR professionals will play at different stages; from when the crisis hits until the corporation begins to move on from it despite there – often – being years of litigation and investigation following thereafter. We will seek to involve the audience in the discussion, perhaps also through digital means (ie, by responding to questions/voting not only by a show of hands but digitally).

M&A in Asia's high-growth economies: pitfalls to be avoided

Presented by the Asia Pacific Regional Forum, the Business Human Rights Committee, the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee, the Corporate and M&A Law Committee and the Corporate Law Section

Over the past few years, Asian economies have been powering the world's growth engine. India, China, Vietnam, Indonesia and others have grown at a rate of six per cent or more. A number of large and mid-sized companies have sought to jumpstart their Asian foray by acquiring companies in these countries. This panel will discuss the issues faced, both legal and cultural, the challenges and the pitfalls to be avoided.

D&I DAY

Pay equity and discrimination in remuneration

Presented by the Diversity and Equality Law Committee

Multinational employers are challenged by and need to address the gender pay gap. Women's average labour earnings are lower than men's everywhere. The gap persists despite the striking advances of women in educational attainment. While any factors may explain its persistence, a key factor, without doubt, is gender-biased job classification or wage-fixing systems.

Pay equity is not about men and women earning the same; nor is it about changing the work that women do. Pay equity is about redressing the undervaluation of jobs typically performed by women and rewarding them according to their value. This is a fundamental right, enshrined in the Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No 100), among the widest ratified of ILO Conventions.

A set of interventions that simultaneously addresses each cause of the gender pay gap is necessary. The session will consider the different approaches taken around the globe to ensure pay equity and fight every type of minority's discrimination in remuneration.

The impact of consumer legislation on insurance products

Presented by the Insurance Committee

This session will cover recent development in the laws in various jurisdictions including insurance distribution directive (IDD). This session will also address regulatory action and follow upon consumer litigation alleging mis-selling of insurance products.

When arbitration ceases to be adversarial and becomes inquisitorial: the plight of arbitrators seeking to reconcile due process and finding the relevant facts and law

Presented by the Arbitration Committee

A dilemma frequently faced by arbitrators is the situation where either or both of the parties have failed to identify relevant evidentiary points or develop important legal arguments that in the arbitrators' minds have a direct bearing on the outcome of the case. This panel will address whether arbitrators in those circumstances can or should proceed in an inquisitorial manner so as to ensure that justice is done; and, if so, what techniques are available to them to do this in a manner that avoids due process grievances.

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Monday 1430 – 1730

IBAHRI Showcase: are human rights in retreat?

Presented by the IBA's Human Rights Institute

This session intends to explore threats to the respect for human rights and the rule of law. The rise of populism and acts of authoritarian nationalism from influential state actors has led to International legal obligations being ignored, and, as a result, the rule of law and fundamental human rights to be undermined. Globally, we have witnessed crucial examples of this, from Trump's USA, a state once considered a beacon for safeguarding fundamental human rights, and its withdrawal from the UN Human Rights Council in June 2018, to Hungary's stringent immigration controls under Orban's leadership. This session will discuss responsibilities of states, the relevance of organisations like the UN, and the role of lawyers in maintaining international order and respecting human rights as the foundation of our globalised world. In upholding the rule of law, States should provide a means of redress when specific rights are not defended and discussing exactly how the legal profession can work to address this grave concern will be deliberated.

Monday 1615 – 1730

Artificial intelligence and the future of healthcare

Presented by the Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee, the International Sales Committee and the Technology Law Committee

In recent years, a great amount of medical records has been accumulated. The data presents a great opportunity for life science and health care oriented AI platforms that can analyse the data and create tools for research, medical device and pharmaceutical development, as well as tools to improve health care delivery. Regulators have started to recognise the need and the potential of allowing access to such data.

Along with this great technological opportunity, there are regulatory and legal challenges to which members of the legal profession must relate.

The panel shall focus on such business opportunities and legal challenges, and will bring together legal and industry experts.

Cryptocurrencies: fraud and money-laundering issues

Presented by the Anti-Money Laundering and Sanctions Expert Working Group

From the rise of artificial intelligence to cryptocurrencies, the wave of technological innovation creates both opportunities and challenges for firms and regulators alike. Numerous investors have lost money on Initial Coin Offerings (ICO) scams, while other launches have been linked to illicit activity such as money-laundering or simply failed to produce the promised services. This session will explore and discuss the potential challenges and risks for lawyers advising on ICOs and investments in the new technology. It will provide some practical guidance in relation to red flags, regulatory questions, potential risks of virtual currencies in terms of fraud and specific instances emerged in which virtual currencies have been used for money-laundering or other fraudulent purposes.

Data – is it part of the sale price or just free in the purchase of intelligent appliances/electronics?

Presented by the International Sales Committee

Intelligent devices (consumer electronics, cars, mobile phones) are submitting and transferring a magnitude of data useable for further commercial transactions. The session focuses on the 'pricing models' and legal obstacles in selling and transferring data contained in and collected by intelligent devices. It will also be discussed whether certain sale and resale techniques enhance the further development of data-collecting devices and how the legal risks and regulatory dangers may be confronted.

Defences against shareholder activism

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

Shareholder activism has become a hot topic for practitioners advising public companies, not only in the US but currently in Europe and Asia as well. This session will deal with defences against shareholder activism with special reference to how companies can plan a good defence against an attack, how they can know if such an attack is being planned, and what they can do to help get transactions closed despite activism.

Enforcement and enforceability considerations for aircraft leasing and financing

Presented by the Aviation Law Committee

This international panel will discuss important issues regarding enforcing, and the enforceability of, aircraft leasing and financing documents. The discussion will include contract-drafting considerations (jurisdictional and substantive), Cape Town Convention issues and developments, preservation and repossession of aircraft and engines (contract provisions, procedures, preparation/implementation and costs), lease issues (foreign object damage, total loss, engine failure) and related issues.

D&I DAY

Gender equality as a stepping stone to equalised minority rights

Presented by the Diversity and Equality Law Committee

The struggle for equality between men and women has led to the recognition of a number of important rights for women in the labour market (equal pay, equal access to the labour market, protection of working women in relation to marriage and motherhood). Alongside, some minorities – such as LGBTI – are increasingly acquiring protection and rights in the employment relationship.

The session will analyse common ground between the process which led to the recognition of women rights and the one involving minorities, and what are the main differences between them. The session will also focus on specific minorities which are particularly disadvantaged in the workplace.

Finally, the panel will discuss about specific actions HR and legal teams can take to recognise and enforce minority's rights, what protections still need to be granted or widened and what are the suitable instruments for doing so.

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D&I DAY**Gender quotas: shell game or game changer***Presented by the Women Lawyers' Interest Group and the Corporate and M&A Law Committee*

This session picks up where *Harvard Business Review* left off in a 2016 article. Our panellists reflect on the notion of quotas and whether they have a place in the legal profession, or are in fact destructive and demean people who have only earned status and recognition because they are in a specific category. Join us and engage in stimulating discussion on what continues to be a polarising issue for corporate and board leadership around the world.

Moving into or out of Asia: what does the private client need to know?*Presented by the Private Client Tax Committee*

This panel will examine appropriate advice and planning for high-net-worth (HNW) clients moving into or out of Asia. The movement of Asian clients and key family members can have tax consequences on their family succession structures. The panel will consider these issues in the context of examining the tax and legal regimes of popular destination countries for outbound Asian clients. It will also examine appropriate tax and structuring advice for private clients entering Asia and, in particular, will consider the planning opportunities offered by the territorial source basis of taxation in certain Asian countries, and the beneficial planning opportunities this can provide. The panel will also discuss the myriad tax and legal issues surrounding popular asset classes in Asia, including real estate.

Reviewing the environmental seascape*Presented by the Maritime and Transport Law Committee*

Between the Maritime and Transport Law Committee Conference in Oslo and the Annual Conference in Seoul, we expect delivery of the first autonomous vessel, Yara Birkeland, a feeder box ship with zero emissions. How are other shipowners dealing with the low sulphur oxide emissions requirements, as well as restrictions on nitrogen oxide emissions and requirements for ballast water treatment? What effect are the environmental regulations having on new shipbuilding design and pricing? What approach are the financing institutions taking to the funding of these additional costs?

Sports law symposium, rights, rules, regulations*Presented by the Sports Law Subcommittee and the Leisure Industries Section*

High-level topics will be discussed, such as:

- investment in sports;
- technology and sports;
- most important provisions on sports broadcast contacts;
- competition issues in sports;
- international sports bodies regulations versus national laws;
- ambush marketing;
- status quo of gaming regulation worldwide; and
- sports events signal piracy.

Specific topics to be addressed:

- CAS, AAA and Sport Resolutions (UK) leading jurisprudence in national & international sports law cases;
- comparison of the various sports arbitration systems and rules: AAA, CAS, SR (UK), SDRCC (Canada)... is there an ideal model?
- something re: the WADA Code Revision Process;
- challenges when drafting sport regulations: from doping to good governance;
- challenges when drafting sport regulations: from doping to gender classification; and
- sanctions in football and the question of proportionality.

The internet of things*Presented by the African Regional Forum, the Arab Regional Forum, the Asia Pacific Regional Forum, the Communications Law Committee, the European Regional Forum, the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee, the Latin American Regional Forum, the Leisure Industries Section and the North American Regional Forum*

The session on internet of things will be focused on the digital interconnection of objects as a model of business and the challenges in IP, big data, regulation and consumer protection.

The intersection between strategy and culture*Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee*

In an informal interview setting, senior partners from leading global and independent law firms will discuss key aspects of their firms' culture and (resulting) strategy, touching upon elements such as firm size and location, partner election and compensation, client base, mission statement, principal strategic choices and international coverage.

The managing partner's career*Presented by the Senior Lawyers' Committee, the Academic and Professional Development Committee, the Law Firm Management Committee and the Young Lawyers' Committee*

What are the skills and qualifications required to become a managing partner? When you take up your role as managing partner, do you divest yourself of files so you can focus on being managing partner, or do you keep some file load as career insurance? What are the pros and cons of retaining a file load? If you become a career managing partner, what is your next career move? Does being managing partner equip and qualify you for other management roles?

Where do you draw the line? The evolving world of sanctions & export controls*Presented by the Business Crime Committee*

This panel will explore recent developments in government's use of trade and economic sanctions or export controls to enforce policy. What scope is there for challenge? Where are the next developments in this field?

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Tuesday 0800 – 0915

Global women litigator breakfast*Presented by the Litigation Committee and the Women Lawyers' Interest Group***IBA Bar breakfast hosted by the Japan Federation of Bar Associations and the Law Council of Australia***The death penalty and criminal justice in Asia*

In 2016, the Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA) adopted a 'Declaration Calling for Reform of the Penal System Including Abolition of the Death Penalty,' which calls for an immediate moratorium leading to abolition of the death penalty by 2020 to coincide with Japan hosting the UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Key questions identified by the Declaration include:

When a crime is committed, how should we deal with it? How can an offender come to feel and express genuine remorse for their crime and avoid reoffending? How can we ensure that our criminal justice systems contribute to the recovery of humanity and the rehabilitation and social inclusion of offenders, based on the inherent dignity and value of convicted persons as human beings?

These questions recognise the death penalty as a symptom of imperfect criminal and penal systems that too often prioritise punishment while neglecting rehabilitation and reintegration. Presented by the JFBA and the Law Council of Australia, this session will focus on the complex problem of death penalty abolition in Asia, including the role of bar associations in making the case for change. Speakers from across the world will exchange views and share experience of relevant activities to explore the overall purpose of criminal justice with a central focus on the death penalty.

Tuesday 0930 – 1045

Global justice and globetrotting judges*Presented by the Judges' Forum and the Forum for Barristers and Advocates*

This session will explore the issues associated with the administration and delivery of justice in international courts. The session will also consider the unique position of foreign judges sitting in appellate courts of domestic jurisdiction.

Internationalisation of health services – cross-border services, health tourism and the buying of overseas services by national providers, payment and liability*Presented by the Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee, the Asia Pacific Regional Forum, the International Sales Committee and the Latin American Regional Forum*

Health services have traditionally been national markets. Yet, while in other markets protectionism seems to become increasingly appealing to regulators and some parts of the public, national health services markets are gradually becoming more international. Telemedicine and health care travel are tools increasingly used by providers, payers and patients alike. Against this background, international providers of health services are emerging. Which legal challenges are to be faced?

Joint ventures in the current market*Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee*

This session will deal with the key issues to bear in mind when negotiating a joint venture, with a special focus on shareholders' agreements and consideration of current trends.

Navigating the corporate governance patchwork: in search of an ideal governance model*Presented by the Securities Law Committee*

In the wake of the financial crisis, and with a view to encourage active and more long-term shareholder engagement, there has been increased focus across jurisdictions to strengthen the corporate governance of listed companies, even if local practices and self-regulation still persist. This session looks at different corporate governance regulations for listed companies around the world and explores to what extent convergence of these systems could be fruitful and what actions have been taken to enhance the exercise of shareholder rights across borders. The session also discusses why shareholder activism is more commonplace in some jurisdictions than in others and what we can learn from shareholder activism in designing our corporate governance models.

Post-Brexit: immigration and border perspectives*Presented by the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee*

On 30 March 2019 the UK will have left the European Union either with a withdrawal agreement, with a transition period or with no agreement – the hard Brexit. In any case there will be issues with or solutions for:

- immigration status of EU citizens living in the UK and UK citizens living in the EU;
- future travel in and out of the two entities, for pleasure, business and work;
- third-country service providers under the Van der Elst provision;
- return of hard borders;
- continuing business on both sides of the borders; and
- the resolution of the Irish border issue.

Tax rules for shadow banking: funding structures beyond traditional bank financing*Presented by the Taxes Committee*

This panel will evaluate opportunities and pitfalls related to crowdfunding, fund financing and similar structures.

The blockchain-powered franchise: the legal, technological and commercial perspectives to applying blockchain technology to franchising*Presented by the International Franchising Committee, the Asia Pacific Regional Forum and the Technology Law Committee*

Blockchain was originally developed as an accounting method for bitcoin, the world's first virtual currency. However, the use of blockchain technology is appearing in a variety of commercial applications in which value can be derived by digitising, coding and inserting information (eg, accounting, records, documents) onto the blockchain. Doing so creates an immutable record of the underlying transaction in which the authenticity of the record can be verified by the entire community using the blockchain rather than a single centralised authority. In 2017 and 2018, there was an explosion of compelling use cases for blockchain technology and many more will be developed in the future.

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This session will explore the current state of the law surrounding blockchain technology, in particular, initial coin offerings (ICOs) in Singapore and South Korea, the two countries where significant activities on blockchain technology, ICOs and cryptocurrencies are taking place. The session will then introduce several real-world projects that are in development and that could be applied to franchising. The session will discuss the challenges, from legal, commercial and technological perspectives, that must be overcome to have widespread adoption of blockchain technology in franchising, among other commercial applications.

The session will feature panellists from Singapore, South Korea and Europe who will be able to shed light on this timely topic from the regulatory, commercial and legal vantage points.

The development of pro bono in Asia – opportunities and challenges?

Presented by the Pro Bono Committee

Only a handful of bar associations in Asian countries make pro bono and community legal services mandatory (for example, Japan and South Korea). Other jurisdictions are also working to develop a culture of pro bono, with some jurisdictions taking the lead. Practitioners are increasingly getting together to discuss how to further develop and encourage pro bono. This panel aims to explore these issues and other relevant matters including the relationship between legal aid (paid by governments) and pro bono services.

The many faces of online infringement

Presented by the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee

Traditional pre-digital forms of IP rights are still alive and have adapted to the digital market. Counterfeited products and pirated works are offered for sale across the internet on dedicated websites or marketplaces. The problem is particularly acute in East Asia. Who is liable and what technical and legal countermeasures should be adopted to deal with this phenomenon?

The practice of law in the gig economy: the 'Uberisation' of legal services in alternative business structures – what will it mean for lawyers?

Presented by the Alternative and New Law Business Structures Committee, the Professional Ethics Committee and the Technology Law Committee

The 'Uber' isation of legal services is increasingly the future for delivery of legal services, and alternative legal business structures are proliferating on a daily basis. The so-called 'gig' economy involving part-time work and contract work/specific project contracts is being embraced, willingly or not, by Gen-X and Millennials. The question of how legal services will be delivered and the future of professional practice is undergoing a profound change. New business models will be the norm.

This session will address the question of how traditional practice models will deal with the 'gig' economy and contracting/ project model delivery of legal services.

It will also explore the different online lawyer referral models now used by online marketplaces for legal services, such as AVVO etc, and how that is affecting both consumer and small and medium sized business clients, and law firms that represent them. The session will also explore the impact of alternative business models in civil law as well as common law countries and examine non-lawyer ownership and ethical issues.

The role of institutional lenders and investors in promoting social and environmental responsibility

Presented by the Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee and the Business Human Rights Committee

The role of financial institutions in promoting sustainable development is rapidly emerging as a key focus of debate in promoting sustainable economic development, realising sustainability, and addressing climate change. Lender environmental liability (LEL) is increasingly a significant element of the discussion. LEL translates into the possibility of holding a financial institution accountable for an environmental damage caused by a borrower. LEL can offer a key opportunity to promote stronger compliance and enforcement of environmental regulations, and to harness the role of financial institutions to spread better environmental standards amongst their clients. The challenge is to design an efficient LEL regime which does not undermine the ability and willingness of financial institutions to lend and invest and thereby enable economic growth and social development.

This session will explore the different national legal systems approaches to the role of financial institutions with respect to promoting environmental sustainability.

D&I DAY

Unconscious bias – the unseen barriers

Presented by the Women Lawyers' Interest Group

This panel will address the impact of unconscious bias in the personal and professional lives of both men and women. Spotting, addressing and tackling gender bias in order to create a more diverse and inclusive overall society and workplace is of paramount importance in this XXI century and key for obtaining further developments in gender parity. Why it matters? What can we do about it? How to raise awareness? How to mitigate it? These are only some of the questions that our panellists will address during this very enriching discussion.

War Crimes Committee report on North Korea crimes against humanity

Presented by the War Crimes Committee

This session will present the War Crimes Committee report on Crimes Against Humanity in North Korea prison camps.

Tuesday 0930 – 1210

Law firm management profitable legal tech café

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

An exchange of practical experiences with the 'profitable' use of technology in law firms in general and specifically those around virtual office and automation tools.

Tuesday 0930 – 1230

Limitations and exclusion of liability: get out of jail free card*Presented by the International Construction Projects Committee*

This session will address the following topics:

- decennial liability – challenges to international contractors and consultants;
- which jurisdictions impose decennial liability, which do not;
- decennial liability in a range of civil law jurisdictions (including France, Germany, Belgium, Greece, Indonesia, Latin America, UAE);
- if it applies, what types of defect does it cover, can you contract out of it;
- is a judgment based on decennial liability in a jurisdiction where it exists but excluded in the contract, enforceable in other jurisdictions where it doesn't exist;
- are they allowed in all jurisdictions; and
- enforceability.

LPD Showcase: the role of the general counsel in a fast-moving world – how to deal with complexities, challenges and change*Presented by the Legal Practice Division and the Corporate Counsel Forum*

We live in a period of extraordinary and unprecedented complexity and change. The global landscape is unstable; fundamental economic changes, the impact of technological change on individuals, companies and societies, the existential threat of climate change, crumbling trust of civil societies in authorities, institutions and business, growing inequality, an apparent weakening of concepts of globalisation and multilateralism in favor of protectionism and nationalism, the new generations' expectations for a better and fairer society – the list is long and the challenges are monumental.

The fast-changing environment and the challenges and complexities impacting the way we work and live have a deep impact on the corporate agenda and the responsibilities and tasks of general counsels (GCs). In addition of having become an integrated part of the business, the GC's tasks are increasingly shifting to more external relations, sustainability and environmental protection, changing risk patterns and meeting the expectations of the next generations. This, together with technological change, also reframes the relationship with external counsel and on the approach of GCs towards new delivery models of external legal support for the in-house legal department.

The Showcase of the Corporate Counsel Forum will examine the effect of these changes on GCs and external counsel and on the skillset necessary for the GCs of today and on the relationship between the in-house legal department and external counsel.

Tuesday 1115 – 1230

Asian investments in Latin America: challenges and opportunities*Presented by the Latin American Regional Forum*

Most developed countries have been increasing the level of scrutiny over the acquisition of strategic national assets by foreign companies. Similar restrictions exist in Latin American countries, but are generally not well-regulated and not uniformly applied. The panel will discuss the challenges and opportunities for Asian investment in Latin America in the face of enhanced restrictions in the global market.

Behavioural remedies in international mergers*Presented by the Antitrust Section*

The role of behavioural remedies to address competition concerns in horizontal and vertical merger cases remains controversial, with the approach of competition authorities around the world evolving constantly. This panel will examine how conduct-based fixes can be an integral part of a successful clearance strategy in global M&A transactions.

Employee representation and corporate transactions*Presented by the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee and the Corporate and M&A Law Committee*

This session will focus on differing types of legal transactions (share transactions, business transfer arrangements, restructures and asset transfers) and will analyse impact and strategies for management of employee consultation or co-determination rights. The session will consider what types of employee representation is likely to be required over multiple jurisdictions, the role of those employee representatives (works council, unions, other representatives or stakeholders) and the likely time frames and manner of such information/consultation as is required to be provided or undertaken. The session will also consider the impact of matters such as severance plans and impact of changes to corporate benefits such as lapse or accelerated vesting of share options as a consequence of a corporate transaction.

Is it true that enforcing an international arbitration award under the New York Convention is easier than to enforce a judgment?*Presented by the Arbitration Committee*

International arbitration is associated with a stable legal framework for the enforcement of arbitral awards. This is based on the success of the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, also known as the 'New York Arbitration Convention', which has been broadly implemented around the world and has seen the development of a judicial culture favourable to the enforcement of arbitration agreement and arbitration awards. The International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) Convention is widely credited for its enforcement mechanism that gives the award the status of a domestic judgment. This panel will ask the hard questions on the comparison between the enforcement of international arbitration awards and domestic judicial court decisions. It will also discuss the enforcement of ICSID awards versus commercial arbitration awards.

Oil and gas in Africa: hot topics*Presented by the Oil and Gas Law Committee*

This session will look at some of the hot topics in the African oil and gas sector including the challenges facing national oil companies, local content rules and compliance issues for international oil companies (IOCs) and hotspots for future developments.

Outbound investments by Asian-Pacific companies – how to get it right*Presented by the Taxes Committee*

The panel will discuss the tax opportunities and pitfalls that Asian-Pacific companies face when structuring their investments outside their home countries.

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Singapore convention: a game changer?*Presented by the Mediation Committee*

The Singapore convention was conceived to provide for international commercial mediations what the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitration Awards did for international arbitrations. The Convention, which only applies to settlements resulting from mediation of international commercial disputes, enables enforcing parties to pursue enforcement of mediated settlement agreements directly in a court in a convention country where enforcement is sought.

The panel discussion will cover:

- the status of the convention since its signing on 7 August 2019;
- whether the convention will prove to be a 'game changer' for the use of mediation in resolving international commercial disputes;
- concerns on the application of the convention; and
- whether the convention has led to a change in the practice of mediation of international commercial disputes

The cook, the thief, their spouse and their lover*Presented by the Family Law Committee and the Private Client Tax Committee*

The financial affairs of elderly, infirm or otherwise vulnerable or incapacitated individuals, particularly those dependent upon others to manage their day-to-day care and living arrangements, can be at risk from those in a position of trust. Whether that be their (frequently younger) spouse, child or grandchild, paid or unpaid caregiver, member of staff or extended family/ "friend", or indeed professional adviser, who may use that position of trust to manipulate and take advantage of them for their own financial gain. Thus, personal and family fortunes may be dissipated or broken up, to the immediate disadvantage of the elderly individual, with potential financial ramifications for family wealth.

The panel will discuss how the wealth of elderly and vulnerable people can be protected from such abuse and at what stage steps should be taken to implement the necessary documents or structures.

Win at pitching and pricing deals: assumptions, surprises and getting fees paid in global small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) entrepreneur transactions*Presented by the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee and the Professional Ethics Committee*

Build your practice and join the panel and audience in actively sharing strategies to pitch and accurately price transactional work.

Who pays, who receives damages and how are damages assessed when companies act in breach of human rights obligations by managing or operating activities such as illegal deforestation and mining and pollution of water resources*Presented by the Negligence and Damages Committee and the Human Rights Law Committee*

Given the imbalance of state power globally, the panel will discuss whether there is an enforceable human right to a clean and safe environment and who may pursue damages, including exemplary or penal damages, against states or state agencies or multinational corporations for identifiable damage to the environment.

Tuesday 1215 – 1245

Law Firm Management Committee open business meeting*Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee*

An open meeting of the Law Firm Management Committee will be held to discuss matters of interest and future activities.

Tuesday 1430 – 1545

Abuse of dominance and intellectual property*Presented by the Antitrust Section*

As technological development speeds up and disruptive technologies take hold, owners of intellectual property rights increasingly need to protect their financial investments and preserve their positions against rivals. But intellectual property rights may also be a source of market power, which is open to abuse. This session will examine how traditional restrictions on dominant firms have been applied to holders of intellectual property rights. When, if ever, does a patent right confer market power in and of itself? Does being incorporated into a standard necessarily confer market power? Can lessons be drawn from the various proceedings around the world involving Qualcomm on when intellectual property rights are (or are not) instrumental in a strategy to retain customers and exclude competitors? Does the ability of standard-essential patent-holders to extract higher royalties when they breach promises to license on fair terms necessarily harm competition? How will the US DOJ's new perspective on antitrust issues in the standard-setting context affect enforcement and innovation?

Battling ninjas, chefs and finding your perfect date shows: TV formats in East Asia and elsewhere*Presented by the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee and the Media Law Committee*

With several important recent case law decisions in various jurisdictions, in Asia the old debate on the extent of protection of TV formats continues. The discussion is particularly acute in East Asia where Korean formats are often used in China. The panel will examine recent developments and likely future trends and directions.

Building global employment agreements and drafting in between the lines*Presented by the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee*

This is a participative and innovative session, whereby employment lawyers from around the world will be given drafting of a section of an employment agreement for a senior executive and asked to improve it, bearing in mind best practices and lessons learned in their jurisdiction, both in connection with the ongoing employment and in termination scenarios. Senior practitioners from around the world will be able to learn from each other about issues faced in similar circumstances across the jurisdictions. The idea will be to cover off legal risks in multiple jurisdictions. It will be a valuable workshop session for lawyers who draft international employment contracts and other vital employment documents.

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Tuesday 1430 – 1545 (continued)

Current legal developments*Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee*

This is the traditional Corporate and M&A Law Committee session where key developments in corporate and M&A law around the world are reviewed from a global perspective and this time, with a special focus on the Asia Pacific region.

Follow up or fail: the proven follow-up system to stay top-of-mind and get more opportunities (without being nudgy!)

Following up is key to creating a successful practice, but the problem is that it is often forgotten in the post-networking process, causing a dramatic loss in business and opportunities. Research shows that lawyers who follow-up with prospects make more than three times more clients than lawyers who do not follow-up properly. Why is that? Because most lawyers have not been taught how to effectively follow-up and don't actually 'see' the high value, trust and loyalty it creates, which in return will increase their practice growth exponentially.

Lawyers often hope and expect to do business the first time they meet a new prospect. Yet studies reveal that only two per cent of new contacts are turned into a project after the first meeting. The other 98 per cent will only become clients once a certain level of trust has been built up, and trust is first built through effective follow-up.

Lawyers who follow-up get to know their prospects and their clients better. They understand their issues, solve their problems and provide solutions.

Have you ever expressed your interest in a product or service but never heard back from the company? Research shows that only 20 per cent of leads are ever followed up. In other words, 80 per cent of potential opportunities are lost simply due to lack of follow-up.

This session will cover:

The follow-up process

- How to make follow-up a daily habit and your main priority
- Systematise your follow-up work to support consistency
- Systematise your follow-up process to easily stay in touch with prospects, referral sources, existing and past clients

Different types of follow-up

Learn how to follow-up in different situations and in different ways.

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Identify five practical ways for creating trust in a variety of common business situations.

Tools for follow-up

Tools that will assist in making the follow-up process easier, more efficient, consistent and last for a longer time, all for the results you are looking for.

Gaming and cryptocurrencies: is gaming the best way to test cryptocurrencies in a digital economy?*Presented by the Electronic Entertainment and Online Gaming Subcommittee, the Leisure Industries Section and the Sports Law Subcommittee*

Gamers understand cryptocurrencies better than anyone else, as blockchain technology allows gamers to use cryptocurrency to trade virtual gaming items with one another. As such, the gaming industry has demonstrated a real interest to innovate blockchain technology and cryptocurrency. This is also having an impact on fantasy sports games, a market that is estimated to be worth more than US\$7bn a year. The session will explore legal and regulatory challenges, the change in business models for the industry and what is in there for the players.

Government procurement: practical thoughts on doing business, compliance, sanctions, corruption and business crime*Presented by the International Sales Committee*

This session will offer practical application of critical regulations, and examples of how to do business with the governments in selected jurisdictions, including but not limited to the US and the EU. This will not be a discussion on achieving political policy outcomes by controlling trade. Rather, we would like to discuss practical requirements, compliance (including sanctions and corruption issues) in actually doing business with governments. In the US for example, in the 2017 financial year, the Department of Defense obligated more money on federal contracts (US\$320bn) than all other government agencies combined. What are practical considerations you can use to help put your clients in a position to compete for that business? We intend on using case examples to talk through tips, tricks and traps in navigating the government procurement playing fields.

Hot topics and regulatory developments for asset managers and investment funds*Presented by the Investment Funds Committee*

A panel of experts will address the key issues encountered both in structuring investment fund products for Asian investors and in distributing products in the region. This will include an update on the status of the various fund pass-porting regimes in the region.

The panel will also highlight some topical developments, which should be of particular interest to international asset managers, their general counsels and their external advisers, such as Brexit and environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) investing.

Human rights: rebooted*Presented by IBA's Human Rights Institute*

With the increased technological developments, this session will examine the responsibilities of lawyers to consider human rights matters, like the freedom of expression, and how they can assist in furthering the human rights agenda. In addition, considerations will be made to the accountability of digital corporations in preventing human rights violations.

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Tuesday 1430 – 1545 (continued)

Securing mineral (cobalt, lithium, rare earths, graphite, copper...) supply at the heart of the electric-car boom

Presented by the Mining Law Committee, the Power Law Committee and the Technology Law Committee

Companies like Samsung and Apple have recently announced multi-billion dollar deals in the global rush to secure supply of minerals after cobalt prices have more than tripled at the heart of the electric-car boom. Posco, South Korea's largest steel producer, bought a stake in an Australian junior producer as a means to secure a constant supply of the key material used in the making of electric vehicle batteries. South Korea's LG agreed to build two joint ventures with China's Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt to lock in supplies of cobalt for lithium-ion batteries. Battery and technology metals developer Australian Mines Ltd signed a deal with Korea's SK to supply cobalt sulphate and nickel sulphate to SK's manufacturing plants in Hungary and Korea. Others may follow. These movements show an important shift on interest for certain minerals, a significant rise in demand for metals needed for energy battery storage technologies, as well as for wind and solar technologies. This session will debate the legal challenges around these developments, international, national and local legal frameworks, offtake agreements and legal strategies to secure supply

Strategic human rights litigation: regional case studies

Presented by the Human Rights Law Committee

This session will look at the impact of successful strategic litigation as a tool for human rights protection in the region.

The global criminalisation of trusts and estates law: what every lawyer, banker and trust professional must know to avoid prison

Presented by the Criminal Law Committee and the Private Client Tax Committee

Tax evasion remains a subject of great concern by many jurisdictions. This panel will explore how various jurisdictions are devising new laws and innovative strategies to prosecute criminal tax evasion and the unfortunate lawyers, bankers and trust professionals who are ensnared in the criminal tax evasion web. In this session, we will discuss how to spot the risks and avoid the problems.

The role of the general counsel as business partner, in governance and the relationship with the board: impact on external counsel

Presented by the Corporate Counsel Forum

This session will also cover the debate whether GCs should or should not be on boards, which additional qualification they should have (MBA?), etc.

Two souls in my breast: the role of law firm partners as chief counsel in client companies

Presented by the Professional Ethics Committee

There is an increasing tendency in recent years for partners of law firms to be asked as general counsel of clients, at least on a temporary basis, but also as more specific posts, such as chief compliance officer or IP counsel. In the session we will explore the ethical tensions that these two roles may arise, and will consider possible solutions.

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Tuesday 1430 – 1730

IBA Showcase: the creation of an international refugee visa and a model of protection for refugee and migrant children

Presented by the Presidential Task Force on the Refugee Crisis Initiative, the Family Law Committee and the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee

There are more people on the move than ever before. Many areas of the world have become an unsafe place to live due to armed conflicts, wars and general political instability where state forces are unable to protect their citizens. An unprecedented number of such migrants and refugees are children. People living in regions of conflicts and upheaval have no choice but to seek refuge in safer areas, whether permanently or temporarily. Such areas of refuge are often in a country to which the refugee may not enter legally without an authorised visa. The IBA Presidential Task Force on the Refugee Crisis Initiative has examined the viability of an international protocol for both a refugee visa, as well as a model for the treatment of migrant and refugee unaccompanied children. This Showcase session will feature the results of this research and address how the international legal community can be a catalyst for change.

Tuesday 1615 – 1730

A profile of the Seadrill Chapter 11 reorganisation

Presented by the Insolvency Section and the Reorganisation and Workouts Subcommittee

This session will be a discussion of a very important and large international case and the lessons to be learned from it.

Caught by BEPS? Practical solutions

Presented by the Taxes Committee

As new BEPS-related and other measures become law, companies are finding that old structures no longer work. This panel will explore the alternative solutions that companies are considering to address the changing legal landscape.

Data and its impact on M&A

Presented by the Technology Law Committee

Big data has become one of the most invaluable assets in the global economy. Due to its high value, businesses naturally try to expand their data pools by way of acquiring data from other businesses through M&A. Given various data-related regulations from country to country (eg, data privacy, cybersecurity and intellectual property), it is critical to review M&A transaction from data law perspective in the stage of due diligence, drafting transaction documents (especially reps and warranties), closing and PMI.

Reason: we have seen many M&A transactions that have not considered data law in full. In South Korea, many Korean M&A experts and data experts would be interested in other countries' practice.

Tuesday 1615 – 1730 (continued)

Digital trade in legal services – consequences for bar associations and smaller law firms

Presented by the IBA International Trade in Legal Services Committee

The impact of technology on lawyers and the provision of legal services is now a well-documented, albeit still hotly debated, topic in national and international lawyers' gatherings. One aspect which may have been overlooked, however, is the impact that technology, and most particularly digital innovation, can have on the cross-border trade in legal services.

With the ascent of digital technology, legal services will continue crossing borders more than ever. But what about the need for lawyers (or their clients), as physical persons, to have to go through airport security, face jetlag and stay in bland hotel rooms or to invest large amount of capital in swanky offices in far distant lands? Would it actually be physical persons, as opposed to bots, legal software or block chain contracts, crossing borders effortlessly? Is it a legal service, if the 'advice' or 'document' is derived by artificial intelligence, or bundled into a smart contract? Is a border actually crossed at all if the transaction takes place in cyberspace? And how does the transaction fit into the current context and definitions of World Trade Organisation law and agreements?

What is the impact for bar associations and regulators, the purpose of which is to regulate the admission and ethical behaviour of individual lawyers in a specific jurisdiction? What rules do we enforce when an international team of lawyers based in multiple jurisdictions works on a contract held in the cloud? What legal professional privilege applies? What can a bar association do vis-à-vis bots located across an ocean? Does there need to be more co-operation and mutual recognition between regulators?

And what about the opportunities for firms, and most particularly smaller firms? There is no need any more to be a large firm with strong partner capitalisation and a hard-won network of offices across the globe to provide your legal services to international clients.

This session of the International Trade in Legal Services Committee of the Bar Issues Commission will bring to light different perspectives on the challenges of the ascent of digital technology and its impact on cross-border trade.

Global trade wars: the rise of nationalism – update and impact on commerce

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

This panel will examine the new and challenging issues posed to companies by the rise of nationalism and protectionism.

Immigration due diligence in M&A

Presented by the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee

The closing of the deal's impact on foreign nationals working for the combined entity in mergers, acquisitions and other major corporate changes often gets lost in the array of issues that must be considered. In many cases, employees may lose eligibility for their visas and even be rendered illegally present by virtue of the transaction. In many cases, problems can be avoided by dealing with these issues in advance and the issues can be spotted by including immigration in the due diligence process. This panel will compare what issues should be addressed in due diligence in different countries and suggest strategies for avoiding unintended consequences.

Mobile payments, wallets and Fintech: your phone as your new bank

Presented by the Communications Law Committee, the Banking Law Committee and the Capital Markets Forum

Traditional providers of financial services are facing increasing disruption as telecoms and technology service providers establish new Fintech platforms having direct reach to their customers. This panel will provide an overview of the major stakeholders and the best practices. We will also analyse the driving forces and the hurdles for achieving a cashless ecosystem by attempting to answer the following questions:

- Are financial institutions at risk of being replaced by non-traditional players?
- How should FinTech supervisory and regulatory issues that merit regulators' attention from a financial stability perspective be considered?
- How should legal relationships between telecoms companies, banks and consumers be structured?
- How can secure and trusted authentication mechanisms be achieved?
- How to overcome insufficient connectivity as a major hurdle for digital payments to clear?
- Is the regulation adequate to the state of innovation and how to close the gap?

One Belt, One Road

Presented by the Asia Pacific Regional Forum

'One Belt, One Road' is one of China's most important state strategies for its relations with the world. A global watch is needed than ever on China from legal perspective on its trends of 'One Belt, One Road' initiative and its practices in different regions of the world.

This session is intended to focus on 'One Belt, One Road' and the hot topics regarding China, trying to provide a vivid vision to the audience that goes beyond the specific legal issues in specialised legal areas. We will invite experts from China, Asia and other regions to discuss those hot topics and also recent case studies from different perspectives.

Pipelines or pipe dreams?

Presented by the Oil and Gas Law Committee

This session will take a look at some of the most high-profile pipeline projects in development around the world and look at the challenges they face to make them more than pipe dreams. Issues abound, whether relating to matters of geopolitics, environmental consents, regulation, consenting (particularly the opposition of indigenous groups and local communities), financing or construction risks and, increasingly, there is a question of the societal licence of oil companies to build these pipelines in the first place against the backdrop of alternative energy options and communities suing over the costs of climate change.

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Tuesday 1615 – 1730 (continued)

Poverty, working conditions and wages: legal and reputational risks

Presented by the Poverty and Social Development Committee and the Diversity and Equality Law Committee

The session will address specific actions that all components of the legal profession can take towards the attainment of UN Sustainable Development Goal 1: the eradication of poverty.

The session will show how certain employment practices affect society, often influencing the extent of poverty in the region where they operate. The session will specifically address how lawyers can support and promote employment practices that mitigate or eliminate poverty. Furthermore, the session will assert that change-orientated employment policies and practices are ethical imperatives for lawyers and the legal profession. Presenters and discussants will offer specific examples as to how lawyers can advise clients to protect, respect and avoid human rights transgressions. The session will demonstrate that lawyers can do well and do good.

Each topic will provide the basis for a chapter in the Committee's new book on the practical ways the legal profession can mitigate poverty and build capability.

Topics under consideration include:

- wages and benefits;
- poor workers and decent treatment;
- decent work;
- liabilities; and
- working with diverse groups including minorities to achieve fairness and equity.

Presenting with impact: why personalities and visual aids matter for pitching, litigation and client maintenance

Presented by the Young Lawyers' Committee

As robots and machines revolutionise the legal industry, lawyers have to perfect social and human skills. This session will provide practical tips and strategies to cause a lasting impression when talking in public. Experienced lawyers and professionals will provide valuable insight on how to structure conversations aiming at different personalities and how to engage better with audiences. These skills are relevant for pitching to clients, presenting in litigation and maintaining clients.

Ways to cope in practice management

Presented by the Litigation Committee

Legal practice has always been a taxing and stressful profession. In today's hyper-connected offices, the demands associated with being a lawyer have only increased. In order to be effective and productive in the long run, lawyers need to be prepared to cope with the mental and physical toll that the legal profession can exert on an individual. Fortunately, the legal profession as a whole is increasingly cognisant of the need for lawyers to develop the skills and practices necessary for effectively managing stress and increasing their productivity, such as preparedness, well-being, mindfulness and meditation. These and other similar practices have already proved to be very effective in other high-intensity endeavours such as entrepreneurship and sports, and their use by lawyers is likely to benefit both the individual and the profession as a whole.

This session will discuss:

- typical circumstances that expose lawyers to the risk of chronic fatigue, stress or a feeling of being overwhelmed, and how these burdens, if left unchecked, can lead to anxiety, aggressiveness and distractedness;
- the steps that firms, managers and mentors can take to help their colleagues cope with the psychological and physical demands of legal practice; and
- skills and practices that can help lawyers better cope with the demands of legal practice.

The session will draw on the experiences of its speakers as mentors, supervisors and legal practitioners to explore how lawyers can achieve long term productivity and growth through by better managing stress and being more attuned to the mental and physiological patterns that affect their work.

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Women in law firm leadership: how to make the breakthrough

Presented by the Women Lawyers' Interest Group and the Law Firm Management Committee

A business case discussion with senior lawyers from firms around the globe with solid track records in supporting gender diversity and putting the right policies and programmes in place to empower female talent into leadership roles.

Practical discussion on successful experiences and challenges.

Wednesday 0800 – 0915

Arbitration Committee breakfast

Presented by the Arbitration Committee

A breakfast meeting of the Arbitration Committee will take place to discuss matters of interest and future activities.

Corporate Counsel Forum breakfast

Presented by the Corporate Counsel Forum

The Corporate Counsel breakfast is a closed event for in-house counsel only.

Family Law Committee breakfast

Presented by the Family Law Committee

A breakfast meeting of the Family Law Committee will take place to discuss matters of interest and future activities.

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Wednesday 0800 – 0915 (continued)

Managing Partners' breakfast – hot topics for management*Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee*

This year's Managing Partners' breakfast session will consider key areas that managing partners are focused on in these times of significant change in how legal services are being formulated and delivered. What are the main challenges and the opportunities for law firms?

If you are a managing partner, general counsel or have a role/interest in law firm/practice management, this is your opportunity to hear directly from, and share your thoughts with, leaders of global and national law firms who are instrumental in the development and management of their practices.

This breakfast will take the form of an interactive roundtable discussion. As well as hearing about their personal experiences and insights, you will have the opportunity to exchange views with the expert panel of influential managing partners and with an audience of fellow practitioners – all of whom face similar challenges in law practice management. This will be particularly focused on the various pressure points created, for example, by the need to embrace greater use of technology, facilitate flexible working, maintain strong culture and teamwork and achieve efficiencies, yet at the same time retain key staff in addition to external economic factors.

Wednesday 0915 – 1045

ILO and IBA report: conclusions of the individual and general reports on the legal aspects of the future of work*Presented by the Business Crime Committee, the Business Human Rights Committee, the Corporate and M&A Law Committee, the Diversity and Equality Law Committee, the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee, the Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee, the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee, the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee, the Taxes Committee and the Technology Law Committee*

This session will present the IBA General Report on 'A global approach on the legal trends for the regulation of the work of the future' as well as the main conclusions and recommendations of the International Labour Organization (ILO) on the 'debate about the future of work'. The audience will be encouraged to participate in a debate about the findings once the report has been presented.

Wednesday 0930 – 1045

A community-based approach to mining investments: links with the Sustainable Development Goals*Presented by the Indigenous Peoples Committee*

Community engagement is pivotal for project stability. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) offer a framework to assess the corporate social responsibility implications of such engagement. Moreover, SDG 17, on partnerships for the goals, arguably mandates a community-based approach. This session will explore how the SDGs can be used to benchmark a company's approach towards a community and how they can leverage shared interests between the company and the community.

A new anti-corruption paradigm: sextortion*Presented by the Anti-Corruption Committee, the IBA Legal Policy and Research Unit, the Judges' Forum and the Women Lawyers' Interest Group*

In 2008, the International Association of Women Judges coined the term 'sextortion'. This label was intended to describe 'sexual exploitation and corruption that occurs when people in positions of authority... seek to extort sexual favours in exchange for something within their power to grant or withhold.' In other words, sextortion is a form of corruption where the currency of the bribe is sex, rather than money. While there is growing international recognition of sextortion, gaps in existing anti-corruption and sexual violence laws often render prosecution difficult. These issues and more are being considered by an IBA working group, led by the IBA Legal Policy and Research Unit. Their initial report, based on comparative research across ten jurisdictions, will be launched at this session.

Changing business models of media in the digital world and its implications for democracy*Presented by the Media Law Committee*

Well-functioning media has always been one of the cornerstones of modern democracy. In the digital age of social media and fake news, the importance of independent, trustworthy and well-resourced media is ever higher. However, media has been faced with a financial crisis, forcing a rethink of its business model. Commercial media has traditionally been financed through advertisement revenue and subscriptions. Over the past ten years this business model has been slowly collapsing, advertisement and subscription revenue dropping year over year. Digital platforms are taking an ever-larger share of the attention and thus of the advertisement market, leaving less breathing space for media with editorial content. Media companies have been forced to cut down their operations significantly and many have been shut down entirely.

Due to its significant role in society, media has been subject to a variety of regulatory obligations and liabilities. In the meantime, social media platforms and new digital media services have been able to expand their footprint without much of regulatory burden. On the contrary, liability exemptions set out in many countries has made it easy for social media platforms to thrive. At the same time, sharing of media content is an essential element of the service for many social media platforms.

What are the implications of this development for media and democracy? What will the future business models be for media in the digital world? Is private media becoming a non-profit operation run by foundations or wealthy individuals? What will be the role of public broadcasters in this development? Is the regulatory balance between traditional media, social media platforms and other new digital platforms fair? What regulatory/IP/other legal challenges does media face in developing new sustainable business models?

In this session we will invite media/social media lawyers and executives, regulators and other decision-makers to discuss these issues in a multidisciplinary panel.

Defending the rule of law*Presented by the Senior Lawyers' Committee, the Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee and the Rule of Law Forum*

In a political climate where so-called populist parties are seeking to cement their power by attacking the independent judiciary and the rule of law, the Senior Lawyers' Committee has a responsibility for leading the thinking on such topics. We will discuss the erosion of separation of power, camouflaging authoritarian regimes with rule of law pretence; looking for safeguards to defend the rule of law.

Double jeopardy: the relationship between administrative processes and criminal proceedings

Presented by the Business Crime Committee

Where a crime has occurred, when does the imposition of a penalty mean that a case has finally been resolved? This panel will explore the circumstances in which a person or corporate can consider a case closed. What are the principles engaged in the case of a transnational investigation? Where criminal conduct is dealt with under an administrative process, can the principle of double jeopardy apply? Or are there jurisdictions where the distinction between administrative and criminal processes are less easy to differentiate?

Enforcing judgments around Asia

Presented by the Litigation Committee, the African Regional Forum, the Arab Regional Forum, the Asia Pacific Regional Forum, the European Regional Forum, the Latin American Regional Forum and the North American Regional Forum

And so I have a judgment; now what?

The enforcement of a judgment that has been obtained by a plaintiff is perhaps the most important aspect of litigation, as it is in effect the whole point of undergoing the often arduous process. When that judgment is a foreign one, this process is made even more difficult, as the foreign judgment itself must be recognised by the court in which that judgment is sought to be enforced before the plaintiff can invoke the necessary steps or procedures in order that it be enforced. However, the procedures concerned will differ from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and nowhere is this more apparent than in the Asia Pacific region, which consists of a heady mix of common law countries, civil law countries and hybrid systems. A diversity of rules may be confusing for litigants, who would potentially have to navigate both substantial and subtle differences in the various laws. Harmonisation would obviously increase legal certainty and portability of judgments in the region, but is this even a possibility?

Our panellists will discuss some of the broad features of the systems in place in the Asia Pacific region, some of the challenges they have faced in enforcing foreign judgments, practical solutions in overcoming these challenges and their views on whether the existing rules are in fact necessary to preserve the integrity of the national legal systems.

Investing in North Korea: the next gold rush or the wild wild East?

Presented by the Asia Pacific Regional Forum

Despite sanctions and nuclear policy dominating recent discussions on North Korea, ambitious foreign entities have invested in North Korea for decades, seeking to profit from a vast amount of natural resources and very high growth potential for an array of infrastructure projects. This session will deal with the legal and practical considerations for foreign investors seeking to do business in North Korea, including the available investment structures and financing considerations. It will examine the restrictions posed by the existing UN and US sanctions regime and North Korean regulations, such as the 'Foreign Investment Law', and how these create a unique set of legal challenges for foreign investors seeking to determine the scope of permitted and prohibited activities in North Korea. Key discussion topics will also include the settlement of disputes in the North Korean courts and arbitration centres.

M&A masterclass

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

Using an interactive format, this session will try to highlight the main features of a standard M&A transaction, from a very practical and multijurisdictional perspective.

Promoting responsible supply chains in Asia, connecting Western and Asian lawyers

Presented by the Business Human Rights Committee

European and American companies are well-connected with Asian companies through the supply chains.

Asian companies and lawyers may be very interested in the supply chain regulations and frameworks that are evolving in the Western countries, and their impact on Asian business.

One the other hand, it would be useful for Western companies and lawyers to understand different business and human rights challenges and opportunities in Asian countries for navigating human rights due diligence (HRDD) in Asian supply chains.

State-of-the-art, cutting-edge technology 2019/20 and its legal considerations

Presented by the Technology Law Committee, the Communications Law Committee and the Space Law Committee

In this session it is proposed that you will:

- be introduced to and have a demonstration of the world's state-of-the-art technology as of 2019. You will learn about the highest level of technology development, as of a device, technique or scientific research achieved as of 2019; and
- receive perspectives on legal, regulatory and ethical risks and opportunities attributable to such technology.

The session will be presented by some of the highest experts on the relevant topics, including tech giants, gurus and cutting-edge technology lawyers.

The topics will be selected in 2019 as and when appropriate to ensure a complete up-to-date session of the newest technology. It may include topics such as:

- quantum computing;
- 5G (next generation of Mobile Tech) – 1. better and faster mobile broadband fixed wireless access (FWA), and 2. massive improvement in connection/ultra low latency;
- developments in space technology; and
- implant tech (eg, in brain, teeth and eyes, as well as under the skin).

Tax planning for the entrepreneur/founder

Presented by the Private Client Tax Committee, the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee and the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee

The session will consider the best planning for the entrepreneur/founder from two perspectives:

- a) what is the best structure for the entrepreneur/founder; and
- b) what is the best structure from the perspective of a high-net-worth (HNW) private client investor.

The session will consider the gaps and work towards finding solutions.

Wednesday 0930 – 1045 (continued)

The battle to ring the initial public offering bell: dual listings and competition among international stock exchanges

Presented by the Securities Law Committee

Forum shopping has become part of the initial public offering (IPO) planning process to identify the 'best' exchange(s) for listing equity securities, particularly for companies based in emerging markets. The very public recent cases of *Alibaba* and now *Saudi Aramco* shed light on competition among exchanges to court corporate titans. Continued regional integration of exchanges is another trend, including efforts in Latin America and the Middle East. What are the corporate governance implications? Who are the winners and the losers from these developments?

The business of law: financial management for law firm leaders

Presented by the Academic and Professional Development Committee and the Law Firm Management Committee

Law firm finances are going through a fundamental path of change. While traditionally at the end of the year the remaining cash was distributed and all accounts started with zero balance into the new year, law firms have become businesses having mostly transformed from cash accounting to preparing financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles. One of the key changes is the financial planning process and continuous monitoring to meet financial targets. Alternative fee models pose a challenge to the traditional model of continuing influx of cash under the regular billing according to the hour. In the competitive legal marketplace, law firms need to make investments (eg, into legal tech, practice expansion), and outside debt and even equity financing by third parties have become available. This panel will discuss with the session participants how law firms should manage these changes, giving participants concrete takeaways for their own practices.

Wednesday 0930 – 1230

Alternative dispute resolution in construction: a smorgasbord of approaches but limited appetites

Presented by the International Construction Projects Committee

This session will look at dispute boards, dispute adjudication, referees, umpires, mediation, arbitration, technical review panels and expert determination in international projects, and discuss:

- do they really work;
- advantages and disadvantages;
- what is the 'best' approach; and
- fidic changes / other trends.

BIC Bar Leaders' Forum

Presented by the Bar Issues Commission

This is an opportunity for Member Organisation representatives to be updated on the status of ongoing projects in which the IBA is involved, and specifically those that touch on sensitive areas for bar associations and law societies. It will also allow them to find out what work is being planned, and propose subject matter and programmes for future activities within our very dynamic Bar Issues Commission (BIC).

Wednesday 1115 – 1230

5G networks: legal challenges for a new technology platform

Presented by the Communications Law Committee and the Technology Law Committee

5G networks will bring huge improvements in bandwidth, speed and latency – but will also require a major shift in the way the network elements are designed. Cell density will increase and network management will require the collection of huge amounts of metadata. Telecoms regulators will face challenges in managing the allocation of spectrum, striking a balance between incumbents and allowing opportunities for new players to enter the market, just as telecoms companies will grapple with how to share and deploy infrastructure. This session will explore the implications of these changes, and will also survey the approaches taken in regulating 5G rollouts.

Best practices in supply chain

Presented by the International Sales Committee

In recent years, internationally active companies have faced particular public scrutiny for the conduct of their suppliers in other parts of the world. Problematic working conditions, child and forced labour as well as corruption made headlines and led to various litigations in different jurisdictions. It has become customary for companies to introduce codes of conduct for their suppliers into their contractual toolkit in order to address compliance risks in their supply chain and any potentially resulting liability. Frequently, companies also include specific clauses in their supply agreements for this purpose. This session provides an overview over the practices currently used in various industries and discusses associated legal questions with a focus on sales and general contract law. The session is of interest to in-house lawyers as well as attorneys in law firms.

Challenging the fact-free rhetoric

Presented by the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee and the Human Rights Law Committee

This century has seen an increase in nationalist leaders and parties in government. Such leaders and parties often use anti-immigrant rhetoric as a means to position themselves or their parties. Examples of such rhetoric can be found all over the world. On one end of the scale, leaders like Viktor Orban in Hungary and Donald Trump in the USA are voicing extreme anti-refugee positions in which refugees are consistently referred to as 'immigrants' and are portrayed as raping, thieving hordes who will force their religious views onto an unsuspecting host society. On the other end of the scale is the more creeping language used in the Brexit referendum of 'taking back control over our sovereign borders', and the emergence of a new political party in South Africa demanding the expulsion of all immigrants as 'they take our jobs'. Oftentimes the facts are diametrically opposite from the 'fake news' voiced by nationalist movements. This type of rhetoric is slowly becoming more mainstream as other participants in the political or civic arena are taking on the frame pushed by the nationalist agenda.

This panel will examine what the role is for legal practitioners in various jurisdictions, especially those working in immigration or human rights law, to counter such fact-free rhetoric. Should legal practitioners quietly get on with their jobs and keep politics out of their jobs as much as possible? Or is it useful to insistently vocalise dissent? If so, what do we need in our toolbox? Should one challenge the facts and ignore the underlying sentiments, or address those sentiment, too? Is a human rights agenda the best way to counter this rhetoric?

From the automotive to the mobility services industry: business and related legal challenges

Presented by the European Regional Forum

The automotive industry is being affected by the ecological, environmental, digital and millennium era in which we live, where the habits, trends and demand differ from the traditional ones in the sector. This is affecting the business model of an important industry with a great number of manufacturers, suppliers of parts, distributors, etc, with new regulations and consumer expectations that can be identified as the 'mobility services' industry. South Korea, China, Japan, India, Vietnam and other Asian countries now play an important role as investors in traditional European companies, and act as decisive manufacturers, suppliers or consumers in an evolving market. This session will address the hot topics with the presence of relevant industry speakers.

How much do you know about your joint ventures?

Presented by the Corporate Counsel Forum and the Asia Pacific Regional Forum

This session will deal with the right level of governance oversight, the discipline to manage risks and drive results, contractual governance rights, etc.

Justice Machines: dystopia or opportunity? Judicial function and dispute resolution in the AI era

Presented by the Litigation Committee and the Judges' Forum

In the recent years, technology has substantially developed and grown in the practice of law: from supporting and replacing certain human activities, to a disruptive role, which is even intended to reshape the adjudicative function. In this context, we already refer to artificial intelligence (AI).

It has been common opinion that the dispute resolution sector was safe from these developments, in the belief of the essentiality of the human intelligence in the decision-making process.

Is this assumption still valid? Does the development of technology suggest a different view?

To what extent will the judicial function – and therefore the legal profession – be reshaped by the AI phenomenon?

The session will explore the state-of-the-art of AI applied to dispute resolution and debate consequences and perspectives for judges, lawyers and, ultimately, for the parties.

Legal challenges of decommissioning in the offshore oil and gas sector

Presented by the Maritime and Transport Law Committee

In Denmark, preparations are being made for the removal of the first wind farm, 30 years after its installation. Following on from our review in Oslo in May 2019 of the status of laws applicable to vessel scrapping, we will continue the dismantling theme in Seoul with a look at the offshore sector. Recycling is the focus in many parts of the world. But, in many cases, the legal and regulatory environment has changed substantially since the lifecycle case was originally made for the offshore unit. Who will pay the extra costs involved in decommissioning and recycling, and what are the legal and insurance challenges so posed?

Mirror mirror on the wall: a reflective view of IP and other issues in the cosmetics, perfumes and makeup industries

Presented by the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee

Korean cosmetics are all the rage. Legal issues include IP – the problems of lookalikes and smell-alikes – substantiation (does the face cream actually reduce wrinkles?), natural claims versus organic, editing photos to make it look like the model using the product looks younger, AI and virtual apps, how each territory regulates cosmetics, and banned ingredients.

Saving the 'Seoul' of the city – the rebirth of downtown

Presented by the Real Estate Section

Reinvesting in downtown and saving the soul of cities: housing, gentrification and other challenges.

The anatomy of a bribe: actors, tools and facilitators in corrupt transactions

Presented by the Anti-Corruption Committee

This session will dissect a corrupt transaction analysing the methods, actors and facilitators involved – with reference to recent cases and developments. The session will present the outcomes of the IBA-OECD Task Force on the Role of Lawyers and International Commercial Structures.

The insolvency of insurance companies

Presented by the Insurance Committee and the Insolvency Section

How have various jurisdiction reacted to the failure of the insurers, what are the regulatory consequences and the potential liability for the management, and are there institutions too big to fail? This session addresses the various implications of insolvency of insurers, including the roles of the liquidator and the regulator.

The introduction of mediation into investor–state dispute resolution

Presented by the Mediation Committee

This session will involve a panel discussion to review a new paradigm in global dispute resolution.

Topics will include:

- What is distinctive about investor–state disputes?
- What skills are required when dealing with multi-party, complex cross-border disputes in Mediation?
- How do mediation, arbitration and conciliation interact in this arena?
- How to apply the IBA investor–state mediation rules?
- What are the implications for the future of global dispute resolution?

Wednesday 1115 – 1230 (continued)

The investment arbitration year in review: awards and the upheaval in treaty protection

Presented by the Arbitration Committee

The year in review will be filled with significant developments, covering:

- the developing legacy of Achmea;
- the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement; and
- the new Dutch Model bilateral investment treaties (BIT).

In addition, we will look at the conclusion of other new treaties, some of which follow a traditional approach while others purport to eliminate investor-state arbitration, passing by the assessment of the UNCITRAL Working Group on investor-state dispute settlement reform and the review of investment treaty cases in the UK and Singapore courts.

Wednesday 1400 – 1700

Law firm visits

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

Delegates will have the opportunity to visit several law firms to discuss strategy, practice areas and practice management, organisational issues, marketing and office systems.

Spaces are limited and are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Registered conference delegates can sign up at the Speakers' Desk by the IBA Registration Desk.

Real estate property tour

Presented by the Real Estate Section

In addition to its interesting sessions, the Real Estate Section will once again organise its special real estate property tour.

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Wednesday 1430 – 1545

A transnational approach: the practical use of UNIDROIT principles for international commercial contracts

Presented by the International Sales Committee

The use of UNIDROIT principles for international commercial contracts helps the contractual parties and, when in disputes, the judges and arbitrators, to find common grounds of understanding, convergences, fair and balanced solutions that are really transnational. International trade has changed dramatically and a transnational and multicultural approach is a fundamental aspect to make deals go through. UNIDROIT principles are the perfect tool. In 2017, the IBA set up a working group, which has collected jurisprudence and cases to make the referral to UNIDROIT principles user-friendly. The first output of this work was presented last year in Rome, in the form of case studies and the group has continued in 2019 to prepare materials to be discussed in an interactive debate in Seoul, considering that practitioners of Asian-Pacific countries look at uniform law and transnational principles with special interest.

All the way back: the movement of Asian art in regulation and practice

Presented by the Art, Cultural Institutions and Heritage Law Committee

During hundreds of years, Asian antiques and art works travelled all over the world to end up in museums, private collections and galleries often in the Western world. For many years there has been a strong interest in Asian art and culture in the West by scholars and collectors. Sculptures, paintings, porcelain – but also often burial and archeological finds from excavations and parts of temples and houses of faith – found their way into well-known collections and trade.

This may have happened in a correct way at the time. But there are growing concerns. Provenance legal issues and questions about collecting and transactions in colonial times are raised, there is a growing interest in the return of lost national heritage. Authentication may be difficult with a lack of provenance. Collectors, dealers and museums require and investigate provenance not only for new purchases but now also for items that have been sitting in their collections for many years without much questioning. Illegal excavations and export have taken place over the years and still continue. The UNESCO treaty draws lines in the seventies of the last century but that may not be the final answer. And then there are also many fakes and frauds.

Our panel of lawyers and experts from across the globe and a range of backgrounds shall investigate and discuss these issues in what promises to be a lively and highly interesting session.

Alternative business structures (ABS) crowdfunding, initial coin offerings (ICOs) and alternative dispute resolution (ADR): digital solutions for resolving cross-border legal disputes from inception (funding) to implementation of blockchain ADR

Presented by the Alternative and New Law Business Structures Committee, the Professional Ethics Committee and the Technology Law Committee

Crowdfunding websites are designed to connect entrepreneurs in need of funding with those who have money to invest or provide. Different websites offer different types of funding, such as equity, rewards-based or debt peer-to-peer crowdfunding. These new business structures opportunities could give rise to new law ADR structures for dispute resolution via blockchain mechanisms or online dispute resolution services.

This session will address the regulatory and other challenges and potential opportunities arising from crowdfunding, as well as the responsibilities of the crowdfunding organisers and legal ethics issues arising from blockchain and ICOs in the context of ABS. The session will examine how regulation, consumer litigation and consumer dispute resolution can coexist and whether it should be possible outside of B2B networks. Can this be a means of delivery of new law legal services to address the access to justice affordability gap?

Panelists will discuss the new business structures opportunities this brings to law firms or to ABS, and how that could be used in terms of international dispute resolution (setting up alternative dispute resolution bodies) and enforcement procedures.

Asian investment in Africa: the new Silk Roads for the African legal profession

Presented by the African Regional Forum

Asia and particularly China's foreign direct investment in Africa has been increasing over the past decade or more. In fact, Africa is the third largest investment destination for Chinese investment just behind Asia and Europe. The Belt and Silk Road Initiative (BRI) announced by the President of the People's Republic in 2013 has come as to further enhance regional connectivity and embrace a brighter future. How is the African legal profession positioned to benefit from these inflows?

Corporate governance hot topics

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

This session will review trends and the main recent developments in corporate governance with a global perspective, especially bearing in mind the Asia Pacific region.

Due process in competition proceedings: evolving standards

Presented by the Antitrust Section

Due process considerations are a key element of protecting the rights of those involved in competition law-related investigations – both the undertakings and individuals directly concerned, as well as third parties. They are also a key element of ensuring that an authority avoids factual or legal errors when applying competition law and thus become relevant at all stages of the procedure – during investigation, decision-making and remedy stage. They are always placed in the context of local legal traditions that have evolved over time, mostly independently of competition law. In today's world of increasingly global competition law enforcement, that may lead to different rules being applied by different authorities to the same set of facts. This panel will look at this situation, in particular whether we can see convergence at least in some areas and how such trends impact both the decision-making processes and substantive output by authorities.

Fact finding in support of accountability for atrocity crimes

Presented by the War Crimes Committee

This session will discuss regional and international fact-finding bodies that operate in support of accountability for the most serious crimes.

International aviation litigation: a study in comparative law

Presented by the Aviation Law Committee

Litigation arising from aviation disasters can be extremely challenging and may be made even more complex when the disaster is in the context of international transportation. This international panel will discuss a comparison of the law of different countries on substantive issues of liability and damages (including choice-of-law matters) and also on special procedures for handling hundreds of claims arising from a common disaster. Differences between litigation arising from domestic and international aviation disasters will also be discussed.

Legal directories part 3

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

Why do law firms and general counsel (GC) work with legal directories?

This panel will explore:

- how directories help general counsel in their decision-making as to which law firms to turn to, both nationally and internationally;
- the sub-text of the panel will be to get under the skin of how GCs think and operate, and what really counts when they are identifying law firms to work with – both in using the directories but also considering other parts of the intelligence-gathering exercise;
- why law firms and GCs work with the directories; and
- whether legal directories encompass the full gamut of legal service providers in the new age of tech and taking into account the new entrants into the legal market.

Ombudsman, ombudsman, wherefore art thou ombudsman?

Presented by the Mediation Committee

Unfamiliar, yet ubiquitous. Powerful, yet not always mandated. What is this creature, how does it function, and how are traditional ombudsman structures making a difference when applied to commercial settings?

This panel discussion will survey commercial utilisation of the ombudsman structure in several jurisdictions, discuss the extent of its success to date in various settings, and consider ways to better utilise this methodology to offer access to justice and assure process efficiency.

Shareholder agreements: exit/termination strategies and options

Presented by the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee and the Insolvency Section

This session will examine the effectiveness of typical exit mechanisms that are normally found in shareholders' agreements as well as address rights of first offer, rights of first refusal, drag alongs and tag alongs. The panel and audience will review the pros and cons of shotgun provisions and of other ways to provide creative solutions to 50/50 holdings in private entities, both at the director and shareholder levels. The session will draw from the real-life practical experience of our panellists and the audience to assess what works and what, in practice, becomes very difficult to implement.

The business of human rights

Presented by the IBA's Human Rights Institute

In this session, we will explore matters relating to business and human rights from the perspective of in house lawyers, who represent the views of multinational corporations at the forefront of this debate, and the negative impact of their activities on communities. With the aim to unite lawyers who work on both sides of this discussion, recommendations for better practices, made with human rights considerations at the forefront, will be made.

The current trends in criminal trade secrets prosecutions. Is this a real crime?

Presented by the Criminal Law Committee

The *Huawei* case has received considerable international attention, but are trade secret criminal cases real, or a tool for trade wars? In this session, our panel will discuss what makes a trade secret case criminal and whether that is a real crime.

Wednesday 1430 – 1545 (continued)

The role of technology and artificial intelligence (AI) in supporting compliance and helping compliance teams work smarter

Presented by the Regulation of Lawyers' Compliance Committee and the Anti-Money Laundering and Sanctions Expert Working Group

Up until recently, compliance has mainly relied on people. And, as a result of the significant increase in regulatory requirements for law firms over the past decade, demand for compliance professionals has surged. Firms have had no choice but to hire more and more compliance staff, in an effort to tackle the growing regulatory burden.

However, over the past few years, technology has begun to play a much larger role within compliance. AI is rapidly transforming the regulatory compliance landscape and the trend will only accelerate in the coming years.

This interactive and practical session will cover the latest cutting-edge technologies and how they can help solve the many day-to-day challenges faced by compliance professionals across the globe. The session will also focus on how AI can free up compliance professionals from lower-level work to carry out more complex tasks and achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness.

This session will present the IBA AML website – an IBA resource that is targeted exclusively at lawyers – and the revised FAFT Risk Based Approach Guidance for Legal Professionals.

Wednesday 1430 – 1730

BIC Showcase: collapse of the middle the different impacts of modern populism in and within bars and the legal profession

Presented by the Bar Issues Commission and the Professional Ethics Committee

'The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers.'

(Shakespeare, Henry VI, Part II, act IV – statement made by Dick the Butcher, a follower of rebel Jack Cade, who thought that if he disturbed law and order, he could become king)

'First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out – Because I was not a socialist.

Then they for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out – Because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out – Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me – and there was no one left to speak for me.'

(Martin Niemöller, prominent German Lutheran pastor and outspoken foe of Adolf Hitler, who spent seven years in a concentration camp)

The term 'populism' – which has become a euphemism for describing extreme ideological positions in public discourse – is becoming increasingly popular and proving attractive to more people in many countries today. It is difficult to deny that the designation of a person or party as 'populist' poses a serious problem beyond the actors, as it seems a threat for the future of democracies, legal systems and the entire legal profession. Lawyers and judges feel many times pressed while seeking to maintain due process and legal representation of unpopular clients in an age of increasing trials by social media. Regardless of its historical antecedents, populism today poses challenges not only in terms of attacks on the judiciary, but in terms of what is acceptable speech; it is no longer a matter of right or left. For many, it seems to be the political cancer of the 21st century.

This BIC Showcase session will look into recent efforts by governments and political parties around the world to tighten control of the judiciary, not give credence to the rule of law, use the courts as a delaying tactic (when not in some way promoting bribes to and corruption of judges), as well as to manage lawyers and prosecutors under different slogans. Scholars and practitioners assert that the trouble with the legal profession is not only that it can lose its autonomy, and thus its ability to act as a sociopolitical force that is independent from the ruling political party or coalition – but that, by virtue of the tightened control, law can become an unattractive channel for widespread opposition to economic, political and social actions and policies of a society or government. The legal profession should probably look at both Shakespeare and Niemöller's citations when considering how to address this polarising critical issue, which, while putting pressure on bar and law practitioners, provides them an essential say and role in society.

Roundtable discussion of global trends

Presented by the Taxes Committee

A dynamic interactive session with a roundtable discussion of global trends not covered elsewhere in the programme, in which national reporters drawn from 60 jurisdictions have the opportunity to lead the discussion chaired by more senior members of our committee to stimulate a lively debate.

Wednesday 1615 – 1730

An analysis of issues in the liability and the assessment of damages for injury or loss caused to users of digital platforms providing taxis, accommodation or other services

Presented by the Negligence and Damages Committee

The panel will discuss approaches to causation and the assessment of damages in the digital era the extent to which rules developed at the dawn of product liability are applicable where services are contracted electronically, and whether damages in services liability has 'grown up'.

Are you advertising to vulnerable consumers? There's a lot of them about, and their problems are your responsibility

Presented by the Product Law and Advertising Committee

In this session, we will explore how the legal and regulatory systems around the world strike a balance between protecting vulnerable consumers while allowing legal products to be advertised.

Children are not the only group to enjoy special protection under the law and advertising self-regulation. Other groups also enjoy special protection: the elderly, people with addictions and people suffering from physical or mental health problems.

The impact of their vulnerability can be felt across a wide range of sectors and products, including high in fat, salt or sugar (HFSS) foods, alcoholic beverages, gambling, weight-loss and slimming products, short-term loans and even cosmetic surgery.

Electromobility and its impact in the power sector: from diesel to electricity

Presented by the Power Law Committee

Even though the old economy of the automotive sector still seems to prefer the combustion engine, many governments have decided to massively promote electric cars. New players are emerging and attracting the attention of the market. Nevertheless, the penetration of electric vehicles is still thin in many regions.

Among other things, the session will deal with the question of how electric-mobility can be promoted and which regulatory issues need to be taken into account when setting up and operating charging stations. Is the infrastructure operator, for example, a grid operator or an electricity supplier, or does he only provide charging services? Which effects will the charging of electric cars have to the public grid and how can this be handled by the grid operator? Which technologies are used to set up charging points (eg, usage of street lamps, superchargers) and how can the usage of charging infrastructure be remunerated? Is the operation of charging points a profitable business and are there models in place to use charging stations more effectively (third-party access, e-roaming, etc)?

Forced marriages on construction projects: the good, the bad and the ugly

Presented by the International Construction Projects Committee

This session will include:

- nominated subcontractors and suppliers; and
- designers, subcontractors and suppliers foisted on a contractor by the employer.

Innovating arbitration through technology

Presented by the Arbitration Committee and the IBA Arb40 Subcommittee

Advances in technology can be used by arbitration practitioners, parties and tribunals to make international arbitrations more efficient, more cost-effective, more secure, and more dynamic.

The IBA Arb 40 Subcommittee has endeavoured to take a first step toward making modern-day technology more accessible to arbitration practitioners by gathering a list of currently available technological advances that can be used to enhance an international arbitration. This session will explore some of these technologies in an interactive environment.

Multijurisdictional practices and operating alternative business structure

Presented by the Alternative and New Law Business Structures Committee and the Professional Ethics Committee

The nature of delivery of legal services, and the structures by which they are delivered, continue to change and develop at an increasingly rapid pace. What was radical some years ago in terms of the 'alternate business structure' (ABS) has become the new normal in various jurisdictions. The practice has moved beyond simple models of non-lawyer ownership of law firms. This session will bring together practitioners from different jurisdictions to share their experiences on how different forms of alternative business structures operate in various civil and common law regions. The panellists will discuss ethical, regulatory and practical issues, and their experiences on how different forms of ABS have operated under differing jurisdictions across the world, particularly tying in with experiences in Asia given the location and the implications and effects of such operations in light of the specific market dynamics.

Ocean pollution, focussing on plastic – impacts and solutions

Presented by the Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee, the Maritime and Transport Law Committee and the Water Law Committee

Plastics are ubiquitous – they are part of daily life in virtually every community around the world. The production of plastic, concerns about their disposal and restrictions on their use is growing. The volume of single-use plastics alone is of a scale that challenges our collective ability to address the consequences globally. Waste plastics are now found throughout the ocean from its depths to its shores – it washes in from the land, from rivers and from ships. And plastic stays, slowly breaking up into smaller and smaller pieces, but not breaking down, not biodegrading. As we strive to figure out how to cost-effectively remove what we can without doing further harm, every single action to keep more plastic from entering the ocean is important.

With plastics production set to soar, with tonnes of additional waste flowing into the sea each year, and with the volume in the ocean already causing considerable harm, there is simply no time to waste. This session will explore the current primary categories of work to address plastic pollution, including product-focused solutions, solid waste management-focused solutions, production-focused solutions and solutions to health consequences. Speakers will discuss how well all of these solutions are being applied and the different roles being taken by government, industry, philanthropy and NGOs.

Self-driving vehicles and regulation

Presented by the Latin American Regional Forum

This session will discuss:

- self-driving: impact on infrastructure and other legal challenges; and
- transport as a service triggering several challenges in our countries.

From infra, through insurance and responsibilities a lot should be done very fast. Are we aware of all these impacts? How are Latin American countries taking care of these changes and technologies?

The lawyer's ethical obligation: is the client more important than the court?

Presented by the Forum for Barristers and Advocates and the Professional Ethics Committee

It is intended to allow for a debate between lawyers that come from the common law and civil law persuasions, and also between those that come from different legal systems. In some systems, the lawyer has an obligation to uphold the rule of law and to support the court system, which supersedes any obligation to the client (at least where there is a conflict). This can be seen in the obligations of advocates, officers of the court, regulated bar members, and so on.

They think it's all over... it is now! What happens after the whistle blows?

Presented by the Banking Law Committee

A guide for lawyers dealing with whistleblowing and investigations in banks and regulated financial institutions.

Regulated financial firms face a complex web of obligations and expectations when faced with a whistleblower's report. Legal protections are available for whistleblowers in many jurisdictions, and regulators may encourage or positively require reporting in certain circumstances. A whistleblower's report may trigger an employment law grievance and an internal investigation will generally follow. This investigation in turn raises questions around procedure, privilege and regulatory interactions. This session will examine these issues and provide practical guidance to in-house and private practice lawyers that deal with them.

Wednesday 1615 – 1730 (continued)

Towards a comprehensive regulatory framework for crypto asset trading platforms/exchanges; going where no one has gone before

Presented by the Capital Markets Forum and the Technology Law Committee

A careful approach is required to regulate the trading of crypto assets, which are new technology and may not always qualify as securities. Globally, regulators are looking to regulate such platforms and exchanges allowing the trading of crypto assets to protect investors. In fact, some new crypto asset exchanges are keen to seek regulatory cover to increase investor confidence and open a dialogue with regulators in different jurisdictions, which can enhance crypto asset trading. The session will explore the existing regulatory regimes for crypto asset exchanges and will consider the views of regulators and market participants in developing a robust and comprehensive regulatory framework that can facilitate the development of this new asset class while protecting investors.

Trends in private M&A: representations and warranties indemnity insurance

Presented by the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee and the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

Representations and warranties insurance is a product becoming increasingly popular in most countries. In the south of Europe and Latin America, these policies were rarely used (and rarely known) up until a few years ago. However, they have become increasingly more common in M&A (especially cross-border) transactions during the last years. This increase has been mainly due to an increased number of insurance companies offering these products, cheaper policies as a consequence of increased competition between insurance companies, better coverage, and a faster and easier process to formalise the policies.

The panellists will discuss whether or not these products are used in their countries, the advantages for buyers and sellers when using these products, how a buyer or seller should decide when and how to undertake a policy based on the deal type, and whether these products make a transaction simpler and more efficient.

Wednesday 1615 – 1745

The future 'T-shaped' lawyer: emotional or artificial intelligence... or both? Which one will keep the new generation of lawyers interested, engaged and motivated?

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee and the Young Lawyers' Committee

Twentieth-century lawyers were 'L-shaped' – they had deep legal knowledge and skills – but 21st-century lawyers must be 'T-shaped'. A T-shaped lawyer still has deep legal expertise but also has the ability to collaborate across many disciplines, such as technology, business, analytics and data security and to embrace artificial intelligence (AI). But what about emotional intelligence (EI)?

We know that EI has a huge role to play in being a successful lawyer and leader. It is certainly important to millennials and Gen Z. But do law firms support and encourage the development of an EI culture?

And are they too quick to embrace and be seduced by AI without realising its consequences to the practice of law? Without EI we risk becoming process-driven, formulaic and robotic and, as one commentator put it, 'if lawyers act like robots, they can be easily replaced by robots'. Machines can be lawyers but never trusted advisors, and this discussion will look at the balance to be struck when building, running and managing the law firm of the future.

This session will be highly interactive and run in small groups to encourage as many connections as possible.

To register – complete the registration form or book online at www.ibanet.org/Conferences/Seoul-2019.aspx

Thursday 0800 – 0915

IBA Bar breakfast hosted by the Law Society of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Bar Association

Hong Kong's unique role as an Asian international legal hub under 'one country, two systems'

Hong Kong, a common law jurisdiction ranked highly globally for its rule of law, independent judiciary and absence of corruption, is the third leading global financial centre, after London and New York (Global Financial Centre Index). Its stock market is ranked the third largest in Asia (after Japan and Shanghai) and the fifth largest in the world in terms of market capitalisation.

This breakfast will focus on how the principle of 'one country, two systems' following the return of Hong Kong's sovereignty to China on 1 July 1997, supports the cross-border and international practice of Hong Kong-based lawyers in capital markets, finance, intellectual property, M&A, investment and trade and dispute resolution in Mainland China, Asia and globally. Experts' discussion will include reference to Hong Kong's secure privacy and cybersecurity framework, recent developments in Hong Kong's international dispute resolution framework, including third party funding and arbitrability of intellectual property disputes and how Hong Kong based lawyers and their clients can benefit from the belt and road initiative.

SPPI Awards breakfast

Join us at the awards breakfast where the IBA Award for Outstanding Contribution by a Legal Practitioner to Human Rights, the IBA Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, in recognition of William Reece Smith Jr and the IBA Pro Bono Award, all sponsored by LexisNexis, will be presented.

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Thursday 0930 – 1045

Commercial space law: the new business – challenges and opportunities

Presented by the Space Law Committee

OneWeb, SpaceX, Blue Origin, new actors, new funding tools, new insurance policies; need for new lawyers?

Following the Sputnik launch back in 1957, the Space Race of the Cold War pitted the world's two superpowers against one another to explore what lies beyond Earth. Now anyone with enough money and enterprise can get into space. This new race is therefore not between countries – it is between companies. Technological advances are overturning traditional models for operating in space.

A host of firms are promising cheaper access to space, with innovations such as renewable rockets and horizontal launch systems.

Satellites are getting smaller and becoming cheaper to build. In 2017, more than 70 states, commercial companies and international organisations operated nearly 1,500 satellites in orbit (swfound.org). Investment is pouring into the space sector. In 2016, the global space economy totalled US\$329bn, with 75 per cent of that coming from commercial activity – not governments. In 2017, it totalled US\$383.5bn, revealing a growth of more than 15 per cent (Space Foundation Report 2018).

The session will explore the legal issues behind this development, as well as insurance, financing (funding satellite as assets), regulation, commercial side of dual-use satellites, etc.

Construction insurance: everything's covered until there's a loss but very little is covered once there's a loss

Presented by the International Construction Projects Committee

This session will discuss:

- available coverages, surprising exclusions;
- from owner's perspective, is requiring and paying for professional errors and omissions insurance for consultants or design-build; contracts worth it? Alternatives to insurance to mitigate the risk;
- coverage for contractors regarding claims for professional liability; and
- owner-controlled or contractor-controlled insurance programme – advantages/disadvantages of each.

Creating harmonious partnerships

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

In the fast-moving, highly pressurised legal profession, how do managing partners look after the wellness of their lawyers? There is a need to avoid over-working, burnout and poor partner behaviour and instead achieve a culture that allows and respects a work-life balance and embraces collaboration among lawyers. Law firm leaders need to be proactive to ensure partnerships are well-functioning and harmonious and to avoid partnership disputes or, if they arise, manage and resolve them quickly and efficiently.

Diversity, the rights of the disabled and the future of work

Presented by the Diversity and Equality Law Committee

The concept of disability, from both a social and legal perspective, is evolving. Disability is defined not only by visible conditions; it might be defined as any impairment that limits the ability to carry out activities that are of importance to one's daily life. Mental health related problems appear to have increased in the working environment of the 21st century.

The evolving work environment presents both opportunities and challenges to individuals who are or who may be perceived to be disabled. The gig economy may open doors, as the traditional workplace becomes less important to productivity and success. Disabled individuals may take advantage of the flexibilities permitted by the new work environments. On the other hand, as workers become perhaps less inter-connected, the advantages afforded to the disabled and non-disabled alike by interaction in a traditional work environment may become more out of reach.

This programme will consider:

- legal issues: the evolution of local, national and international regulations;
- evolving social expectations and their impact on the labour market;
- factors that influence companies to undertake, or to avoid taking, initiatives; and
- what employers are doing in response to these issues.

Exaggerated reports of death: the place of the small firm in international practice

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

The solo and small firm practitioner remain in the majority in virtually all legal jurisdictions. Despite that, it is becoming conventional wisdom that only the large firms can prosper in cross-border practice. More law firms number in the thousands and span the continents, with multiple offices in a variety of models. On the other hand, single lawyers or small groups are leaving the large firm model to form 'boutiques'. This panel takes a fresh look at the issue in the context of delivery of legal services, attorney wellness and the practicalities of maintaining a solo or small firm practice in the international context.

Harnessing the experts: collaboration between lawyers and other professionals

Presented by the Academic and Professional Development Committee and the Litigation Committee

In most areas of legal practice, lawyers will at times be instructed by other professionals, or need to draw upon their skills and expertise on matters. A strong collaboration is essential to making these relationships work, to provide a cost-effective, professional and streamlined service to clients. How can this best be achieved? What lessons can be learnt from previous experiences? Can lawyers be better educated/trained to understand the requirements of other professionals?

Hot topics and recent trends in corporate restructuring in Asia

Presented by the Insolvency Section

The session shall discuss the current trends of the reorganisation proceedings in Asia, focusing on South Korea, Japan, Singapore, and other countries of the region. Panellists shall compare the out-of-court procedures (workouts) versus court-supervised reorganisation proceedings in their countries and describe how much involvement of new players (as hedge funds) has been seen lately, and whether 'loan to own' strategies are common practice in restructuring process of large companies. Other common reorganisation topics – such as plan proposals by third parties, debtor-in-possession (DIP) financing, sale of assets and valuation problems, protection of dissenting creditors and cram down rules and cross-border insolvency issues – shall also be discussed.

Hot topics in international arbitration

Presented by the Arbitration Committee

The issues of the day include

- the approach of public international law to domestic court judgments as they arise for consideration in international arbitration;
- the work of the UNCITRAL Working Group on improving the efficiency and quality of arbitration proceedings (e.g. expedited arbitration, emergency arbitrators, adjudication);
- the independence of expert witnesses and the civil and criminal liability of arbitrators; and
- IT literacy of practitioners and arbitrators.

Thursday 0930 – 1045 (continued)

It's not all about the money – keeping up with the growing demands of clients to be socially responsible and a force for good

Presented by the Business Human Rights Committee

The idea that companies should consider how their actions affect society – and not only their bottom line – has gained currency in recent years. Investments designed to improve the world are becoming more popular, and some companies have incorporated broader social and environment goals into their mission. Some corporate leaders hold that their sole obligation is to maximise returns to shareholders. But that view is being challenged more frequently. Global equity investors such as BlackRock (managing nearly US\$6tn in assets) and other influential shareholders are now demanding that companies change their operational and corporate priorities. As a result, companies are changing their legal responsibilities to reflect social and environmental priorities. And some of the biggest names in finance are adjusting their businesses to reflect growing demand for so-called impact investments. What role should in-house and external counsel play in this changing landscape to keep up with our most important investors?

Misrepresentations in the market place: a survey of how consumers are protected in different jurisdictions, and which systems are working (or not!)

Presented by the Consumer Litigation Committee

Not all legal systems are created equal and the various jurisdictions have adopted profoundly different strategies for providing protection to consumers. In particular, specialised legislation to protect consumers is less prevalent in lower-income countries. Within this session, speakers from multiple jurisdictions will discuss the manner in which legislation has been implemented within their regions and the extent to which these systems have been effective or require improvement, especially with regards to the consequences of misrepresentations in the market place.

Multijurisdictional regulators, international cooperation between regulators and internal investigations: how to deal with it?

Presented by the Corporate Counsel Forum

The topic will include issues relating to the increasingly more frequent interactions with regulators and prosecutors, self-investigations and related self-disclosure obligations and if any, technology and costs.

Private equity hot topics

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

This session will review general trends and key developments regarding private equity in a number of jurisdictions that are relevant to M&A practitioners.

The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction

Presented by the Family Law Committee

Countries throughout Asia are now key treaty partners under the 1980 Hague Abduction Convention. This session will present several mini-trial examples from actual cases, followed by short question and answer periods. The mini-trial examples will include cross-examination of a left-behind parent, direct examination of an expert, cross-examination of a taking parent, and competing closing arguments.

Thursday 0930 – 1230

SPPI Showcase: the economic benefits of legal aid, and how to prove them

Presented by the Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee and the Section on Public and Professional Interest

This session will launch a report by the Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee and the World Bank, which sets out the conclusions of a year-long project to identify the economic benefits of legal aid in countries around the world.

Smaller, or more geographically restricted, studies have all concluded that legal aid saves governments money, but often those same governments are unconvinced. This report is intended to put the matter beyond doubt, through the depth and breadth of the research and the acknowledged expertise of the researchers. Economists and statisticians are analysing material, including that provided by IBA members, to show how legal aid saves government expenditure in other areas, both in the long and short-term, such that expenditure on legal aid should properly be seen as an effective way of saving public money, as well as a benefit to the individuals helped and the society in which they live.

In addition, the report will provide a cost-benefit analysis tool by which the economic benefits of legal aid can be calculated in a wide variety of situations, ranging from whole legal aid systems to small-scale studies looking at the benefits arising from the availability of legal aid in specific scenarios and locations. The project is already attracting widespread interest by international and national bodies concerned with access to justice and poverty alleviation, and, as well as speakers from IBA bodies, we expect to have high-profile speakers from such organisations.

Thursday 1115 – 1230

'I know that I know nothing': lessons to lawyers

Presented by the Young Lawyers' Committee and the Academic and Professional Development Committee

The law is constantly transformed. If you do not follow its footsteps, you will be a little less lawyer every day. This session is a great opportunity for all young associates to feel at ease at the beginning of their careers, but also for senior associates and partners to exchange experience and understand the importance of keeping updated and learning new things. The profession of a lawyer is definitely a long journey followed by a continuous learning process, intellectual challenges and a day-by-day experience. That is why there is great humbleness in recognising that 'I know that I know nothing' and why it is key for any successful lawyer to face any challenge: how to deal with a new client with a different culture? How to align the tradition of law with AI? How to identify the singularities of a case while keeping a broader view? These and other questions will be part of this exciting panel.

Fintech – capital market opportunities and regulatory challenges

Presented by the Securities Law Committee

The session will first look at trending technologies that support efficiencies in the capital markets, such as new platforms for robo advice for retail investments; new platforms facilitating distributions of and trades in securities (including blockchain); new platforms to enable virtual shareholder meetings; new technology for portfolio optimisation, as well as focusing on market participants who have been successful in introducing them. The survey will also examine the regulatory response and challenges in various jurisdictions across the globe given on such new technologies, products and services.

Thursday 1115 – 1230 (continued)

Hot topics in aviation regulatory matters*Presented by the Aviation Law Committee*

This international panel will discuss important issues regarding the regulation of aircraft, airlines, airports, drones and pilots arising from written regulations and/or case law. Included in the discussion will be matters regarding airline tariffs/contracts of carriage, passenger compensation for flight delays, and various enforcement measures and penalties regarding regulatory violations.

Houston, we have a problem! Product recall tips for the busy general counsel*Presented by the Product Law and Advertising Committee*

In this session we will consider different approaches to product recall/corrective action in various jurisdictions, the speed with which a company's officers must act and the often-serious sanctions applicable for non-compliance, including prison in some circumstances.

A case study simulating a consumer product recall and the difficult decisions/numerous steps a busy general counsel must take to ensure consumer safety, compliance with the law and a healthy brand reputation will be discussed.

Independence of the judiciary and law enforcement authorities in corruption cases*Presented by the Anti-Corruption Committee, the Corporate Counsel Forum and the Judges' Forum*

This session will bring together contributors to the IBA's work to promote and protect the rule of law and the IBA Judicial Integrity Initiative to discuss the crucial role of judicial and prosecutorial independence in corruption cases.

M&A in international arbitration*Presented by the Arbitration Committee*

Cross-border M&A transactions often give rise to disputes both pre- and post-closing, including demands for purchase price adjustments, claims under indemnification rights and/or representations/warranties, and disputes over shareholder relations (such as rights of exit and buyout).

This panel will address how disputes are resolved through international arbitration and expert determination. It will address forced closings of transactions, and resort to courts and arbitration, the choice of arbitration versus expert determination, post-closing adjustments, disputed representations/warranties and indemnification claims, fraud claims in arbitration, as well as arbitral disputes over buyout clauses, put and call options, and pre-emption rights.

Man versus machine*Presented by the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee*

Can robots (algorithms) invent patents, create designs and author copyright? What are the changes needed to the terms and scope of IP protection. What should be the rights of the maker of the algorithm? Who sues when there is infringement of an AI-generated work?

Managing intangibles in the current tax world.*Presented by the Taxes Committee*

Recently enacted legislation in various jurisdictions has changed the rules that apply on the taxation of intangibles. This panel will address possible responses regarding the location of intangibles, functions needed for managing intangibles and services related to the development, maintenance and exploitation of intangibles.

Navigating the new digital world – risk management in the ever-evolving sector of logistics and land transport*Presented by the Maritime and Transport Law Committee and the Land Transport Subcommittee*

The session will be an exploration of how legal liabilities are changing with the introduction of digital technologies at all levels of the transport chain. How does this affect claims-handling procedures and how are insurance policies changing in response? Furthermore, we will review the use of electronic bills: new opportunities and new risks.

Private trust companies: private, personal and protected. Bespoke structuring for family succession in an uncertain world*Presented by the Private Client Tax Committee*

An international panel of practitioners will discuss the emergence of the private trust company, where families and individuals form bespoke structures combining the attributes of family offices and professional administration. Are these structures capable of evolving with the client and the regulatory environment and what are the emerging trends, pitfalls and benefits?

To regulate or not to regulate – or somewhere in between? A conversation about legal service sector disruptors*Presented by the Bar Issues Commission Regulation Committee*

Technology-based 'disruptors', whether in the public or private sector, continue to proliferate in the legal services marketplace with no sign of slowing. The changes are increasingly driven by AI and more frequently incorporate design theory and 'agile development' to find ways to enhance legal services delivery. Law schools are getting in on the game too, collaborating with lawyers, technologists and others. Whether this evolution is viewed as a threat, an opportunity, or some combination thereof, the question remains: what is the right role for legal regulators? This panel will interactively explore that question with experts in the field.

Virtual assets versus real insolvencies*Presented by the Creditors' Rights Subcommittee, the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee and the Insolvency Section*

The digital revolution has started – the next few years will show where this leads us and how it will change our profession. Virtual assets are becoming a reality. How can the economy trust in the recovery of virtual assets? This panel will attempt a discussion of the role of virtual assets, such as blockchain, smart contracts, cryptocurrencies and similar in the context of recovery, be it through seizures, attachments, freezing orders and in general through insolvencies. Questions such as: 'Can virtual assets be seized, attached and form a security?', 'Where are virtual asset located (wallets of cryptocurrencies)?', 'What are the insolvency risks related to cryptocurrencies?', 'Can cryptocurrencies play a role in restructuring?' and 'How can the blockchain be of assistance in insolvencies?' will also be discussed.

Thursday 1115 – 1230 (continued)

Virtual reality, augmented legality: virtual world legal issues in various industries

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

It has been estimated that the virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) markets will generate revenue of more than US\$162bn in 2020 but new markets present new legal challenges.

In this interactive workshop, participants will have a chance to meet colleagues and engage in a lively debate led by moderators introducing each table topic, including:

- virtual reality in sports – privacy risks and revenue opportunities;
- hotel, hospitality, liability;
- gaming: the final frontier;
- VR, travel and tourism;
- virtual crime: ethics versus legality;
- conflict resolution in virtual worlds;
- it's all about the IP: ownership in an augmented reality;
- blurry borders: digital assets, virtual currencies and real-world actions; and
- VR and movies: a new revenue stream for the film industry.

Who owns inventions and patents?

Presented by the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee and the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee

This session will focus on the complex legal issues surrounding ownership of inventions especially who, where and in what circumstances can employees claim that they own the intellectual property that they have created. It will also consider at what point can employers claim that these belong to them and enforce those rights against their 'creators'.

Wholesale settlement in a digital age – new ways to conduct financial transactions in a digital world.

Presented by the Banking Law Committee

The session will discuss new propositions to execute payment and settlement of transactions in the wholesale financial markets, to allow for 24/7 delivery versus payment and global FX transactions leveraging new technologies.

Thursday 1145 – 1230

The importance of diversity and the benefits coming from it

Presented by the Diversity and Equality Law Committee

Organisations across industries and borders are increasingly embracing the benefits of a diverse workforce. It is perhaps beyond debate that diversity helps business. Among the benefits of cultural, racial, and other categories of diversity in the workplace typically identified include increased productivity, creativity, profits, employee engagement and range of skills, cultural insights, improved company reputation and reduced employee turnover.

Yet with these benefits necessarily comes the challenges of working across borders, cultures, and languages. There is no one-size-fits-all approach to these problems. Companies must take account of local cultures and laws, while recognising the overall goal – but also recognising that these goals may not always accord with local standards.

This practically-oriented programme will explore these challenges and ways that multinationals are addressing them.

Thursday 1330 – 1700

Aviation off-site tour

Presented by the Aviation Law Committee

Join us for a tour of local aviation facilities, followed by a roundtable discussion.

Spaces are limited and are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Registered conference delegates can sign up at the Speakers' Desk by the IBA Registration Desk.

Thursday 1430 – 1545

Agile software projects: lessons learned, dos and don'ts

Presented by the Technology Law Committee

The agile approach has become the market standard for software development projects. The agile approach is a fascinating methodology which has shown in practice that it yields better results than classical software development that works with pre-defined specifications and a final acceptance after completion of the project. In this session we will demonstrate how agile projects work and explain the relevant terminology (user story points, scrum master, sprints, timelines etc). On this basis, the participants will be able to take away the essentials of drafting agile software development contracts. It will be discussed how the freedom of the sprint team can be aligned (if at all) with clear legal responsibilities and the commitment of the supplier to actually deliver a result that fulfils the requirements of the customer.

Information, transparency and fake news in the algorithmic society: public and private governance after Cambridge Analytica

Presented by the Intellectual Property, Communications and Technology Section, the Art, Cultural Institutions and Heritage Law Committee, the Communications Law Committee, the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee, the Media Law Committee, the Space Law Committee and the Technology Law Committee

The legal debate is shifting from the robots to the people and companies behind them, wondering whether governments or companies should control and monitor the functioning of social media and of the web to avoid fake news, manipulation of opinions and distortions in the use of big data. This session will ask whether governmental regulation or self-regulation, together or separately, can be truly effective in addressing these issues. It will examine how digital technologies have influenced social behaviours and have been used to distort and weaken the workings of established democracies. The session will also look forward and consider whether technological evolution will bring new concerns, or whether it can provide opportunities to address the issues without the need for governmental intervention.

Electronic mediation and the use of technology in dispute resolution

Presented by the Mediation Committee

International markets are more accessible to the general public than ever, especially with the online revolution. With consumers being able to buy products with ease from different countries through the internet, this has also created difficulties when trying to resolve disputes.

All practitioners should be aware of the opportunities arising from the online dispute resolution (ODR) processes that are being implemented, and in some cases, mandated, globally. One tool in particular, is the use of existing available software programs to conduct online mediations, or to conduct online mediation sessions as a part of a face-to-face mediation.

Thursday 1430 – 1545 (continued)

This interactive presentation will cover:

- how technology is impacting client expectations and needs from our traditional face-to-face mediations;
- how ODR can broaden access to remedies for consumers; and
- how online mediation works and who it serves, and how you may use it.

Infrastructure initiatives in Asia – construction challenges and opportunities

Presented by the International Construction Projects Committee

We will be covering the initiatives that Asian countries have launched in order to build, finance and operate infrastructure in the region and in other parts of the globe.

International joint ventures in franchising

Presented by the International Franchising Committee and the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee

When expanding across international borders, franchise systems have various options for structuring their arrangements. These include master franchising, multi-unit franchising, direct unit-by-unit franchising, company-owned operations and joint ventures (JVs) between the company and local parties. This session will consider these alternatives in general, focusing upon JV arrangements in particular.

The programme will address the considerations that may motivate a franchisor to determine that a JV is advantageous compared with conventional franchise arrangements or direct ownership. Additionally, the programme will review the different possible ownership structures in a JV among the co-venture participants and the structure that might best suit the needs of a franchisor and its local operating partners. Finally, the discussion will also address the question of whether a JV arrangement can be structured to mitigate or remove the need to comply with underlying franchise and other transnational laws.

Law firm of the future – thinking smarter with a digital mindset to drive efficiency and profitability

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

How to create the right environment for 'digital transformation' to succeed, including developing the mindsets, culture and capabilities required for 'digitally enabled' lawyers to thrive.

Mining financing techniques: streaming, royalty and other agreements

Presented by the Mining Law Committee, the Asia Pacific Regional Forum and the Banking Law Committee

This panel will discuss streaming, royalty and other agreements, and their growing use as a financing technique. In this context we will be looking at the methods by which royalty companies are financing projects using streaming arrangements and smelters by using offtake agreements.

New forms of collaboration: working out the antitrust rules that apply to new ventures and platforms

Presented by the Antitrust Section

Collaboration is a defining feature of the modern economy – one that takes many new and evolving forms, including 'platforms' and their (often-multiple) 'sides', business enterprises organised through the coordination of 'independent contractors', complex licensing arrangements involving multiple holders of intellectual property rights

(IPRs), and cooperative ventures arising out of de facto or de jure standard setting initiatives. This panel will examine the question of what antitrust rules apply to such innovative arrangements. Are we venturing into uncharted territory or are the 'old' precedents flexible enough to govern a fast-changing world?

New horizons for data protection and cybersecurity in Africa: the role of lawyers in developing and implementing new legislative frameworks

Presented by the African Regional Forum

Recent technological developments have led to a lot of investment in technology by corporate institutions and governments. These technologies however come with risk management issues with data protection and privacy implications as offshoots. What is the role of lawyers in helping design the appropriate legislative architecture in security the rights of data subjects?

Oil and gas in the Koreas: liquefied natural gas (LNG) and more

Presented by the Oil and Gas Law Committee

South Korea has long been one of the world's major markets for LNG. But things look to be changing in north Asian LNG as China expands its natural gas usage substantially and Japan seeks increasingly to procure energy supply from sources other than natural gas. The concept of the development of an Asian hub for natural gas pricing has been talked about for a long time and the increasing diversity of supplies into the South Korean market (particularly imports of shale gas from the US but with Qatar remaining the dominant source of supplies) may make South Korea a candidate for this role. Away from matters of trading and foreign supply, South Korean companies are continuing to make acquisitions and participate in upstream developments in other jurisdictions so as to bring natural gas to the peninsula, expand its LNG storage capacities to ensure enhanced energy security and move away from the traditional difficulties of long-term supply contracts.

Stateless children–orphanage tourism–rights of the child

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

This session will explore the difficulties faced in modern families when children are born outside the 'traditional' family structures. Advances in medical science have made possible the birth of children to parents to whom they have no biological connection, including gestational surrogacy, and the birth of children to same-sex and gender reassigned parents, whose relationships may not be recognised in the individuals' countries of origin. This, coupled with unforeseen complications/non-recognition with international adoption, may mean that due to conflicts of international law, children are sometimes born stateless. This lack of citizenship not only contravenes the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, but can lead to further discrimination as the children have no access to adequate medical care, education or freedom of movement internationally.

The legislative framework requires reforms that place heavy emphasis on the intertwined considerations of immigration law and family law policy in order to cope with these 'invisible' children.

The panel will also consider the plight of children removed from their families and placed into orphanages. In some cases, the children are not orphans at all but their parents have been 'persuaded' to give up their children and they are subsequently 'adopted', sometimes overseas. There can, if corruption is taking place, be a huge revenue for these establishments. The panel will examine the issue of 'orphanage tourism' and highlight the worldwide attempts to control and prohibit the removal of children in these circumstances. Global legislative action is required to stop the insidious form of child exploitation.

Thursday 1430 – 1545 (continued)

Tax implications of cryptocurrency and other blockchain innovations*Presented by the Taxes Committee*

The development of new technologies has highlighted gaps in the existing tax rules. The panel will explore these gaps and discuss possible tax treatments.

The human rights global footprint of multinationals bracket*Presented by the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee and the Human Rights Law Committee*

This is intended to be an innovative and cutting-edge session focusing upon the rapidly increasing interest of multinational corporations in being good global services. It will focus on the international public law human rights obligations of states and corporates, looking at several international instruments and, more importantly, examining how companies are trying to navigate this new ethical business landscape.

Water law for M&A lawyers; conducting water-related due-diligence*Presented by the Water Law Committee*

A discussion on the key issues for consideration when acquiring water entitlements, water infrastructure or any other asset that depends on water supplies.

Thursday 1430 – 1730

IBA Showcase: opening a legal market around the world*Presented by the Presidential Task Force on Open/Closed Legal Markets, the BIC International Trade in Legal Services Committee and the Law Firm Management Committee*

In this session, we will discuss how countries around the world have taken steps to open their respective legal markets. We will look at the current status of market opening in various countries and how the steps taken thus far have affected the industry, both domestic and foreign.

We will specifically review how market opening has impacted South Korea and what this has meant for Korean companies doing business abroad, Korean law firms and the foreign law firms that have opened offices in Korea. We will compare and contrast the South Korean experience to that of other parts of the world.

Thursday 1430 – 1815

IBA Council Meeting

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: 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.

Sign in from 1430.

Thursday 1615 – 1730

Advising or investing: obtaining shares as remuneration from clients*Presented by the Professional Ethics Committee and the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee*

When clients with a shortage of cash offer shares in exchange for the lawyer's advice, they presume that the lawyer is going to be even more aligned with the client's activity and interest. Is this really the case? Is society prepared to accept lawyers so orientated to the success of their clients as to have economic interest in any outcome of their advice? In the session we will analyse whether this is the case and what lawyers and firms should take into account before accepting this means of remuneration.

Antitrust compliance workshop*Presented by the Antitrust Section*

The return on an investment in competition law compliance has never been higher. The potential costs of antitrust non-compliance remain punishingly high: jaw-dropping fines, jail time for individuals, exposure to civil litigation, reputational damage, diversion of management attention and the like. At the same time, competition enforcers in some jurisdictions are starting to see the benefit of rewarding companies for exceptional compliance efforts, even when such efforts have not curbed all violations. This workshop will review best practices in the design and implementation of antitrust compliance programmes. What works and what doesn't? Are there creative new approaches? What elements are most likely to meet the approval of antitrust enforcers?

Client engagement blueprint: seven practical steps to switch connections to clients, keep them for a longer time and beat your competition (without making any change!)

In a dynamic legal market that is constantly innovating, and with more choice for clients than ever, developing a successful law firm client engagement strategy is vital for the future of law firms. Client engagement is here to stay, and law firms need to invest in it to keep up with the competition and stay in business.

But how exactly do law firms go about building relationships with their clients? What can they do to get clients to be emotionally attached and loyal to the firm?

Most professionals focus on marketing too soon and wonder why it isn't working. Maybe you are getting enquiries, but they don't convert into paid clients? Or you aren't even getting enquiries because you are trying to sell professional services? The truth of the matter is that nobody wants to buy legal services, but rather the outcomes that those legal services provide.

This presentation will introduce you to the fundamental building blocks for creating a client engagement blueprint for your practice that will convert more than 98 per cent of your prospects into clients. This client engagement system works, is consistent, steady, brings predictable revenue and you can count on it, while spending less time.

This session will cover three main points:

- client engagement system: seven blocks that all successful client engagement systems need to have;
- client expectation: practical tips to manage client expectation from you and your services; and
- how to deal with challenging clients: strategies used by rainmakers and successful lawyers to deal with challenging and complaining clients.

Thursday 1615 – 1730 (continued)

CPTPP, KORUS and RCEP: taking advantage of the alphabet soup of Asian FTAs

Presented by the International Trade and Customs Law Committee and the Asia Pacific Regional Forum

This panel will seek to provide an interactive overview of both the current (and fascinating) macro/geopolitical trade environment and of the new agreements themselves, with a focus on new provisions that create new areas of opportunity for business – as well as potential pitfalls.

Defending individuals in a world where the corporation dictates the nature and terms of the investigation

Presented by the Criminal Law Committee

Let's face it, corporations control nearly every aspect of the investigation process, from the selection of outside counsel to the decision whether to pay employees' legal fees. In this context, how can an individual be assured fair treatment and avoid being used as a scapegoat by the corporation? This session will explore this paradigm, at times contentious, and allow experts to share their views and feedback on how to adequately defend individuals investigated and prosecuted in transnational cases.

Employment law challenged in Southeast Asia

Presented by the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee

This session will contrast and compare employment protection laws in the rapidly evolving South East Asia Region. It is essential knowledge for any in-house or external adviser with responsibilities for business operations in that part of the world.

Foreign investment regulation in the Asia Pacific: implications for privately held companies

Presented by the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee and the Asia Pacific Arbitration Group

This interactive panel will explore recent trends in foreign direct investment (FDI) in the Asia Pacific region, with a focus on the implications for privately held companies. FDI has been growing in the Asia Pacific region in recent years, with increasing attention in the media and from politicians as a result. Particular sensitivities have developed around certain types of assets and purchasers, and various jurisdictions have adopted safeguards to address these issues. This session aims to consider trends in FDI regulation, including practical measures, ultimately to address the deal uncertainty that can result from these regulations.

Globalisation and new challenges for the pharma industry: is your supply chain ready?

Presented by the International Sales Committee

In a globalised world, the healthcare industry is struggling to respond to new challenges. Companies need to swim with the tide in order to face changes. Diversifying the target markets and identifying different distribution channels for each product are among the first steps that can be taken. Companies use both 'direct-to-consumer' and 'direct-to-pharmacy' strategies and often rely on external partners for manufacturing, selling and other services. Expansion in emerging markets demands attention, especially in relation to aspects such as the access to the local markets.

Decisions about which phases of the supply chain shall be outsourced and the use of minimum standardisation processes aimed at simplifying cross-border sales are both elements to be considered.

Is the industry ready to face the new issues in due time?

Insurtech

Presented by the Insurance Committee

During this session we will discuss the management of data privacy issues in the digital/management of digital sales and underwriting process.

Law office of the future

Presented by the Real Estate Section and the Law Firm Management Committee

This session will continue our discussion on the law office of the future. The session is highly relevant for large and small law firms alike and focuses on the various drivers for change in the 'shape' of our offices, including technology, the demands of our young lawyers and the ever-increasing cost of real estate. The discussions will include many examples of different designs for offices that will stimulate takeaway ideas for all attendees. The panellists will include architects and designers, real estate experts and a wide selection of representatives from law firms who are going through the process of office transformation.

New assets, new planning: personal tax and estate planning for a blockchain world, including cryptocurrency and other cryptoassets

Presented by the Private Client Tax Committee

New inventions bring new assets to leave to one's heirs and new sources of revenue for the taxman to tax. The hearth and window taxes may have had their day but the asset classes built on blockchain technology are just getting started and the taxman is waking up to their potential. Our expert panel will review what tax you might expect in different jurisdictions when you sell cryptoassets, how to reduce your tax exposure and how you might leave such assets to the next generation.

The renewable power generation pricing dilemma: how to structure a bankable long-term PPA and provide power in affordable terms

Presented by the Power Law Committee

The renewable power generation dilemma is how to structure a bankable long term power purchase agreement (PPA) in affordable terms. What is the price? Who pays it? Who is it paid to? These are just a few questions that arise at the initial stages of renewable power generation project bank-ability analysis.

Further questions would refer to the development stage of the project and the corresponding associated project risks, the technical and financial capacity of the developer, sovereign and country risks, the financial capacity of the project to coexist with market revenues, etc. Renewable power generation has become more competitive and has the ability in certain jurisdictions to compete for PPAs with conventional generation projects both at greenfield and operational stages, changing the landscape for obtaining Power Purchase Agreements.

This session will identify the main issues that are addressed when assessing bank-ability of Power Purchase Agreements.

Friday 0930 – 1045

Dissecting the deal: an Asian perspective

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

This is the traditional and very practical panel where leading practitioners who participated in structuring and executing certain deals will offer an insight into some of the key legal issues and deal terms involved in the relevant transactions.

Friday 0930 – 1045 (continued)

How evidence is best-presented in international arbitration and the IBA rules on evidence

Presented by the Arbitration Committee and the Asia Pacific Arbitration Group

The IBA rules on the taking of evidence in international arbitration will soon celebrate their ten-year anniversary since their last revision in 2010. The IBA Arbitration Committee conducted a broad survey in 2015-2016 to gather feedback on the rules and any areas for potential revisions.

This panel will discuss the opinions expressed in support of the IBA rules in civil law and common law jurisdictions. It will also address the potential consideration of revisions in selected areas, including document production, burden of proof, privilege, sanctions, and fact witnesses and expert testimony.

Ins and outs of the evolving anti-corruption enforcement network

Presented by the Public Law Section and the Anti-Corruption Committee

In a landscape marked by increasingly complex and interconnected corruption scandals and corresponding investigations, representing sovereign and private clients requires a deep understanding of the formal and informal cooperation networks that have formed among nations and prosecutorial and regulatory agencies around the world. This panel will discuss recent cases, including the FIFA and 1MDB investigations showcasing these ever-evolving frameworks for cooperation and cover practices, through which multilateral agencies, sovereigns, prosecutors, regulators, whistleblowers and other interested parties deal with each other.

Social media

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

The session will consider the range of social media platforms available and how they lend themselves to forming part of law firm business development strategy. In particular how they can be used to:

- support the law firm brand as well as that of the individual lawyers;
- build trust, transmit core values, humanise your brand and transmit thought leadership; and
- develop leads and add to the bottom line of the law firm.

The session will adopt a practical approach in considering why the legal industry needs to embrace social media networking and how to build them into your business plan. Panel members will share practical experience and tips on what they have found works on different platforms, including identification of core objectives, target audience, message, profile, leads and data likely to be generated. The session will be coupled with downside risk assessment, controls and operating procedures.

Friday 0930 – 1600

Rule of Law Symposium – persecution of lawyers and judges: threats to the rule of law and the independence of the legal profession

Presented by the Rule of Law Forum, the Human Rights Law Committee, IBA's Human Rights Institute, the Judges' Forum, the Human Rights Law Committee, and the Professional Ethics Committee

In every region of the world, judges, lawyers and other human rights defenders who pursue the rule of law are experiencing increasing instances of persecution and intimidation. These include frivolous criminal charges, retaliatory disciplinary proceedings, illegal surveillance, online smear campaigns, physical threats, incarceration and assassination. In the majority of these cases, the state is implicated as either the sponsor of the retaliation or in its failure to prevent or punish the perpetrators. However, corporations are also involved in these matters, either with complicity or proactively preventing malpractices. Where these attacks occur with impunity, the rule of law and the independence of the legal profession and the judiciary are at stake. Our panel will focus attention on this important topic and will propose ways for the IBA membership to get involved. It will show the relevance of lawyers and judges as the promoter of the rule of law. Panellists will include representatives from the UN, NGOs that are working on this issue and hopefully one or more members of the legal profession who have experienced such persecution first-hand. The symposium will end with good practices to fight the persecution of lawyers and judges.

The social programme

An 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 opportunities to take in the sights and sounds of Seoul.

The programme begins on the evening of Sunday 22 September with the Conference welcome party. It will finish on Friday 27 September in spectacular style with the closing party to be held at The Raum.

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

Preliminary information on the social programme can be found on pages 83–86, with full details of other conference social events and committee functions to be released later in 2019. Details will be posted on the conference website www.ibanet.org/Conferences/Seoul-2019.aspx.



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

Social programme

*Indicates functions open to delegates and registered accompanying persons for which there is no charge. Admission is by Conference badge.

Social functions places will **NOT** be allocated or confirmed until full payment is received by the IBA.

Places must be purchased for children. Some social functions may be at venues unsuitable for young children and, if this is the case, the IBA reserves the right not to admit them.

Social function amendments and returns

All conference social function bookings must be finalised by close of business on **Tuesday 10 September**. After this date all amendments, returns and purchases of social function places will only be possible on-site at the conference. Unwanted social function places returned in person, on-site, will be subject to a 15 per cent administration charge. 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 social function places will be available to purchase at the conference, subject to availability.

Dietary requirements

To ensure your safety at an IBA social event, we ask you to indicate any dietary restrictions, intolerances or food allergies you may have on the conference registration form. This is to ensure that the food provided for you at an IBA event, where there is a plated meal, is safe for you to consume.

By disclosing this information you agree to the IBA sharing this information with relevant third parties who are providing catering on our behalf.

If you have requested a specific meal, which has to be provided by a third-party supplier, we will track to ensure delegates have received and consumed their requested meal.

Please note that the food provided at the welcome party, general delegate lunches and closing party is buffet style with options to cover a wide variety of dietary requirements, therefore we do not offer alternative individual dietary options at these events.

Any dietary requirements submitted to us after Tuesday 10 September cannot be guaranteed.

Social function prices

The IBA does not add a margin, mark-up prices or make a profit from IBA social functions. Dining in a large group will cost more than dining individually because of additional costs such as venue hire, transport, decoration, etc. Please be aware that in South Korea imported alcoholic beverages, particularly wine, are at premium prices and this may have an impact on some of the social function prices.

Committee socials

A full list of committee social functions will be sent to all delegates.

Sponsorship

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Sunday 22 September

1500 – 1700

IBA Global Networking Hub

COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

1730 – 1845

*Opening ceremony

COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

1900 – 2200

*Welcome party

Monday 23 September

1245 – 1415

(A) Arab Regional Forum lunch

COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

Price: \$90

1245 – 1415

(B) European Regional Forum lunch

COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

Price: \$90

1245 – 1415

(C) North American Regional Forum lunch

COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

Price: \$90

1245 – 1415

(D) Women Lawyers' Interest Group lunch

COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

Price: \$90

Tuesday 24 September

0800 – 0915

Global women litigator breakfast
COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

0800 – 0915

IBA Bar breakfast hosted by the Japan Federation of Bar Associations and the Law Council of Australia: the death penalty and criminal justice in Asia
COEX Convention & Exhibition Center



1245 – 1415

(E) Asia Pacific Regional Forum lunch
COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

Price: \$90

1245 – 1415

(F) Latin American Regional Forum lunch
COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

Price: \$90

Wednesday 25 September

0800 – 0915

Arbitration Committee breakfast
COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

0800 – 0915

Corporate Counsel Forum breakfast
COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

The Corporate Counsel breakfast is a closed event for in-house counsel only.

0800 – 0915

Family Law Committee breakfast
COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

0800 – 0915

Managing Partners' breakfast
COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

1245 – 1415

(G) Legal Practice Division lunch
COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

Price: \$90

Thursday 26 September

0800 – 0915

IBA Bar breakfast hosted by The Law Society of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Bar Association: Hong Kong's unique role as an Asian international legal hub under 'one country, two systems'
COEX Convention & Exhibition Center



0800 – 0915

SPPI Awards breakfast
COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

Join us at the awards breakfast, where the Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Award, in recognition of William Reece Smith Jr, the Pro Bono Award and the IBA Award for Outstanding Contribution by a Legal Practitioner to Human Rights, all sponsored by LexisNexis, will be presented.

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1245 – 1415

(H) African Regional Forum lunch
COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

Price: \$90

1245 – 1415

(I) Section on Public and Professional Interest lunch
COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

Price: \$90

Afternoon

IBA football match

The annual IBA 'World Cup' football match is more than an institution. It is that moment of the year where chargeable hours and business development are both forgotten, and we all revert to our teenage years – or at least try to. Anxieties regarding health and fitness-related issues are soon forgotten – the success of the event/mini tournament is a testament to the commitment, languages, enthusiasm, endeavours and differing playing styles of those who have in recent years graced the stadia of Buenos Aires, Madrid, Dublin, Vienna, Washington, DC, Sydney and Rome. Pep Guardiola style it may not be, and careers as professional footballers dead and buried, but our annual event generates excitement and, most importantly, friendship between all the players and many spectators who come to cheer us on. The venue will likely be Daechi Yushuji Park and kick off will be between 1600 and 1630. As before, we insist that all players ensure that they register with the IBA during the Annual Conference week. Estimated cost will be US\$90 per person and a 'no pay, no play' regime is strictly enforced. Please register your interest in playing prior to (or during) the Annual Conference week by emailing Keith Oliver or Leonie Stevens (keoliver@petersandpeters.com/lstevens@petersandpeters.com).

Thursday 26 September (continued)

2030 – late
Law Rocks! Seoul

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 in 2009, 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 charities, 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 27 September

1930 – 2230
(J) Closing party

The Raum
564 Eonju-ro, Yeoksam 1(il)-dong, Gangnam-gu

Located in the Gangnam district, the lovely event spaces and delightful gardens have made The Raum the preferred venue for both Korean events and international performers – a true oasis in the heart of the city.

Please join us for an evening of beautiful cuisine and outstanding entertainment – an elegant and exclusive farewell to Seoul and IBA 2019.

Price: \$185

Transport will be provided for those staying in official IBA hotels where necessary.



International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute

The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI), an autonomous and financially independent entity 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.

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Section and Committee information

Legal Practice Division (LPD)



I am delighted to invite you to Seoul for the IBA's 2019 Annual Conference. Once again, the LPD will be offering the opportunity to participate in an excellent programme of more than 200 sessions, with a wide variety of stimulating and challenging topics.

We live in a time of extraordinary change and challenges that are reshaping the world and thus laws and their application. Please look at the outline of LPD sessions, where you can identify the legal challenges deriving from such changes. 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 Seoul playing host, special attention will be given to legal matters related to the Asia Pacific region, such as the session presented by the Asia Pacific Regional Forum on Asia's high-growth economies and the legal and cultural issues faced, the challenges and the pitfalls to avoid.

Our LPD Showcase session is titled 'The role of the general counsel in a fast-moving world: how to deal with complexities, challenges and change'. The fast-changing environment and the challenges and complexities influencing the way we work and live have a deep impact on the corporate agenda and the responsibilities and tasks of general counsels (GCs). In addition to having become an integrated part of

the business, a GC's tasks are increasingly shifting to more external relations, sustainability and environmental protection, changing risk patterns and meeting the expectations of the next generations. This, together with technological change, also reframes the relationship with external counsel and, on the approach of GCs towards new delivery models of external legal support for the in-house legal department. The Corporate Counsel Forum Showcase will examine the impact of these changes on GCs and external counsel and on the skillset necessary for the general counsel of today and on the relationship between the in-house legal department and external counsel.

This year, the Annual Conference will have a singular day dedicated to inclusivity and diversity. The IBA Inclusivity and Diversity Day will occur on the Monday of the Annual Conference and almost all of the related highly informative sessions will take place on this day.

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 Seoul has to offer in the way of culture, and of course the spectacular welcome 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 Seoul.

Jon Grouf
Chair, Legal Practice Division

About the Legal Practice Division (LPD):

The LPD comprises more than 50 committees and fora, listed on pages 88–94 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 19 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

Agricultural Law Section**24***Council Liaison Officer***Ignacio Randle** *Estudio Randle, Buenos Aires, Argentina**Chair***Jan Holthuis** *Buren, The Hague, the Netherlands*

Agriculture law covers a comprehensive and dynamic legal practice area, in particular relating to agriculture land usage, ownership and farmer's rights; seed law, plant variety law, biotechnology/genetically modified organism (GMO) law; and food trade, food safety and food liability.

The Agricultural Law Section is the newest in the Legal Practice Division and was created in 2018.

Antitrust Section**24***Council Liaison Officer***Cani Fernandez** *Cuatrecasas, Madrid, Spain**Co-Chairs***Elizabeth Morony** *Clifford Chance, London, England***Marc Reysen** *RCAA, Frankfurt/Main, Germany*

The Antitrust Section provides an international forum for thought leadership with respect to antitrust law developments and the profession through submissions to competition agencies, training programmes and missions, developing the law through our conferences, publications and interaction with antitrust enforcement authorities and the profession. In addition, there is a strong commitment to bring together international practitioners to facilitate closer working relationships. The Section is increasingly relied upon by government officials and members of the private sector for its expertise and practical input into antitrust developments, including through its Working Group submissions.

The Antitrust Section is among the larger sections in the Legal Practice Division with over 1,300 members.

Corporate Law Section**24–26***Council Liaison Officers***Oliver Triebold** *Schellenberg Wittmer, Zurich, Switzerland***Sergio Sánchez Solé** *J&A Garrigues, Madrid, Spain*

The Corporate Law Section has over 5,100 members from around the world.

Business Human Rights**25***Co-Chairs***Kevin O'Callaghan** *Fasken Martineau du Moulin, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada***Rae Lindsay** *Clifford Chance, London, England*

Business human rights (BHR) 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 BHR 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 BHR-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 BHR Committee has over 400 members from around the world.

Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises**25–26***Chair***Harvey Cohen** *Dinsmore & Shohl, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA*

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**26***Co-Chairs***André Dufour** *Borden Ladner Gervais, Montreal, Quebec, Canada***Guy Harles** *Arendt & Medernach, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg*

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.

Criminal Law Section**26–27***Council Liaison Officer***Thomas Kaiser-Stockmann** *tklegal, Berlin, Germany*

The Criminal Law Section has over 2,300 members from around the world.

Anti-Corruption**26***Co-Chairs***Jitka Logesová** *Wolf Theiss, Prague, Czech Republic***Leah Ambler** *OECD, Paris, France*

The Anti-Corruption Committee focuses on the effect of new anti-corruption laws around the world and comprises over 800 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**26–27***Co-Chairs***Jessica Parker** *Corker Binning, London, England***Kai Hart-Hoenig** *Dr Kai Hart-Hoenig Rechtsanwalte, Frankfurt/Main, Germany*

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**27***Co-Chairs***Astrid Mignon Colombet** *Soulez Lariviere & Associates, Paris, France***Mauro M Wolfe** *Duane Morris, New York, USA*

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

27–29

*Council Liaison Officers***Ignacio Randle** *Estudio Randle, Buenos Aires, Argentina***Mark Stephens CBE** *Howard Kennedy, London, England*

The Dispute Resolution Section has over 700 members from around the world.

Arbitration

27–28

*Co-Chairs***Gaëtan Verhoosel** *Three Crowns, London, England***Julie Bédard** *Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, New York, USA*

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

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*Chair***Audley Hanna** *Higgs & Johnson, Nassau, Bahamas*

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

Litigation

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*Co-Chairs***Angelo Anglani** *NCTM Studio, Rome, Italy***Tom Price** *Gowling WLG, Birmingham, England*

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

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*Co-Chairs***Gary Birnberg** *JAMS, Miami, Florida, USA***Lim Tat** *Aequitas Law, Singapore*

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

28–29

*Chair***Jack Husbands** *Lawton Chambers, Tortola, British Virgin Islands*

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)

29–30

*Council Liaison Officer***Jean-André Diaz** *Lazareff Le Bars, Paris, France; Chair, Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section**Section Officers***Jean-André Diaz** *Lazareff Le Bars, Paris, France; Chair, Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section***Shane Freitag** *Borden Ladner Gervais, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Vice Chair, Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section***Michelle Ouellette** *Best Best & Krieger, Riverside, California, USA; Secretary-Treasurer, Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section***Florencia Heredia** *Allende & Brea, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Membership Officer, Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section***Brendan Clark** *MinterEllison, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia; Education Officer, Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section***Matthias Lang** *Bird & Bird, Düsseldorf, Germany; Publications Officer, Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section*

The Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law (SEERIL) has a membership of over 4,300 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.

Environment, Health and Safety Law

29

*Chair***Angeles Murgier** *Beccar Varela, Buenos Aires, Argentina*

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

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*Co-Chairs***Jaime Gray** *Navarro Sologuren Paredes Gray, Lima, Peru***Helmut Johannsen** *Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*

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

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*Co-Chairs***Carlos Vilhena** *Pinheiro Neto Advogados, Brasília, Brazil***Hubert André-Dumont** *AKD Benelux, Brussels, Belgium*

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**30***Chair***Paul Stockley** *Womble Bond Dickinson, London, England*

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**30***Co-Chairs***Brendan Oviedo Doyle** *Hernandez & Cia, Lima, Peru***Marc Baltus** *Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek, Düsseldorf, Germany*

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**30***Chair***Mauricio Sergio Costa du Rels** *Würth Bedoya Costa du Rels, Santa Cruz, Bolivia*

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.

Financial Services Section**31***Council Liaison Officers***Alfred Page** *Borden Ladner Gervais, Toronto, Ontario, Canada***Petra Zijp** *NautaDutilh, Amsterdam, the Netherlands*

The Financial Services Section is one of the largest sections in the Legal Practice Division, comprising over 5,500 members.

Banking Law**31***Co-Chairs***Giuseppe Schiavello** *Schiavello & Co Studio Legal, Rome, Italy***Michael Steen Jensen** *Gorrissen Federspiel, Copenhagen, Denmark*

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**31***Chair***Peter Castellon** *Proskauer, London, England*

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**31***Co-Chairs***John Toriello** *Holland & Knight, New York, USA***Sharon Daly** *Matheson, Dublin, Ireland*

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**31***Co-Chairs***Brian McDermott** *A&L Goodbody, Dublin, Ireland***Francois Rayroux** *Lenz & Staehelin, Geneva, Switzerland*

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**31***Co-Chairs***Florian Khol** *Binder Grosswang Rechtsanwälte, Vienna, Austria***Jerry K C Koh** *Allen & Gledhill, Singapore*

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

31–33

*Council Liaison Officer***Pascale Lagesse** *Bredin Prat, Paris, France*

The Human Resources Section has nearly 2,000 members from around the world.

Diversity and Equality Law

31–32

*Co-Chairs***Philip Berkowitz** *Little Mendelson, New York, USA***Valeria Morosini** *Toffoletto De Luca Tamajo e Soci, Milan, Italy*

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 Industrial Relations Law

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*Co-Chairs***Marianne Granhoj** *Kromann Reumert, Copenhagen, Denmark***Peter Talibart** *Seyfarth Shaw, London, England*

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

IBA Global Employment Institute

*Co-Chairs***Anders Etgen Reitz** *IUNO, Copenhagen, Denmark***Dirk Jan Rutgers** *Rutgers & Posch, Amsterdam, the Netherlands*

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

32–33

*Co-Chairs***Anne Frances O'Donoghue** *Immigration Solutions, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia***Catherine Ann Sas QC** *SAS & Ing Immigration, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*

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

35–36

*Council Liaison Officer***Tarja Wist** *Waselius & Wist, Helsinki, Finland**Co-Chairs***Karen O'Flynn** *Clayton Utz, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia***Marcel Willems** *Fieldfisher, Amsterdam, the Netherlands*

The Insolvency Section has over 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.

Intellectual Property,
Communications and
Technology Section

36–40

*Council Liaison Officer***Patricia Hoet-Limbourg** *Hoet Pelaez Castillo & Duque, Caracas, Venezuela*

With more than 3,000 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

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*Chair***Giuseppe Calabi** *CBM & Partners, Milan, Italy*

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

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*Co-Chairs***Chung Nian Lam** *WongPartnership, Singapore***Violetta Kunze** *Djingov Gouginski Kyutchukov & Velichkov, Sofia, Bulgaria*

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

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*Co-Chairs***Alexandra Neri** *Herbert Smith Freehills, Paris, France***John Wilson** *John Wilson Partners, Colombo, Sri Lanka*

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 38*Chair***Robert Balin** *Davis Wright Tremaine, New York, USA*

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 38–39*Chair***Caroline Videlier-Gutmann** *European Space Agency, Paris, France*

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 39–40*Co-Chairs***Christopher Holder** *Bristows, London, England***Søren Skibsted** *Kromann Reumert, London, England*

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, Trade, Franchising and Product Law Section 40–41*Council Liaison Officers***Amir Singh Pasrich** *ILA Pasrich & Company, New Delhi, India***Sadiq Jafar** *Hadeq & Partners, Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

The International Sales, Trade, Franchising and Product Law Section has over 1,700 members from around the world.

International Franchising 40*Co-Chairs***Francesca Turitto** *Roma Legal Partners, Rome, Italy***Luciana Bassani** *Dannemann Siemsen, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

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 40–41*Co-Chairs***Alexander De Zordo** *Borden Ladner Gervais, Montreal, Quebec, Canada***George Anthony Ribeiro** *Ribeiro Hui, Hong Kong SAR*

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.

International Trade and Customs Law 41*Co-Chairs***Christopher Kent** *Cassidy Levy Kent, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada***Eric Emerson** *Steptoe + Johnson, Washington, DC, USA*

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.

Product Law and Advertising 41*Chair***John Doherty** *Penningtons Manches, London, England*

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.

Law and Individual Rights Section 41–42*Council Liaison Officer***Neil Kirby** *Werksmans, Johannesburg, South Africa*

The Law and Individual Rights Section has a membership of over 670.

Family Law 41*Chair***Barbara Connolly** *7 Bedford Row Chambers, London, England*

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 42*Co-Chairs***Stephan Rau** *McDermott Will & Emery, Munich, Germany***Stephen M Weiner** *Mintz Levin, Boston, Massachusetts, USA*

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

Indigenous Peoples 42*Chair***Lina Lorenzoni** *Escobar Lorenzoni & Asociados, Medellin, Colombia*

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 42

Council Liaison Officer

Caroline Berube *HJM Asia Law & Co, Guangzhou, China*

Chair

Gabrielle Patrick *Knabu Distributed Systems, London, England*

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 42–43

Council Liaison Officer

Jon Grouf *Duane Morris, New York, USA; LPD Chair*

The Maritime and Aviation Law Section has over 1,000 members.

Aviation Law 42–43

Chair

Alan David Reitzfeld *Alan D Reitzfeld, 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.

Maritime and Transport Law 43

Co-Chairs

Godofredo Mendes Vianna *Kincaid Mendes Vianna, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

Richard V Singleton *Blank Rome, New York, USA*

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 43

Council Liaison Officer

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

Chair

Francisco Garcia-Ortells *Garcia-Ortells, Madrid, Spain*

The Public Law Section has nearly 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 43

Council Liaison Officer

Carolina Zang *Zang Bergel & Viñes, Buenos Aires, Argentina*

Co-Chairs

Izabela Zielinska-Barlozek *Wardynski & Partners, Warsaw, Poland*

Rossana Fernandes Duarte *Mattos Filho Veiga Filho Marrey Jr e*

Quiroga, São Paulo, Brazil

The Real Estate Section is the only truly international forum for lawyers interested in real estate law and has over 900 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 43–44

Council Liaison Officers

Alain Ranger *Fasken Martineau DuMoulin, Montreal, Quebec, Canada*

Carola van den Bruinhorst *Loyens & Loeff, Amsterdam, the Netherlands; IBA Assistant Treasurer / LPD Assistant Treasurer*

The Taxation Section has nearly 2,000 members around the world.

Private Client Tax 43

Co-Chairs

Catherine Watson Coles *McInnes Cooper, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada*

Niklas Schmidt *Wolf Theiss, Vienna, Austria*

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**44***Co-Chairs***Ana Lucia Ferreyra** *Pluspetrol, Montevideo, Uruguay***Margriet Lukkien** *Loyens & Loeff, 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.

IBA Fora**33–35****African Regional Forum****33***Council Liaison Officer***Neil Kirby** *Werksmans Attorneys, Johannesburg, South Africa**Co-Chairs***Anthony Atata** *Hallblack Law Firm, Lagos, Nigeria***Pieter Steyn** *Werksmans Attorneys, Johannesburg, South Africa*

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**33***Council Liaison Officer***Sadiq Jafar** *Hadeef & Partners, Dubai, United Arab Emirates**Co-Chairs***Ayman H A Khaleq** *Morgan Lewis & Bockius, Dubai, United Arab Emirates***Lamia R Matta** *Miller & Chevalier, Washington, DC, USA*

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**33–34***Council Liaison Officers***Peter Bartlett** *MinterEllison, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia; LPD Vice Chair***Sunil Abraham** *Cecil Abraham & Partners, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**Co-Chairs***Akil Hirani** *Majmudar & Partners, Mumbai, India***Sky Yang** *Bae Kim & Lee, Seoul, South Korea*

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**34***Council Liaison Officer***Daniel Del Rio** *Basham Ringe y Correa, Mexico City, Mexico**Chair***Felix R Ehrat** *Novartis International, Basel, Switzerland*

The Corporate Counsel Forum is the pre-eminent forum for discussion, education and spokespersonship 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**35***Council Liaison Officer***Lise Lotte Hjerrild** *Horten, Hellerup, Denmark**Co-Chairs***Claudio Doria** *Doria Tölle, Barcelona, Spain***Sidika Baysal** *B+B Law Office, Istanbul, Turkey*

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**35***Council Liaison Officer***Eduardo Sanguinetti** *Sanguinetti & Associates, Montevideo, Uruguay**Co-Chairs***Carolina Zang** *Zang Bergel & Vines, Buenos Aires, Argentina***Luis Carlos Rodrigo Prado** *Rodrigo Elias & Medrano, Lima, Peru*

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**35***Council Liaison Officer***Luis Gonzalez Nieves** *Solorzano, Carvajal, Gonzalez y Perez Correa, Mexico City, Mexico**Co-Chairs***Luis Burgueño** *Von Wobeser & Sierra, Mexico City, Mexico***Lynda J Zadra-Symes** *Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear, Irvine, California, 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.

Public and Professional Interest Division (PPID)

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](http://www.ibanet.org/Committees/Divisions/Public_Professional_Interest_Div/home.aspx)

Section on Public and Professional Interest (SPPI)



In my first year as Chair of the Section on Public and Professional Interest (SPPI), I am delighted to invite you to the 2019 Annual Conference, taking place in Seoul.

The SPPI focuses on those themes that bind us together as legal professionals, and the SPPI Council has agreed to specifically address two matters of critical importance to all of us as individual lawyers, our clients and organisations, and the societies in which we live and work. Our SPPI themes will be 'The Rule of Law' and 'The Future of Legal Services' and we will be exploring these themes during the 2019 Annual Conference.

The sessions at the Annual Conference provide a platform for debates on subjects significant to you and our profession, and give you access to a diverse group of international thought-leaders, and I encourage you to attend as many of these as possible, as part of a successful conference week.

This year, as proposed by the Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee, 'The economic benefits of legal aid, and how to prove them' will be the focus of the Section on Public and Professional Interest Showcase, held on Thursday, which promises to be a very topical and relevant session. Following this, the SPPI invites to its annual luncheon, an excellent opportunity to network and to learn more about the important work of all our committees.

A traditional Annual Conference highlight is the Rule of Law Symposium, which always focuses on contemporary and extremely relevant current events and issues affecting the profession, and is led by our Rule of Law Forum.

In addition to the wide range of session topics, special tours organised by committees provide an additional networking opportunity, and a special behind-the-scenes insight. As part of this, the Judges Forum has arranged its annual court tour, and the Law Firm Management Committee offers a unique law firm tour.

These are just a few highlights and, as the complete programme will demonstrate, the IBA Annual Conference presents the ultimate event 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 an ever-changing legal landscape with great influence across the globe.

I encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities available to you at this year's IBA Annual Conference, and look forward to meeting many of you during the conference week.

Sarah Hutchinson

Chair, Section on Public and Professional Interest (SPPI)

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 access to justice and legal aid, academic and professional development, women lawyers' interests, law firm management, pro bono work, rule of law 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

Academic and Professional Development 45*Council Liaison Officer***Sarah Hutchinson** *BARBRI, London, England; SPPI Chair**Co-Chairs***Lewis Patrick** *The College of Law, New South Wales, Australia***Kathryn Rousin** *White and Case, London, England*

The Academic and Professional Development Committee has a membership of over 1,100 and aims to represent the interests of law teachers (academic and professional) as well as professional developers.

Access to Justice and Legal Aid 45*Council Liaison Officer***Federica D'Alessandra** *Oxford Institute for Ethics Law and Armed Conflict, Oxford, England**Co-Chairs***Andrew MacKenzie** *Scottish Arbitration Centre, Edinburgh, Scotland***Mark Woods** *Law Council of Australia, Traralgon, Victoria, Australia*

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 and New Law Business Structures 45*Council Liaison Officer***Aster Crawshaw** *Addleshaw Goddard, London, England**Chair***Karl Veldkamp** *Karl J Veldkamp Professional Corporation, Toronto, Canada*

The Alternative and New Law Business Structures 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 US and Belgium), allowed in 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 be 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 45*Council Liaison Officer***Jörg Menzer** *Noerr, Bucharest, Romania; SPPI Vice Chair/Treasurer**Co-Chairs***Paul McGarry SC** *General Council of Bar of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland***Gordon Jackson QC** *Faculty of Advocates, Edinburgh, Scotland*

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 46*Council Liaison Officer***Mariana Estrade** *Hughes & Hughes, Montevideo, Uruguay**Co-Chairs***Robert Bernstein** *Holland & Knight, New York, USA***Federica D'Alessandra** *Oxford Institute for Ethics Law and Armed Conflict, Oxford, England*

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 committee evolved from being a working group under the Rule of Law Forum.

Judges' Forum 46*Council Liaison Officer***Ameera Ashraf** *WongPartnership, Singapore**Chair***Justice Geoffrey Monahan** *Federal Circuit Court of Australia, Sydney, Australia*

The Judges' Forum comprises of 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 46-47*Council Liaison Officer***Szymon Kubiak** *Wardynski & Partners, Warsaw, Poland**Co-Chairs***Myra Garrett** *William Fry, Dublin, Ireland***Stephen Bowman** *Bennett Jones, Toronto, Canada*

In the highly competitive and demanding environment where ever-increasing 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 SPPI, with over 5,600 members.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) Law Committee 47

Council Liaison Officer

Jörg Menzer *Noerr, Bucharest, Romania; SPPI Vice Chair/Treasurer*

Co-Chairs

Lloyd Vergara *Supreme Court of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines*

Matthias Stupp *Noerr, Hamburg, Germany*

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.

Poverty and Social Development Committee 47

Council Liaison Officer

Ameera Ashraf *WongPartnership, Singapore*

Chair

Neil Gold *University of Windsor, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*

The Poverty and Social Development Committee is a new IBA Committee. However, its work has been ongoing through various IBA auspices for many years, seeking to engage the legal profession in actions that will directly contribute to the attainment of UN Sustainability Goal #1: the eradication of poverty.

Poverty marginalises, disables and traps individuals and their communities. Our Committee seeks to develop and apply law to enable all citizens to live their lives fully. We believe that law can be used proactively to support well-being. Law can effectively protect people from the negative consequences of actions by governments, businesses and individuals. These actions can perpetuate or cause poverty. Used constructively and proactively, law has the capacity to contribute to societal well-being through the relief of poverty.

The Committee intends to continue to work on great projects to work with and support non-governmental organisations and other charitable entities that are engaged in the elimination of poverty, and look forward to the difference the work of the committee and all its members will make.

Pro Bono 47

Council Liaison Officer

Federica D'Alessandra *Oxford Institute for Ethics Law and Armed Conflict, Oxford, England*

Co-Chairs

Carlos del Río Santiso *Creel García-Cuéllar Aiza y Enríquez, Mexico City, Mexico*

Sarah Morton-Ramwell *Ashurt, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia*

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 400 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 47-48

Council Liaison Officer

Jörg Menzer *Noerr, Bucharest, Romania; SPPI Vice Chair/Treasurer*

Co-Chairs

Alessandra Mourao *Nascimento e Mourao Advogados, São Paulo, Brazil*

Carlos Valls Martinez *Augusta Abogados, Barcelona, Spain*

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 760 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 48

Council Liaison Officer

Aster Crawshaw *Addleshaw Goddard, London, England*

Co-Chairs

Javier Petrantonio *M&M Bomchil, Buenos Aires, Argentina*

Kevin Shepherd *Venable, Baltimore, USA*

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 48

Council Liaison Officer

Federica D'Alessandra *Oxford Institute for Ethics Law and Armed Conflict, Oxford, England*

Co-Chairs

Stephen MacIver *Consultant & Non-Executive Director, Sydney, Australia*

Carmen Pombo *Fundación Fernando Pombo, Madrid, Spain*

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

Senior Lawyers' 48

Council Liaison Officer

Myra Garrett *William Fry, Dublin, Ireland*

Co-Chairs

Irina Paliashvili *RULG, Kiev, Ukraine*

Shelley Dunstone *Legal Circles, Adelaide, Australia*

The Senior Lawyers' Committee is designed, as the name implies, to cater for the needs and interests of senior lawyers and comprises over 670 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***Mariana Estrade** *Hughes & Hughes, Montevideo, Uruguay**Co-Chairs***Federica D'Alessandra** *Oxford Institute for Ethics Law and Armed Conflict, Oxford, England***Gregory Kehoe** *Greenberg Traurig, Tampa, Florida, USA*

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 16 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.

48**Women Lawyers' Interest Group****49***Council Liaison Officer***Myra Garrett** *William Fry, Dublin, Ireland**Chair***Charandeep Kaur** *Trilegal, New Delhi, India*

The Women Lawyers' Interest Group comprises over 3,000 members and offers a forum for women members from Australia to Zambia to discuss topics of global significance to women practitioners.

Young Lawyers'**49***Council Liaison Officer***Szymon Kubiak** *Wardynski & Partners, Warsaw, Poland**Co-Chairs***Michelle Bakhos** *Michelle Bakhos Law Practice, Sydney, Australia***Rainer Kaspar** *PHH Prochaska Havranek Rechtsanwälte, Vienna, Austria*

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 1,600 members and aims to help them establish themselves within the legal profession by promoting their professional skills.

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Bar Issues Commission (BIC)



Dear Friends and Colleagues

What are you doing between 22 and 27 September? The Bar Issues Commission (BIC) will be organising exceptional sessions at the IBA's Annual Conference in Seoul and it is my honour in my first year as Chair of the BIC to invite you to attend them.

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. The BIC promotes the core values of the legal profession, which affect all lawyers around world, regardless where and what area of law they are practising.

Our BIC Showcase session on Wednesday afternoon will explore the collapse of the middle: the different impacts of modern populism in and within bars and the legal profession. The term 'populism', which has become a euphemism for describing extreme ideological positions in public discourse, is becoming increasingly popular and proving attractive to more people in many countries today. It is difficult to deny that the designation of a person or party as 'populist' poses a serious problem beyond the actors, as it

seems a threat for both, the future of democracies, legal systems and the entire legal profession. The trouble with the legal profession, scholars and practitioners assert, is not only that it can lose its autonomy and thus its ability to act as a socio-political force that is independent from the ruling political party or coalition, but also, by virtue of the tightened control, law can become an unattractive channel for widespread opposition to economic, political, social actions and policies of a society or government.

Other BIC sessions will discuss the place of the small firm in international practice; lawyers, legal services and the new normal; and digital trade in legal services.

On Wednesday morning, I wish to invite all our Bar Representatives to attend the BIC Bar Leaders' Forum Meeting. This is the opportunity for Member Organisation representatives to be updated on the status of ongoing projects in which the IBA is involved and specifically those that touch sensitive areas for bar associations, such as the current strategic review. It will allow them to discuss what the BIC should be doing and to propose programmes and projects for future activities within our vibrant BIC. Your guidance and feedback is critical to the success of the Bar Issues Commission.

We will have our BIC dinner on Thursday evening, which, as usual, will be a relaxed and enjoyable gathering of old and new friends. Be sure to reserve your place early as it is a very popular dinner.

My fellow BIC Officers and I will be in Seoul and we hope that you will join us to enjoy this memorable week!

Kind regards

Péter Köves

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 a conference in May each year, presents sessions at the Annual Conferences, runs projects and provides e-bulletins for its members.

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

BIC Policy Committee

Chair

Deborah Enix-Ross *Debevoise & Plimpton, New York, USA*

The BIC Policy Committee is comprised of representatives from bar associations and law societies around the world providing global representation for member organisations. The role of the Committee is to address issues of concern to bar associations by creating and recommending policies for adoption by IBA Council and ensuring that proposed IBA policies affecting Member Organisations be reviewed by the Committee.

BIC International Trade in Legal Services (ITILS) Committee

Chair

Alison Hook *Hook Tangaza, London, England*

This Committee 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 Committee

Chair

Jonathan Herman *Federation of Law Societies of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada*

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

Bar Executive Officers Committee

Co-Chairs

Ken Murphy *Law Society of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland*

Merete Smith *Norwegian Bar Association, Oslo, Norway*

This Committee brings together the senior executive members of Member Organisations 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 44.

International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI)



We are delighted to welcome you to the IBA's 2019 Annual Conference in Seoul, and hope to see many of you at our sessions taking place throughout the week. We are very excited to present, and co-present, a diverse range of sessions in 2019 that will discuss topical issues on human rights and the role of the legal profession in their protection.

The IBAHRI works with lawyers, judges, legal academics and law students from all over the world to promote and protect human rights, the rule of law and the independence of the legal profession. In 2018, the IBAHRI coordinated a range of substantive activities that shared human rights expertise with legal professionals from across the globe. These included training workshops, trial observations, fact-finding missions, intervention letters, publications and other programmes.

This year, we will continue to support legal professionals and advocate for human rights through a wide range of activities, including our extensive programme on torture prevention in Latin America, working with lawyers in Azerbaijan and Tajikistan, and helping Syrian lawyers to engage with international and national human rights and accountability mechanisms. We also intend to expand our work on our thematic areas of focus, including abolition of the death penalty, the promotion of gender parity and the administration of justice. And we will continue to undertake well-targeted advocacy before the UN, primarily in relation to human rights and the independence of the legal profession.



The IBAHRI Showcase session in Seoul, entitled '*Are human rights in retreat?*' will consider threats to the respect for human rights and the rule of law. The rise of populism and acts of authoritarian nationalism from influential state actors has led to International legal obligations being ignored, and, as a result, the rule of law and fundamental human rights to be undermined. Globally, we have witnessed crucial examples of this, from Trump's USA, a state once considered a beacon for safeguarding fundamental human rights, and its withdrawal from the UN Human Rights Council in June 2018, to Hungary's stringent immigration controls under Orbán's leadership. This session will discuss responsibilities of states, the relevance of organisations like the UN, and the role of lawyers in maintaining international order and respecting human rights as the foundation of our globalised world. In upholding the rule of law, states should provide a means of redress when certain rights are not defended and discussing exactly how the legal profession can work to address this grave concern will be deliberated. More information on the IBA's Rule of Law initiative *Look after the Rule of Law, and it will look after you* videos is available on the IBA website.

At our other sessions '*Human rights rebooted*', we will explore a variety of topical issues, including a discussion around the relationship between technology and human rights. This session focuses particularly on the responsibilities of lawyers in considering human rights issues, such as the freedom of expression, when faced with technological advancement and the conscious need to further the human rights agenda, to considering the role of digital corporations in preventing human rights violations. In addition, the IBAHRI will host a session on the '*The business of human rights*', focusing matters relating to business and human rights from the perspective of in-house lawyers who represent the views of multinational corporations at the forefront of this debate, and the negative impact of their activities on communities. Finally, the IBAHRI will be co-presenting the IBA Showcase session '*Addressing bullying, sexual harassment and other barriers to diversity in the legal profession*' as well as a session on the '*Persecution of lawyers and judges: threats to the rule of law and the independence of the legal profession*'.

We look forward to seeing you and discussing these important issues with you in Seoul.

The Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG
IBAHRI Co-Chair

Anne Ramberg
IBAHRI Co-Chair

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.

For more information on all IBAHRI sessions, see pages 44–45.

Conference information

Conference venue

COEX Convention & Exhibition Center

513, Yeongdong-daero
Gangnam-gu
Seoul 06164
South Korea

Registration

Register online at www.ibanet.org/conferences/Seoul-2019.aspx

OR

Complete the conference registration form and send by **Tuesday 10 September**, together with proof of bank transfer 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

Registrations or social event purchases will **NOT** be processed unless payment has been received. Once registration is complete and payment made then all documentation and logistics information will be available from the 'My IBA' section of the IBA website. Cancellation terms and conditions apply upon submission of registration.

Social functions

Social function bookings will **NOT** be allocated or confirmed unless full payment is received by the IBA.

As numbers are limited by venue capacity 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. 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.**

In order to transfer a social function booking to another delegate, you must visit the IBA Registration Desk and supply full details of the delegate (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.

Accompanying persons are not permitted to attend working sessions or general delegate lunches under any circumstances. Accompanying persons are welcome to attend 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. All social event purchases must be made by the registered delegate.

Access for accompanying persons to the conference venue is limited to the Excursions and accommodation desks located outside of Exhibition Hall C, Floor 3, COEX Convention & Exhibition Center.

Only registered accompanying persons (ie, those who have paid the accompanying person fee) are eligible to participate in the social programme, except with the prior agreement of the Conferences Director.

Important dates

Friday 5 July

Early registration fee (online and by hard copy) – all registrations must be received (with proof of bank transfer payment for hard copy registrations) by **Friday 5 July**. Note: if bank transfer payment is not received by this deadline the early registration fee discounted rate might not be honoured.

Friday 9 August

Online delegate search – will be available to all registered delegates at www.ibanet.org/conferences/Seoul-2019.aspx from **Friday 9 August**. Downloadable delegate lists are not available and the IBA does not circulate a hard copy list of participants in advance of the conference. The online delegate search is updated in real time.

Friday 23 August

Conference list of participants – for inclusion in the printed list of participants distributed to delegates at the conference, you must have completed registration and provided proof of payment by **Friday 23 August**.

Registered delegates will also have access to the IBA conference app, available on smartphones and tablets, to search through an up-to-date directory of delegates, view their contact information, discover the location and times of speakers' sessions and send messages to other conference delegates.

Tuesday 10 September

Registrations deadline (online and by hard copy) – all registrations must be received (with proof of bank transfer payment for hard copy registrations) by close of business on **Tuesday 10 September** in order to be processed.

Registrations received on or close to **Tuesday 10 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 being processed and, in some cases, this will be after Tuesday 10 September. Note: after this date, conference registration will still be possible on-site and the higher on-site registration fee will apply.

Online amendments/additions – the last day that an individual can add social events or accompanying persons online is **Tuesday 10 September**. After this date, all amendments and/or additions to conference registrations can only be made on-site in Seoul.

Please note that changes to delegates contact details after **Friday 23 August** will not be reflected in the printed conference list of participants.

Social function purchases – all social function bookings must be finalised by close of business on **Tuesday 10 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 15 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.

Cancellation deadline – notice of cancellation must be received in writing at the IBA office by **Tuesday 10 September**. A 15 per cent administration charge will be deducted for conference cancellations, including any social functions and accompanying person costs. After this date, no refunds can be made; however, your entire registration can be transferred to a substitute delegate employed within your law firm/company on-site at the IBA registration desk.

Note: Cancellation terms and conditions apply upon submission of registration.

Substitution – the substitute delegate employed within your law firm / company must provide 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 the original delegate is an IBA member and registered at the IBA member registration fee rate then the substitute delegate must be an IBA member, become an IBA member or pay the difference in registration fee rates.

If you 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 15 per cent, from the London office after the conference.

Please note that **NO** exception will be made to this policy. Should you have difficulties in obtaining your visa and are not able to attend the conference, this cancellation policy will still apply.

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 10 September** will receive a voucher for the fast track registration desk. The voucher is scheduled to be emailed on **Tuesday 17 September** to the email address supplied upon registration. Please bring this voucher to the registration desk either in hard copy or on your smartphone.

Registration fees

All prices are in USD (\$).

	On or before 5 July	6 July – 10 September	At the Conference
IBA members	\$3,025	\$3,475	\$4,080
IBA members academics/ judges (full-time)	\$2,270	\$3,475	\$4,080
Senior lawyers*	\$2,270	\$3,475	\$4,080
Public lawyers	\$2,270	\$3,475	\$4,080
Young lawyers (under 30 years old)	\$2,270	\$3,475	\$4,080
Corporate counsel**	\$2,720	\$3,475	\$4,080
Non-members***	\$3,630	\$4,230	\$4,690
Accompanying persons****	\$315	\$315	\$315

*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.

**A reduced rate is offered to IBA Corporate Group Members. Please register online to obtain a 25 per cent discount on the IBA Member fee.

***Non-members can register at the IBA member rate if the IBA membership form is submitted at the same time as their conference registration with full payment.

****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 to 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 Excursions and Accommodation desks located outside of Exhibition Hall C, Floor 3, COEX Convention & Exhibition Center. 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 purchases must be made by the registered delegate.

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 and payments 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 on Sunday 22 September
- Welcome party on Sunday 22 September
- General delegate lunches, Monday – Friday inclusive
- Tea and coffee during breaks

Please note that the food at the welcome party, general delegate lunches and closing party is buffet style with options to cover a wide variety of dietary requirements, therefore we do not offer alternative options to accommodate individual dietary requirements for these functions.

Accompanying person fees include:

- Opening ceremony on Sunday 22 September
- Welcome party on Sunday 22 September
- Attendance at the Rule of Law Symposium on Friday 27 September

Please note the accompanying person fee does not include attendance at the general delegate lunches provided for delegates daily.

Registration and payment

By credit card

Register and pay by credit card online at www.ibanet.org/conferences/Seoul-2019.aspx

By bank transfer or BACS payments

Complete the conference registration form and email together with proof of payment via bank transfer to confs@int-bar.org or fax +44 (0)20 7842 0091.

Registration forms received without proof of payment will **NOT** be processed until proof of payment has been received.

Send bank transfers (or BACS) to National Westminster Bank, St James & Piccadilly Branch, 208 Piccadilly, London W1A 2DG, United Kingdom using SWIFT and IBAN codes as follows:

US Dollars

SWIFT code NWBKGB2L
IBAN Code GB55NWBK60730101286498

Euro: (converted at the current rate of exchange):

SWIFT code NWBKGB2L
IBAN Code GB58NWBK60721106570631

Pounds Sterling (converted at the current rate of exchange):

SWIFT code NWBKGB2L
IBAN Code GB05NWBK56000313270222
Sort Code 56-00-03
Account number 13270222

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR NAME, MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (if applicable) AND THE WORDS 'CON840-SEOUL' ARE INCLUDED AS THE PAYMENT REFERENCE.

Cancellation/refunds/substitution

Any cancellation must be received in writing at the IBA office by **Tuesday 10 September** in order for fees to be refunded. A 15 per cent administration charge will be deducted for conference cancellations, including any social functions and accompanying person costs.

Note: Cancellation terms and conditions apply upon submission of registration. Please note that **NO** exception will be made to this policy. Should you have difficulties in obtaining your visa and are not able to attend the conference, this cancellation policy will still apply.

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. Refunds will be made minus any monies owed to the IBA.

If you have made an accommodation booking, either through our accommodation agent Judy Lane ICS or booked independently, you are responsible for cancelling this separately. The IBA takes no responsibility for any financial penalties you may incur.

After **Tuesday 10 September**, no refunds can be made; however, your registration fee can be transferred to a substitute delegate employed within your law firm/company. Only one transfer/substitute per registration is permitted. If you 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 15 per cent from the London office after the conference.

After **Tuesday 10 September** it is only possible to arrange a delegate transfer on-site at the IBA Registration Desk and the substitute delegate from the same law firm/company must provide 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. If the original delegate is an IBA member and registered at the IBA member registration fee rate then the substitute delegate must be an IBA member, become an IBA member or pay the difference in registration fee rates.

Social function booking cancellations

Social function bookings cancelled in person, on-site at the conference will be subject to a 15 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 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.

Conference Registration

The registration desk will be located in Exhibition Hall C, Floor 3, COEX Convention & Exhibition Center.

Once you have collected your documents, you must display your name badge clearly at all times within the COEX Convention & Exhibition Center and all IBA social events in order to gain entry.

Registration hours are:

Saturday	1500 – 1800
Sunday	1000 – 1800
Monday – Thursday	0745 – 1730
Friday	0830 – 1430

Multi-faith prayer room and meditation room

Separate multi-faith prayer and meditation rooms 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 'entry' for the opening ceremony, welcome party and any IBA social events you have purchased place(s). Access to the IBA event space at the COEX Convention & Exhibition Center, 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 Excursion and Accommodation desks located outside of Exhibition Hall C, Floor 3, COEX Convention & Exhibition Center. 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 contracted a limited number of bedrooms for delegates via the IBA's accommodation agent Judy Lane ICS, for the nights of 21–27 September 2019 (inclusive), at a number of hotels.

How to make a reservation

Book online at www.ibanet.org/Conferences/Seoul-accommodation.aspx.

All accommodation costs are the responsibility of the delegate and are required to be paid, in full, by the attendee upon departure. For late cancellations or 'no shows' the accommodation cost will be charged by the hotel to the credit card supplied at the time of booking.

Unauthorised accommodation agents

It has been brought to our attention that there are multiple companies contacting past attendees, claiming to represent the IBA, offering 'assistance' with registration and hotel bookings.

They are operating by cold-calling and spamming companies whose names have appeared on previous List of Participants, Programmes and Sponsorship recognition. The only accommodation agent the IBA works with is Judy Lane ICS. Judy Lane ICS does not contact delegates on behalf of the IBA without delegates making initial contact. Please ignore any communication that does not come directly from the IBA or Judy Lane ICS.

Disabled access

It is important that you inform the IBA upon registration if you are a wheelchair user and/or have limited mobility so that the IBA can ensure that suitable access and transport arrangements are made where possible. The IBA selects, where possible, venues with little or no obstacles for those who have restricted mobility. The COEX Convention & Exhibition Center is fully accessible.

South Korea has improved its disability access recently with modern buildings, the subway and some buses having wheelchair access. Please bear in mind that parts of Seoul can be quite hilly and this should be taken into consideration by those with mobility restrictions. Older buildings and some forms of transport, along with sightseeing trips outside of Seoul, may prove a little more challenging.

Entry formalities and visa applications

All delegates are responsible for checking visa entry requirements for South Korea; we strongly recommend you check on a regular basis for any change to the entry formalities into South Korea. 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 the Korean Embassy or the consulate nearest to you for entry formalities and apply for any required visa well in advance.

Visa free entry

South Korea has visa waiver agreements with 117 jurisdictions (please see these listed below) Nationals of visa waiver countries may enter South Korea, up to the number of days indicated below, without a visa as long as the purpose of their visit is tourism or a temporary visit including attending conferences and meetings. If you are uncertain as to the requirements for entry visas to South Korea, please contact the South Korean Embassy or the consulate nearest to you as soon as possible.

Information below is accurate at the time of going to print.

180 days

Canada

90 days

European Union citizens (except Cyprus and Portugal), Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Hong Kong, Iceland, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Macau, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Serbia, Singapore, Suriname, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

60 days

Lesotho and Russia

30 days

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei, Cyprus, eSwatini, Fiji, Guyana, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia, Monaco, Montenegro, Nauru, New Caledonia, Oman, Palau, Paraguay, Qatar, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Tonga, Tunisia, Tuvalu and Vatican City.

Citizens of countries that require a visa

Citizens of countries not previously mentioned will need to obtain a visa to enter South Korea.

For more information, we recommend visiting the official Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Korea website: www.visa.go.kr

Visa application and electronic local visa invitation letter

Participants requiring a visa to enter South Korea are strongly advised to register as early as possible to start the visa process.

In order to request an electronic local visa invitation letter from the Korean Bar Association to support your visa application, please complete the online request form; the website link will be listed in your acknowledgment letter, available as an output downloadable from your MyIBA. The visa invitation request form will only be processed from delegates who have registered and paid the registration fees in full.

All delegates who have successfully submitted their visa invitation request form will then have their information and registration status as a fully registered conference participant forwarded to the Korean Immigration Service of the Ministry of Justice. The Ministry will then alert the relevant Korean Embassy of the participant status thereby ensuring that the only supporting registration documentation that will be required upon visa application will be the Korean Bar Association electronic visa invitation letter and the IBA visa support letter.

All personal information submitted will only be used by the Korean Immigration Service of the Ministry of Justice to facilitate visa processing with the relevant South Korean Embassies overseas and will not be retained by the IBA or the Korean Immigration Service.

Requests for visa invitation letters will only be processed on these dates:

Visa invitation request form received by	Report to the Korea Immigration Service completed, relevant Korean Embassy notified and visa letter issued by
7 June 2019	24 June 2019
28 June 2019	15 July 2019
12 July 2019	29 July 2019
26 July 2019	12 August 2019
9 August 2019	26 August 2019
23 August 2019	9 September 2019

IBA Harassment Policy

IBA conferences provide unrivalled professional development and network-building opportunities for international legal practitioners and their professional associates. As representatives of the global legal profession, delegates and IBA members are expected to maintain the highest levels of propriety and behaviour. As representatives of their firms, companies and organisations, delegates are reminded that they should maintain the same high standards of behaviour that are required as a representative or employee of that organisation, when attending events as a conference delegate or member of the IBA. This includes adhering to any relevant code of conduct of the organisation that they are representing, or their regulating body, at the conference.

The IBA values the participation of every delegate and member of the IBA and wants all attendees to have an enjoyable and fulfilling experience. Accordingly, all conference attendees are expected to show respect and courtesy to other attendees, IBA staff and those involved with hosting the events throughout the conference and at all conference events, receptions, and parties, whether officially organised by the IBA, or by others. All delegates, guests, attendees, speakers, exhibitors, staff and volunteers at any IBA event are required to conform to the IBA Harassment Policy. The IBA will enforce this Policy in relation to matters reported during or after the event, as appropriate.

The IBA is dedicated to providing a harassment-free conference experience for everyone, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, disability, physical appearance, age, race, colour or nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, marital or civil partnership or other personal attributes. Harassment is unwanted physical verbal or non-verbal conduct that has the purpose or effect of violating a person's dignity or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment for them. The IBA does not tolerate harassment, bullying or attempted bullying of conference participants, delegates, guests, speakers, exhibitors, or staff in any form. Please be considerate to others and think about the effect your actions would have on others – a single incident could constitute harassment.

All communication should be appropriate for a professional audience, including people of many different cultures, backgrounds, opinions and personal attributes. Please do not insult nor disparage other attendees, and please give consideration to topics that might be offensive to others. Behave professionally.

Remember that discriminatory, sexual or exclusionary jokes are not appropriate. Sexual language, imagery or behaviour are not appropriate. Any unwanted conduct of a sexual nature will constitute harassment.

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Thank you for helping make this a welcoming, friendly and inclusive conference for all.

Contact emails:

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Registration form



ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION
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- Registrations cannot be acknowledged at the IBA Office after **Tuesday 10 September**.
- This form is valid for one delegate only. Copies may be made for additional registrations

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM, TOGETHER WITH PROOF OF BANK TRANSFER PAYMENT, TO:

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Title _____ Given name _____ Family name _____

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1. Name _____ Country _____

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Please tick box if you have allergen intolerances and specify _____

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IN ORDER FOR YOUR NAME TO APPEAR IN THE HARD COPY LIST OF PARTICIPANTS, AVAILABLE AT THE CONFERENCE, YOUR REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE IBA OFFICE BY FRIDAY 23 AUGUST AT THE LATEST.

**A REGISTRATION FEES**

All prices are in USD (\$).

	<i>On or before 5 July</i>	<i>6 July – 10 September</i>	<i>At the Conference</i>	<i>Amount payable</i>
IBA members	\$3,025	\$3,475	\$4,080	\$
IBA members academics/ judges (full-time)	\$2,270	\$3,475	\$4,080	\$
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Public lawyers	\$2,270	\$3,475	\$4,080	\$
Young lawyers (under 30 years)	\$2,270	\$3,475	\$4,080	\$
Corporate counsel**	\$2,720	\$3,475	\$4,080	\$
Non-members***	\$3,630	\$4,230	\$4,690	\$
Accompanying persons****	\$315	\$315	\$315	\$

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES A

*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.

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SPEAKERS

Please tick box if you are a speaker and ONLY attending your working session

Speakers attending the day of their session are only eligible to purchase social function tickets for the day they are speaking.

Please state the title of your working session and the day it is being held during the week of the conference.

Day _____

Session title _____

*To be completed by speakers **ONLY** who are participating in working sessions.*

WORKSHOPS

Please tick box if you are interested in attending:

Rule of Law Symposium, Friday 0930 – 1600

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For all conference social event sponsorship opportunities email: andrew.webster-dunn@int-bar.org (please see pages 83–86 before completion). All prices are in USD (\$).

<i>Event</i>	<i>Price per place</i>	<i>Number of places required</i>	<i>Amount payable</i>
MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER			
Arab Regional Forum lunch (A)	\$90		\$
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TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER			
Asia Pacific Regional Forum lunch (E)	\$90		\$
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WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER			
Legal Practice Division lunch (G)	\$90		\$
THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER			
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Section on Public and Professional Interest lunch (I)	\$90		\$
FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER			
Closing party (J)	\$185		\$

TOTAL CONFERENCE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS B

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE A + B

METHODS OF PAYMENT**Registration and payment****BY CREDIT CARD**

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IBA Awards 2019

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

IBA Pro Bono Award 2019

This year during the International Bar Association (IBA) 2019 Annual Conference, to be held 22–27 September in Seoul, the IBA's Pro Bono Committee will honour a lawyer who has shown an outstanding commitment to pro bono work as part of their legal career.

Nominees will be considered on the following criteria:

- Dedication – The Committee seeks to recognise pro bono work that exhibits an exceptional level of commitment and dedication to the provision of free legal services and access to justice
- Innovation – The Committee seeks to recognise efforts and pro bono work that have been designed or carried out in an innovative fashion and might serve as a model for others in that jurisdiction and other jurisdictions
- Impact – The Committee seeks to recognise work, including legislative reform, litigation, and transactional representation, that has brought about a significant impact – to an individual, community, group, or country, or to the provision of pro bono services generally

The winner will receive:

- Free registration to the IBA 2019 Annual Conference, 22–27 September 2019, Seoul
- A contribution from LexisNexis towards accommodation and travel costs to attend the conference
- One years' free membership of the IBA and Pro Bono Committee

NOMINATION INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.ibanet.org/Committees/Divisions/Legal_Practice/Pro-Bono-Award.aspx

The IBA Outstanding Young Lawyer Award 2019

This year during the International Bar Association (IBA) 2019 Annual Conference, to be held 22–27 September in Seoul, the IBA Young Lawyers' Committee will present an award to a young lawyer who has shown not only excellence in their work and achievements in their career to date, but also a commitment to professional and ethical standards as well as a commitment to the larger community.

Nominees will be considered on the following criteria:

- Professional excellence
- A reputation for, or advancement of, legal ethics and professional responsibility
- Service to the community – local and further afield
- Other merits similar to the above or considered relevant by the candidate or their nominators, such as an innovative approach to their legal practice, including, but not restricted to, pro bono work

The winner will receive:

- Free registration to the IBA 2019 Annual Conference, 22–27 September 2019, Seoul
- A contribution from LexisNexis towards accommodation and travel costs to attend the conference
- One years' free membership of the IBA and Young Lawyers' Committee

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