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17–19 MAY 2017 SWISSÔTEL, TALLINN, ESTONIA
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18–19 MAY 2017 HILTON SÃO PAULO MORUMBI, SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL
5th Biennial Technology Law Conference

21–23 MAY 2017 MARRIOT HOTEL, PARIS, FRANCE
3rd IBA Global Entrepreneurship Conference

24–25 MAY 2017 BELFAST WATERFRONT, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND
IBA 12th Annual Bar Leaders' Conference

6–7 JUNE 2017 THE PLAZA, NEW YORK, USA
16th Annual International Mergers & Acquisitions Conference

7–8 JUNE 2017 SHERATON RIO DE JANEIRO HOTEL, RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL
Maritime and Transport Law Conference: Shipping, Energy and Commodities

13–14 JUNE 2017 OECD, PARIS, FRANCE
15th Annual IBA Anti-Corruption

14–16 JUNE 2017 MANDARIN ORIENTAL MIAMI, USA
IBA/ABA 10th Annual US – Latin America Tax Planning Strategies

15–16 JUNE 2017 FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA
13th IBA Competition Mid-Year Conference

16–17 JUNE 2017 WESTIN GAS LAMP QUARTER HOTEL, SAN DIEGO, USA
5th Annual IBA World Life Science Conference

21–23 JUNE 2017 WALDORF HILTON, LONDON, ENGLAND
6th IEL/SEERIL International Oil and Gas Law Conference

22–23 JUNE 2017 MARRIOTT HOTEL, PARIS, FRANCE
3rd Annual IBA Investing in Africa Conference

10–14 JULY 2017 VIENNA, AUSTRIA
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6–8 SEPTEMBER 2017 LONDON, ENGLAND
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8–9 SEPTEMBER 2017 ST REGIS, FLORENCE, ITALY
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15–17 NOVEMBER 2017 THE GRANGE ST PAULS, LONDON, ENGLAND
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16 NOVEMBER 2017 FOUR SEASONS HOTEL LONDON AT PARK LANE, LONDON, ENGLAND
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16–17 NOVEMBER 2017 LONDON, ENGLAND
Building the Law Firm of the Future

1 DECEMBER 2017 MOSCOW, RUSSIAN FEDERATION
11th Annual Law Firm Management Conference

7–8 DECEMBER 2017 NEW YORK, USA
Investing in Asia

7–8 DECEMBER 2017 FRANKFURT, GERMANY
4th Annual Corporate Governance Conference

Welcome to Sydney 2017!



As President of the IBA, I am thrilled to invite you to join me at the International Bar Association's 2017 Annual Conference in Sydney, Australia. As we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the IBA, we can be proud of the remarkable accomplishments we have made and look forward to our continued efforts to shape the future of the legal profession throughout the world.

We speak of the IBA as the global voice of the legal profession – it is thus fitting that we will gather together in Sydney as there are few cities in the world that can truly match its genuinely global and exciting contemporary nature. Many of us will travel far to reach Sydney, but when we get there, we will find a city where over one-third of its inhabitants are born overseas and where 250 languages are spoken. It is multicultural while maintaining a distinct 21st century Australian flavour, anchored in the proud ancient culture of its Aboriginal clans, the Eora Nation, the original inhabitants of the city of Sydney.

Known to many of you for its spirited hosting of the 2000 Olympic Games or its enviable desirability as a frequent winner of World's Most Liveable City surveys, to enjoy Sydney first-hand is an exhilarating experience, which I strongly encourage you not to miss. Neither constrained by centuries of European tradition, nor swept away by futuristic space age city plans, Sydney invites you to partake in a wonderful kaleidoscope of art, nature, culture and commerce. From its cutting edge contemporary arts and theatre, to its creatively imaginative and award-winning restaurants, to the myriad outdoor adventure delights around the world's largest harbour, Sydney will make you feel excited to be alive. Take an early morning swim at the legendary Icebergs' saltwater rock pool, climb the Harbour Bridge, enjoy cocktails on the Harbour before taking in a performance at the iconic Opera House, explore the eclectic nature of inner city art galleries and envy the morning ferry commute of 'Sydneysiders' who glide across the Harbour on their way to another dynamic business day in one of the financial hubs of the Asia Pacific region.

As the central event of the international legal community's calendar, the IBA's Annual Conference presents an unparalleled opportunity to exchange knowledge and to create and renew a global network of colleagues and business contacts. More than 200 sessions will be included in the 2017 programme, which will culminate in the impressive Rule of Law Symposium. There will be exceptional showcase sessions presented by the LPD, SPPI, BIC and IBAHRI and the committee sessions will offer the chance to hear from the best experts in the field, benefiting all delegates, whichever your area of practice.

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

The city of Sydney and its diverse inhabitants represent a dynamic and forward-looking spirit that reflects the contemporary vision of our IBA as we move further into the 21st century. I urge you to come and join in our global conversation at Sydney Harbour, to meet friends old and new in October 2017.

Pessimists may say that it is too far to travel, but as an optimist, I know the trip will be worthwhile!

A handwritten signature of Martin Šolc in black ink.

Martin Šolc
President, International Bar Association



The IBA Annual Conference

Sydney, 8–13 October 2017

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 over 6,000 delegates in 2016 representing over 2,700 law firms, corporations, governments and regulators.

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

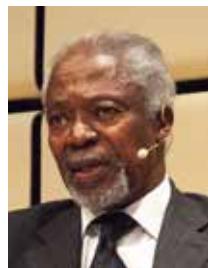
What will your business get out of you attending?

- 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

What to expect

The 2017 IBA Annual Conference in Sydney will feature around 200 conference sessions. These vary widely in style and, with the core substantive committee sessions at the heart of the conference programme covering most sectors and practice areas, the conference will provide the opportunity to focus on your own areas of interest.

The IBA Annual Conference attracts many distinguished speakers who in recent years have included: Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary-General (pictured far left); Jose Maria Aznar, former President of Spain; José Manuel Barroso, former European Commission President; Fatou Bensouda, International Criminal Court Chief Prosecutor; Anders Fogh Rasmussen, former Secretary-General of NATO and Prime Minister of Denmark; Jeh Johnson, former United States Secretary of Homeland Security (2011–2017); Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (pictured centre); Loretta E Lynch, former Attorney General of the United States (2011–2017) (pictured far right); Robert S Mueller III, former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and General Colin L Powell, former US Secretary of State.



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

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

Full details of the preliminary programme of sessions can be found on pages 45–76.

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

Conference Host Committee

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Important dates and deadlines

Friday 21 July

Early registration fee deadline

Friday 1 September

Online delegate search is available

Friday 8 September

Deadline for inclusion in Conference list of participants

Monday 25 September

Online amendment deadline

Monday 25 September

Registration deadline

Monday 25 September

Cancellation deadline



Conference newcomer orientation workshop

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

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

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

- gain 'top tips' to make the best of the IBA Annual Conference;
- meet other newcomers;
- clarify your goals for the week;

- understand the overall working and programme of the Conference;
- structure your week and plan each day;
- gain an overview of the sessions and identify the 'best' sessions for you;
- network confidently at the wide range of social events;
- understand the IBA, its work, its structure and the opportunities for you to become more involved in the IBA in future;
- create and build long-term relationships; and
- feel that you are meeting up with old friends when you come to the IBA Annual Conference next year.

1500 – 1700, SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

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Conference host city – Sydney



The 2017 IBA Annual Conference will be held in Sydney, Australia's leading global city. Recognised internationally as a future-focused and innovative business centre, Sydney provides headquarters for almost 40 per cent of the top 500 Australian corporations.

The city combines natural beauty with buzzing urban villages and a city centre that's home to some of the world's most recognisable and iconic structures, such as the Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge.

As one of the world's most multicultural and connected cities, Sydney will be an ideal location for the largest and most prestigious event for international lawyers, providing an abundance of business and networking opportunities, as well as the chance to explore one of the most beautiful cities on Earth.

Sydney is one of the world's favourite destinations, offering a diverse mix of culture, natural beauty and history. With a combination of sophistication, a cosmopolitan population and exuberant nightlife, the energy, spirit and optimism of the city is contagious.

As well as the famous and sparkling Darling Harbour, the location of the 2017 IBA Annual Conference, Sydney is home to many iconic landmarks. Experience Sydney Opera House – one of the world's most creative and busiest performing arts centres, lose yourself in the lush grounds of the Royal Botanic Gardens, explore the art galleries, pubs and waterfront restaurants of Circular Quay and The Rocks, catch the ferry to Manly Beach or take the pedestrian walkway across the Sydney Harbour Bridge to capture the city skyline on camera.

From top: Camellia brevistyla in the Royal Botanical Gardens, Sydney; aerial view of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney; laughing Kookaburra bird; fresh oysters; view of Sydney Opera House: all images © Shutterstock





About the IBA

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

The IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world. It has a membership of more than 80,000 individual lawyers and more than 190 bar associations and law societies spanning over 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;
- to support the independence of the judiciary and the right of lawyers to practise their profession without interference;
- to support human rights for lawyers worldwide through the IBA's Human Rights Institute;
- to provide members with world class professional development to enable them and their organisations to deliver outstanding legal services;
- to deliver top level international network-building opportunities;
- to be committed to the development of international law reform; and
- to contribute to the advancement, development and harmonisation of law at an international level.

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.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the IBA and the IBA continues to grow its influence worldwide.

Why join the IBA?

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

- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
- World Bank
- World Trade Organization (WTO)

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

IBA presidential task 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.

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

Past focuses have encompassed:

- 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*

eyeWitness to Atrocities



In 2015, the IBA launched eyeWitness to Atrocities – an app that seeks to bring to justice individuals who commit atrocities by providing human rights defenders, journalists and ordinary citizens with the ability to capture much-needed verifiable video and photos of these abuses. eyeWitness then becomes an ongoing advocate for the footage to promote accountability for those who commit the worst international crimes.

IBA conferences, publications, websites and app

The IBA's world-class conferences and high-quality content provide unrivalled professional development and network-building opportunities for international legal practitioners and professional associates. The IBA organises over 50 specialist conferences globally each year as well as the IBA Annual Conference, the largest gathering of international lawyers globally, attracting over 6,000 delegates in 2016.



Publications and newsletters 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.

The IBA app provides members with access to the latest film, podcasts and articles from the IBA. In addition, members can update their IBA profile, search fellow members' profiles and make contact via email. Download it for Android or Apple iOS and log in with your IBA membership user ID and password to get started.



Showcase sessions

Monday 1430 – 1730

IBAHRI Showcase: Australian women 'firsts' – how does international and domestic law help (or hinder) women to succeed in Australia?

Presented by the IBA's Human Rights Institute

Gender equality is a fundamental aspect of international human rights and Australian anti-discrimination legislation. However, the precise meaning of equality is debated and the means by which equality is achieved are unclear. As more women attain prominent positions, what effect does this have on the meaning and application of concepts such as equality and affirmative action?

The session panel will be comprised of eminent women who have broken the glass ceiling in their professions, including the legal profession. They will discuss women's rights and women's advancement in the context of their own histories as well as in relation to the domestic and international laws, and other factors, that helped or hindered them.

The session will complement the sessions being held by the IBA's Women Lawyers' Interest Group on gender diversity for lawyers (Thursday 0930 – 1045) and the business and law firm management aspects of increasing the ratio of female talent in law firms (Monday 0930 – 1045).

This IBA's Human Rights Institute encourages legal professionals to attend this Showcase to discuss best practice, share personal experiences and participate in a substantial Q&A component with the panellists.

Tuesday 0930 – 1230

LPD Showcase: cybercrime and the media – unexpected risks to your clients, your law firm and your government

Presented by the Legal Practice Division (LPD)

Over the past year, there has been an ever-increasing focus on electronic and cybercrime affecting lawyers, governments and society more broadly. WikiLeaks started the avalanche of information being disclosed to the public, which continues to this day, affecting events as significant as the US presidential election. The Panama Papers disclosed information about offshore tax structures of the wealthy, famous and not so famous, resulting in the resignation of at least one prime minister. The UnaOil saga disclosed allegations of worldwide bribery through intermediary entities in the construction and procurement sectors in the Middle East by multinational corporations.

This session brings together a highly experienced range of international and regional experts ranging from investigative journalists, academics, regulators and prosecutors to explore the following:

- What is cybercrime and how is it being addressed by politicians and regulators?
- What role do investigative journalists play in exposing conduct by those exercising power and influence?
- What is the impact on clients and a law firm when information is disclosed publicly?
- How can lawyers manage the risks that arise when confidential information is publicly disclosed?
- Where are governments going from here – the legislative and social response?

Wednesday 0930 – 1030

Keynote on artificial intelligence and the digital economy

Presented by the Presidential Task Force on the Future of Legal Services

This special session will feature Australian leaders in the digital economy, new technology and disruptive change, guiding us through some of the major changes and impacts we can expect in life and work in the years ahead.

Following on to this, the session will split into

- A trip through travel industry technology today and tomorrow
- Blockchain and its implications regarding business law

Wednesday 0930 – 1045

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

Presented by the Presidential Task Force on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights, the Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section (SEERIL), the Human Rights Law Committee, the IBA's Human Rights Institute, the Indigenous Peoples Committee and the Litigation Committee

This session will examine how the role of law, legal systems, lawyers and the judiciary are playing increasingly critical roles in the urgent societal response to global climate change.

The December 2015 Paris Agreement has been called 'historic'. However, despite its ambition to keep the global average temperature increase to below 2°C, greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise. As the United Nations Environment Programme 'Emissions Gap Report 2016' makes clear, countries' current pledges and 'nationally determined contributions' under the Paris Agreement still leave a significant deficit to achieving the 2°C target.

In October 2014 the IBA's ground-breaking report 'Achieving Justice and Human Rights in an Era of Climate Disruption' found that legal systems and institutions were inadequate and ill-equipped to deal with the nature and scale of the problem. The report provided over 50 recommendations to address legal systems' deficiencies and progress climate justice. Three years on from the release of the 2014 IBA report, this session will provide the opportunity for an updated discussion of important insights from a variety of perspectives, practices and various IBA committees, including Litigation, Human Rights Law, Indigenous Peoples and the Judges Forum, to explore the latest legal, judicial and policy developments.

The session will address:

- the challenges for implementing the Paris Agreement and its impact on multinational entities;
- the significance of the Paris Agreement's references to human rights and climate justice;
- the potential for human rights law to play a key role in addressing climate change and the Paris obligations;
- the legal obligations that will arise out of countries efforts to achieve their 'nationally determined contributions' under Paris;
- the implications and the potential of recent innovative climate-related litigation on several continents; and
- how the courts are increasingly playing a role in addressing climate change, including the current and recent cases addressing parties' efforts to seek redress in the courts.

The session also will include presentation of the reports and recommendations of two IBA Presidential Task Force on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights Working Groups: the Model Statute for Climate Change Remedies and the Legal Aspects of Climate Adaptation working groups.

Wednesday 1430 – 1730

BIC Showcase: the balance between migration, international security, rule of law and terrorism – what bar associations can do to facilitate this conversation

Presented by the Bar Issues Commission (BIC)

There are numerous experts who say that both the US presidential election and the UK Brexit referendum were decided on the question of migration. There are also important elections (France, Germany etc) in which the same topic is in the focus. What role could and should bar associations play to help the members of society to distinguish between facts and myths? Could bar associations simply ignore the security concerns of the citizens based on the traditional defence of human rights? How could bar associations help to find the balance in the public dialogue? The panellists will discuss their own experiences and try, together with the audience, to find some advice for future public discussions.

Thursday 0930 – 1230

SPPI Showcase: given the rise of populist political movements across the world, what is the impact for global legal services and business lawyers?

Presented by the Section on Public and Professional Interest (SPPI)

The key ingredients conducive to international trade are under attack as political populism sweeps through the US and Europe.

This session will explore the following:

- Will geopolitical instability and the reversal of decades of liberalisation of trade and investment damage international legal services?
- To what extent will business lawyers be able to rely on existing legal protections and institutions to protect and promote their clients' global trade interests?
- Can our existing legal institutions defend against the development of arbitrary and ad hoc government, for example introducing trade tariffs or restrictive practices?
- As it becomes harder for companies to plan for the future, will the approach to business risk and business strategic decision-making change to become more risk averse?
- How can law firms respond and what strategies are available to protect against the uncertainties in the market? Is it better to focus on core markets and business? Will the global law firms see a rise in activities from the availability of cheap financing and mega-mergers?

General meetings

Monday 1045 – 1230

BIC Bar Leaders' Forum

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 on sensitive areas for bar associations. It will also allow them to find out what work is being planned – and to propose subject matters and programmes for future activities within our very dynamic BIC.

Thursday 1430 – 1800

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.

General interest

A conversation with...

Special events are held during the lunch break 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 for lunch to be eaten before joining debates where members of the audience are encouraged to ask questions about, and to put forward their views on, topics shaping the world at local and global levels.

In recent times, guests have included: **General Colin L Powell**, USA (ret), US Secretary of State (2001-2005); **Robert S Mueller**, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation (2001-2013); **Fatou Bensouda**, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court; and **Anders Fogh Rasmussen**, Secretary General of NATO (2009-2014).

The 2017 series of 'A conversation with...' includes:

Tuesday 1315 – 1415

A conversation with... The Hon John Winston Howard OM AC

 John Winston Howard, Australia's 25th Prime Minister, held office from March 1996 to November 2007, making him the nation's second-longest serving Prime Minister. Treasurer to an earlier government and a Member of Parliament for more than three decades, Mr Howard is described as having 'left a deep and lasting impact on modern politics, government and the country'. Mr Howard led a government that delivered major economic reform in the areas of taxation, workplace relations, privatisation and welfare. Under his leadership, Australia supported the United States and other nations in the fight against terrorism, and strengthened economic ties with neighbouring Asian nations. He is currently enjoying a very active post political career.

Developing your practice

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

Monday 1430 – 1730

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

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

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

Wednesday 1430 – 1730

Grow and keep your clients cost effectively: Pippa's RAINBOW strategy

Trouble starts when your clients feel that they are being taken for granted. It costs much more to win new clients than to win more work from current clients. In addition, your clients can be your greatest referrers and ambassadors. We will work together on how to:

- meet client expectations;
- understand what clients mean by wanting "added value"
- anticipate and prevent problems;
- deal with difficult clients;
- turn complaints into opportunities;
- increase the quality and quantity of work from your clients;
- strengthen and deepen your relationships with your clients;
- using client feedback to enhance service delivery;
- handle challenging fee discussions;
- cross-sell between your firm and the client;
- prepare a client relationship management strategy; and
- implement your client relationship plans.

Thursday 1430 – 1730

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

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

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

IBA Bar breakfasts

Tuesday 0800 – 0930

IBA Bar Breakfast hosted by the Conseil National des Barreaux

The rise of legal tech



Wednesday 0800 – 0930

IBA Bar breakfast hosted by the Japanese Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA)

The role of bar associations to improve access to justice



This session will explore the role of bar associations to improve access to justice. Speakers from across the world will share experience of their bar associations to improve access to justice in and outside their countries.

The Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA) has endeavoured to improve access to justice. For example, the JFBA has financially supported the establishment of law offices in areas suffering from a shortage of attorneys.

The JFBA also provides funds for certain cases, including cases brought by foreign nationals without resident status, which have not been covered by publicly funded legal aid. Recently, the JFBA has started to introduce an appropriate attorney of a bar association to any insured who has purchased legal expenses insurance from an insurance company under an agreement with the JFBA.

The JFBA has also worked to improve access to justice outside Japan. For example, the JFBA has organised the Access to Justice Conference in Asia four times in the past, the most recent in Cambodia.

Thursday 0800 – 0930

IBA Bar Breakfast hosted by the Law Society of New South Wales



Tour of Law Courts

The IBA Judges' Forum has once again organised court tours for the IBA Annual Conference. Please note that places are limited.

Delegates registered for the conference will be invited to sign up in person at the conference in October 2017.

Monday 1430 – 1630

Tour of the Federal Court of Australia and the Supreme Court of New South Wales

Thursday 1430 – 1630

Tour of the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Rule of Law Symposium

Presented by the Rule of Law Forum

Friday 1000 – 1600

In Prague in 2005, the IBA Council passed a Rule of Law Resolution. It was followed by a rule of law initiative in 2006. The Rule of Law Forum has been given the responsibility to provoke, urge and assist the membership of the IBA in supporting and promoting the rule of law. Since 2006, the final day of the IBA Annual Conference has been dedicated to rule of law issues. Following successful rule of law symposia in Chicago, Singapore, Buenos Aires, Madrid, Vancouver, Dubai, Dublin, Boston, Tokyo, Vienna and Washington, DC, the final day of the conference in Sydney 2017 will also be devoted to the rule of law.

Year in review: steps forward or steps back for the Rule of Law?

Presented by the Rule of Law Forum

The morning programme of the Rule of Law Symposium will examine what the advances and the setbacks have been for the rule of law in the world in the following areas:

- international security;
- human rights;
- official corruption;
- the justice sector – judges and lawyers; and
- free and fair elections.

FRIDAY 1000 – 1230

Spotlight on failures of the Rule of Law

Presented by the Rule of Law Forum

The afternoon programme will discuss the following matters:

- presentation of the Rule of Law Forum's compilation of prominent and urgent issues of the rule of law in the world; and
- serious threats or failures to the rule of law, presented either by geographical areas (for example, the IBA's Regional Fora) or in one or more selected subject areas.

FRIDAY 1330 – 1600



Presentation of the IBA Human Rights Award 2017

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

The 2016 honoree was Galina Arapova, a human rights lawyer from Russia who works in the field of media rights protection, seeking to promote the right to freedom of expression in Russia. Ms Arapova is Director and Senior Media Lawyer at the Mass Media Defence Centre in Voronezh, Russia. Her clients, in over 400 court cases, have included small local and regional news outlets, regional TV companies, national and international newspapers and online media. Ms Arapova frequently challenges domestic judgments at the European Court of Human Rights as well as litigating in Russia. Ms Arapova is a professor at Voronezh State University, has lectured at several academic institutions and provides media legislation analysis and training to judges and attorneys on media law issues. Ms Arapova is a trustee of international human rights organisation ARTICLE 19, where she has been Vice Chair since 2014. She is a member of the UNESCO chair on Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Rights at the Institute of International Law and Economics in Moscow, and serves on the board of the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom. She is a member of the International Media Lawyers Association, which is an international network of lawyers specialising in the areas of media law, media freedom and media policy, and is committed to promoting and defending the fundamental human rights of freedom of expression and freedom of information.

Other previous winners include: Intigam Aliyev, a human rights lawyer from Azerbaijan, for his dedicated fight to protect human rights and uphold the rule of law in Azerbaijan, including bringing over 100 petitions of alleged human rights abuses before the European Court of Human Rights (2015); Bangladeshi human rights lawyer and defender Adilur Rahman Khan, for his campaigning against human rights abuses such as torture, extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances (2014); Somalian Constitutional Law Professor Abukar Hassan Ahmed, for his dedication to the fight for human rights and the rule of law in Somalia and defending people arrested for their political beliefs (2013); Iranian lawyer Abdolfattah Soltani, for his courage and commitment to the rule of law and human rights in Iran, including the provision of pro-bono legal counsel (2012); and Colombian lawyer Dr Iván Velásquez Gómez, for his commitment to human rights and justice and his courage working on governmental transparency and organised crime (2011).

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Schedule of sessions by committee

Conference venue

International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC Sydney)

14 Darling Drive, Sydney, NSW 2000

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

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

Working sessions will take place Monday to Thursday 0930 – 1230 and 1430 – 1730, and Friday 0930 – 1230 and 1330 – 1600, at the ICC Sydney.

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

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SPPI Awards breakfast

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Monday 0930 – 1045

Competition issues in trade agreements: how is it working and where can it go?

Presented by the Antitrust and Trade Law Section, the Antitrust Committee and the International Trade and Customs Law Committee

Even though some recent developments, such as the Trump presidency in the US, have challenged the way trade policies will develop around the world, regional and bilateral trade agreements have been on the rise globally in the past few years, and have included competition almost as a mandatory feature. This panel will explore the different approaches and levels of ambition of competition clauses adopted by recent trade agreements and discuss their effectiveness, trends and practical implications for competition and trade law practitioners.

Is there any such thing as unauthorised practise of law in the global legal market?

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

As global firms continue to consolidate and merge, considerations of territoriality become more challenging. What is considered allowable transient practice in one jurisdiction may be unauthorised practise of law in other jurisdictions. The ability of law firms to maintain legally distinct affiliates while projecting a 'one-stop shop' is under challenge. At the same time, affiliations and use of partners outside of the home jurisdiction may trigger claims of unauthorised practice that can affect the ability to collect fees, as well as issues of attorney-client privilege. Have traditional concepts of what is and is not the practise of law been eroded? This session surveys the field of how alternative business structures and contemporary means of delivery of legal services and whether 20th-century notions of unauthorised practise of law can survive the emergence of new and varied legal structures and mechanisms.

Why – and how – to enhance the ratio of female talent in law firms

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

This joint session will be an interactive discussion between the panellists and delegates about the benefits and tools for law firms that find diversity important for their future business. The discussion will focus on the questions: What are the benefits for such strategy? Why is diversity a business matter and not just a 'nice-to-have' strategy? How can this be implemented and part of the firm's strategy?

Monday 0930 – 1230

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

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

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

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

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

Avoiding that sinking feeling: navigating shipping insolvencies

Presented by the Maritime and Transport Law Committee, the Insolvency Section and the Legislation and Policy Subcommittee

The Hanjin collapse at the end of August 2016 left 147 vessels stranded around the world, unable to enter port. Hanjin was the latest in a series of high-profile shipping insolvencies, with OW Bunker in November 2014, and Copenship, STX and Swiber in between. Meanwhile, we are seeing high levels of consolidation activity, as the shipping industry seeks to restructure businesses and financing.

We will look at the immediate problems arising for stakeholders when a shipping business announces that it will not be paying the bills, including threat of arrest and refusal of access to vessels. How are debtors and creditors best advised? How can charters be terminated and cargo returned or compensated for, and to what extent will insurance respond? How is business affected when the original financiers sell their non-performing loans to investors? We will explore the cross-border insolvency issues and application of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Model Law to seek to achieve 'modified universalism', including some of the exception jurisdictions where the doctrine is not yet (fully) applied, including Singapore, Hong Kong, the Cayman Islands and Bermuda. We will consider good practice in dealing with failing businesses and the (national and international) politics of support.

Monday 0930 – 1230 (continued)

Best practice in communication and empowerment of local social leaders through pro bono

Presented by the Pro Bono Committee

Pro bono continues to develop, and has become increasingly complex, sophisticated and diverse. This session discusses different approaches to pro bono around the world and best practice nationally and internationally. Topics considered include: how to develop a strong pro bono culture supported by management, the importance of creating internal pro bono infrastructure, the role of pro bono communications, how pro bono work is treated within firms, the advantages of pro bono targets and measurement, the importance of creating deep and trusting relationships with community partners and the need to empower local leaders.

Brexit: consequences on financial markets

Presented by the Financial Services Section, the Banking Law Committee, the Capital Markets Forum, the Insurance Committee, the Investment Funds Committee and the Securities Law Committee

In June 2016, the people of the United Kingdom voted in a referendum to exit the European Union. It is not clear what form the exit will take, whether there will be what is known as a hard Brexit or what is known as a soft Brexit. Either way, it is not clear what will happen to the financial services industry. Will London-based financial institutions need to move to another European jurisdiction to continue to serve EU customers? Will the EU passporting regime continue to apply? Will the EU recognise the equivalence of UK financial regulation? Will euro clearing be moved to the eurozone? Which financial centres will gain the most from Brexit? Dublin and Frankfurt or New York and Singapore? This panel will examine these questions and others that continue to come every day.

Dispute resolution showcase: culture clashes – systemic pitfalls in international dispute resolution

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

'I'm an alien, I'm a legal alien, I'm an Englishman in New York...' Sting's famous song captures the surface of what must be regarded as an iceberg. Separated by the same language, even citizens from the US and UK feel like and are strangers when solving their disputes in the foreign venue. As the cultural differences increase, the challenges for international dispute resolution lawyers grow. Religion, gender and geographic background are just a few examples of the massive differences that dispute resolution lawyers are facing when dealing with their clients and opponents, some might be conspicuous and some might be so implicit that only insiders may observe them. Those differences may impose – implicitly or visibly – tremendous hurdles and need to be taken into account when trying to resolve a matter effectively and successfully.

Dispute resolution lawyers, judges, arbitrators, mediators and enforcement mechanisms implicating multiple countries find complications from:

- national and international politics;
- real culture (including the role of women);
- national interests and security issues, particularly in cybersecurity;
- investment adventurism
- judicial philosophy;
- selection of judges;
- mass, inconsistent psychology of peoples;
- involvement of 'rogue' regimes (Russia 'expelling' Apple, North Korea arresting 'spies');

- changes in one or more political underpinnings (eg, Brexit, Philippines' 'divorce' from the US, Russia's appetite for expansion, China's relationship with Hong Kong, and the Arab spring, fall and winter); and
- corruption inconsistently applied.

The panel assembled for this workshop represents senior, experienced practitioners, cutting-edge academics, and forward-thinking internationalists and protectionists. They promise to bring an array of views, cultures, biases, successes, failures and forecasts to the workshop, with the goal of sharpening our awareness of cultural clashes and to make practitioners around the world more adept at coping with the challenges arising out of handling cross-border disputes.

Extrajudicial killing and state policy: case studies

Presented by the War Crimes Committee

The War Crimes Committee will review states' use of organisations, such as the police, to kill members of groups deemed to be antisocial to the interests of society: drug dealers, political opponents, criminal gangs and business rivals. In states where this is alleged to be happening, the Committee will establish if there are grounds to regard such attacks as being widespread and systemic, and thereby crimes against humanity.

Global mobility report

Presented by the Human Resources Section, the Discrimination and Equality Law Committee, the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee, the IBA Global Employment Institute and the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee

The session will report on the findings of the draft of the (First) Global Mobility Report through surveys with multinationals and international counsel engaged in the field of international mobility. The report is led by a working group on behalf of the Global Employment Institute (GEI) in coordination with all of the committees of the HR section.

The report shall cover all of the legal aspects related to moving personnel across the globe and shall not be limited to corporate immigration law aspects, but also include related aspects of other areas of law, such as employment law, social security law and taxation law. As the report is to be launched by the GEI, the focus of the report shall be HR-driven. Global intra-corporate mobility is an essential part of global workforce mobility as a result of corporates expanding further afield, more challenging and restrictive legislative policy being implemented by governments as well as mobility becoming a board-level issue. Further, we have seen an increasing numbers of global multinationals of all sizes, from many countries – including developing countries – and from all economic sectors. The report shall facilitate the processing of such transfer for companies facing the issue.

After the presentation of the findings there shall be an opportunity for a discussion on the report and the issues covered (or those not sufficiently covered yet or left out) in order to finalise the draft report later in 2017 or early in 2018.

Hot topics in international sales, franchising and product law

Presented by the International Sales, Franchising and Product Law Section, the International Franchising Committee, the International Sales 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 with you 'late breaking' topics in the areas of international sales, 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 on each table introduce and briefly discuss the table topic and then the participants weigh in with their views.

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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 table discussion, participants meet lawyers from other countries who they keep in touch with for years to come. Each year our table moderators comment that they 'learned as much or more from the table participants as they themselves conveyed!'

We look forward to welcoming you to our 'hot topic' session in Sydney.

Is Europe ready for increased levels of Chinese investment?

Presented by the European Regional Forum and the Asia Pacific Regional Forum

This session will look at the trends and directions of Chinese investment into Europe and some of the legal and cultural challenges for both sides in successfully implementing these investments.

LGBTI criminals: the British legacy

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

Why have so many members of the present and former British Commonwealth refused to decriminalise sodomy laws, criminalising private same-sex behaviour and sanctioning state and private violence against such persons. Does this failure and the violence that therefore occurs amount to a crime against humanity in the making? Are such laws now acceptable in the modern world?

Not if but when: how prepared are you to manage cybersecurity and privacy risks?

Presented by the Regulation of Lawyers' Compliance Committee

This session will seek to explore the interrelated issues that are necessary to prepare for, respond to, manage and recover from concerning cybersecurity and privacy-related risks. Law firms are increasingly becoming the targets for sophisticated and opportunistic criminals looking to obtain access to client funds, confidential client and/or personal information – either for immediate financial gain or potential ransom or extortion demands, or to perpetrate identity or social engineering frauds. This session will identify the components of a strategic approach to identifying, managing/responding and mitigating cybersecurity and privacy risks, specifically: how to look at your organisational approach; identifying and containing the issue through forensic information technology expertise; how to manage communications with clients, what reports to relevant regulators are required, potential reputation damage and necessary remediation and/or mandatory corrective communications or monitoring; and how to ensure you are properly insured, managing your insurers and maximising what is recoverable.

Poverty in the 'First World'

Presented by the Poverty and Social Development Subcommittee

Are developed nations and economies doing their share to eradicate poverty? This session will consider national case studies of the United States, Australia, Spain and Japan, all of which have serious and persistent problems with poverty. We investigate what the legal profession is doing in each of these countries to lead the struggle against poverty, rather than just support it or deny its relevance. We will also identify strategies and tactics for lawyers in law firms who want to do more to eliminate poverty in their own countries and communities, whether developed or still developing.

Race and refugee issues in Australia: are policies of detention and separation working?

Presented by the IBA's Human Rights Institute, the Human Rights Law Committee and the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee

Has Australia become a detention society? The detention of refugees on Nauru and (until recently) Manus Island, and the attempts to address problems within indigenous communities, highlight the conundrum in balancing community needs with individual rights.

This session is the first of a duo that is convened cooperatively by the IBA's Human Rights Institute, the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee and the Human Rights Law Committee. This session will accompany the second session in this suite: *'Rights without borders'. Is the concept of asylum alive and well in a post-truth world?'*, which is taking place on Tuesday, 0930 – 1230 and is also co-hosted by all three entities as well as by the European Regional Forum. The first session will focus solely on Australia, while the second session will explore the current situation of refugees and asylum seekers in a global context.

Therefore, in this session, a panel of experts will discuss issues related to asylum seekers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders communities in Australia both historically and in the present-day. The panel will explore relevant legislation, highlight the role of the legal profession and NGOs and discuss whether innovative models can provide forward-thinking solutions that enhance the work of bodies such as the United Nations. The panel will discuss these issues in an informal way and will also participate in an audience Q&A.

The IBA's Human Rights Institute, the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee and the Human Rights Law Committee look forward to sharing experiences and discussing the way forward with attendees of both this session and the session on Tuesday as they will complement each other, provide insight into these issues at a national and international level and, most importantly, provide an opportunity from legal professionals to meet and learn from each other.

Recent aircraft accidents and related liability issues and litigation

Presented by the Aviation Law Committee

This panel will discuss a number of relatively recent major commercial aircraft accidents and incidents around the world. The discussion will include the government investigation stage, liability issues involving various parties, and the status of litigation. The respective interests of the claimants, airline, aircraft manufacturer and others will be explored. There will be a comparative analysis of how air disaster litigation is handled in different countries.

Resilience under pressure: thriving or surviving in the legal profession?

Presented by the Academic and Professional Development Committee

Resilience refers to one's abilities to survive adversities and thrive in life. The evidence indicates a higher rate of depression, anxiety, substance abuse and heart disease among lawyers than among the population as a whole. The attrition rate in law firms is high. Gender balance at the higher levels of the profession is not easily achieved. Resilience is recognised as a vital coping skill for not just surviving, but also for thriving in the legal workplace with all its demands and challenges.

In this session we will explore how resilience might be developed and encouraged in individuals, in law firms and in the way educational and training programmes are structured and delivered. Given all the challenges around adapting to NewLaw, technology, new client demands, commoditisation and work/life balance, how can we make sure that through training and education both the experienced lawyer and the new lawyer become more resilient and able to thrive in a dramatically changing profession? Can resilience be taught or is the answer 'simply' changing the culture and better management?

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The ever-increasing challenges to infrastructure development and financing in the resource and energy sectors

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 Committee, the Power Law Committee and the Water Law Committee

This panel will address the increasingly common issues and pitfalls associated with the development and financing of resource and infrastructure projects. The resource sector (mining, oil and gas, water and power) and the large infrastructure sector (transportation, pipelines, transmission, water treatment and port facilities) have faced many challenges over the past decade. The challenges span the waterfront – from securing needed development rights, developing value chain contracts, obtaining environmental and other regulatory approvals, to seeking community understanding and acceptance. Each of these elements must come together in a coordinated and integrated fashion to have a successful development and financeable project.

Join this session and hear how these legal and other experts have overcome the issues and pitfalls that they faced in the successful development and financing of their projects.

The VW case: lessons learned from many perspectives

Presented by the Corporate Law Section, Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee, Corporate and M&A Law Committee, Corporate Social Responsibility Committee

Part 1: lessons learned – the company's approach

The Volkswagen emissions case (also known as 'dieselgate') erupted in 2015, when the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a notice of violation of the Clean Air Act to German automaker Volkswagen Group (VW) alleging that VW had programmed turbocharged direct injection diesel engines to activate certain emissions controls only during laboratory emissions testing, potentially affecting about 11 million cars worldwide (500,000 in the US).

VW then became the target of regulatory investigations in multiple countries, and received thousands of claims from clients and other third parties under different legal grounds. VW's stock price fell in value by a third in the days immediately after the news. This placed the legal department of the group at the cornerstone of this challenging case in the definition and implementation of the response of the group, and it has continued to play, together with its external counsel, a central role in the management of this crisis.

In this session, we will speak with the main protagonists of this case, including VW top in-house counsel, and their main external counsel in Europe and the US.

Part 2: lessons learned – other stakeholders' approach

The VW case also raised a number of other issues, including the different approaches taken by the US versus EU authorities under their respective environmental laws; and the economic effects of such distinct environmental laws?

The case also raised awareness over the actual levels of pollution being emitted by all vehicles built by a wide range of other European, US and Japanese carmakers under real-world driving conditions. Consumers, providers and distributors also took different approaches.

What are the main lessons to be drawn from their various perspectives? Reputed practitioners will answer these questions. This will also be a very interactive session that will provide many opportunities for the audience to discuss these issues with highly respected experts.

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 Annual Conference, from tips on how to network effectively, 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 skills and knowledge to become a successful international lawyer, and aims to show which career ladder to climb.

Monday 1045 – 1230

BIC Bar Leaders' Forum

Presented by the Bar Issues Commission

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 on sensitive areas for bar associations. It will also allow them to find out what work is being planned – and to propose subject matters and programmes for future activities within our very dynamic BIC.

Monday 1115 – 1230

Do we need so much office space? What configuration will accommodate lawyers in mobile, agile workplaces?

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee, the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee and the Real Estate Section

Firms of all sizes are clearly looking at costs – the second biggest cost item (after salaries) is usually real estate. Square foot (or metre) cost per lawyer is a KPI (key performance indicator) that many firms are increasingly focused on. Office layout is a very hot topic – and not just for big firms; indeed it may be much easier for small and medium firms to make bold moves. This session will take a very broad-ranging look at office layout and its impact both on cost and firm culture, including:

- cost savings through a new approach to office layout;
- given the growth of 'flexible working' providing 'flexible offices';
- increasing efficiencies through office layouts; and
- improving (or damaging) firm culture by office design.

Intragroup financing: learnings from the Chevron case

Presented by the Taxes Committee

The Australian Chevron transfer-pricing case has laid down a number of important principles of transfer-pricing analysis that may be regarded as persuasive authority around the world. The panel will analyse the case and highlight key points of potentially worldwide application.

Non-price considerations in merger review

Presented by the Antitrust Committee

For a long time, price effects have been the focus of merger review procedures in many jurisdictions – newly established and more mature systems alike. The yardstick by which to measure transactions has consistently been whether a transaction will result in customers paying more for the same products. Recent enforcement action seems to suggest a shift in focus: non-price effects are becoming more relevant for purposes of the assessment. Authorities realise that, in a world that is heavily driven by innovation – be it in computer software or raw material exploration services – the effect that consolidation may have on the development of new ideas for products and services may be just

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as relevant for consumer welfare as the development of prices of such services. This adds a significant dimension to the analysis, challenging merging parties, their advisors and third parties, as well as antitrust enforcers to come up with theories of harm (or justifications for their transactions) that appropriately describe the effects of such deals on competition in a modern world. Is this a trend that we are likely to see more of as the political landscape seems to shift in many places?

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank: a new model for international organisations?

Presented by the International Organisations Subcommittee

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank is the first major international organisation established in the 21st century and the first major initiative by China in this area. The session will look at how this international organisation could become a model for future international cooperation at a time of increased criticism of globalisation and its benefits.

Monday 1430 – 1545

An increasingly integrated financial market in the Asia Pacific region through passporting and crossborder sales of investment funds

Presented by the Investment Funds Committee

The Hong Kong-Mainland China Mutual Recognition arrangement and the ASEAN and APEC Passports are three different arrangements aiming to facilitate the cross-border marketing of collective investment schemes in Asia. The three types of passports have both common and distinctive features and are at different stages of implementation. These passports will exist alongside the possibilities for registering Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) in certain of the Asian countries they cover. The panel will analyse the features of these different cross-border marketing facilities and discuss their respective successes and opportunities they may bring about.

Corridors of knowledge in the Abya Yala

Presented by the Indigenous Peoples Committee

The Committee will report on the second phase of its work transferring legal and business knowledge from the indigenous population of northern Canada to indigenous leaders of Colombia.

During our session, we will focus on the insights of both groups on how to involve communities in extraction projects. This will help to explore how the community, bottom-up approach, relates to existing knowledge and standards, for the most part, originating in industry sustainability initiatives. The project will help to establish international benchmarks for mining companies and indigenous peoples working together as partners and equals in the extraction industries.

Protection of brand value

Presented by Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee

This session will explore:

- controlling employee behaviour (preventing destructive employee behaviour, training and monitoring);
- implementation of CSR policies;
- the role of helpline;
- how companies can get ahead of brand risk; and
- directors' duties.

Reviving the Silk Road: considerations for investing in strategic sectors

Presented by the Arab Regional Forum and the Asia Pacific Regional Forum

This session will focus on recent initiatives for increasing cross-jurisdictional cooperation between the Arab region and the Asia Pacific region, hence reviving a rich history of trade relations between the two. Where there was once an exchange of spices and silk, there is now an emerging market for an exchange of knowledge and technology. This session will cover major legal and industry developments in sectors that have been of interest to investors in both regions. The sectors covered will include aviation, transport, renewable energy, finance, construction and technology/media. The session will cover cases in which those two emerging markets have learned from each other's example and experiences.

The most important M&A topics today

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

This session will be an introduction to the key contents of the Corporate and M&A Law Committee-related programme during the conference week. A group of deal professionals will give an overview of some of the current most important M&A topics that lawyers should be aware of, regardless of jurisdiction, while at the same time giving an introduction to some of the themes that will be discussed at the Corporate and M&A Law Committee expert sessions.

Monday 1430 – 1630

Tour of the Federal Court of Australia and the Supreme Court of New South Wales

Presented by the Judges' Forum

The IBA Judges' Forum has once again organised a court tour for the IBA Annual Conference. Please note that places are limited.

Delegates registered for the conference will be invited to sign up in person at the conference in October 2017.

Monday 1430 – 1730

All stars panel: the changing landscape – key strategic challenges and choices

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

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

Blame the brain: the science of dispute resolution

Presented by the Mediation Committee, the Arbitration Committee and the Litigation Committee

'No area of understanding is more relevant and important to mediation competency than a basic understanding of how the human brain functions, perceives events, processes emotional notions, cognitive response and formulates decisions. The awareness of cognitive neuroscience and psychology are at the heart of our work in managing conflict and problem solving.' Robert Benjamin, 2009.

Experienced mediators rely on instinct, intuition and experience to assist disputants and counsel with high conflict personality and heightened emotions, over-confident case theories and assessments, deeply held beliefs, and barriers to rational deals. Regardless of the outcome, it

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is difficult for practitioners to identify the precise micro-actions taken individually or collectively by the mediator(s), disputants and/or counsel that turns a mediation, and pinpoint exactly what worked and why. This session aims to explore the science behind the instincts, intuitions and experience of experienced mediators, and considers the latest research on how and why disputants and counsel behave the way they do at mediations. We survey the landscape of neuroscience and psychology behind mediators' interventions that may turn an impasse into a successful outcome, and discuss how neuropsychology may help provide mediators and counsel with structures and tools to assist disputants.

Complex real estate transactions

Presented by the Real Estate Section and the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

Simple transactions with a real estate sale element? No way! The role of counsel in overseeing and managing complex cross-border transactions involving sales of real estate and in orchestrating the activities of many players involved in these transactions has never been more critical. This session is meant not only for real estate and M&A lawyers but also for lawyers in other specialities whose practise touches upon real estate and M&A issues. In particular, the session will offer a unique opportunity to learn more about the complexity and various aspects of multijurisdictional transactions, including real estate deals.

The main aim of the session is to provide participants with useful and practical information, helpful when handling complex (international) real estate sales and other M&A transactions professionally and effectively. Furthermore, it will give them the chance to practise their negotiating skills and enhance their knowledge of how to approach complex negotiations involving multiple parties and multiple issues.

Complexities of renewables: how regulation should handle power renewable's impact in system stability and security, power pricing and climate change

Presented by the Power Law Committee

Renewable energy is booming in many jurisdictions throughout the world. This session will analyse not only its positive aspects, but especially its complexities through all the phases of a project, that is analysis, construction and operation. Technical analysis, regulatory framework, land permits, equipment availability and acquisition, financing, impact on system operations and pricing rules will be discussed, mainly for solar and wind projects.

Constitutions in flux: what is the bar association's role?

Presented by the Bar Issues Commission

Constitutional law was once a sleepy backwater but popular movements, globalisation and increasing recognition of national and ethnic identity are finding expression in calls for constitutional change across the globe. As a result, constitutional law is now a very popular topic! Constitutional issues such as the independence of regions or national groupings from larger states, popular movements and referendums, revision of written constitutions to promote democratic values or to undermine them, are the topics of debate the world over.

This session brings together constitutionalists from around the world, bar leaders and lawyers who have made public law key to their practices, to discuss what bar associations can do to uphold the rule of law, maintain proper constitutional values and contribute to the promotion of freedom and security.

Consumer protection and financial services: which approach is better, regulatory or private actions, and can they coexist?

Presented by the Consumer Litigation Committee and the Securities Law Committee

Regulators see private class actions, including those promoted by third-party litigation funders' funded actions, as a key part of the regulatory enforcement environment and for consumer compensation in the securities and financial product areas. With regulator budgetary constraints, they cannot pursue every case, and many see their role more as one of deterrent and punishment, and not compensation if there is a viable active private compensation mechanism. There are a variety of issues and tensions arising as a result, including access to regulators' investigation materials, the timing of compensation actions, immunities available and levels of cooperation. This topic will explore such issues and hear from key regulators involved in these areas.

Hot topics in international arbitration

Presented by the Arbitration Committee

A discussion on hot topics in international arbitration at the time of the IBA 2017 Annual Conference (eg, the inevitable tension between efficient arbitration and due process/good quality in the arbitral administration of justice, corruption and the defence of illegality, trade sanctions in the enforcement of international contracts, the developing body of emergency arbitrations, information and profiling of arbitrators).

IBAHRI Showcase: Australian women 'firsts' – how does international and domestic law help (or hinder) women to succeed in Australia?

Presented by the IBA's Human Rights Institute

Gender equality is a fundamental aspect of international human rights and Australian anti-discrimination legislation. However, the precise meaning of equality is debated and the means by which equality is achieved are unclear. As more women attain prominent positions, what effect does this have on the meaning and application of concepts such as equality and affirmative action?

The session panel will be comprised of eminent women who have broken the glass ceiling in their professions, including the legal profession. They will discuss women's rights and women's advancement in the context of their own histories as well as in relation to the domestic and international laws, and other factors, that helped or hindered them.

The session will complement the sessions being held by the IBA's Women Lawyers' Interest Group on gender diversity for lawyers (Thursday 0930 – 1045) and the business and law firm management aspects of increasing the ratio of female talent in law firms (Monday 0930 – 1045).

This IBA's Human Rights Institute encourages legal professionals to attend this Showcase to discuss best practice, share personal experiences and participate in a substantial Q&A component with the panelists.

Immigration, citizenship and taxation: what's the comparative residency threshold?

Presented by the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee, the Individual Tax and Private Client Committee and the Taxation Section

A resident for tax purposes and a resident for immigration has both important and distinct differences in the global market context. This has major implications for companies and individuals alike.

The panel will seek to differentiate residency for the respective purposes, discuss the critical aspects of tax upon visa considerations and introduce the concept of comparative residency threshold.

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Inbound and outbound investment in the Asia Pacific region

Presented by the Taxes Committee

Cross-border investment flows between the Asia Pacific region and the rest of the world are increasing. How can tax leakage be minimised? What opportunities are there for pension funds in particular to invest, and how should those investments be structured?

Information: the new oil

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

Information has become the new oil and the fundamental building block in the new digital era. Stakeholders are using, collecting and accumulating data and using it for marketing and other various purposes.

In this session, we will discuss the following interesting related topics:

- When is it okay to do so (eg copyrighted content and public data)?
- Who has lawful access to the data (eg, robots.txt, CAPTCHAs and paywalls)?
- What can be done with the information (eg, redisplay, text and data mining and internal use versus commercial use)?
- Who ultimately owns the data?
- What are contractual issues (eg, enforceable terms and conditions)?

Joint development of offshore natural resources

Presented by the Public Law Section, the Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section (SEERIL) and the International Trade and Customs Law Committee

Since the signature of the UN Charter in 1945, the evolution of state boundary delimitation has been substantial, although a relatively large number of specifically maritime boundary disputes globally appear more or less intractable. These disputes are in no small measure driven by concerns on the part of the states involved to secure access to natural resources – perhaps especially hydrocarbons – which they know or at least suspect are located within the area of the overlapping claims.

This session aims to address the extent to which joint development initiatives can assist in resolving, or at least reducing the tensions in, maritime boundary disputes, not least by facilitating commercial development even where issues of sovereignty have not been finally agreed. To this end, the session brings together leading experts in the fields of the international law of the sea, environmental law, maritime law, energy law and other related disciplines.

Through their joint development zones, many states have placed themselves in an ideal position to benefit from the commercial opportunities thereby created. Holding the workshop in such a state would allow the governments of the two countries to showcase their achievement and explain how they overcame obstacles, thus offering other nations a tangible example of successful offshore cooperation.

Part 1: a new paradigm?

As a consequence of joint development (JD), many legal issues arise, such as the effect of regimes on traditional 'jurisdiction' and 'sovereignty' concepts, the effect of JD regimes on existent disputes, the effect of JD regimes and boundaries disputes, and even the goal of 'joint sovereignty' upon JD regimes.

Part 2: day-to-day

JD regimes also raise: maritime issues, maritime spatial planning issues, port and customs regulation matters, effects on corporate structure

under the regimes, transfer of technology and intellectual property issues, tax issues, regulatory jurisdiction matters under JD regimes, bidding and financing under the regimes, corporate international liability under regimes, regimes and insolvency (applicable law, jurisdiction, execution etc), among others.

Mock trial: it's the way business is done here, don't worry! A fraud, corruption and money laundering trial of a multinational company and its CFO

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

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

The session will examine key issues of:

- the extraterritorial jurisdiction of Australian courts over foreign corporations and their officers;
- the criminal liability of a corporation and that of individual directors, officers and employees in the organisation;
- the liability of a corporation and its CFO for conduct of foreign subsidiaries and their agents;
- the availability of plea bargaining to reduce or eliminate the criminal exposure of the corporation and/or corporate of officers; and
- avoiding the unexpected: anticipating and responding to parallel criminal and regulatory proceedings in multiple jurisdictions.

Reinventing yourself: recognising decision points in your career

Presented by the Senior Lawyers' Committee

Career paths can take dramatically different turns, sometimes suddenly, leaving one feeling powerless and unprepared for change. At the same time, there is much that we can do to take control of the direction of our professional lives, if we learn to recognise key decision points and take the actions necessary to meet and benefit from new challenges and opportunities. A diverse panel of distinguished speakers will discuss successful strategies for spotting forks in the road and adding new dimensions to careers in law.

Superbugs: high-tech ways to swat them

Presented by the Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee, the Agricultural Law Working Group, the International Sales Committee, the Product Law and Advertising Committee and the Technology Law Committee

Superbugs and how to swat' em: the problem of drug resistance is probably the greatest threat facing healthcare today. We will look at technological and regulatory options for tackling the issue, before it's too late.

Trading when the darkness starts, with a focus on funding companies in the twilight zone

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

An interactive panel discussion involving leading practitioners from turnaround advisory firms, insolvency practitioners, forensic accountants and criminal law practices with extensive experience of advising businesses facing stress and distress, of the alternative sources of funding available (eg, senior and mezzanine debt, equity, asset based loans and trade finance) and the considerations to be taken into account by stakeholders (directors, shareholders, lenders and managers) at each phase, including an analysis of the potential civil and criminal liabilities that might be incurred and how to avoid the pitfalls.

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

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

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

Monday 1615 – 1730

Anti-corruption issues in the mining industry

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

This session will focus on the current anti-corruption measures applied by the mining industry concerning the relationship with public authorities/officers and the relationship with communities, addressing issues such as permitting, mining licences, legislative changes, contracts, communities participation, etc. The idea is to discuss the relevant law and the applicable standards in the industry, the challenges that mining companies face in this regard and the possibilities to make improvements concerning this topic.

Building a better mousetrap: structuring private equity investments in today's economic environment

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

The panel will explore trends in the ways in which private equity investments are structured in the current market-place, including the use of quasi-equity, different forms of debt-financing, and so on.

Cybercrime as a political weapon

Presented by the Cybercrime Subcommittee, the Anti-Corruption Committee, the Criminal Law Committee, the Senior Lawyers' Committee, the Technology Law Committee and the War Crimes Committee

Cybercriminals attack people, organisations and governments for many reasons: malice, money and fame. However, in the past few years, a new breed of cybercriminal has emerged – 'hacktivists' use their skills to promote a political agenda. They may or may not be directly affiliated with any government or political party, but their actions can wreak havoc in places in which they will never step foot.

Going beyond generally accepted espionage and spycraft, the most high-profile example of this so far has been the hack of the US Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the release of its senior staff's private emails on WikiLeaks, attributed to groups linked to Russian security services. In the face of this, how should the United States and the rest of the world respond? What can governments, businesses and individuals do to protect themselves or fight back when attacked?

In crisis: making decisions and managing conflict among closely held strategic investors, founders and other stockholders and stakeholders

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

Typically, many constituencies are involved in making managerial and strategic planning decisions for a growing company – founders, active strategic investors, directors and other shareholders. Sometimes the goals and priorities of these constituencies do not align, which can lead to a crisis in decision-making. The process can be complicated further if the investor or director is also a supplier or customer and, as such, engages in related party transactions with the startup. Additionally, the misalignment of priorities and goals can become even more acute in times of trouble, when cash is tight and the company is in financial crisis. This session will explore:

- governance best practices to avoid deadlock or prevent a veto situation that could paralyse the company;
- funding through revenue or investment – anticipating mechanisms for additional capital contributions that address anti-dilution concerns while realistically providing cash-flow support in time of financial crisis, or at times when the founder and other constituencies disagree on a growth strategy;
- consideration of how related party transactions affect the dynamic;
- the additional stress placed on the decision-making process if the company also faces a time of financial crisis when the consideration of insolvency or bankruptcy concepts comes into the equation, and planning for 'distressed funding' options; and
- lawyering in times and crisis, identifying 'who is the client' and the use of special committees.

The Arab region: doing business in the midst of an economic downturn

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

We will explore existing bankruptcy legislation and legal reforms related to it, as well as ongoing efforts to improve the legal and regulatory infrastructure for small and medium businesses. The session will also cover the legal framework around digitalisation, including intellectual property rights, data protection and cloud computing. A major part of the discussion will be devoted to recent trends in dispute resolution and enforcement in the region. This will cover developments in the rules of various arbitration centres, as well as landmark cases in the enforcement of arbitration awards.

Monday 1730 – 1830

Real Estate Section open business meeting

Presented by the Real Estate Section

An open meeting of the Real Estate Section will be held to discuss matters of interest and future activities.

Tuesday 0800 – 0930

Global women litigator breakfast

Presented by the Litigation Committee and the Women Lawyers' Interest Group

IBA Bar Breakfast hosted by the Conseil National des Barreaux

The rise of legal tech

Breaking down or building up walls: the future of international trade

Presented by the North American Regional Forum, the Asia Pacific Regional Forum, the International Sales Committee and the International Trade and Customs Law Committee

Trade continues to be one of the dominant issues in both national politics and international policy. Multiple constituencies are affected by trade – farmers, ranchers, manufacturers, service providers, workers and consumers – and trade is central to a nation's economic policy, foreign policy and national security. While trade has always been subject to political pressure given the vast array of stakeholders (both governmental and non-governmental), there has been a steadfast expansion of regional and multilateral trade agreements since the end of the Second World War resulting in a fairly well-ordered global trading system. The benefits of trade agreements are, however, increasingly being called into question amid increasing economic dislocations, rising nationalism and populism, and new concerns over immigration. The recent US election and the Brexit referendum are just two instances in which national debates and decisions about trade policy reach beyond national boundaries. This session will look at the influence political change exerts on trade policy at the national level and its implications for regional trade initiatives and the global economy.

Key issues include:

- the implications of the withdrawal of key players from trade agreements (eg, Brexit);
- the EU's trade policy post the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA);
- the influence of an eventual Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) – or the absence of a TPP – on the future design and content of global and regional trade agreements;
- China's role within the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the market economy status;
- multilateral negotiations (eg, the Trade in Services Agreement – TiSA) and plurilateral negotiations (such as those dealing with environmental goods and information technology products);
- the global rise in localisation expressed through regulatory protectionism, regulatory barriers, and local sourcing and local content requirements;
- the future of WTO dispute settlement, including the systemic implications where the most difficult issues are increasingly sought to be resolved through litigation because of the perceived inefficacy of the WTO as a forum for multilateral negotiations; and
- concerns and needs surrounding trade in green products and trade policies that seek to support renewable energy initiatives.

The panel will explore the way trade issues shape both domestic and foreign policy and discuss the contradictions and implications of increasing nationalisation in an increasingly globalised world.

Changing the workforce dynamics: employ hipsters and elder employees

Presented by the Discrimination and Equality Law Committee

There are hugely varying protections for age discrimination around the world. In a situation where most of the developed economies have ageing populations, what is the best approach to achieve intergenerational equity?

This session will address the importance and difficulties of integrating the next generation into the workplace.

In some jurisdictions, the compulsory retirement age is challenged in court, some others try to impose mechanisms ensuring 'relay between generations' and additional pension support to allow access to employment to younger generations, others generally prohibit a default retirement age, and employers' organisations struggle in finding the way and sometimes try to implement their own retirement policies.

Disruption: clients and law firm issues

Presented by the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee and the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee

'Disruption' was the topic of the Paris 2017 specialist conference by the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee. This session continues that key dialogue in a lively and interactive format. Experts and the audience will discuss the specific legal challenges and needs that disruptors are facing worldwide, the high-value new skills this specific category of clients requires, different from those demanded by the traditional corporate client, and the legal approach of industries that are operating under a scenario of very fluid regulatory environments. Also, from the perspective of law firms, disruption is not only a client issue. The legal industry is also itself being disrupted with the development of:

- new business models;
- alternative firms;
- the increasingly sophisticated LPOs;
- the global integrated service providers; and
- the expansion of new technologies, such as law on demand, apps and artificial intelligence.

Getting practical: IBA's Australian business and human rights pilot project and its international context

Presented by the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee and the Regulation of Lawyers' Compliance Committee

This session will discuss and reflect on the IBA's Business and Human Rights education and training pilot project in Australia and its international context concerning other key initiatives in this area. We will discuss and critique the development of the strategic approach for the pilot; content and use of the training and education materials, which focus on corporate and commercial transactions (including mergers and acquisitions); model clauses and an examination of the roles and responsibilities of lawyers in assisting companies to develop ethical global supply chains; and how to identify and assist clients in addressing business and human rights issues and opportunities/challenges associated with developing and replicating the model for other jurisdictions.

We will also explore other key developments in education and training initiatives that are being developed in other jurisdictions.

News from around the world

Presented by the International Franchising Committee

A panel of expert franchise law practitioners from select countries around the world will discuss recent and topical legal developments affecting franchising in their countries.

Sell your judgment/award! Third-party funding for litigation and arbitration proceedings, including funding of enforcement of judgments and arbitral awards

Presented by the Litigation Committee and the Arbitration Committee

Australia is the birthplace of modern litigation funding. In recent years, third-party funding has become a significant force in international litigation and arbitration. The funder, which has no prior interest in the dispute, funds the legal costs and expenses of a claimant, typically on the basis that the funder will be paid out of the proceeds of any recovery following a successful outcome. Funding offers benefits to claimants in terms of access to justice and spreading the risk of complex legal proceedings. Courts in many jurisdictions have determined that funding is permissible in appropriate cases, but the terms of the funding agreement may have to be disclosed and may

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require court approval. Challenges can be brought to the terms of the funding agreement by the opposing party. While funding provides considerable benefits to the claimant, it can also introduce legal and practical challenges for managing the relationship between the funder and counsel, as well as between counsel and the client. This session will explore the latest issues and trends in third-party funding, and include commentary from counsel, funders and an arbitrator on how funding has affected the conduct of litigation and arbitration. Counsel will address the challenges of the three-way relationship between the client, funder and counsel. The funders will address how they scrutinise legal claims and risks, the flexibility of funding arrangements and how they can be tailored to the needs of the claimant, and the extent of involvement that funders expect to have in the management of the dispute. The arbitrator will address the extent to which funding affects arbitration and potential conflict issues that can arise where funders are involved in multiple cases involving the arbitrator or their firm.

The perfect pitch: what to learn from transactional real estate lawyers

Presented by the Real Estate Section, the Corporate Counsel Forum and the Young Lawyers' Committee

Although lawyers are chasing business all of the time, occasionally lawyers get asked to make a formal 'pitch' for business, including transactional real estate lawyers. This kind of opportunity initially results in great enthusiasm, which is followed by the realisation that you will need to put a serious effort into preparing for the pitch while still fulfilling the rest of your daily responsibilities. That effort involves asking and answering a number of questions, including:

- How should you organise your pitch?
- Who should be involved in the pitch from your firm?
- What should you try to find out about the target company you are pitching before making the pitch?
- Should you deliver any materials to the target company before actually making the pitch?
- Who from your firm should attend the pitch?
- What materials should you bring to the pitch?
- How should your firm follow up with the target company after making the pitch, but before the target company's selection decision is made?
- What should you do if you don't win the business?

These and other questions, and the challenges of pitching business, will be explored by our panel of experts, some of whom have been on both sides of such pitches during their careers.

Tuesday 0930 – 1230

Fair use

Presented by the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee

This session will include discussions on the following:

- comparison of 'fair use' concept across different jurisdictions;
- examples of fair use across different industries (eg, music, games and social media); and
- evolution of fair use from the offline world to the online world.

I mediator: artificial intelligence of mediating disputes and ODR

Presented by the Mediation Committee and the Technology Law Committee

With advances in technology and an increasingly digitalising society, the mode of resolving disputes is about to undergo radical change. Dispute resolution at the speed of thought in real time across the

internet is poised to be the next step. Corporations, consumers and legal service providers have expectations to be able to minimise costs with resolution of disputes 24/7, 365 days of the year from their smartphones, tablets, laptops and PCs. Also, electronic transactions as a matter of course span across the globe and disputants are unwilling to sort out complex issues of jurisdiction every time a problem crops up. Online dispute resolution (ODR) is the way forward. Mediation, which is the fastest process of dispute resolution so far, may have a role to play as ODR catches up with mediation. Is there room for mediation and negotiation to interplay with and leverage electronic applications of information and communications technology involving dispute resolution? The session aims to address the future of law and mediation in particular as it explores the cutting-edge systems available online today and those that will become available tomorrow, as well as exploring how ODR can move us closer to a world where disputants have access to fast and fair resolutions any time, any place.

Law Firm Management profit-increasing café: how to remain valuable, cost-effective and successful

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

We will look into the question of how to grow the firm profitably and successfully in today's competitive and difficult markets. We will expect that participants in the café discuss critical issues and current challenges in areas such as:

- Is there any chance for the best law firms, to sustain their leadership by offering such high-quality services that will overcome the budget restrictions?
- Who and what are those premium law firms, that manage to remain valuable and expensive, notwithstanding the growing price pressure and other market challenges? Who are their clients, and what their clients want and expect?
- How to overcome pricing challenges from clients and keep legal work cost-effective?
- How to focus on valuable work at higher profit margins?
- How to increase profit margins despite competitive pressures?
- How to make commodity work more profitable if there is less premium work?
- How to maintain profits by achieving higher efficiency?
- How cashflow challenges can be overcome?
- How to invest in technology so that profitability will increase?

The café format will also allow the table to discuss these issues and explore real situations faced by participants, as well as insights and solutions.

Legal aid and best practice: guidance for all jurisdictions

Presented by the Bar Issues Commission, the Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee, the Forum for Barristers and Advocates and the Judges' Forum

Several bar associations have approached the Bar Issues Commission (BIC) for guidance regarding the minimum standards of a well-functioning and just legal aid system, because there are many jurisdictions where the legal aid system is going to be introduced or the existing legal aid system is being reformed. The governments in both cases are seeking to gain greater influence in administering the legal aid system in their own jurisdiction, very often together with reducing legal aid spending. In conjunction with the Annual Bar Leaders' Conference held in Belfast this May 2017, the BIC is organising the first International Legal Aid Roundtable, where the most renowned academic and practical experts from all over the world will gather and discuss their experiences in various jurisdictions' legal aid systems. A comprehensive written report will also be prepared for the roundtable from the written papers submitted by the experts before the roundtable. During the roundtable, the experts, together with the audience, will discuss these findings in order to prepare a best practice guide for bar associations to introduce legal aid systems or reform. This session aims to introduce this best practice guide and seek opinions from the audience.

LPD Showcase: cybercrime and the media – unexpected risks to your clients, your law firm and your government

Presented by the Legal Practice Division (LPD)

Over the past year, there has been an ever-increasing focus on electronic and cybercrime affecting lawyers, governments and society more broadly. WikiLeaks started the avalanche of information being disclosed to the public, which continues to this day, affecting events as significant as the US presidential election. The Panama Papers disclosed information about offshore tax structures of the wealthy, famous and not so famous, resulting in the resignation of at least one prime minister. The UnaOil saga disclosed allegations of worldwide bribery through intermediary entities in the construction and procurement sectors in the Middle East by multinational corporations.

This session brings together a highly experienced range of international and regional experts ranging from investigative journalists, academics, regulators and prosecutors to explore the following:

- What is cybercrime and how is it being addressed by politicians and regulators?
- What role do investigative journalists play in exposing conduct by those exercising power and influence?
- What is the impact on clients and a law firm when information is disclosed publicly?
- How can lawyers manage the risks that arise when confidential information is publicly disclosed?
- Where are governments going from here – the legislative and social response?

New ways of trading legal services cross-border

Presented by the BIC International Trade in Legal Services Subcommittee

This session will look at the role that technology is playing in reshaping the potential for legal services to be traded across borders. The potential has long existed for legal services to be disaggregated and outsourced, but online tools are now increasingly targeting consumer markets for legal services. As with many other service sectors, lawyers are thus becoming dependent on relative freedom of data flows and vulnerable to costs associated with requirements to localise the storage of data. At the same time, data protection laws, e-commerce and distance-selling regulations are expanding unevenly, leaving some jurisdictions heavily regulated and some unregulated for non-resident lawyers. But in neither case has the interaction of trade and regulation of legal services been explicitly considered. So how, if at all, do trade agreements deal with these issues? What role should they play in the future?

Not quite 'surf 'n turf' but essential AML and sanctions knowledge for your practice: perspectives from other jurisdictions and the Australian context

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

What every lawyer needs to know about the risks of advising clients in delicate and often time-pressured situations relating to anti-money laundering (AML), sanctions and economic crime. As major changes take place in the Australian AML regulatory landscape, the Fourth Directive in Europe, potential new legislation in the US and further Financial Action Task Force (FATF) reports elsewhere, the panel will discuss current and topical issues and risks, recent legislative changes and case law, and the important things for lawyers to remember to avoid serious reputational risk and criminal investigation or charge. Given that the conference is in Sydney this year and Australia will be implementing AML legislation that is specifically applicable to the legal profession for the first time, we will have a specific focus and contributions on legislative, regulatory and enforcement trends

in Australia and see how experience and expertise from other jurisdictions can be utilised to assist with the transition to a regulated sector environment.

Offshore structures as a barrier to recovery of assets from criminals

Presented by the Anti-Corruption Committee, the Alternative and New Law Business Structures Committee, the Business Crime Committee, the Individual Tax and Private Client Committee and the Professional Ethics Committee

The misuse of legal structures to conceal crime proceeds and assets of criminals has been in the news for the past few years, leading notably to the adoption of beneficial ownership registers by several countries. However, the adoption of such registers may have the unwanted effect of weakening some asset recovery tools. There have also been case law developments that may make trusts an obstacle to recovery of assets that are not crime proceeds.

This session will be divided into two parts:

The first part will explore the question of whether beneficial ownership registers facilitate or hinder asset recovery.

The second part will discuss recent case law, according to which a discretionary trust may be a safe shield against the enforcement of criminal confiscation and civil asset recovery orders.

Partnership: is it still a primary career goal in the modern legal environment?

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

Partnership has long been a primary career goal for young lawyers starting their career at a law firm. This session will discuss from various angles if partnership is still a primary career goal for young lawyers, looking at challenges facing law firms and the impact on the legal profession.

Rights without borders: is the concept of asylum alive and well in a post-truth world?

Presented by the Human Rights Law Committee, the European Regional Forum, the IBA's Human Rights Institute and the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee

The session aims to consider a multiple jurisdiction response from the panel on the treatment of asylum seekers who enter (or are unable to enter) target countries. It will draw on speakers from a number of the most-affected countries including the USA, France, the UK and Australia.

This session will complement the session 'Race and refugee issues in Australia: are policies of detention and separation working?', which is taking place 0930 – 1230 on Monday and is also being jointly presented by the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee, the Human Rights Law Committee and the IBA's Human Rights Institute.

The session on Monday will consider asylum seekers and refugees within the domestic setting of Australia, while this session will provide an overview of the international treaty framework imposing obligations on adhering countries to provide asylum and subsidiary protection.

The session will examine whether the obligation of non-refoulement in international law, requiring signatory state actors not to return persons and vessels from state borders to conditions of danger or loss of liberty, could be used more proactively to provide urgent or immediate aid and assistance at border or entry points.

We hope to explore the concept of a 'humanitarian visa' to allow legal entry of asylum seekers into the target country pending applications in order to rescue from danger or save lives.

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The treatment of asylum seekers who have entered the target country borders whether on land or sea, and their conditions of detention pending application will be of special focus, including the legality of 'warehousing' and other forms of detention facilities.

Finally, the overall framework for the discussion will consider the impact of media/social media coverage of the refugee crisis upon host countries responses to the idea of offering asylum. Is there evidence of a more tolerant response in countries where there is largely accurate factual reporting, for example, of numbers of migrants, refugees etc.

Is there a growing intolerance towards the idea of asylum that is being encouraged or promoted within target countries as part of a political debate, which is becoming more hostile to the idea of asylum?

Is mainstream media coverage predominantly accurate or are 'alternative facts' being utilised to amplify an anti-asylum message? Is social media being used to dehumanise migration politics and say the unsayable?

Is misinformation creating a more intolerant environment at government level for debate around the issue of asylum and immigration generally?

How can a counter narrative be promoted consistent with international obligations? Is it in our mutual interests to do so?

We are all excited by the opportunity to collaboratively discuss these issues in a domestic and international context across two sessions, and welcome contributions during both sessions from all legal professionals, regardless of geographical practice area.

Satellites: extraterrestrial facilitator of precision agriculture and guardian of farming environment

Presented by the Space Law Committee, the Agricultural Law Working Group, the Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee and the Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee

The session will introduce how satellites can contribute to facilitating 'precision agriculture', which means agriculture with a heavy reliance on data. It will then discuss how satellites can be used in enforcing agricultural and environmental laws. The session will also consider how satellites may enable more efficient farming (including fish farming) by the use of autonomous vehicles. For collecting data and observing non-compliance of regulations, earth observation satellites will primarily be used; for driving autonomous vehicles, navigational satellites will have the role to play. The session will then discuss what contractual and licensing framework will be used, as well as which legal issues are relevant, including those of the regulation of farming, environmental law, data protection law and intellectual property law besides space law.

Selected topics in cross-border transactions

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee and the Asia Pacific Regional Forum

Part 1 – Australia inbound M&A transactions – how to help your clients stay on top of things when investing down under

Australia continues to see high levels of inbound M&A activity, with foreign investors searching for opportunities to invest and acquire in stable economic jurisdictions. So, what do your clients need to know when evaluating an acquisition down under? What does the economic and legal landscape look like for M&A transactions involving foreign investors? What regulatory requirements should they consider? What are the deal trends and the key differences in market practice, deal structuring, execution and business culture in comparison with cross-border M&A into other major jurisdictions? These and additional issues, red flags and trends related to Australian inbound M&A transactions will be discussed by a distinguished, multijurisdictional panel.

Part 2 – Chinese investors on a shopping spree abroad

The world has seen a steady rise in Chinese outbound investments raising numerous legal issues in transactional practice. The new challenges the practitioners have to deal with are, among others, Chinese investment control regulations, existing foreign trade control restrictions, most prominently in the US Committee on Foreign Investment in the US (CFIUS) and certain EU Member States, and in light thereof, the creation of deal certainty for the counterparties to Chinese investors.

Shared infrastructure in the mining industry

Presented by the Mining Law Committee and the International Construction Projects Committee

The increase in capital expenditure and the growing difficulty in obtaining permits required to build the infrastructure required by mining projects has led many mining companies to associate, or agree on other contractual techniques, which allow them to share the use of existing infrastructure or jointly construct new infrastructure. This panel will discuss cases of shared infrastructure in different jurisdictions, the challenges and difficulties implied, and the contractual techniques that have been used for such implementations.

Tax policy and the rule of law

Presented by the Taxes Committee

Increasingly political pressure on governments to act to limit perceived abuses of tax systems is leading to hastily introduced, ill-targeted legislation of dubious quality. In extreme cases, such legislation can even be retroactive. This approach sits uneasily with the rule of law, that is, the principle that a citizen of a country should be able to identify and understand the law as it applies to them on any given day. To what extent can departures from the rule of law be justified by the need to preserve the integrity of tax systems? What can be done where they are not? Can overarching principles of human rights law be invoked to constrain abuses of power by governments?

The future has already arrived: liability, implications and security

Presented by the Technology Law Committee

Technologies such as virtual reality, augmented reality, artificial intelligence, big data analytics and the internet of things, which were once the stuff of science fiction and futurists, have now well and truly arrived. The phenomenon of Pokémon Go, which is AR, has shown a little of the potential of AR in the entertainment area. However, clever scientists are now combining all of these technologies to create breakthroughs, particularly for people with disabilities.

For example, an Australian company, Psykinetic, is combining all of these technologies in telekinesis to enable someone whose only function is their eyes to use the eye muscles to drive a car and another person with a disability to play a keyboard at a concert.

Nevertheless, all of these technologies raise a number of legal and regulatory questions. The session will give some insight into these technological developments, and will raise some of the liability and other legal issues and public policy concerns.

Tuesday 1115 – 1230

Accommodating religious and political beliefs and practices in the workplace: the very changing landscape

Presented by the Discrimination and Equality Law Committee

In most jurisdictions, employers are not allowed to discriminate against employees or candidates based on their religious or political beliefs.

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There are, however, major differences in the legal position when it comes to the requirement to accommodate employees' religious beliefs and practices in the workplace. In this session we will address topics such as:

- How are religious and political freedom defined?
- What are the limitations on political discussion in the workplace?
- How does the current legal position affect dress codes and the ability to express one's faith?
- What are the limitations in what the employer can ask for or refuse to do?
- What is the impact of a number of precedent-setting EU court decisions?

Batten down the hatches: combatting piracy in the internet age

Presented by the North American Regional Forum and the Media Law Committee

This session will address the growing problem of piracy faced by content providers, which includes the theft and digital sharing of music, television programmes and motion pictures. Our expert panel will discuss the impact of digital piracy, and creative solutions to this worldwide problem.

Panelists will include representatives from television networks, film studios, anti-piracy officers at major companies and practitioners dealing with on-the-ground legal strategies.

Data security and privacy laws: their impact on franchise systems

Presented by the International Franchising Committee and the Technology Law Committee

For (digital) marketing purposes, the collection and exchange of consumer data between the franchisor and the franchisee is necessary, but who is responsible for security and today's challenges of global data privacy compliance? Who should act in case of a data security breach? This session will explore compliance crisis situations as well as contractual solutions to common problems.

Foreign direct investment: recent trends and limitations in Asia Pacific

Presented by the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee and the Asia Pacific Regional Forum

Join the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee for a lively and interactive session on foreign direct investment (FDI). 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 will consider cutting-edge trends in FDI regulation, including practical measures to address these issues and reduce deal uncertainty.

Responsibility beyond the company

Presented by Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee and the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee

This session will explore:

- after the Bangladesh factory collapse: movement to hold companies accountable and liable for behavior of vendors in supply chain;
- application of domestic laws to foreign incidents;
- supply chain and human rights;
- global health and safety issues;
- directors duties and CSR – evolution of duties to take other stakeholders into account;

- practical steps to ensure compliance; and
- new French law.

Rome is still burning: who has the most efficient insolvency system?

Presented by the Insolvency Section and the Creditors' Rights Subcommittee

Building on the results of a panel discussion at the 2014 Barcelona IBA midterm conference, this interactive panel revisits the important issue of the cost-efficiency of insolvency proceedings. The discussion will involve experienced insolvency practitioners from jurisdictions such as Australia, Italy and Japan, which have recently reformed their insolvency laws, as well as judges from the US and Canada who have been involved in recent high-profile cases in their respective countries, with the aim to find out which elements make for a time and cost-effective insolvency procedure.

Where in the world should we start? Defective products and collective redress in an age of global supply chains

Presented by the Consumer Litigation Committee, the International Sales Committee and the Product Law and Advertising Committee

Class actions and other collective redress procedures now exist around the world, but the differences and variety are important, particularly between the US and EU models. When product recalls occur or allegations of defect are made, consumers may clamour for compensation in many jurisdictions at once. Our panellists will debate the best approaches for both manufacturers and consumers caught in such situations, asking how the differences between jurisdictions can affect strategy. Where is a consumer most likely to be compensated fully and quickly? Where is a manufacturer most likely to be treated fairly? Where will the courts provide the greatest access to consumer claims for compensation? Will they permit extraterritorial claims? Whose claims will be included and what kinds of claims can be included? Will the court screen out frivolous claims or encourage early settlement? Is discovery available where necessary? Do cost and fee rules determine strategy? In light of these considerable differences among jurisdictions, how should the parties move towards resolution?

Tuesday 1230 – 1330

Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee open business meeting

Presented by the Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee

The Committee will consider issues of concern to members surrounding access to justice globally. In particular, the Committee will consider the implementation of suggestions for reform in both law and practice for those with disabilities. The meeting will deal with the guidelines for an effective legal aid system (following the Belfast roundtable, and the release of drafts by the Committee in conjunction with the Bar Issues Commission), together with an examination of the issues of self-represented litigants arising out of the co-presentation with the Judges' Forum. The Committee's involvement in the Presidential Task Force on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights and proposals for future action will be discussed.

The Committee will review the essay and scholarship options for the 2017/18 year, and the involvement of regional fora and the Young Lawyers' Committee in the Committee's business programme moving forward. The involvement of committee members and officers in value-adding to IBA conferences and events in the ensuing year, together with a further membership strategy dialogue will also feature.

Tuesday 1315 – 1415

A conversation with... The Hon John Winston Howard OM AC

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- Which criminal and/or regulatory cases are suitable for negotiated settlements and which are not?
- How do you get the best deal for your client?
- What level of cooperation is too much cooperation?
- How do you ensure a negotiated settlement in one jurisdiction does not prejudice your client in another?

Tuesday 1430 – 1545

Culture, compliance, governance: making the perfect triangle

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

Corporate governance and compliance are areas of focus for corporations in all parts of the globe. To what extent are these influenced, or even driven, by the culture within a corporation? How does diversity and a multicultural approach within a company affect overall corporate culture? How do regulators around the world view corporate culture and its role in regulation, enforcement and penalties? If companies can get corporate culture right, will compliance and corporate governance follow?

Firewalls on the internet

Presented by the Communications Law Committee and the Human Rights Law Committee

We are experiencing the internet moving towards many different layers and away from the open internet. There are also many players from the governmental sector to the private sector who want to have control over the internet and various layers. How can we ensure the future development of internet services, individual rights of citizens and governmental interests together with globalisation?

The session will focus on technical and public policy issues, including privacy and other important viewpoints.

The session will also address to what extent global responses to such challenges would be necessary, discussing the international frameworks that are already available with respect to privacy and data protection, such as the Privacy Shield between the EU and US.

Justice for sale? DPAs, NPAs and other negotiated settlements

Presented by the Business Crime Committee and the Criminal Law Committee

Not every white collar or regulatory breach can be investigated, let alone prosecuted. Companies cannot be imprisoned and, when fined, it is arguably the shareholder, rather than the individual wrongdoer, who pays for the breach. Prosecutors have to strike a balance between managing their limited resources, while at the same time ensuring they produce outcomes with sufficient deterrent effect to influence boardroom behaviour. The US and UK authorities have used deferred prosecution agreements (DPAs) and, in the US, non-prosecution agreements (NPAs) to address this issue, although their approach to DPAs is not uniform. Other jurisdictions have used administrative sanctions processes to produce speedy public settlements involving significant penalties but avoiding criminal sanctions. Regulators in different jurisdictions are also now working together to negotiate agreed cross-border settlements, such as global DPAs.

This session will examine the different devices deployed and ask:

- Should there be DPAs, NPAs and/or administrative sanctions? For companies and individuals?
- What are the key differences between the US and UK approach to DPAs?

New forms of working

Presented by the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee

This session will explore:

- uber-freedom or rights avoidance (creating disparity of wealth?);
- other elliptical arrangements;
- what a consultancy arrangement really is;
- consequences arising out of new technology directing the work process; and
- MNEs moving work to smaller subcontractors, have them compete for contracts plus transfer obligation of employment compliance on them.

The importance of culture in a partnership, including appropriate remuneration systems to enhance partner performance and maintain firm culture

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

Law firms are facing increasing and significant challenges, including intensified competition, digitalisation, globalisation and a segmentation of the market. How do you protect your partnership in this environment instead of becoming a corporate? What is 'culture' and how do you maintain when growing? What is the best remuneration system in these challenging times and how should you handle partner performance and in a way that enhances firm culture? There is of course not any 'one-size fits all' solution and we will discuss how law firm leaders can, and must, tackle these and many more questions in the very near term in order to ensure a bright future for their firms.

Tuesday 1430 – 1730

Agricultural supply chains in Southeast Asia: legal considerations from 'farm to the fork'

Presented by the International Sales Committee, the Agricultural Law Working Group, the International Trade and Customs Law Committee and the Product Law and Advertising Committee

The agriculture and food industry is one of the most important economic sectors in South-East Asia, accounting for up to 48 per cent of the gross domestic product. Market liberalisation, market-driven policy, energy and food price fluctuations, modernisation of retail and the increasing demand for fresh, high-quality food are critical considerations for all market participants. The legal dimension and commercial implications of food standards, domestic regulations and good practices as well as import restrictions are some of the main challenges affecting the trade flow of food and agricultural goods. Companies in the region must cope with legal issues arising throughout the supply chain – from producers through distributors to retail outlets – which have become increasingly complex. Our panels of experts from international institutions, in-house counsel from agri-food businesses, private practitioners and academic legal circles will share their knowledge and discuss with the audience the key issues relevant to all parties involved in bringing food products from Asia to tables around the world. These include:

- the opportunities and challenges presented by regional and bilateral trade agreements on supply chains that snake through multiple Asia Pacific jurisdictions;
- the practical and legal aspects of food standards and traceability in transnational supply agreements;

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- potential litigation risks and import restrictions in the United States and elsewhere arising from the use of forced labour and other human rights abuses, and what companies can do to protect themselves from that liability;
- strategies to protect companies from the consequences of handling non-compliant, fraudulent, tainted or unsafe food products; and
- protecting companies and clients from risks associated with transportation, logistics and shipping delays.

Construction management: a path to a good outcome, or a sure way to blow the budget?

Presented by the International Construction Projects Committee

Major construction and infrastructure projects are ultimately about balancing quality, cost and timely delivery. This session will explore the benefits of construction management as a contracting technique, its pitfalls and how to properly secure successful project outcomes through proactive project management, the use of risk registers, early warning mechanisms, claims management and dispute avoidance. The underlying issue will be balancing apparent contract certainty of the traditional model against active construction management to deal with the uncertainty inherent in major construction projects. The session will also explore why, on occasion, this model has failed so badly.

Economic and legal integration in the Asia Pacific region

Presented by the Asia Pacific Regional Forum

This session will discuss the legal and business challenges and opportunities in integrating the Asia Pacific region so as to ensure that goods, services and people move easily across borders. The session will cover various issues that will help to facilitate trade, including faster customs procedures at borders, friendlier business environment behind the border and aligning regulations and standards across the region.

Fear of flying in Asia: a review of the FiFo environment in Asia and a global update. Should 'local lawyers' be afraid of temporary 'foreign lawyers'?

Presented by the Anti-Money Laundering and Sanctions Expert Working Group and the BIC International Trade in Legal Services Subcommittee

As lawyers we often 'fly in and fly out' (FiFo) of countries without a care, but are we breaching regulatory and/or immigration rules, or creating tax liabilities in doing so?

In a post-Trump, post-Brexit world, the ability of lawyers to cross borders on a temporary basis has become even less certain. The capacity of governments to negotiate, let alone implement trade agreements that clarify the position of cross-border professional services providers, has become increasingly limited. Nonetheless, the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), as well as various other regional initiatives, such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, remain on the negotiating table and our session will include a contribution from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Australia, which is chairing the legal services chapter of the TiSA negotiations.

So the world is getting less and less FiFo-friendly while in parallel, lawyers are becoming even more international. Should the IBA publish some 'good practice options' for trade negotiators and regulators to move this debate forward in a way that assists international practice while respecting local regulation and helping the local legal environment to develop?

International regulation of the aviation industry: background and current developments

Presented by the Aviation Law Committee

This panel will discuss international regulation of the airline industry, including its history, recent changes and current developments. The post-Second World War regulatory structure, how it has evolved and how it is addressing current issues in the airline industry will be addressed.

It's time: intellectual property litigation reform

Presented by the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee

Intellectual property (IP) litigation throughout the world has become increasingly complex and expensive. This session will look at what can be done to reduce the costs and complexity of IP litigation including examining the expanded use of specialised courts and alternative dispute resolution, the reduction or elimination of discovery, forced reduction of trial lengths and a greater emphasis on early issue determination.

Please don't kill the messenger: fighting press freedom in Asia

Presented by the Media Law Committee and the IBA's Human Rights Institute

This session will focus on the significant freedom of expression challenges that journalists, news organisations and social media companies face in Southeast Asia, China and other parts of Asia. Our panellists will discuss a broad range of thorny topics ranging from persecution of journalists, impunity and criminal libel laws, to protection of sources and freedom of information to government control/shut downs of social media. The overarching theme will be on the role that laws can play in building – or undermining – free expression cultures in the region. We will divide our session into two panels. The first panel will consist of prominent domestic and foreign journalists from the region, who will share some of the legal (and extra-legal) hurdles they encounter daily in reporting the news. The second panel will consist of lawyers with expertise in the various freedom of expression, access to information and social media issues that are prevalent in Asia. With Sydney as a fairly convenient transportation hub, we expect to draw upon speakers from the Asia region who might not otherwise attend an IBA conference. And given the human rights issues the session will highlight, we will be asking the IBA's Human Rights Institute to serve as a co-sponsor.

Project financing of renewable energy

Presented by the Banking Law Committee

This session will address current trends in financing renewable and clean energy projects in both developed and growth markets. Topics will include:

- key bankability issues;
- multilateral, development and export credit agency lending;
- project and green bonds;
- policy and tax credit changes;
- regulatory updates;
- YieldCos, warehouse facilities and other bundling strategies; and
- how the market is expected to evolve in the years ahead.

Public and private M&A transactions from Asia Pacific to the West

Presented by the Securities Law Committee and the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

What are best practices for acquisitions of public and private companies in North America/Europe by Asia Pacific enterprises? How can intermediaries be most effective? What were the stumbling blocks on failed deals? Have completed acquisitions produced anticipated results?

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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.

Startups and business lawyers: global perspectives and future challenges

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

This session will introduce experiences in establishing new companies and startups around the globe, and discuss winning combinations between entrepreneurs and business lawyers, covering the topic of how lawyers can use an entrepreneur mindset to practise law.

This session will also show the successful experience of lawyers in launching startups, introduce challenges the lawyers have faced and overcome, and foresee future challenges.

Succession of family businesses

Presented by the Individual Tax and Private Client Committee and the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee

This panel is meant to be a practical workshop with a detailed discussion of succession structures for family businesses as used in different regions (eg, Asia Pacific, Latin America and Europe).

Surrogacy and the status of frozen genetic material after death and the property rights of the body laws of succession

Presented by the Family Law Committee

The session will discuss reproductive rights in the global village, succession and property rights in regard to frozen genetic material after death, the entitlement to and status of frozen genetic materials after death and the right to procreate.

The no longer brave new world: artificial intelligence and other new deliveries of legal services

Presented by the Alternative and New Law Business Structures Committee, the Academic and Professional Development Committee, the Law Firm Management Committee, the Professional Ethics Committee and the Technology Law Committee

Each day brings another news item about robots and artificial intelligence across disciplines, in law, medicine and elsewhere. We are facing a world of driverless automobiles, chips embedded in our bodies, and robots performing analytical tasks as well as physical activity. What was imagined 50 years ago in science fiction is now part of the fact of legal practice. From document review to interactive response with clients, artificial intelligence is now permanently part of legal practice. How far will it go? Do the current rules of professional responsibility cover the responsibilities of lawyers? Will we now find judges relying on computer analysis to resolve cases, in the manner of computer chess programs resolving complex solutions? Beyond the technology and ethics, will the continued use of artificial intelligence change the way society views law and dispute resolution? Will these alternative business structures relating to delivery of legal services solve the access to justice problem? A diverse panel of experts from around the world and in a variety of legal structures will seek to address these issues. Robots are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

Urbanisation and the environment: how industrialised nations can use the law to promote the environment and growth

Presented by the Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee, the Real Estate Section, the Power Law Committee and the Water Law Committee

Increasing urbanisation in developed countries presents a fundamental challenge for environmental and urban planning agencies. How can the desire to seek further economic growth through urbanisation be managed to avoid significant impact on the environment and, importantly, promote the health of those who live in areas of increasing urban sprawl. Is greater density coupled with innovative infrastructure investment the answer? How can these issues be addressed without an unreasonable impact on housing affordability? Who gets to build where? What are the less obvious issues, such as the impact on health and well-being? This panel will explore the various policy and legal solutions that leading cities and nations have put into place in successfully promoting the dual goals of economic growth through urbanisation and a cleaner, healthier environment.

What role has good advocacy in mediations and arbitrations?

Presented by the Forum for Barristers and Advocates, the Arbitration Committee, the Litigation Committee and the Mediation Committee

What role has good advocacy in mediations and arbitrations? The archetypal advocate appears in court, before a judge, arguing a case and cross-examining witnesses. They are eloquent, engaging and easily able to meet the demands of a dynamic trial process. However, the opportunities for practising in that way are dwindling. The classical trial is now thought to be too long, too expensive and too risky. By contrast, there are increasingly more opportunities for mediation and arbitration. What is the difference? Can the skills of the great trial advocate be used in the mediation room? What are the techniques that must be learned and refined to excel in mediations and arbitrations?

Workshop on a down under project in Latin America

Presented by the Latin American Regional Forum

Part 1: from birth to adulthood

In this part, the workshop will analyse an investment project from its inception and design, including different components (main infrastructure, energy, processing plants and transportation), through feasibility and project finance to construction.

Part 2: from happiness to divorce and death

In this part, the workshop will analyse the environmental and social challenges of natural resources and infrastructure projects using the expansion of a project as an example, touching on the different options to finance the multibillion dollar expansion, enhancement of stability agreements to the creeping expropriation attempts from the host government, international arbitration defence, insolvency challenges and closure of the project.

Tuesday 1615 – 1730

Criminal tax and banking regulation

Presented by the Business Crime Committee and the Criminal Law Committee

The scandals related to tax evasion that have occurred in the course of the past few years have triggered the issue of financial institutions' role in protecting tax evaders. The panel will address the possible criminal exposure of financial institutions and the compliance programmes, suitable to prevent such exposure.

Tuesday 1615 – 1730 (continued)

Disability and employment: new horizons

Presented by the Discrimination and Equality Law Committee

Employers and employees are facing new disability-related challenges. At the time when many global disability laws were enacted, law makers' anticipated effects would be to protect and enhance the rights of people with disabilities.

However, in the past few years, legal frameworks and practical experiences have shown that issues such as obesity, prescription drugs, substance abuse, temporary disabilities, personality disorders, mental illness, autism and depression have shown themselves in the workplace. Many of these issues were not even contemplated at the time the original laws were enacted. This session will explore the new horizons of rights and obligations and asks: has it gone too far?

Forget about the law: the other roles of the in-house lawyer

Presented by the Corporate Counsel Forum

As well as filling the role of chief legal officer, senior in-house lawyers have many other functions to discharge within corporations. These include not only associated functions such as compliance, but also management roles. Roles such as talent management in managing the careers of their in-house teams, strategic management in guiding the overall direction of the in-house legal function and commercial management as a member of the company's executive committee. Can all these hats be worn at once and still permit the in-house lawyer to be the conscience of the company?

Trade relationships and human rights

Presented by Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee and International Trade and Customs Law Committee

This session will explore:

- free trade agreements, and countries exiting some (such as the US from the Trans-Pacific Partnership);
- how companies should handle divergence of labour standards and common standards;
- upward movement/improvement of standards in practice;
- Brexit and common standards;
- EU human rights, US, APAC;
- employment rights as human rights and in how far the two are/ should be linked; and
- UN Global Compact.

Wednesday 0800 – 0930

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.

IBA Bar breakfast hosted by the Japanese Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA)

The role of bar associations to improve access to justice

This session will explore the role of bar associations to improve access to justice. Speakers from across the world will share experience of their bar associations to improve access to justice in and outside their countries.

The Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA) has endeavoured to improve access to justice. For example, the JFBA has financially supported the establishment of law offices in areas suffering from a shortage of attorneys.

The JFBA also provides funds for certain cases, including cases brought by foreign nationals without resident status, which have not been covered by publicly funded legal aid. Recently, the JFBA has started to introduce an appropriate attorney of a bar association to any insured who has purchased legal expenses insurance from an insurance company under an agreement with the JFBA.

The JFBA has also worked to improve access to justice outside Japan. For example, the JFBA has organised the Access to Justice Conference in Asia four times in the past, the most recent in Cambodia.

Managing Partners' breakfast: law firm of the future

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

If you are a managing partner or have a role/interest in law firm management, this is your opportunity to hear directly from four leaders of global and national law firms who are instrumental in the development and execution of the growth strategies for their firms.

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 and meet with fellow practitioners facing similar challenges in law firm management.

Wednesday 0930 – 1030

Keynote on artificial intelligence and the digital economy

Presented by the Presidential Task Force on the Future of Legal Services

This special session will feature Australian leaders in the digital economy, new technology and disruptive change, guiding us through some of the major changes and effects we can expect in life and work in the years ahead.

Following on from this, the session will split into:

- A trip through travel industry technology today and tomorrow; and
- Blockchain and its implications regarding business law

Wednesday 0930 – 1045

Dissect the deal: a recent hostile M&A transaction

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

The panel will include leading practitioners who participated in structuring and executing certain deals, and intends to focus on hostile transactions. It will offer a lively insight into some of the key legal issues, deal terms and process involved in the transaction.

Wednesday 0930 – 1045 (continued)

Flush to faucet: the regulation and use of recycled water

Presented by the Water Law Committee

This session will examine the legal and practical issues that are presented by the use of water recycling for potable water and other reuse as a response to drought and other water shortages.

International sales contracts: boot camp in the outback

Presented by the International Sales Committee and the Young Lawyers' Committee

Drafting of agreements for clarity and communication is key. The 'boilerplate' – that is, entire agreement, assignment, severability and like clauses – is often neglected while it could prevent disputes or, at worst, cause one. Material terms of international sales contracts will be reviewed, making reference to recent case interpretations where applicable. This could include reference to Incoterms and any current commentary there.

Masterclass: the partner as a coach and mentor

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

Leading organisations around the world have for some time led and managed their people through coaching and mentoring. This practical session will give participants the keys to deal with some of today's most complex talent and leadership issues in law firms.

Whether it is managing motivation and performance of young lawyers, designing an employer value proposition capable of attracting the best talent, building client and commercial skills from an early stage in careers, retaining the best lawyers or building capability for the next generation of leaders of the firm, the key in modern management lies in investing in individual, tailored and on the job learning relationships.

This masterclass will show why and how to build these individual learning relationships across a legal organisation. The session will also provide guidelines for designing coaching and mentoring programmes tailored to the needs of our profession.

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

Presented by the Presidential Task Force on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights, the Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section (SEERIL), the Human Rights Law Committee, the IBA's Human Rights Institute, the Indigenous Peoples Committee and the Litigation Committee

This session will examine how the role of law, legal systems, lawyers and the judiciary are playing increasingly critical roles in the urgent societal response to global climate change.

The December 2015 Paris Agreement has been called 'historic'. However, despite its ambition to keep the global average temperature increase to below 2°C, greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise. As the United National Environment Programme 'Emissions Gap Report 2016' makes clear, countries' current pledges and 'nationally determined contributions' under the Paris Agreement still leave a significant deficit to achieving the 2°C target.

In October 2014 the IBA's ground-breaking report 'Achieving Justice and Human Rights in an Era of Climate Disruption' found that legal systems and institutions were inadequate and ill-equipped to deal with the nature and scale of the problem. The report provided over 50 recommendations to address legal systems' deficiencies and progress climate justice. Three years on from the release of the 2014 IBA report, this session will provide

the opportunity for an updated discussion of important insights from a variety of perspectives, practices and various IBA committees, including Litigation, Human Rights Law, Indigenous Peoples and the Judges Forum, to explore the latest legal, judicial and policy developments.

The session will address:

- the challenges for implementing the Paris Agreement and its impact on multinational entities;
- the significance of the Paris Agreement's references to human rights and climate justice;
- the potential for human rights law to play a key role in addressing climate change and the Paris obligations;
- the legal obligations that will arise out of countries efforts to achieve their 'nationally determined contributions' under Paris;
- the implications and the potential of recent innovative climate-related litigation on several continents; and
- how the courts are increasingly playing a role in addressing climate change, including the current and recent cases addressing parties' efforts to seek redress in the courts.

The session also will include presentation of the reports and recommendations of two IBA Presidential Task Force on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights Working Groups: the Model Statute for Climate Change Remedies and the Legal Aspects of Climate Adaptation working groups.

Pro forma-adjusted recurring currency-corrected like-for-like EBITDA, or what the regulators giveth, the regulators taketh away

Presented by the Capital Markets Forum and the Securities Law Committee

No area of capital markets activity has seen more creativity than the efforts of management, financial sponsors and investment bankers to escape the constraints of accounting rules when it comes to presenting company financial performance. Alternative measures of financial performance, in ever-more exotic forms, abound in company reports, initial public offering (IPO) prospectuses and associated marketing materials, often telling quite a different story from International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)/ generally accepted accounting principles-compliant measures. After several years of following a relatively relaxed approach to such information, regulators in many countries are increasingly clamping down on perceived abuses of alternative performance measures through guidance limiting their use and presentation. This panel will explore the uses, and the abuses, of such alternative performance measures from a variety of perspectives – private equity, banking, the buy-side, auditing and legal – and investigate whether such measures actually help attain the objectives for which they are used.

Soft law in international arbitration

Presented by the Arbitration Committee

Soft law mechanisms have been both praised and criticised. In particular, it has been argued that, although they may contribute to levelling the playing field in international arbitration, they also limit, to some extent, party autonomy. Both perspectives will be discussed.

Trials in absentia: worthwhile justice

Presented by the War Crimes Committee, the Criminal Law Committee and the Judges' Forum

The Special Tribunal for Lebanon is investigating the 2005 assassination of former Lebanon Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. Since 2014, it has been holding a trial in the Netherlands for five defendants accused of the crime. However, the trial is in their absence. It is not known where they are, or if they are even alive. They have never been arrested. Is this example of international justice to be a forerunner for further in absentia trials? Does it satisfy victims? Is it worthwhile? If the defendants are ever arrested, they are entitled to a retrial if they are convicted.

Wednesday 0930 – 1230

Branding strategies and use of image licensing/sponsorship in the sports and entertainment industries

Presented by the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee and the Asia Pacific Regional Forum

Protection and control of names, trademarks and image rights are crucial in the sports and entertainment industries. They have high monetary value and there is also an enormous appeal to the collective imagination. The panel will discuss several examples from both a legal and economic point of view: branding a sports team, athlete, rock band and actor, and dealing with the related licence strategies.

Citizens of the world: a review of which countries do/don't permit dual citizenship

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

Trends and developments in dual citizenship: which countries allow it and which don't?

Civil and common law approaches to contract interpretation: a comparison – and do good faith obligations make any difference?

Presented by the International Construction Projects Committee

Drafters of complex construction contracts (and other commercial agreements) often insert clauses that shift risks from one party to another, and this panel will explore different ways in which some of these clauses are enforced in common law and civil law jurisdictions. Examples include, but are not limited to, clauses relating to changes, delays, differing site conditions, claim notice and indemnity. The session will be useful both to construction practitioners and anyone drafting or arbitrating/litigating complex commercial contracts in the global marketplace.

Cross-border aspects of legal opinions in financial transactions

Presented by the Banking Law Committee

Legal opinions are regularly issued in multiple jurisdictions in financial transactions, but no two jurisdictions necessarily take the same approach to them or understand them the same way. Recipients of legal opinions expect an accurate, precise and reliable legal instrument, which presupposes that everybody involved has the same understanding of the what, why and how. This panel will discuss issues and pitfalls in issuing cross-border opinions and will explore possible ways to address them.

Development of future mega cities, infrastructure and services

Presented by the Communications Law Committee

Cities are beginning to invest in stronger, more resilient and flexible technology infrastructure. Whether the purpose is to improve local authorities' engagement with their communities, from waste collection to social care or even shared economy platforms, the need for connectivity is pervasive. The internet of things plays, and will continue to play, an increasingly important role within our cities as they move to a higher level of sensory equipment being retrofitted into our buildings and the space around us.

Whether projects are undertaken in the Middle East, Europe or Asia, one factor has been key to their successful planning and execution: a highly integrated telecoms and fibre network that is future-proofed

to deal with the ever-increasing demands technology and society will place on it. Smart cities enhance quality of life through the integration of information and communications technology (ICT) within the infrastructure framework. Upon successful implementation, smart cities will not only boost commercial and capital investments but will be the best approach for reducing the tremendous strain on present day infrastructure.

The success of large-scale projects – and the delivery of the expected output for citizens – therefore rely on the successful planning of authorities and, where relevant, the adoption of the appropriate regulations likely to foster innovation and development, in particular in relation to the sourcing and roll-out of appropriate ICT services.

Whereas, at a local scale, issues arising out of cities' transformation may be focusing on funding, financing, planning and procurement, more global and regulatory issues arise once clear development policies are devised, in particular in relation to (1) spectrum management and allocation, (2) fostering competition on the market (especially where operators do not all have the same network footprint) and (3) guiding future users, authorities and other city stakeholders in handling the vast amount of data they will necessarily collect and process.

Using the current examples of smart city projects around the world, and building upon the conclusions that may be drawn from those, this session will explore in further detail why communication law concerns have a core impact in successfully developing smart cities and paving the way for businesses to invest in and contribute to the community.

Global anti-corruption update

Presented by the Anti-Corruption Committee, the Asia Pacific Regional Forum and the Professional Ethics Committee

This annual and very popular session will review the current trends and developments in anti-corruption policy, investigations and enforcement from around the world in an engaging roundtable dialogue with world experts. The session will review current and future trends in anti-corruption laws, enforcement and prosecutions.

Impact of increased transparency requirements on holding structures

Presented by the Taxation Section, the Anti-Corruption Committee, the Individual Tax and Private Client Committee and the Taxes Committee

Many holding structures for both individuals and corporates have historically been driven by a desire to maintain the privacy of the ultimate owners. Increased transparency requirements will render this objective much harder to achieve. How will holding structures change as a result? Paradoxically, could the transparency changes lead to a greater focus on tax optimisation if they prevent privacy being maintained, so eliminating any need for compromise between the two objectives?

Litigating disputes in the natural resources sector

Presented by the Litigation Committee

Whether in the mining or the oil and gas sector, disputes over natural resources arise in an incredibly diverse range of ways. Projects are large, complex and multiparty, and their impact is usually felt far beyond the contracting parties. This session will review the full range of typical disputes in a natural resources context. Starting with the inception of the project, disputes may arise around ownership of title to the asset, including native or Aboriginal title and overlapping exploration claims. Shareholder and joint venture disputes are common. For companies raising finance in the debt and equity capital markets, disputes with investors are a risk, as well as regulatory action. Once the project is in production, issues frequently arise out of joint operating and production-sharing agreements, often caused by force majeure or natural events. Disputes can arise over equipment supplies and trading. And projects can be expropriated by host governments or

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the legislative or regulatory regime in country may be modified to the significant detriment of the investor. All of this is to be seen in the context of low commodity prices. How does that play out? Finally, the session will look at claims that may be brought by third parties, such as First Nation claims to land that is affected by the project, or local communities that have been displaced or affected by environmental disasters. The session will also consider whether claims that the project has caused some form of climate change may be sustained.

Managing high-profile criminal clients and cases

Presented by the Criminal Law Committee, the Business Crime Committee, the Litigation Committee and the Media Law Committee

High-profile criminal prosecutions present numerous challenges for defence counsel. Not only must they prepare to represent their client in a court of law but they must be prepared to respond to the court of public opinion as well. This panel, composed of experienced practitioners in both criminal and media law, will examine effective tactics for protecting your clients' interests and rights in high-profile matters.

Mineral royalties: lessons from international experiences

Presented by the Mining Law Committee, the Oil and Gas Law Committee and the Taxes Committee

Mineral royalties are one of the most challenging issues that the international mining industry has been debating for quite some time.

In times of high commodity prices, mining companies – major, juniors, state-owned, local and international – take their exploration and production activities into all kinds of countries, ones with little mining experience, others with a long mining history.

What we witnessed when commodity prices were high was a movement by a number of countries to introduce new regulations for royalties. Countries with no or little mining tradition were aiming to collect their share from investors. Governments of jurisdictions with years of experience in mining were responding to the public perception that mining companies should contribute further.

With the downturn, these same countries are reviewing previous decisions and changes.

The truth is that governments never believe that they are taxing too much, companies rarely agree that they pay too little and the public, in most cases, doesn't believe the benefits from royalty payments are what they should be.

This session will attempt to discuss experiences from different jurisdictions on devising, assessing, paying and accounting for royalties. It will also debate the relation of mining royalties to the overall tax system, its role in attracting new investments and benefiting affected communities, as well as mechanisms to ensure transparency, governance and management of royalty revenues by governments.

Some like it hot: the art of mediating disputes between law firms, lawyers and staff

Presented by the Mediation Committee, the Bar Issues Commission, the Forum for Barristers and Advocates and the Senior Lawyers' Committee

Nothing damages the legal profession more than when lawyers wash their dirty linen in public or, worse yet, cause their clients unnecessary anxiety, expense and delay solely as a result of personal issues arising with the opposing counsel. Sometimes disputes even lead to the eruption of altercations and physical confrontations between lawyers. Be it conflicts arising as a result of transfers between law firms, fee-sharing disputes between partners, interpersonal conflicts between lawyers, conflicts between attorneys and secretaries or among staff members, how to cope with high-conflict office colleagues or just handling difficult

conversations, this session explores best practice conflict resolution techniques in the legal arena. Leading mediators, negotiators and professional executive coaches specialising in dispute resolution will offer tips and tricks of the trade to help professionals break deadlock, facilitate understanding and help lawyers and law firms resolve disputes effectively and efficiently in and out of court, using arbitration, mediation or best within the firm. This is your time to hone your skills to get yourself out of the mess before it gets too hot to handle.

Specialised legal services and mega law firms: is Africa behind the rest of the world? If so, what is to blame?

Presented by the African Regional Forum

Africa appears to be behind other regions of the world as far as the development of mega law firms and provision of specialist legal services is concerned. What political, economic, legal education and regulatory reforms are required to accelerate this aspect of the legal services sector in Africa?

Wednesday 1030 – 1230

A trip through travel industry technology today and tomorrow

Presented by the Leisure Industries Section

Watch a mid-20th century film involving any mode of travel and the impact of technology in the intervening years is starkly obvious. Some technology facilitated travel and tourism – jumbo jets made travel faster and less costly than previous modes. Some technology also reduced travel, for example, inexpensive conference telecom. What technologies are impacting or about to impact travel and tourism today and what effect will they have? This discussion will survey current important developments, such as:

- What will be the impact of virtual and augmented reality – will it promote travel or substitute for it?
- How will legal systems handle technologies, like Uber or Airbnb, that potentially disrupt existing regulatory systems?
- Will the interplay between big data and technology facilitate secure travel – or endanger it?

Blockchain and its implications regarding business law

Presented by the Technology Law Committee and the Cybercrime Subcommittee

Blockchain technology began as the basis for bitcoin transfers, and is assuming various interesting roles in the transfer of information in various sectors, including health, finance and secured transactions. In this panel, experts and practitioners will explain the fundamentals of blockchain technology, and discuss the private and public uses and smart contracts. The panellists will discuss current issues that intrigue academia and practitioners alike, including the legal effects and applications of smart contracts on the business, the identification of parties, closing mechanisms, confidentiality and liability, and others. Current practice and legislation will be reviewed.

Wednesday 1115 – 1230

A finger on the pulse of the Asia Pacific: sharing experiences of investor-state dispute resolution in a dynamic and challenging region

Presented by the Asia Pacific Regional Forum

Statistics suggest that cross-border trade/investment within the Asia Pacific region is clearly rising, in no small part because of government-sponsored initiatives and the opening-up of markets in many Asian countries to

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foreign investment. But investor-state arbitration is new in Asia – not many investors or states have been involved in investor-state arbitration. The traditional way or preference for resolving disputes is via government-to-government communications and, culturally speaking, there is reticence to challenge governmental authorities in legal proceedings. However, will the strong flow of cross-border investment in the region usher in a new era of investor-state arbitration among Asian countries and investors? Will the growth in Asian cross-border investment mean a growth in participation in investor-state disputes by Asian parties?

If so, how should practitioners respond to the needs?

Hear speakers with first-hand knowledge of investor-state dispute resolution in the Asia-Pacific region – bilateral investment treaty (BIT) arbitration or investor-state dispute resolution through mediation, share the insights on how to navigate the cultural, political and practical challenges of investor-state dispute resolution in Asia Pacific, this ever-changing region.

What are the greatest challenges that practitioners face in investor-state arbitration in Asia Pacific?

What lessons/experiences can be learned/shared from arbitrators' perspective?

How are investors-state disputes being resolved by mediation? Any comments on using IBA rules on resolving investor-state disputes by mediation?

Disabilities and the law: what are we going to do?

Presented by the Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee, the Discrimination and Equality Law Committee and the Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee

This session will detail the manifold legal and other issues concerning access to justice for those with disabilities around the world. Presenters will highlight the role of substantive law-making in eliminating discrimination, the impediments to the use of legal systems across jurisdictions by people with disabilities and the role of legal aid organisations in protecting their rights.

Research undertaken on behalf of the committee will be presented to the session, and an opportunity for delegates to discuss the results will follow. The session will be of interest to those acting for people with disabilities, as well as those whose clients may find themselves in breach of laws designed to promote the interests of, and eliminate discrimination against, them.

This will be a thought-provoking and timely session given the responsibility of the profession and its clients at law for the most vulnerable group in any jurisdiction.

Expecting the unexpected: risk sharing and hurdles to closing in public M&A

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

When the deal is agreed, how does the buyer make sure it is protected from preclosing problems? How does the seller make sure it gets the value it bargained for?

Indeed, closing risks and incentives are increasingly important in public takeovers, including:

- regulatory, antitrust and other possible government approvals;
- financing;
- material adverse change;
- minority shareholders or activist interferences or litigation;
- interlopers; and
- shareholder approval and other concepts (including common and civil law way-outs).

This session will explore current market terms and negotiations of these issues with top M&A lawyers in the context of recent public deals, as well as lessons or ways to secure or accelerate closing.

Law firm of the future: the vision of young lawyers

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

What do young lawyers envisage the law firm will look like in 10 to 15 years and how can today's law firm management provide the support and necessary tools to develop the legal, technological and people skills as well as required leadership qualities in young lawyers so that they are equipped for the law firm of the future?

The purchase and sale of manufactured/complex assets

Presented by the International Sales Committee

Complex and manufactured assets means detail, documentation and often cross-border considerations. This session will consider issues around the purchase and sale contracts, turn-key projects and related aspects. Consideration could be given to the challenging and usual areas of negotiation, contract drafting and where key challenges lie. Delivery and construction can go smoothly – but what about warranty matters?

Water trading: is water the new oil?

Presented by the Water Law Committee

This session will examine existing and proposed schemes for the trading of water and water entitlements, the regulatory schemes and systems that support water trading.

Wednesday 1400 – 1730

Law firm visits

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

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

Real estate property tour

Presented by the Real Estate Section

In addition to very interesting sessions, the Real Estate Section will once again organise its special real estate property tour. The tour will provide participants with an insider's look at premier developments through a tour of many of central Sydney's key districts and landmarks.

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

Wednesday 1430 – 1545

Crowdfunding

Presented by the Securities Law Committee and the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee

How can the use of crowdfunding regulations (both licensing and transactional) be optimised for growing companies? What aspects of crowdfunding regulations are useful for larger companies? Given the disclosure and other requirements, has crowdfunding really reduced the cost of capital for growth companies? What abuses have been identified early on? Do investors want to invest in crowdfunding? Can stock exchanges, if mere service providers, play a role in crowdfunding services and can they secure the confidence of investors and small and medium-sized enterprises issuers? How does the aftermarket work?

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How to market in an age of social media: is it right for all firms in all jurisdictions? How to get it right?

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

Uneasy companions: social media and the law

Lawyers and law firms across many jurisdictions struggle with using social media. This is not because lawyers are 'old fashioned'. Instead, lawyers are naturally cautious around social media's 'wild west' rules, and medium-to-large law firms can lack the agility to respond in 'real time' and sometimes where you are based can be a help or a hindrance. Given these restrictions, many lawyers choose to ignore social media, or use it half-heartedly.

This panel session will:

- define the benefits that lawyers can gain from engagement with social media;
- include insights in to the different social media platforms suitable for lawyers;
- debate ways to cope with the pitfalls of engagement;
- examine ways to measure social media effectiveness; and
- look at what should be in a social media 'strategy'.

The panel will include: a marketing and PR professional, a lawyer who promotes/uses their profile on social media, an in-house professional charged with managing a law firm's corporate social media presence, and a journalist (who will outline ways in which the business and legal press use and reference social media).

Part A: evolution of disclosure requirements at time of placement

Presented by the Insurance Committee

The landmark English case of *Carter v Boehm* 250 years ago established the duty of utmost good faith and imposed an onerous pre-contractual disclosure requirement for insureds. Until the UK Insurance Act 2015 was enacted, English law remained largely unchanged. Australia's law changed with the Insurance Contracts Act 1984, but Australia now finds itself possibly behind the curve given the wider reach of the UK Insurance Act 2015. Should Australia amend its laws? Which paths have the USA and other countries in Asia and Europe chosen?

Smart oil and gas

Presented by the Oil and Gas Law Committee

Digitisation is transforming the energy sector everywhere. Different parts of the energy industry are reacting differently, preparing for potentially disruptive changes. The session will look into how the oil and gas industry is affected by and makes use of this development. It will also look into new challenges for lawyers advising oil and gas clients all along the oil and gas value chain.

Tools and tricks of the trade: how to enhance the costs and efficiency of arbitration practice

Presented by the Arbitration Committee

Costs and efficiency continue to be a main concern for arbitration users and institutions. The most recent practices developed to enhance those aspects will be addressed.

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Australasia's mega projects: the curate's egg

Presented by the International Construction Projects Committee

Australia and New Zealand have been undertaking a significant volume of major projects: renewing ageing infrastructure, catching up on a backlog of constrained delivery of infrastructure for many decades and responding to the effects of natural disasters. Such projects consume significant resources and have long delivery times. They are often launched with fanfare and excitement. But are the objectives of building this infrastructure achieved? Does the community get real value for money? Are we improving in our delivery of such projects or do we learn the same lessons over and over again? The panellists will speak to their own experiences of many of these projects and share their insights as to how we can improve the delivery of major infrastructure.

Banking on it: applying principles of responsible business conduct in, by and to the financial sector

Presented by the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee

Business and human rights are gaining prominence in the financial sector. This is true not only in project finance, where these issues have played a significant role for some time, but also in other activities, including lending. This session will address developments that are bringing about a shift in the financial sector towards a more pervasive business and human rights-orientated approach. Those interested in the financial sector should be aware of such developments that could shape the future of financing. For example, there could be implications for the status of financial agreements in which these topics are not prominently addressed but finance has nevertheless been provided. The session will address these and other emerging topics in this field.

BIC Showcase: the balance between migration, international security, rule of law and terrorism – what bar associations can do to facilitate this conversation

Presented by the Bar Issues Commission (BIC)

There are numerous experts who say that both the US presidential election and the UK Brexit referendum were decided on the question of migration. There are also important elections (France, Germany etc) in which the same topic is in the focus. What role could and should bar associations play to help the members of society to distinguish between facts and myths? Could bar associations simply ignore the security concerns of the citizens based on the traditional defence of human rights? How could bar associations help to find the balance in the public dialogue? The panellists will discuss their own experiences and try, together with the audience, to find some advice for future public discussions.

Departures and lateral hires of partners

Presented by the Professional Ethics Committee, the Alternative and New Law Business Structures Committee and the Women Lawyers' Interest Group

The legal world has been addressing the issues related to the mobility of lawyers for many years. The area has been expanding with many more lawyers changing firms due to wanting a broader platform; to the right-sizing of firms, the merger or other alignments of firms in many jurisdictions and the insolvency or other financial distress of law firms, to name just a few reasons. The expectations of lawyers and the bodies regulating lawyers have been changing over time and the laws relating to the duties of lawyers and their new firms have also been changing. Further, there seem to be differing expectations and rules depending on the extent of the development of the Bar and the regulatory framework of the Bar. Law firms now have multijurisdictions to

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consider when trying to manage expectations and changing laws in many of these jurisdictions. The panel will explore the ethical considerations to clients, suppliers, creditors and employees of the departing firm, and the role and potential liability of the firms to whom the lawyer transitions. This panel will include practitioners and firm leaders who will explore these varied topics during the three-hour panel.

Developing the M&A lawyers of the future

Presented by the Academic and Professional Development Committee and the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

How can we accelerate the development of M&A lawyers, increase their business acumen and best prepare them for the demands of practice? The panel will discuss the core competencies of M&A lawyers, and strategies for developing and delivering learning for them, combining learning in-house, on-the-job and in educational institutions. We will explore core programme elements, timing, duration, learning methodology and trainers, and share examples of programmes that IBA members are currently running.

Environmental and health challenges in developing countries: legal frameworks and responses

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

As the economies of developing countries grow and populations increasingly shift from rural to urban environments, significant environmental and health issues arise for the populations of these nations as well. From increased air pollution and access to clean water, to the harmful effects of climate change and resource development, there are challenging issues and doubts regarding whether the legal frameworks in these nations can develop as well as protect the population from these growing environmental and health challenges at times when countries prioritise economic growth over environmental considerations. This panel will discuss the leading environmental and health challenges in developing nations, where there are fundamental weaknesses in legal frameworks or enforcement mechanisms, and the lessons learned from around the world to implement legal protections for the health, safety and wellbeing of individuals to a clean environment.

Grow and keep your clients cost effectively: Pippa's RAINBOW strategy

Trouble starts when your clients feel that they are being taken for granted. It costs much more to win new clients than to win more work from current clients. In addition, your clients can be your greatest referrers and ambassadors. We will work together on how to:

- meet client expectations;
- understand what clients mean by wanting 'added value'
- anticipate and prevent problems;
- deal with difficult clients;
- turn complaints into opportunities;
- increase the quality and quantity of work from your clients;
- strengthen and deepen your relationships with your clients;
- using client feedback to enhance service delivery;
- handle challenging fee discussions;
- cross-sell between your firm and the client;
- prepare a client relationship management strategy; and
- implement your client relationship plans.

How hot is it coming in from the cold?

Presented by the Individual Tax and Private Client Committee

The panel will discuss methods for clients to become compliant with tax and reporting obligations, the impact of anti-money laundering initiatives and whether it is still safe to be a tax adviser (can we advise clients without risking criminal liability)?

In search of a 'global corporate criminal liability act'

Presented by the Litigation Committee and the Anti-Corruption Committee

Would a transnational criminal law support enforcement of civil liability claims of injured parties and promote fair trade, with a view to fighting fraud, corruption and infringement of human rights?

International online distribution issues part 1

Presented by the Antitrust Committee and the Communications Law Committee

This panel will explore issues arising in online distribution of goods and digital content around the world. The panel will discuss issues such as territorial restraints (export bans and exclusive distribution with a focus on cross-regional issues, eg, a US website not selling to Australian consumers), geoblocking (including the European Commission's e-commerce enquiry and initiatives in this area) and resale price maintenance (minimum advertised prices, platforms and pricing, sales on app stores and recent developments such as the Japan Fair Trade Commission investigation into app stores).

Is the art market truly global?

Presented by the Art, Cultural Institutions and Heritage Law Committee and the International Trade and Customs Law Committee

Is the art market a truly global market? How is the art market affected by national heritage protection regulations, in particular those regarding border controls restricting exportation of cultural property? Does the art trade require national or supranational control? And what is the optimal level of regulation and compliance that the art market requires? Or is the invisible hand of the market a sufficient (or better) regulator of the public and private interests involved in the art market? A panel of distinguished lawyers and industry experts will present opposing views on the above issues, focusing on different crucial aspects of the art market.

Issues in the liability of directors for loss caused to shareholders or creditors by directors' negligence or breach of duty

Presented by the Negligence and Damages Committee and the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee

This session involves questions about statutory provisions on the liability of directors, negligence and breach of fiduciary and similar duties. The moderator will develop questions with jurisdiction-based content for each panellist based on the panellist's country of practice. The audience will make contributions and pose questions for the panellists. The chair will round up with a summary.

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Liability of the UN and other international organisations to individuals

Presented by the Human Rights Law Committee and the International Organisations Subcommittee

The protection and enforcement of human rights is one of the three pillars of the United Nations (UN). Yet, there have been instances in which human rights violations have occurred under the watch or by direct perpetration of the UN. From allegations of sexual abuse by peacekeepers in the Central African Republic, the alleged UN mishandling of Syrian sieges, including Madaya, to the UN's role in the Haiti cholera epidemic and more, this panel will explore the liability of the UN (and other international organisations) for human rights abuses, as well as whether and how the UN is moving to fill gaps in accountability and hold itself accountable for its direct or indirect responsibility in situations of grave abuse.

Marine transportation, the environment and climate change: what we are doing, whether it is working and what is left to do

Presented by the Maritime and Transport Law Committee

Climate change has put pressure on the shipping industry to adapt to new requirements from governments as well as to expectations from customers requiring the transport of their goods with minimal environmental footprint. New conventions such as the Ballast Water and Bunker Oil conventions are now entering into force. In the Sulphur Emission Control Area (SECA) the sulphur content is limited to 0.1 per cent and International Marine Organisation has just agreed a global reduction to 0.5 per cent to apply to most vessel types from 2020. We see many shipowner ordering liquefied natural gas-driven vessels. Is that the solution for the future? For existing ships, there are significant problems and costs relating to the retrofitting of scrubbers or other technologies, which are in their infancy. How will the industry adjust to the forthcoming changes? The topics in this session will include issues relating to alternative fuels, improving marine vessel emission inventory methods, emission reductions and exhaust regulations. The session will also focus on supply chains and climate system impacts, including transportation in the Arctic.

Mediating political conflict in times of crisis: past, present and future of the most common and suitable type of disputes for mediators

Presented by the Mediation Committee, the African Regional Forum, the Arab Regional Forum, the Asia Pacific Regional Forum, the Banking Law Committee, the European Regional Forum, the Latin American Regional Forum, the North American Regional Forum and the Insolvency Section

A famous French author used to say that arbitration is the greatest peacekeeper. Perhaps, but isn't it so because arbitration borrows from mediation, its reconciling spirit? And what about the power of mediation, especially in a political frame where disputes reach a confrontational level that the recourse to violence is nearby? History shows that, often, mediation was used in every continent to resolve, effectively, a bitter dispute and even sometimes wars that could not have ended otherwise. Examples where mediation was effectively used are legion from the past – Poland in the 1980s, Ireland, Israel/Palestine, Cuba, the Koreas, Cambodia, Myanmar – until today and perhaps even more in our current world of tensions, crispation and 'post-fact' or 'alternative facts'. Suffice to think of the disruption caused by new waves of refugees, including those caused by climate change, by the 'uberisation' of the economy. More than ever, mediation, primarily flexible, resolution-focused and not fact-orientated, is needed in an era of profound change and violent transitions and conflict is often the result of significant economic, social and political changes that had taken place throughout history.

People, often wise experts or with an international or well-respected stature, well-acquainted with those in-depth changes, will make the difference and bridge the gap. Also, collaborative, agreed-upon interest-based processes can allow to 'socialise' these conflicts, to address their causes through group dialogue and discussion, recommendations for preventative, system-wide, strategic improvement without political intrigue and infighting or recourse to violence. Responsibility for resolving conflicts can then go beyond a limited circle of aggressive antagonists to encompass allies, secret partners, neutral bystanders, and others whose relationship to the participants or issues could make peaceful solutions possible. Players of that nature, coming from different background and regions will be invited to speak and share their experience and input, just to show that, if the German philosopher Thomas Mann was right to say 'everything is politics', mediating politics is the key to everything, especially to peace-building.

Striking the right balance in consumer protection: Australia as role model or nanny state?

Presented by the Product Law and Advertising Committee, the Consumer Litigation Committee and the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee

Cigarettes in plain packaging! Graphic warnings for alcohol and video games! Higher taxes on sugar-sweetened drinks! Stiff fines for cycling without a helmet and picnicking without a permit! Around the world, there are many calls like these for tougher regulations to nudge consumers towards healthier lifestyles and restrict purveyors of unhealthy goods, all for the sake of public health and consumer protection. Advocates argue that these measures are needed to combat predatory sales and marketing practices, while opponents raise concerns about personal liberty and property rights of businesses. Australia has frequently placed itself at the forefront of this debate, which affects many industries and often goes to the heart of a country's constitutional guarantees and trade agreements. This session will hear from both sides of these competing concerns and consider whether Australia, or anywhere else, has managed to strike the right balance or has instead merely become a 'nanny state'.

Use of drugs in sports and the World Anti-Doping Agency

Presented by the Sports Law Subcommittee and the Leisure Industries Section

This session will highlight the use of drugs by athletes in various disciplines of sports at various levels, including the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and Winter Olympics.

Our discussions will include topics such as the increase in the use of drugs in many sports and how the use of drugs has hurt the competition at various levels in sports. There will be a special mention with regard to the rejection of the Russian Athletic Federation Team at the Rio 2016 Olympics and its after-effects.

The role of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in detecting and controlling the drugs menace in sports worldwide will be discussed, including:

- How have the decisions of WADA been criticised?
- What needs to be done in fine-tuning the WADA itself?
- What recourse do sports persons all over the world have against the decisions of WADA?

Some important decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport will be also highlighted.

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Worldwide implementation of the BEPS interest barrier: problems and opportunities

Presented by the Taxes Committee

The Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has finalised its recommendations for a fixed ratio rule and a complementary group ratio rule to limit relief in respect of payments of interest. Countries are beginning to legislate to give effect to the OECD recommendations, but they are not doing so in a uniform manner (and indeed some are departing from the OECD blueprint in important ways). What will the impact be for multinationals? Will inconsistencies in approach between jurisdictions give rise to arbitrage opportunities?

Wednesday 1615 – 1730

Directories: which are the relevant ones? How do you improve rankings?

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

Legal directories are the most heavily referenced written resource available on law firms, and a key part of any firm's public profile.

This panel discussion will explore strategies law firms can adopt to:

- improve the text and ranking;
- unite the whole team needed to do so, including uncooperative partners;
- establish effective working relationships between business development executives and partners; and
- get maximum benefit from directory write-ups, through business development activities.

The panel will include lawyers and business development executives from a range of different firms. To ensure a rounded discussion, the panel will include at least one speaker who is sceptical about the value of the directories and the investment in time and money they require.

Oil and gas M&A: dos and don'ts

Presented by the Oil and Gas Law Committee

This session will look into the main aspects of M&A transactions that must be highlighted when advising oil and gas clients during the current low oil prices scenario: how pricing is affecting M&A negotiations and specific clauses, and what are the dos and don'ts of the new industry M&A environment.

Part B: insuring driverless vehicles and drones – emerging issues

Presented by the Insurance Committee and the Technology Law Committee

The use of driverless vehicles and drones is increasing, but they have a long and uncertain journey ahead. Their increased and evolving use creates novel risks that are difficult to mitigate. This session considers challenges with insuring driverless vehicles and drones arising from legal and regulatory requirements, fast-moving technological innovation, and the potential of significant liability disputes.

Usefulness and reliability of witness testimony

Presented by the Arbitration Committee

The panellists in this session will examine witness evidence including:

- the need for it, if any;
- the perspective of the arbitrator;
- steps that arbitrators can take to better evaluate testimony;
- methods for counsel to avoid affecting a witness' memory; and
- the preparation of witness statements.

Watch out for regulatory bottlenecks in public transactions

Presented by the Securities Law Committee and the Antitrust Committee

Stricter and more unpredictable merger control and other administrative, regulatory and supervisory preconditions make it increasingly difficult to plan and execute the closing of M&A transactions. The session will look at how best to manage such transaction risks.

Thursday 0800 – 0930

IBA Bar Breakfast hosted by the Law Society of New South Wales

Thursday 0930 – 1045

Fighting human trafficking, counterfeit goods and organised crime from a corporate perspective

Presented by the Criminal Law Committee, the Business Crime Committee, the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee and the Healthcare and Life Sciences Law Committee

Commerce and criminal activity continue to intersect as global trade routes and supply chains continue to proliferate. From seafood harvested through slave labour making its way to supermarket shelves, counterfeit goods manufactured in China and sold on city street corners, to legitimate traders being used to launder money through trade-based money-laundering schemes, international criminal syndicates and cartels are insinuating themselves into global commerce. Corporate actors who can control their supply chain and their brand are positioned to be powerful partners in the fight against organised crime and its profiting from legitimate commercial enterprises. This panel will present a variety of experts from across the legal spectrum to discuss how companies and their counsel can guard, and actively fight, against the invasion of organised criminal enterprises into commerce.

Important aspects on gender diversity each lawyer needs to be aware of

Presented by the Women Lawyers' Interest Group and the Professional Ethics Committee

In this interactive session, we will have the chance to listen to the advancements that legislation and Bars provide to promote gender balance and guarantee that discrimination and violations do not occur. Is there more to be done? Can Bars get more involved?

International online distribution issues part 2: distribution models and contract drafting

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

As discussed in the session 'International online distribution issues, part 1', the digital environment presents important antitrust legal issues. Changes are faster than legislators and judges, and e-commerce is having a strong impact on distribution models, consumers' behavior and the overall economy. In this second part we will focus on new forms of distribution and which restrictions and controls are acceptable. We will discuss vertical restraints with our antitrust team and negotiate most-favoured clauses, as well as pricing policies, exclusivity, geoblocking and advising our clients on dos and don'ts.

Thursday 0930 – 1045 (continued)

Pro bono services for isolated communities

Presented by the Pro Bono Committee

Isolated communities come in a variety of shapes, sizes and locations. Physically isolated communities might come to mind first, but people and communities can be isolated for a range of reasons, all of which can create access to justice obstacles. This session considers the challenges faced by potential clients in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia as a result of having access to fewer legal resources than those in major urban areas, as well as strategies used by pro bono firms to fix this imbalance. This session also considers a variety of other 'isolated' communities inside and outside of Australia, including those in major cities who, due to language barriers, physical ability and age barriers, cultural barriers and social barriers, find themselves isolated from mainstream legal services.

The energy challenges facing smart cities

Presented by the Power Law Committee

Smart cities projects are at the crossroads of technology, infrastructure, financing, construction, environment and energy. As a regulated sector, the energy supply is certainly paramount where it comes to making smart cities a successful, viable and sustainable project. This session will address the challenges facing the energy supply of these modern and connected cities. In particular, this panel will discuss how regulators and government agencies have or should legislate in this area to create a favourable regulatory and legal environment and how energy suppliers have or should provide secured and efficient energy supply and hence play their role as the main sponsors of future smart cities projects.

Thursday 0930 – 1230

Adapting structures to mobile clients: changing views and alternatives

Presented by the Individual Tax and Private Client Committee

This panel will focus on whether common holding structures, such as trusts and foundations, are still viable and, if not, whether it is still possible to provide effective structures for cross-border clients.

An Australian bill of rights: is it an idea still worth pursuing?

Presented by the IBA's Human Rights Institute

Australia is the only country in the Commonwealth of Nations, and one of few countries in the world, without a bill of rights. Former Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, Sir Harry Gibbs, once declared: 'If society is tolerant and rational, it does not need a bill of rights; if it is not, no bill of rights will preserve it'. Is this the case in present-day Australia? Join a debate on this issue with a distinguished panel.

Antitrust after cartels: next generation enforcement

Presented by the Antitrust Committee and the Young Lawyers' Committee

Virtually all jurisdictions today are united in their hostility to cartels. Antitrust enforcers have arrived at a consensus that 'hardcore' price and output restraints must be rooted out and attacked with punitive measures. What next? This panel will address emerging approaches to the application of competition law to competitor coordination falling short of cartel activity. What are the rules and how can businesses comply? Topics to be discussed are the scope of prohibitions on 'concerted practices' under EU (and, soon, Australian) law, scope of 'agreement' under US law, contrasting approaches across jurisdictions to the legality of information exchanges and price signalling, and the nature of other 'non-traditional' theories of collusive or cooperative conduct

Banks and financial technology: will banks become back offices for FinTech companies?

Presented by the Banking Law Committee

Efficiency and low costs of financial service: is that what makes FinTech successful? How should banks respond? What is the regulatory response?

Lawyers, industry representatives and regulators will discuss whether pressure on banks from FinTech companies will force banks to change their business model and how regulators with prudential or financial stability mandate should react.

Duties, risks and liability: selling financial products, including insurance

Presented by the Insurance Committee and the Litigation Committee

This session will look at issues confronting issuers and intermediaries in the distribution of financial products, particularly insurance related products. The panel will explore the role of litigation in enforcing, creating and in some instances further complicating the creation and distribution of financial products.

Entity regulation: coming soon to where you practise?

Presented by the Bar Issues Commission Regulation Subcommittee

Traditionally, in many countries, regulation of the legal profession has focused on individuals. Times have changed and change continues at a rapid pace in terms of who provides legal services and how. In a number of countries, forms of entity regulation are being used to regulate not only law firms, but other providers of legal services. In addition, entity regulation is being utilised as a means by which to proactively help lawyers and law firms develop ethical infrastructure in their firms with the goal of avoiding disciplinary complaints. International experts will provide an overview of various forms of entity regulation and engage attendees in a discussion about whether changes to the manner in which legal services are delivered in a global marketplace merit including entity regulation as a mechanism by which regulators can enhance public protection and improve lawyer practice management skills.

From Trump to Brexit and beyond: investing around the world in uncertain times

Presented by the Regional Fora, 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

This session examines the recent and prospective politically driven regulatory changes in the US, UK and Europe and their impact on trade and foreign investment worldwide. Each regional forum will consider the following issues from the perspective of their own jurisdiction:

- How much will political uncertainty impact investment opportunities in each region?
- Which jurisdictions will attract increased investment in this new climate?
- How best can lawyers advise their clients when investing in uncertain times?

Hot topics in a changing tax environment

Presented by the Taxes Committee

This session will review the most important international tax developments in 2017; it will include a discussion on the tax developments associated with Brexit, the implementation of the multilateral instrument and the main aspects of the US tax reform as it affects international transactions and planning opportunities. Panellists

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will also review M&A and other transactions of interest in 2017 as well as any major decisions of the courts in 2017 on state aid and other related tax topics not otherwise dealt with in the other sessions.

How green was my valley: climate justice and dealing with the application of principles of responsible business conduct to prevent and deal with environmental degradation by corporates on their communities

Presented by the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee

Climate change is an urgent global priority. Increasingly, attention is turning to a related imperative: ensuring that the effects of climate change on vulnerable communities are recognised and addressed. The call for corporate action has amplified. This panel will examine recent developments and trends ranging from regulatory measures, litigation and other accountability efforts, as well as the application of existing frameworks for corporate responsibility. Climate justice provides a topical demonstration of the interconnection between environmental and human rights impacts that can flow from business operations, and the importance of holistic approaches to address them.

International students in the immigration system

Presented by the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee

Review of the programme, employment options, spousal work permits and the path to permanent residency.

Legality and effect of contract clauses restricting liability or quantum of damages

Presented by the Negligence and Damages Committee

This session will examine general principles of law of contract in each panellist's jurisdiction and statutory or general legal provisions, if any, dealing with 'exemption clauses' restricting liability and quantum of damages. Panellists will consider the legality of such restrictions and the types of contract in which it is not permissible to restrict liability and quantum.

Navigating the path between a rock and a hard place: the role of the target director in distressed M&A

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee and the Securities Law Committee

Companies going through dark times are often left with no other option but to sell parts of their business in order to secure their survival and avoid undergoing restructuring processes or filing for insolvency/bankruptcy. Or they may be required to engage in a distressed sale of the company either in or out of a court-monitored process. The purchase of a distressed target company is subject to a number of insolvency considerations, thus making the transaction a rather complicated and formal undertaking. A number of stakeholders are involved, for example, insolvency administrator, insolvency court, shareholders, customers, employees, banks etc.

The panel will explore the role of the target director in distressed M&A, including:

- differences depending on whether the company is listed or not;
- duty to, or other relevance of the interests of, creditors as directors of distressed companies seeking to restructure;
- insolvent/wrongful trading and defences;
- the risk of the transaction being challenged; and
- different status/processes to effect such transactions.

The panel will discuss leading recent cases from various jurisdictions such as the US state of Delaware, the UK and others.

Projects under pressure: is there any escape?

Presented by the International Construction Projects Committee

This will be an interactive session concerning a project that is in distress due to the development of severely adverse conditions unanticipated by the parties (eg, unexpected price falls or rises, labour shortages epidemic). It will begin with a look at relief that may be available in such circumstances, viewed from both a civil and common law standpoint – suspension, termination, force majeure arguments, and concepts of fairness and equity (including the 'teoría de la imprevisión', good faith, unjust enrichment and economic equilibrium).

SPPI Showcase: given the rise of populist political movements across the world, what is the impact for global legal services and business lawyers?

Presented by the Section on Public and Professional Interest

The key ingredients conducive to international trade are under attack as political populism sweeps through the US and Europe.

This session will explore the following:

- Will geopolitical instability and the reversal of decades of liberalisation of trade and investment damage international legal services?
- To what extent will business lawyers be able to rely on existing legal protections and institutions to protect and promote their clients' global trade interests?
- Can our existing legal institutions defend against the development of arbitrary and ad hoc government, for example introducing trade tariffs or restrictive practices?
- As it becomes harder for companies to plan for the future, will the approach to business risk and business strategic decision-making change to become more risk averse?
- How can law firms respond and what strategies are available to protect against the uncertainties in the market? Is it better to focus on core markets and business? Will the global law firms see a rise in activities from the availability of cheap financing and mega-mergers?

Stop failing technology projects: trends and best practices

Presented by the Technology Law Committee

Technology projects continue to fail in great numbers. Some surveys show that it may be up to 50 per cent of all technology projects that do not produce the expected outcome. This session will examine the reasons for such failures and what can be learned from such projects. Topics will include:

- What is the status of success with technology contracts in different parts of the world and within different industries?
- Why are they failing and what is the key to ensuring success?
- How to craft a deal that locks-in value and the business objectives?
- What is the trinity of quality, pricing and requirement specifications and how they play together?
- How can the use of output related key performance indicators (KPIs) and flexible and dynamic application of penalties and bonuses be used?
- What are effective, best practice governance regimes?
- What is the role of lawyers in bringing down failure rate?

Our panel will be chaired by Søren Skibsted from Kromann Reumert. The panel will feature representatives from a global information technology (IT) provider (such as IBM, Accenture TCS or the like), the Australian government and an international company as buyer of material IT, as well as representatives from across different parts of the world.

This session will provide unique business and IT project insights. The panel promises to provide a variety of competing, international views on one of the hottest topics in the technology sector. Attorneys focused on technology should not miss this session.

Thursday 0930 – 1230 (continued)

The interplay between arbitration, mediation and other alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms

Presented by the Young Lawyers' Committee, the Arbitration Committee and the Mediation Committee

Four aspects will be covered in this interactive and lively session:

1. When to choose what? Which mechanisms are actual alternatives; which are supplements to each other?
2. How to choose it? How is the right mechanism chosen when it arises? Does it always need to be included in the contract, and if yes, how? Or is conflict management guidance the new solution?
3. How to combine the mechanisms? Does Arb-Med-Arb exist in reality? Are there other fused mechanisms that are practiced?
4. What to learn from each other? Are there techniques attached to one mechanism that would do well when being applied in a different context too? Are there certain industries where some mechanisms have proven to work very well and could be transferred to other areas?

Unrepresented litigants: the cost to clients and country

Presented by the Judges' Forum, the Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee, the Family Law Committee and the Litigation Committee

The burden of self-representation extends well beyond the stress to the litigant going it alone. This type of litigation tests the capacity of the courts to cope and creates expensive, unnecessarily lengthy hearings for the represented opponent. How this phenomenon can be addressed and curbed will be explored.

Thursday 1115 – 1215

Women Lawyers' Interest Group open business meeting

Presented by the Women Lawyers' Interest Group

An open meeting of the Women Lawyers' Interest Group will be held to discuss matters of interest and future activities.

Thursday 1115 – 1230

Aircraft financing for airlines and leasing companies

Presented by the Aviation Law Committee

This panel will discuss the different sources and structures used by airlines and leasing companies to finance aircraft. Capital markets, bank financing, non-recourse and recourse structures, and back leverage will be among the topics discussed.

Business email compromise fraud

Presented by the Banking Law Committee and the Cybercrime Subcommittee

Business email compromise fraud, also known as CEO fraud, has emerged as a growing threat to large and small businesses worldwide. In April 2016, the FBI issued an alert following a dramatic increase in these kinds of crimes, estimating that victim organisations lose on average between US\$25,000 and US\$75,000 to an attack. In 2015, toymaker Mattel lost US\$3m, commodities trader The Scoular Co lost US\$17.2m and technology firm Ubiquiti lost a massive US\$46.7m.

This panel will involve the discussion of a scenario in which one company's accounts are compromised and another company, with which it does much high-value business, is convinced to transfer funds to a cybercriminal's account.

The following issues will be discussed in this context:

- How and when do companies become aware of the fraud?
- How do cybercriminals move money and what can be done to trace and freeze accounts?
- Would an arbitration clause in a framework agreement between the parties apply in such circumstances?

Foreign investment in energy assets and the complexities added by real estate regulations in the recipient countries

Presented by the Power Law Committee and the Real Estate Section

Developing and building power projects naturally involve complex contractual and financing structures. The purpose of this joint panel is to discuss how much more complexity and difficulty you can get while venturing with your local client outside your home country, especially where real estate title and collateral do not mix well with foreign investment.

Mapping the legal ecosystem: what does the current evolution look like and to where is it leading us?

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

The session will present the preliminary results of research on who – technology firms, law firms, the big four multidisciplinary firms, universities, startups, disrupters – is teaming up with whom and on what basis – exclusive, non-exclusive, global, selective. In short, how are the various 'movers and shakers' positioning themselves in the legal ecosystem. The session will include presentations from leading academics who are keeping a close eye on and tracking the legal ecosystem, concentrating on the big four multidisciplinary firms and the largest and most innovative law firms. It will address how the new and evolving legal ecosystem will affect legal education and the way it is delivered as well as subsequent professional development. The session will also include a discussion of how this new and evolving legal ecosystem is affecting and will affect law firm management and what new structures are most suitable for delivery of legal services and to whom, and how practical such structures are given different legal and ethical systems.

The future of trade agreements: have they been 'Trumped'?

Presented by the International Sales Committee, the Asia Pacific Regional Forum, the International Trade and Customs Law Committee and the North American Regional Forum

Trade agreements, once heralded, now have challenges. Intended as a survey/review of trade agreements for the Australia Oceania region with a focus on the status and negotiation points of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), and include the free trade discussions/negotiations between ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asia Nations) and China. Bilateral investment treaties for the region could also be examined (eg, India). Specific consideration will be given to the position of the United States relative to the TPP.

Thursday 1230 – 1330**Taxes Committee open business meeting***Presented by the Taxes Committee*

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

Thursday 1300 – 1700**Aviation roundtable and off-site tour***Presented by the Aviation Law Committee*

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

Please sign up at the IBA speaker desk on-site, as the number of participants is limited.

Thursday 1430 – 1545**How does an independent firm agree a business strategy and, from there, a communications strategy?***Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee*

Is a 'full services' law firm viable? Can law firms cover every area or do they need to be more strategically focused to be truly successful? How do law firm leaders go about devising a business strategy for the firm in terms of target markets and clients and focusing its resources, business development marketing budgets on these? How do you effectively communicate this to partners and, more importantly, how do you get partners' buy-in so as to have a collaborative, one firm approach executing this strategy?

Investment arbitration: is today's investment disputes framework obsolete?*Presented by the Arbitration Committee*

The adequacy of arbitration as a proper means to resolve investment disputes has recently been met with criticism. The panellists in this session will address this in an attempt to determine whether it is grounded or not.

Overview of franchise laws in the Asia Pacific region (including Australia) and their enforcement*Presented by the International Franchising Committee*

This programme will focus on the specific franchise laws in the Asia Pacific region, which in recent years has seen a proliferation of such laws. The speakers will examine the similarities and differences between these laws in countries including, among others, China, South Korea, Australia and Malaysia. The programme will in particular focus on the enforcement of these franchise laws by examining the relevant case laws, regulatory decisions and pronouncements, and their ramifications for franchisors and franchisees operating under these laws.

Recognition of insolvency decisions/foreign office-holders in Australia*Presented by the Insolvency Section and the Judges' Forum*

Australia is open for solvent and insolvent global restructuring business: a discussion of how Australian courts respond to applications for recognition of, or assistance with, foreign insolvency proceedings.

Vessel and infrastructure finance and ownership structures*Presented by the Maritime and Transport Law Committee*

Many family-owned shipping businesses historically operated ownership structures based on bearer shares. However, the compliance environment has changed significantly in the past ten years. Bearer shares were abolished in the UK in May 2015. In the US, ownership through bearer shares will require disclosure of the ultimate beneficial ownership, except where the shares are publicly traded. Even in jurisdictions where the model is still available legally, and beneficial ownership is not a matter of public record, current due diligence requirements around anti-money laundering and compliance will require companies to identify their beneficial ownership to their financing banks and contractual counterparties. We will explore ownership structures in the modern compliance regime, and the extent to which these structures are driven by the financing that is available to shipping businesses in 2017. We will look at equity and debt financing and the nature of the modern relationship between the capital provider and the company, including the growing number of partnerships between ship managers and private equity providers and the allocation of risk and liability between them.

Where are all the women? Global themes and trends of the LPRU International Attrition and Re-Engagement Study*Presented by the Women Lawyers Interest Group and the Law Firm Management Committee*

Research shows that there are significant gaps in diversity in more senior roles in the legal profession. Although women are graduating with law degrees and entering legal careers at higher rates than men, significantly fewer women continue into senior positions within the legal profession. The International Bar Association's Legal Policy & Research Unit (LPRU) has undertaken an international research study to address diversity within the legal profession.

Thursday 1430 – 1630**Tour of the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia***Presented by the Judges' Forum*

The IBA Judges' Forum has once again organised a court tour for the IBA Annual Conference. Please note that places are limited.

Delegates registered for the conference will be invited to sign up in person at the conference in October 2017.

Thursday 1430 – 1730**Africa – a continent with abundant resources and capability for growth: where lies the road map for the promotion of growth, development and poverty elimination?***Presented by the African Regional Forum, the Anti-Corruption Committee and the Antitrust Committee*

Africa has an abundance of resources. This is one of the major factors behind the growth experienced by African economies during the past 15 years. What are the major features of resources laws needed to enable African countries to leverage this endowment for growth, development and elimination of poverty?

Thursday 1430 – 1730 (continued)

Artificial intelligence and human entertainment: legal issues in entertainment AI

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

Artificial intelligence (AI) has exploded in the entertainment space, and the growth potential is nearly limitless. While electronic games have used AI for some time now, new AI systems, from Siri and Cortana to Amazon Echo and Google Home, continue to shift the landscape and bridge entertainment uses to other areas, such as home and task automation. The future may bring everything from virtual actors to AI-created 'user' content to AI compositions. Come and explore existing entertainment AI and possible future developments in AI along with the legal issues they currently present and may pose in the future. Can AI hold a copyright to a composition? Can AI 'perform' in a legal sense? These and other questions will be explored by the panel.

David and Goliath: contracting with powerful entities that refuse to negotiate terms and/or impose subcontractors/suppliers – can anything be done?

Presented by the International Construction Projects Committee

All too often, contract terms and scope are said to be non-negotiable. This may be a reflection of market conditions and unequal bargaining power or a consequence of procurement rules or laws. This session will explore the imposed terms that commonly give rise to difficulties for the supply chain and project. It will consider the extent to which the procuring entity may be able to adopt a more flexible stance, and how it may be persuaded to do so. Where there is no scope for negotiation, difficult decisions will need to be made on whether to bid, how to price the risks imposed and how those risks can be mitigated or passed to others. How are these decisions to be approached?

Development of multijurisdictional and regional insurance regulation: a new sheriff in town?

Presented by the Insurance Regulation Subcommittee and the Banking Law Committee

This session will explore the role played by various supranational and non-governmental bodies, including the FSB, IAIS, Basel Committee, and FATF, in the regulation of the financial services industry. While some minimise the work product of such bodies as merely 'soft law', others focus on the sometimes hard effects of soft law on industry participants. The session will consider the jurisdiction of such bodies, how they interact with domestic regulatory authorities, and trends in international supervision of global insurance and banking institutions.

The panel will examine the role these organisations play in establishing international capital and regulatory standards for the insurance and banking sectors, and how that role has developed in the years leading up to and following the global financial crisis; the manner in which standards adopted at the international level are incorporated into domestic law; how differences in domestic incorporation have affected the competitive landscape; and the jurisdictional, administrative law, political and other implications of standard-setting by such organisations and the ability of regulated entities to influence or challenge the standard-setting process.

Duties of confidentiality and the Panama Papers

Presented by the Professional Ethics Committee, the Alternative and New Law Business Structures Committee, the Anti-Corruption Committee, the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee and the Bar Issues Commission

Lawyers in virtually all jurisdictions have duties of confidentiality regarding their clients and their clients' affairs. In the past, there has been more 'hacking' of lawyers' data banks to disclose such information in unauthorised circumstances. One example is the unauthorised disclosure from an internal source of the information from a Panama-based law firm. In addition, many other leading international firms have been hacked externally and many firms have implemented additional security measures to restrain or limit hacking. This panel will consider some of the ethical considerations relating to these matters. The IBA and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) are carefully considering similar issues. The discussion of the panellists is not to be construed as any indication of the current or future thoughts of the IBA and/or the OECD with respect to these matters. The questions relating to privacy and security of data and information are important to law firms.

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

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

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

International trade agreements and the exchange of services between member nations: a global update

Presented by the International Trade and Customs Law Committee and the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee

This panel will conduct a current examination of the ongoing negotiations for many of the world's leading trade agreements with a focus on the international exchange of services between member nations. Our panel will also consider corporate and tax considerations for individual service providers between participating states.

IP and employees: how to enhance creativity and ensure protection

Presented by the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee, the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee and the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee

This session will explore

- different legal regimes;
- challenges in certain industries (life sciences and advertising) to adequately and fairly demarcate employer intellectual property (IP) and individual creation unrelated to the employment relationship;
- how to motivate employees in creative industries to sign over IP rights;
- best practices in documentation to ensure protection as employees move between countries;
- difference in legal systems (eg, work for hire);
- difference in enforcement regimes – Asia less robust;
- cross-border investigations of potential breach;
- the changes of cross-border enforcement of post-employment covenants; and
- IP protection in relation to transaction/due diligence processes.

Thursday 1430 – 1730 (continued)

Property proprietary claims upon divorce in the global village

Presented by the Family Law Committee and the Individual Tax and Private Client Committee

The session will discuss the international consequences of divorce upon property wherever the property is held, the approaches of diverse jurisdictions, the search for property internationally and the implementation of these claims.

Returning capital to shareholders

Presented by the Taxes Committee

Many tax regimes apply markedly different rates of tax to dividend income and capital gains. Also, many regimes apply withholding taxes to dividend payments and the like. Finally, the repatriation of funds to a top holding company from its overseas subsidiaries may be difficult without material tax costs. These tax factors play a material part in the structuring of returns of funds to shareholders. The panel will examine structuring options for returns of funds from and to a variety of jurisdictions.

Risks for dominant firms, including exclusivity, rebates and bundling

Presented by the Antitrust Committee

What sort of conduct by firms that may possess market power might make them vulnerable to charges of abuse of dominance? Can they require that customers have exclusive relationships? Can they bundle products? Can they pay rebates? What other conduct might be risky? Our expert panel, including enforcers, will explore what the boundaries are and what might pose risks.

The future of liquefied natural gas and the Paris Agreement

Presented by the Oil and Gas Law Committee

Natural gas is likely to play a pivotal role in a post Paris Agreement future. Liquefied natural gas (LNG) investments will be a key factor to the future of the oil and gas industry, and it is already influencing the strategy of many oil majors. This session will discuss the trends of the LNG industry for the future and how the Paris Agreement will affect the oil industry.

Trading in art assets/dealing with the state

Presented by the International Sales Committee and the Art, Cultural Institutions and Heritage Law Committee

Art assets are sold, donated, bequeathed, recovered or lost. The state, or state agencies, may touch such transactions and the considerations relating to such juridical oversight are worthy of consideration. How should art assets be conveyed? Which rights shall be protected? A proper grounding and sense of the relevant considerations early in the process can determine and guide strategies for such state relations and interventions.

What young lawyers can teach senior lawyers

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

This is a reversal of the norm.

The profession is adapting rapidly to reflect market changes and expectations.

The new generations harbour different aspirations and hopes. For law firms to keep abreast of these developments, senior lawyers need to listen more carefully to young lawyers.

This session, being prepared jointly with the Young Lawyers' Committee, will provide just such an opportunity.

Thursday 1430 – 1800

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

Different country, different culture (or how different legal systems view deal-making)

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee

Civil law, common law, religious laws and customary laws: the world does know a diversity of legal systems. Concepts such as company law, fiduciary duties and due interest may differ accordingly or even may not exist. The panel, which shall be composed of representatives of different legal systems, will analyse the influence of diverging concepts on deal-making and its practical consequences and cases.

Franchising and anti-bribery/anti-corruptions laws: compliance and investigation

Presented by the International Franchising Committee and the Anti-Corruption Committee

The session will focus on how international franchising may be affected by both domestic civil and criminal and long jurisdictional reach anti-corruption laws and how to benefit from robust and proactive compliance language and culture, investigation and programmes. This session will also discuss the degree of control franchisor exercises over franchisees and related consequences.

Freight forwarding in darker times

Presented by the Maritime and Transport Law Committee

Freight forwarders face legal and operational issues when dealing with the collapse of a supply or logistics chain. The consequences of, in particular, bankruptcy can be disruptive and severe. The logistics chain may come to a complete stop. Freight forwarders' legal or contractual rights of retention, liens and the like in various jurisdictions are of particular interest for the industry. Also, the freight forwarders' contractual position as a third-party logistics (3PL) or fourth party logistics (4PL) 'in the middle' between the cargo owner and the carrier causes lots of discussion. This session will dive into the various legal and operational challenges and will also offer solutions going forward.

Knowledge management and lawyers: expertise in action

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

Knowledge has always been at the heart of the legal profession. An essential component of practising law involves applying knowledge and expertise to solve clients' legal problems. In the rapidly changing contemporary legal world, where cases, transactions and legal issues become increasingly more complex and globalised, managing the firm's knowledge and expertise becomes crucial for finding innovative solutions to legal problems, serving clients effectively, reducing risks and delivering profitability to the firm. This session focuses on leading edge topics that will shape the future of legal service delivery and the legal profession. These topics include the changing role of knowledge

Thursday 1615 – 1730 (continued)

management professionals in law firms as a result of developments in big data, cognitive computing and the increasing application of artificial intelligence in legal processes.

Recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards: the force of a multilateral regime in protectionist markets

Presented by the Arbitration Committee

This session will examine classic and extreme examples of awards that reach the enforcement stage and how states respond under the New York Convention. Are awards not being enforced because of pervading national economic interests or does the New York Convention still function well and properly marginalise domestic national interests?

Friday 0930 – 1045

Impact of technology

Presented by the Employment and Industrial Relations Law Committee

This session will explore:

- update on social media;
- employee monitoring limits;
- remote working pitfalls;
- working hours;
- impact of artificial intelligence (employees not to access social media via company system because can be hacked); and
- what MNEs should do to safeguard company's assets.

Project management of legal transactions

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

Project management is 'the process and application of knowledge, skills, tools and techniques to project activities to meet project requirements' (Project Management Institute, 2013). Many organisations implement different projects. Projects are done in different environments such as healthcare, insurance, information technology, legal and other industries. Globally, lawyers are now working with terabytes of data and hundreds of thousands of documents, performing e-discovery and legal research. The advent of artificial intelligence (AI) and cognitive computing means the future of how lawyers and law firms process structured and unstructured data is changing. The use of AI and cognitive computing will influence how law firm project management is executed. This includes the expertise needed to be a part of the team to address clients' needs and the efficiency to which data, information and knowledge is used.

Friday 0930 – 1230

Better safe than sorry

Presented by the Corporate and M&A Law Committee and the Professional Ethics Committee

After the frenzied years of M&A in the mid-2000s where due diligence was at best a cost and at worst a nuisance, a new economic and regulatory environment has led to a complete change of attitude by buyers towards due diligence. Moreover, given the constant evolution of this environment, the risk of something occurring during the interim phase between signing and closing has dramatically increased. Part A of this session will focus on the new legal issues that have to be covered in due diligence when preparing for an acquisition as well as on the new tools that have become gradually available on the market to assist lawyers in their task. We will also investigate how legal advisors can play a key role in preventing or preparing the new owner-to-be and the target to better face future legal constraints or risks that

are coming their way. Part B of this session will review what process can be set up to maintain a close watch on possible issues occurring between signing and closing, and the solutions to address these risks.

Friday 1000 – 1230

Rule of Law Symposium: year in review – steps forward or steps back for the rule of law?

Presented by the Rule of Law Forum

The morning programme of the Rule of Law Symposium will examine what the advances and the setbacks have been for the rule of law in the world in the following areas:

- international security;
- human rights;
- official corruption;
- the justice sector – judges and lawyers; and
- free and fair elections.

Friday 1330 – 1600

Rule of Law Symposium: spotlight on failures of the rule of law

Presented by the Rule of Law Forum

The afternoon programme will discuss the following matters:

- presentation of the Rule of Law Forum's compilation of prominent and urgent issues of the rule of law in the world; and
- serious threats or failures to the rule of law, presented either by geographical areas (eg, the IBA's Regional Fora) or in one or more selected subject areas.



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 the opportunity to take in the sights and sounds of Sydney.

The programme begins on the evening of Sunday 8 October with the Conference Opening Ceremony, followed by the IBA Conference Welcome Party at Luna Park. It will finish on Friday 13 October in spectacular style with the Closing Party to be held at The Argyle, one of Australia's oldest buildings.

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

Preliminary information on the social programme can be found on pages 77–80 with full details of other conference social events and committee functions to be released later in 2017. Details will be posted on the conference website www.ibanet.org/Conferences/Sydney2017.aspx

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

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Social programme

Social functions will **NOT** be confirmed until full payment is received at the IBA office. If full payment is not received by **Friday 8 September** the allocation will be released without further notice.

Places, where relevant, must be purchased for children over 13 years old. Some social functions may not be suitable for young children and, if this is the case, the IBA reserves the right not to admit them.

Social function amendments and returns

All social function bookings must be finalised by close of business on **Monday 25 September**. After this date all amendments, returns and purchases of social function places will only be possible upon arrival at the conference. Social function places returned in person, on-site, will be subject to a 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 social function purchases will be subject to availability at the conference.

Dietary requirements

To ensure your safety at an IBA social event, we ask you to indicate, on the registration form, any dietary restrictions and allergen intolerances you may have. This is so we can ensure that the food provided for you at an IBA event, where there is a plated meal, is safe for you to consume. Therefore, 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 be tracking 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 are 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 events.

After 25 September, any dietary requirements submitted to us cannot be guaranteed.

Social function prices

The IBA does not mark-up prices or make a profit from social functions. Dining in a large group will cost more than dining individually because of additional costs such as venue hire, transport, decoration, etc.

Committee socials

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

Dress code

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

Sponsorship

For details of all sponsorship opportunities at this conference, email: andrew.webster-dunn@int-bar.org.

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

Sunday 8 October

1500 – 1700

Conference newcomer orientation workshop
ICC Sydney

1800 – 1900

***Opening Ceremony**
ICC Sydney Theatre

Transport will be provided directly after the Opening Ceremony to the Welcome Party.

1930 – 2230

***Welcome Party**
Luna Park

Welcome to Sydney! The venue for tonight's party is Luna Park, an iconic Sydney venue at the foot of the Harbour Bridge with stunning views of the Bridge, the Opera House and the Harbour itself. It would be hard to find a better introduction to the most famous sights of Sydney.

Luna Park is a funfair, built in 1935 for the inhabitants of Sydney to celebrate the completion of the Bridge. Throughout the evening you will be taken on a journey through Australia, from the richness of the outback to the beauty of Bondi Beach, with true Australian performances and culinary experiences throughout. Sample some of the funfair rides, such as the famous ferris wheel or just chill in the different areas, each of which offers a different experience, from lively to peaceful.

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Monday 9 October

0800 – 0930

SPPI Awards breakfast
ICC Sydney

Join us at the inaugural awards breakfast, where the Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Award, in recognition of William Reece Smith Jr, and the Pro Bono Award, both sponsored by LexisNexis, will be presented.

This event is free of charge, but pre-registration is required in order to be eligible to attend.

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Monday 9 October (continued)

1230 – 1430

(A) Arab Regional Forum lunch

ICC Sydney

Price: £70 (exclusive GST) £77 (inclusive GST)

1230 – 1430

(B) European Regional Forum lunch

ICC Sydney

Price: £70 (exclusive GST) £77 (inclusive GST)

1230 – 1430

(C) North American Regional Forum lunch

ICC Sydney

Price: £70 (exclusive GST) £77 (inclusive GST)

1230 – 1430

(D) Women Lawyers' Interest Group lunch

ICC Sydney

Price: £70 (exclusive GST) £77 (inclusive GST)

Tuesday 10 October

0800 – 0930

Global women litigator breakfast

ICC Sydney

0800 – 0930

IBA Bar Breakfast hosted by the Conseil National des Barreaux

ICC Sydney

The rise of legal tech



1230 – 1430

(E) Asia Pacific Regional Forum lunch

ICC Sydney

Price: £70 (exclusive GST) £77 (inclusive GST)

1230 – 1430

(F) Latin American Regional Forum lunch

ICC Sydney

Price: £70 (exclusive GST) £77 (inclusive GST)

Wednesday 11 October

0800 – 0930

Arbitration Committee breakfast

ICC Sydney

0800 – 0930

Corporate Counsel Forum breakfast

ICC Sydney

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

0800 – 0930

Family Law Committee breakfast

ICC Sydney

0800 – 0930

IBA Bar breakfast hosted by the Japanese Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA)

ICC Sydney

The role of bar associations to improve access to justice



This session will explore the role of bar associations to improve access to justice. Speakers from across the world will share experience of their bar associations to improve access to justice in and outside their countries.

The Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA) has endeavoured to improve access to justice. For example, the JFBA has financially supported the establishment of law offices in areas suffering from a shortage of attorneys.

The JFBA also provides funds for certain cases, including cases brought by foreign nationals without resident status, which have not been covered by publicly funded legal aid. Recently, the JFBA has started to introduce an appropriate attorney of a bar association to any insured who has purchased legal expenses insurance from an insurance company under an agreement with the JFBA.

The JFBA has also worked to improve access to justice outside Japan. For example, the JFBA has organised the Access to Justice Conference in Asia four times in the past, the most recent in Cambodia.

0800 – 0930

Managing Partners' breakfast: law firm of the future

ICC Sydney

This event is free of charge, but pre-registration is required in order to be eligible to attend.

1230 – 1430

(G) Legal Practice Division lunch

ICC Sydney

Price: £70 (exclusive GST) £77 (inclusive GST)

1900 – 2015

(H) IBAHRI Benefit Concert

Sydney Opera House

Join us for a wonderful evening of music by one of the world's leading orchestras, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, in the spectacular Sydney Opera House. The net proceeds of the event will go to the IBA's Human Rights Institute. Tickets are limited.

Price: £60 (exclusive GST) £66 (inclusive GST)

The event is being timed so that participants can still attend Committee dinners and other social functions afterwards.

We would like to thank the Conference Host Committee for organising this Benefit Concert.

Thursday 12 October

0800 – 0930

IBA Bar Breakfast hosted by the Law Society of New South Wales
ICC Sydney



1230 – 1430

(I) African Regional Forum lunch
ICC Sydney

Price: £70 (exclusive GST) £77 (inclusive GST)

1230 – 1430

(J) Section on Public and Professional Interest lunch
ICC Sydney

Price: £70 (exclusive GST) £77 (inclusive GST)

1600 – 1800

IBA football match

The annual IBA 'World Cup' football match has become a bit of an institution. Anxieties regarding health and fitness related issues have proved unfounded and the success of the event/mini tournament is a testament to the commitment, enthusiasm, endeavours and differing playing styles of those who have in recent years graced the stadia of Buenos Aires, Madrid, Dublin, Vienna and Washington. Our careers as professional footballers may be a historical fantasy but our annual event generates huge interest and most importantly friendship between all the players and many spectators who come to cheer us on. This year we have been fortunate to secure an all-weather synthetic pitch to FIFA international standards, which has served as a training base for touring professional teams from South America and Asia. With a 1,000 seater capacity grandstand, licenced restaurant, a club house and 102 car park spots, it will be standing room only! The club Fraser Park FC is in Marrickville about 8 km from the city. Kick off will be between 1600 and 1630.

As before, we ask that all players ensure that they register with the IBA during the Annual Conference week. Estimated cost will be £80 (inclusive GST) per person. 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).

2030 – late

Law Rocks! Sydney

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 13 October

1930 – 2230

(K) Closing party

The Argyle

Price: £120 (exclusive GST) £132 (inclusive GST)

The farewell party will take place in one of Australia's oldest buildings, and the ultimate Sydney venue, the Argyle. Situated in the Rocks area close to the Harbour, this building has a rich history, with an interesting modern take. Housed in the 1820's Argyle Stores building, it retains much of its original heritage listed structure and provides a unique contrast to modern Sydney. Beautiful indoor spaces, an outdoor courtyard and some intimate nooks, together with great entertainment, should provide the perfect environment to end the conference in true Sydney style.

Section and Committee information

Legal Practice Division (LPD)



About the Legal Practice Division (LPD):

The LPD comprises more than 50 committees and fora, listed on pages 82–88 of this programme, which cover all specialist areas of substantive legal practice as well as focusing on regional matters and the interests of corporate counsel. LPD Committees are grouped into 16 sections with common interests.

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

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

More information on the Legal Practice Division is available at www.ibanet.org/Committees/Divisions/Legal_Practice/home.aspx

In my first year as Chair of the Legal Practice Division (LPD), I am delighted to invite you to Sydney for the IBA's 2017 Annual Conference. Once again, the LPD will be offering the opportunity to participate in an excellent programme of over 200 sessions, with a wide variety of stimulating and challenging topics.

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

I will highlight some highly topical debates. With Sydney playing host, special attention has been paid to legal matter related to the Asia Pacific region such as the session presented by the Asia Pacific Regional Forum on investor-state dispute resolution in the Asia Pacific region. Also, all Regional Fora will lead a discussion, under the heading 'From Trump to Brexit and beyond: investing around the world in uncertain times', to look at prospective politically driven regulatory changes within various trading arenas.

I am also looking forward to our LPD Showcase session titled 'Cybercrime and the media – unexpected risks to your clients, your law firm and your government'. This session will include a highly experienced range of international and regional experts who will discuss the ever-increasing and complex matter of electronic and cybercrime currently affecting lawyers, governments and society as a whole.

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 Sydney 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 Sydney.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jaime Carey'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized 'J' at the beginning.

Jaime Carey
Chair, Legal Practice Division

Antitrust and Trade Law Section 18-19

Council Liaison Officer

Janet McDavid *Hogan Lovells, Washington, DC, USA*

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

Antitrust

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Co-Chairs

Janet McDavid *Hogan Lovells, Washington, DC, USA*

Pieter Steyn *Werksmans, Johannesburg, South Africa*

The Antitrust Committee provides an international forum for thought leadership with respect to antitrust law developments and the profession through submissions to competition agencies, training programmes/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 Committee 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.

International Trade and Customs Law

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Chair

Marcelo Calliari *TozziniFreire, São Paulo, Brazil*

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

Corporate Law Section

19-21

Council Liaison Officer

Oliver Triebold *Schellenberg Wittmer, Zurich, Switzerland*

The Corporate Law Section has over 4,000 members from around the world.

Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises 19-20

Chair

Andres Cerisola *Ferrere, Montevideo, Uruguay*

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

Corporate and M&A Law

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Co-Chairs

Craig Cleaver *Slaughter & May, London, England*

Sergio Sánchez Solé *J&A Garrigues, Madrid, Spain*

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

Corporate Social Responsibility

20-21

Chair

Martijn Willem Scheltema *Pels Rijcken & Droogleever Fortuijn, The Hague, The Netherlands*

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) is variously defined but is generally accepted to denote responsibly grounded business decision-making that considers its impact on people, communities and the environment. The increasing emphasis on CSR has particular importance for lawyers both as advisers to their clients and, in the case of law firms, as enterprises in their own right. The committee's remit therefore includes both an examination of the many CSR-related issues on which business clients may seek legal advice from an in-house counsel or external lawyer, and the issues that confront lawyers and law firms in relation to their key stakeholders; partners, staff, clients, their professional regulator and the community in which they practise. The CSR Committee has nearly 400 members from around the world.

Criminal Law Section

21-22

Council Liaison Officer

Peter Bartlett *Minter Ellison, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia*

The Criminal Law Section has over 1,200 members from around the world.

Anti-Corruption

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Co-Chairs

Pascale Dubois *World Bank Group, Washington, DC, USA*

Bruno Cova *Paul Hastings, Milan, Italy*

The Anti-Corruption Committee focuses on the effect of new anticorruption laws around the world and comprises over 700 members. The advent of several anti-corruption conventions has brought about the enactment of new anti-corruption laws in scores of countries. Aggressive enforcement, including extraterritorial enforcement of national laws and a wide range of anti-corruption initiatives, has brought this issue to the forefront worldwide.

Business Crime

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Co-Chairs

Frederick Davis *Debevoise & Plimpton, Paris, France*

Kenan Furlong *A&L Goodbody, Dublin, Ireland*

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

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Co-Chairs

Enide Perez *Sjöcrona Van Stigt, Rotterdam, The Netherlands*

Matthew Reinhard *Miller & Chevalier Chartered, Washington, DC, 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**22–25***Council Liaison Officer***Eduardo Zuleta** *Zuleta Abogados Asociados, Bogotá, Colombia*

The Dispute Resolution Section has over 4,500 members from around the world.

Arbitration**23***Co-Chairs***David Arias** *Arias, Madrid, Spain***Eduardo Silva Romero** *Dechert, Paris, France*

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**23***Chair***Jill Yates** *McCarthy Tétrault, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*

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

Litigation**23–24***Co-Chairs***Bettina Knoetzl** *Knoetzl, Vienna, Austria***Ira Nishisato** *Borden Ladner Gervais, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

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**24***Co-Chairs***Andrea Maia** *Find Resolution, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil***Jawad A Sarwana** *Abraham & Sarwana, Karachi, Pakistan*

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

Negligence and Damages**24–25***Chair***Yusuf Ali** *Yusuf Ali & Co, Ilorin, Nigeria*

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

Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section (SEERIL)**25–27***Council Liaison Officers***Ignacio Randle** *Estudio Randle, Buenos Aires, Argentina*

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

Section Officers

Jean-André Diaz *Total, Paris, France; Vice Chair, Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section*

Shane Freitag *Borden Ladner Gervais, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Secretary, Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section*

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

The Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law (SEERIL) has a membership of over 2,500 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**25***Chair***Michelle Ouellette** *Best Best and Krieger, Riverside, California, USA*

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**25***Co-Chairs***Claus H Lenz** *LLS Lungerich Lenz Schuhmacher, Cologne, Germany***Tony Marshall** *Hogan Lovells, London, England*

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

Mining Law**26***Co-Chairs***Michael Bourassa** *Fasken Martineau Du Moulin, Toronto, Ontario, Canada***Pedro Freitas** *Veirano, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

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**26***Chair***Matthias Lang** *Bird & Bird, Dusseldorf, Germany*

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**26***Chair***Uriel Federico O'Farrell** *Estudio O'Farrell, Buenos Aires, Argentina*

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**26-27***Chair***Brendan Clark** *Minter Ellison, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia*

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**27-28***Council Liaison Officer***André Andersson** *Mannheimer Swartling Advokatbyrå, Stockholm, Sweden*

The Financial Services Section is one of the largest sections in the Legal Practice Division, comprising over 3,300 members.

Banking Law**27***Co-Chairs***Russell DaSilva** *Hogan Lovells, New York, USA***Ewa Butkiewicz** *Wardynski & Partners, Warsaw, Poland*

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**27***Co-Chairs***Peter Castellon** *Proskauer Rose, London, England***Derk Lemstra** *Stibbe, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

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

Insurance**27***Chair***David M Greenwald** *Jenner & Block, Chicago, Illinois, USA*

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

Investment Funds**28***Co-Chairs***Rebecca Silberstein** *Debevoise & Plimpton, New York, USA***Jacques Elvinger** *Elvinger Hoss & Prussen, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg*

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

Securities Law**28***Co-Chairs***Pit Reckinger** *Elvinger Hoss & Prussen, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg***Alfred Page** *Borden Ladner Gervais, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

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

Human Resources Section**28-29***Council Liaison Officers***Salvador del Rey** *Cuatrecasas Gonçalves Pereira, Barcelona, Spain***Pascale Lagesse** *Bredin Prat, Paris, France*

The Human Resources Section has over 1,100 members from around the world.

Discrimination and Equality Law**28***Co-Chairs***Regina Glaser** *Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek, Düsseldorf, Germany***Antony Hyams-Parish** *Rawlison Butler, London, England*

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

Employment and Industrial Relations Law 28–29*Co-Chairs**Johan Lubbe Littler Mendelson, New York, USA**Erika Collins Proskauer, New York, USA*

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

IBA Global Employment Institute 29*Co-Chairs**Graeme Kirk Gross & Co, Bury St Edmunds, England**Pascale Lagesse Bredin Prat, Paris, France*

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

Immigration and Nationality Law 29*Chair**Jelle Kroes Kroes Advocaten Immigration Lawyers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

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 32*Council Liaison Officer**Pekka Jaatinen Castrén & Snellman, Helsinki, Finland**Co-Chairs**Richard Mason McGuireWoods, Chicago, Illinois, USA**Kirsten Schümann-Kleber GÖRG Partnerschaft von Rechtsanwälten, Berlin, Germany*

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 32–35*Council Liaison Officers**Patricia Hoet-Limbourg Hoet Pelaez Castillo & Duque, Caracas, Venezuela**Christopher Watson CMS Cameron McKenna, London, England*

With over 1,800 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 32*Chair**Peter Polak Fiebinger Polak Leon & Partners, Vienna, Austria*

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 33*Co-Chairs**Anne Vallery Wilmer Hale, Brussels, Belgium**Jukka-Pekka Joensuu Cinia, Helsinki, Finland*

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

Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law 33*Co-Chairs**Herman Croux Marx Van Ranst Vermeersch & Partners, Brussels, Belgium**Chris Jordan Davies Collison Cave, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia*

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

Media Law 33–34*Chair**Roxana Kahale Kahale, Buenos Aires, Argentina*

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

Space Law 34*Co-Chairs**Souichiro Kozuka Gakushuin University, Tokyo, Japan**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**34–35***Co-Chairs***Yuval Horn** *Horn & Co, Tel Aviv, Israel***Martin Schirmbacher** *Härtung Rechtsanwälte, Berlin, Germany*

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

International Sales, Franchising and Product Law Section**35–36***Council Liaison Officers***Jon Grouf** *Duane Morris, New York, USA***Sadiq Jafar** *Hadef & Partners, Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

The International Sales, Franchising and Product Law Section has over 1,000 members from around the world.

International Franchising**35***Co-Chairs***Larry Weinberg** *Cassells Brock & Blackwell, Toronto, Ontario, Canada***Karsten Metzlaff** *Noerr, Berlin, Germany*

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

International Sales**35–36***Co-Chairs***Cristina Martinetti** *Elexi Law Firm, Turin, Italy***Karl Veldkamp** *Karl J Veldkamp Professional Corporation, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

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

Product Law and Advertising**36***Co-Chairs***Luiz Azevedo Sette** *Azevedo Sette, São Paulo, Brazil***Gregory Fowler** *Shook Hardy & Bacon, Kansas City, Missouri, USA*

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

Law and Individual Rights Section 36–37*Council Liaison Officers***Klaus Reichert** *Brick Court Chambers, London, England***Neil Kirby** *Werksmans, Johannesburg, South Africa*

The Law and Individual Rights Section has a membership of over 500.

Family Law**36***Chair***Zenobia du Toit** *Miller Du Toit Cloete, Cape Town, South Africa*

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

Healthcare and Life Sciences Law**36***Chair***Patricia Barbara Ann Barclay** *Bonnaccord Ecosse, Edinburgh, Scotland*

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

Indigenous Peoples**36–37***Chair***Steven Cooper** *Ahlstrom Wright Oliver & Cooper, Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada*

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

Leisure Industries Section**37***Council Liaison Officer***Klaus Reichert** *Brick Court Chambers, London, England**Chair***David Jacoby** *Culhane Meadows, New York, USA*

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

Maritime and Aviation Law Section**37***Council Liaison Officer***Lawrence Teh** *Dentons Rodyk & Davidson, Singapore*

The Maritime and Aviation Law Section has over 800 members.

Aviation Law**37***Chair***Carlos Sierra** *Abogados Sierra y Vazquez, Mexico City, Mexico*

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

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Co-Chairs

Erik Linnarsson *Advokatfirman Lindahl, Stockholm, Sweden*
Elinor Dautlich *Holman Fenwick Willan, London, England*

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

Public Law Section

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Council Liaison Officer

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

Chair

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

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

Real Estate Section

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Council Liaison Officer

Jaime Carey *Carey y Cia, Santiago, Chile; LPD Chair*

Co-Chairs

Nikolaus Pitkowitz *Graf & Pitkowitz, Vienna, Austria*
Boris Babic *Babic & Partners, Zagreb, Croatia*

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

Taxation Section

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Council Liaison Officers

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

Carola van den Bruinhorst *Loyens & Loeff, Hong Kong SAR; LPD Assistant Treasurer – IBA Assistant Treasurer*

The Taxation Section has over 1,300 members around the world.

Individual Tax and Private Client

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Co-Chairs

Daniel Simon *Collyer Bristow, London, England*

Rashad Wareh *Kozusko Harris Duncan, New York, USA*

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

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Co-Chairs

Alain Ranger *Fasken Martineau DuMoulin, Montreal, Quebec, Canada*

Francesco Capitta *Macchi di Cellere Gangemi, Rome, Italy*

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

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African Regional Forum

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Council Liaison Officer

Olufunmi Oluyede *TRLP Law, Lagos, Nigeria*

Chair

Nene Amegatcher *Sam Okudzeto & Associates, Accra, Ghana*

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

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Council Liaison Officers

Sadiq Jafar *Hadef & Partners, Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

Lawrence Teh *Dentons Rodyk & Davidson, Singapore*

Co-Chairs

Nasser Ali Khasawneh *Eversheds, Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

Lamia R Matta *Miller & Chevalier Chartered, 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

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Council Liaison Officers

Peter Bartlett *Minter Ellison, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia; IBA Treasurer; LPD Treasurer*

Sunil Abraham *Cecil Abraham & Partners Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

Co-Chairs

Caroline Berube *HJM Asia Law & Co, Guangdong, China*

Ameera Ashraf *WongPartnership, Singapore*

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

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Council Liaison Officer

Almudena Arpón de Mendívil *Gomez Acebo & Pombo Abogados, Madrid, Spain; Immediate Past Chair, Legal Practice Division*

Chair

Peter Rees QC *39 Essex Chambers, London, England*

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

European Regional Forum

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Council Liaison Officer

Pascale Lagesse *Bredin Prat, Paris, France*

Co-Chairs

Patricia Gannon *Karanovic & Nikolic, Belgrade, Serbia*

Alexander Schwarz *Gleiss Lutz, Düsseldorf, Germany*

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

Latin American Regional Forum

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Council Liaison Officer

Eduardo Sanguinetti *Sanguinetti & Asociados, Montevideo, Uruguay*

Co-Chairs

Carlos Dominguez *Hoet Pelaez Castillo & Duque, Caracas, Venezuela*

David Gutierrez *BLP, San Jose, Costa Rica*

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

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Council Liaison Officers

Laura K Christa *Christa & Jackson, Los Angeles, California, USA*

Paul Michel Lalonde *Dentons Canada, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

Co-Chairs

Brenda Pritchard *Gowling WLG, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

Hansel T Pham *White & Case, Washington, DC, USA*

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

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

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, professional ethics, 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

In my first year as Chair of the Section on Public and Professional Interest (SPPI), I am delighted to invite you to the 2017 Annual Conference, taking place in Sydney. Set in the heart of a city that is known for its vibrant and internationally orientated legal sector, the conference promises to be another spectacular gathering of the international legal profession.

Within the IBA, the 17 committees of the Section on Public and Professional Interest cover the spectrum of the most important topics that are fundamental to our profession, and the session topics at the IBA Annual Conference reflect this. LGBTI rights, access to justice, rule of law and professional ethics are among the very important areas for all legal practitioners, to name but a few, as are successful law firm management, looking at alternative and new law business structures and ensuring that legal education is relevant to current needs.

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. I encourage you to attend as many of these as possible, as part of a successful conference week.

This year, the impact of populist political movements across the world on global legal services and business lawyers will be the focus of the SPPI Showcase, held on Thursday, which promises to be a very topical and relevant session. Following this, the SPPI invites you 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 or issues affecting the profession, and is led by our Rule of Law Forum. In Sydney, the Symposium will analyse and discuss whether 2016 saw steps forward or backwards for the rule of law, as well as provide a focus and analysis on the failures of the rule of law.

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 will be arranging 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.

Stephen Denyer
Chair, Section on Public and Professional Interest

Academic and Professional Development**40***Council Liaison Officer***Hermann Knott** *Luther, Cologne, Germany**Co-Chairs***Aster Crawshaw** *Addleshaw Goddard, London, England***Joan Roca Sagarra** *Roca Junyent, Barcelona, Spain*

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

Access to Justice and Legal Aid**40***Council Liaison Officer***Jörg Menzer** *Noerr, Bucharest, Romania**Co-Chairs***Lucy Scott-Moncrieff** *Scott-Moncrieff and Associates, London, England***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**40***Council Liaison Officer***Jörg Menzer** *Noerr, Bucharest, Romania**Co-Chairs***Dalton Albrecht** *Couzin Taylor, Toronto, Ontario, Canada***Steven Richman** *Clark Hill, Princeton, New Jersey, USA*

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 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**41***Council Liaison Officer***Nicole Bigby** *Berwin Leighton Paisner, London, England**Co-Chairs***David Barniville SC** *The Bar Council of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland***Winnie Tam SC** *Hong Kong Bar Association, Hong Kong SAR*

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**41***Council Liaison Officer***Federica D'Alessandra** *Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA**Chair***Neelim Sultan** *1MCB, London, 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 newly established committee evolved from being a working group under the Rule of Law Forum.

Judges' Forum**41***Council Liaison Officer***Federica D'Alessandra** *Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA**Chair***Justice Martin Daubney** *Supreme Court of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia*

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

Law Firm Management**41–42***Council Liaison Officer***Hermann Knott** *Luther, Cologne, Germany**Co-Chairs***Robert Millard** *Møller PSF Group, Cambridge, England***Abe Schear** *Arnall Golden Gregory, Atlanta, Georgia, USA*

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 5,700 members.

Law Students*Council Liaison Officer***Adam S Goodman** *Dentons Canada, Toronto, Ontario, Canada**Co-Chairs***Edward Chin** *London School of Economics and Political Science, London, England***Armin Khoshnewizadeh** *University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway*

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

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

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Council Liaison Officer

Sarah Hutchinson *BARBRI International, London, England*

Co-Chairs

Federico Godoy *Beretta Godoy, Buenos Aires, Argentina*

David Ryken *Ryken and Associates, Auckland, New Zealand*

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

Pro Bono

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Council Liaison Officer

Jaime Herrera *Posse Herrera Ruiz, Bogotá, Colombia*

Chair

Peter King *Weil Gotshal & Manges, London, England*

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

Professional Ethics

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Council Liaison Officer

Nicole Bigby *Berwin Leighton Paisner, London, England*

Chair

Martin Kovnats *Aird & Berlis, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

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 700 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

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Council Liaison Officer

Nicole Bigby *Berwin Leighton Paisner, London, England*

Chair

Valentina Zoghbi *Nabarro, London, England*

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

Rule of Law Forum

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Council Liaison Officer

Jörg Menzer *Noerr, Bucharest, Romania*

Co-Chairs

Homer Moyer *Miller & Chevalier, Washington, DC, USA*

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

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Council Liaison Officer

Jaime Herrera *Posse Herrera Ruiz, Bogotá, Colombia*

Co-Chairs

Peter Alfandary *PRA Cross Cultural & Development, London, England*

Philip Rodney *Burness Paull, Glasgow, Scotland*

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

War Crimes

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Council Liaison Officer

Sarah Hutchinson *BARBRI International, London, England*

Co-Chairs

Federica D'Alessandra *Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA*

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 15 years. The committee endeavours to provide IBA members with comprehensive and reliable information and resources on international criminal law. It also provides lawyers, international agencies and tribunals with an unparalleled and easily accessible network of contacts and, in turn, is directly involved with the IBA's ongoing programme in support of international, ad hoc and domestic war crimes tribunals. The committee works alongside the IBA's Human Rights Institute to promote justice around the world and uphold the principle of accountability.

Women Lawyers' Interest Group

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Council Liaison Officer

Sarah Hutchinson *BARBRI International, London, England*

Chair

Isabel Bueno *Mattos Filho Veiga Filho Marrey Jr & Quiroga Advogados, São Paulo, Brazil*

The Women Lawyers' Interest Group comprises over 2,900 members and offers a forum for women members from Australia to Zambia to discuss topics of global significance to women practitioners.

Young Lawyers

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Council Liaison Officer

Adam S Goodman *Dentons Canada, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

Co-Chairs

Mariana Estrade *Hughes & Hughes, Montevideo, Uruguay*

Makoto Hirasawa *Okuno & Partners, Tokyo, Japan*

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 1,300 members and aims to help them establish themselves within the legal profession by promoting their professional skills.

Bar Issues Commission (BIC)



Dear friends and colleagues

As the incoming Chair of the Bar Issues Commission (BIC) I am delighted to invite you to the IBA's Annual Conference in Sydney and to encourage you to attend the exceptional BIC sessions that we have planned.

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

This year in Sydney, our BIC Showcase session will grapple with the balance between migration, international security, rule of law and terrorism and what bar associations can do to facilitate this conversation. There are many experts who say that Brexit and the US election were decided on the question of migration and there are further upcoming elections in which this is a central issue. This engaging session will discuss what role bar associations could and should play to help the members of the society to distinguish between facts and myth.

Other BIC sessions will explore how bar associations can participate in constitutional change; guidance for all jurisdictions regarding the best practices for legal aid; the introduction in many countries of entity regulation used to regulate not only law firms, but other providers of legal services as well; and new ways of trading legal services cross-border.

I also wish to invite all our bar representatives to attend the BIC Bar Leaders' Forum Meeting, which will take place on Monday morning. This is the opportunity for 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. It will also allow them to find out what work is being planned – and to propose subject matters and programmes for future activities within our very dynamic BIC. Your guidance and feedback is critical to the success of the BIC.

And, as always, we will have our BIC dinner on Thursday evening. This will be a relaxed and pleasant gathering of old friends and new and we welcome you to come along and join the BIC 'family'. Be sure to reserve your place for this dinner early as it is a very popular event.

My fellow BIC Officers and I look forward to seeing you in Sydney!

Kind regards

Claudio Visco
Chair, Bar Issues Commission

About the Bar Issues Commission (BIC):

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

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

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

Policy Committee

Chair

Peter Kovacs *Lakatos, Köves és Társai Ügyvédi Iroda, Budapest, Hungary*

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.

International Trade in Legal Services (ITILS) Subcommittee

Chair

Steven C Nelson *Dorsey & Whitney, Hong Kong SAR*

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

BIC Regulation Subcommittee

Chair

Jonathan Herman *Federation of Law Societies of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada*

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

Bar Executive Officers Subcommittee

Co-Chairs

Ken Murphy *Law Society of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland*

Merete Smith *Norwegian Bar Association, Oslo, Norway*

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

For more information on all BIC sessions, see page 39.

International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI)



We are delighted to invite you to the IBA's 2017 Annual Conference in Sydney and extend a warm welcome to all delegates to attend our programme of exciting sessions.

The IBAHRI works with lawyers, judges, legal academics and law students from all over the world to strive for the independence of the legal profession and promote human rights and the rule of law. Last year, the IBAHRI undertook substantive activities in 15 countries, sharing human rights expertise and undertaking trainings, capacity-building, trial observations and fact-finding missions with hundreds of legal professionals from Azerbaijan to Zambia.

This year, we continue to support legal professionals and advocate for human rights through a wide range of activities, including our extensive torture prevention programme in Mexico and providing support to lawyers in Tajikistan and Kazakhstan. More locally, we will also be continuing with our bar association capacity-building programmes in Myanmar and Timor-Leste. We also intend to expand our work on our thematic areas of focus, including abolition of the death penalty and sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics, and continue to conduct crucial advocacy before the UN in relation to human rights and the independence of the legal profession.

In Sydney, the IBAHRI will discuss key milestones in international human rights, as well as talking about human rights successes and shortcomings in Australia. The IBAHRI showcase will focus on the advancement of women's rights; eminent lawyers will talk about legislative reforms and also their own personal experience in the legal sphere. We will also host a session on race and refugee issues in Australia, during which we will hear from international and local experts and invite all attendees to participate in the discussions.

We very much look forward to discussing these important issues in Sydney with such a large global community, and to meeting friends both old and new.

Warm wishes,

Baroness Helena Kennedy QC
IBAHRI Co-Chair

Ambassador (ret.) Hans Corell
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 page 39.

Conference information

Conference venue

International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC Sydney)

14 Darling Drive, Sydney, NSW 2000

Registration

Register online at www.ibanet.org/conferences/Sydney2017.aspx

OR complete the enclosed registration form and send it by **Monday 25 September**, together with your payment, to:

International Bar Association

4th Floor, 10 St Bride Street
London EC4A 4AD, United Kingdom
Fax: +44 (0)20 7842 0091
Email: confs@int-bar.org

Your registration will be acknowledged by email upon receipt of full payment and all registration and logistical details will be available from the 'My IBA' section of the IBA website.

Social functions

Social function bookings will **NOT** be confirmed until full payment is received by the IBA. If full payment is not received by **Friday 8 September**, bookings will be released without further warning.

As numbers may have to be limited for certain functions, places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Requests for bookings for unregistered accompanying persons will only be granted at the discretion of the Conferences Director.

Badge barcoding

All name badges (both delegates and accompanying persons) will display a barcode. Your name badge is your ticket. Badges operate in a similar way to e-tickets and will be scanned for delegates and accompanying persons before entry into all IBA official functions. To gain entry to a social function delegates and accompanying persons must wear their badge and have previously purchased a place(s) for the event. **We do not issue paper tickets for social functions.**

Information on your social function bookings and payments are stored in the barcode on badges. Entry to social functions is by badge only. The badge must be presented and the barcode scanned. If a badge is not presented, entry will be refused. All social functions must be booked and paid for in advance otherwise entry will not be permitted.

In order to transfer a social function booking to another person, you must visit the IBA Registration Desk and supply full details of the person (name, organisation, IBA membership number) to whom the transfer is to be made. As entry to social functions is by barcode only, transfer of bookings cannot be made at the social function venue and must be made at the IBA Registration Desk prior to the social function.

Accompanying persons registrations

Accompanying person(s) must **NOT** be a member of the legal profession or use the conference as a business networking opportunity. Checks are made to ensure this is adhered to. If the IBA believes the accompanying person is attending in a professional or business capacity, the IBA reserves the right to refuse or cancel the registration of the accompanying person and request they register as a full delegate for the conference.

Access for accompanying persons to the conference venue is limited to the Excursions and Accommodation desks on Level 4 of the ICC Sydney.

Accompanying persons are not permitted to attend, under any circumstance, working sessions or general delegate lunches, with the exception of the Opening Ceremony and the Rule of Law Symposium.

Accompanying persons are not entitled to attend social events without the registered delegate present or purchase places at social events. Any social event purchase must be made by the registered delegate.

Only registered accompanying persons (ie, those who have paid the accompanying persons fee) are eligible to participate in the social programme, except with the prior agreement of the Conferences Director.

Important dates

Friday 21 July

Early registration fee – registration forms and payment **must** be received by **Friday 21 July**.

Friday 1 September

Online delegate search – will be available to all registered delegates at www.ibanet.org/conferences/Sydney2017.aspx from **1 September 2017**. Full downloadable delegate lists are not available and the IBA does not circulate hard copy list of participants in advance of the conference. To search for registered delegates using the online search facility, two out of the three search criteria options must be entered.

Friday 8 September

Conference list of participants – for inclusion in the list of participants available at the conference, registration forms and payment must be received by **Friday 8 September**.

In addition to the printed list of participants, registered delegates will also have access to the IBA conference app, available on PDAs and smartphones, to search through an up-to-date directory of delegates, view their contact information, discover the location and times of speakers' sessions and send personal messages to other conference delegates.

Social function purchases – places for social functions will not be confirmed until full payment is received by the IBA. If full payment for social functions is not received by **Friday 8 September**, then the reserved places will be released and made available to other delegates without further notice.

Monday 25 September

Online amendments/additions – the last day that an individual can add social events or accompanying persons online is **Monday 25 September**. After this date, all amendments and/or additions to conference registrations can only be made on-site in Sydney.

Please note that changes to delegates contact details or accompanying persons after **Friday 8 September** will not be reflected in the Conference list of participants.

Monday 25 September

Registrations deadline (online and by hard copy) – all registrations must be received by close of business on **Monday 25 September** in order to be processed.

Registrations received on or close to **Monday 25 September** may take several days to process due to the high volume received at this time. Therefore, you may experience a short delay in your registration fee being processed and, in some cases, this will be after **Monday 25 September**. Note: after this date, conference registration will still be possible on-site and the higher on-site registration fee will apply.

Social function purchases – all social function bookings must be finalised by close of business on **Monday 25 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.

Monday 25 September

Cancellation deadline – notice of cancellation must be received in writing at the IBA office by **Monday 25 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 for registration fees; however, your entire registration can be transferred to a substitute delegate employed within your law firm/company on-site at the IBA Registration Desk.

If you choose to cancel your registration after the deadline and do not transfer to a colleague, any social function places you have purchased will automatically be returned to be resold and cannot be claimed at a later stage by another delegate. Successful social function resales will be refunded, less an administration charge of 15 per cent, from the London office after the conference.

Substitution – the substitute delegate must bring along written permission for the transfer from the original delegate. Only one transfer/substitute per registration is permitted. The entire registration, including any social function bookings, will be transferred to the new delegate. If 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.

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 **Monday 25 September** will receive a voucher for the fast track registration desk. The voucher is scheduled to be emailed on **Tuesday 3 October** to the email address indicated on the registration form. Please bring this voucher to the registration desk either in hard copy or on your smartphone.

Registration fees

All prices are in UK pound sterling (£).

Exclusive of GST

	On or before 21 July	22 July – 25 September	At the Conference
IBA members	£1,960	£2,260	£2,650
IBA members academics/ judges (full-time)	£1,470	£2,260	£2,650
Senior lawyers*	£1,470	£2,260	£2,650
Public lawyers	£1,470	£2,260	£2,650
Young lawyers	£1,470	£2,260	£2,650
Corporate counsel**	£1,760	£2,260	£2,650
Non-members***	£2,350	£2,750	£3,040
Accompanying persons****	£250	£250	£250

Inclusive of GST at 10 per cent

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Corporate counsel**	£1,936	£2,486	£2,915
Non-members***	£2,585	£3,025	£3,344
Accompanying persons****	£275	£275	£275

In order to determine if GST (Goods and Services tax) at 10 per cent is applicable on registration fees and social functions, all delegates are required to complete the GST declaration questions within the registration process. The IBA will accept your declaration to be correct and accurate and will apply GST based on the information you supply. If you do not fully complete this section, you will automatically be charged GST. To see the relevant Australian legislation covering the charging of GST, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/Sydney-GST>.

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**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.

****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 Excursion and Accommodation

desks on Level 4 of the ICC Sydney. 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 received at the IBA office indicating incorrect registration fee selection will be processed at the correct registration fee rate. An email will be dispatched informing the delegate of this error and further conference documentation will not be available until the full registration fee has been received.

Registration fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Conference documentation, including website access to any available speakers' papers, online delegate search and conference list of participants
- Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party on Sunday 8 October
- 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 are 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 and Welcome Party on Sunday 8 October
- Attendance at the Rule of Law Symposium on Friday 13 October

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 online at www.ibanet.org/conferences/Sydney2017.aspx and make immediate payment by credit card

OR

Complete the registration form and return by email to confs@int-bar.org or fax +44(0)20 7842 0091 then after 5 working days sign in to MyIBA www.ibanet.org/Access/SignIn.aspx?url=/MySite/ click on 'My Account' and click on 'PayMe' link.

NOTE: please do not send your credit card details on the registration form or within an email or fax.

By bank transfer and cheque

Pounds sterling: by cheque drawn on a UK bank payable to the International Bar Association. Please send to: 4th Floor, 10 St Bride Street, London EC4A 4AD, United Kingdom.

OR by bank transfer, converted at the current rate of exchange, to the IBA account number: 13270222 (Sort Code 56-00-03) at the National Westminster Bank, St James & Piccadilly Branch, 208 Piccadilly, London W1A 2DG, United Kingdom.

OR SWIFT address NWBKGB2L, IBAN GB05NWBK56000313270222.

Please ensure that a copy of the bank transfer details is attached to your registration form and sent to the IBA office.

US dollars: by cheque drawn on a US bank in favour of the International Bar Association. Please send to: 4th Floor, 10 St Bride Street, London EC4A 4AD, United Kingdom.

OR by bank transfer to the IBA account number: 01286498 (Sort Code 56-00-03) at the National Westminster Bank, St James & Piccadilly Branch, 208 Piccadilly, London W1A 2DG, United Kingdom.

OR SWIFT address NWBKGB2L, IBAN GB55NWBK60730101286498.

Please ensure that a copy of the bank transfer details is attached to your registration form and sent to the IBA office.

Euro: by bank transfer, converted at the current rate of exchange, to the IBA bank account number 06570631 (Sort Code 56-00-03) at the National Westminster Bank, St James & Piccadilly Branch, 208 Piccadilly, London W1A 2DG, United Kingdom.

OR SWIFT address NWBKGB2L, IBAN GB58NWBK60721106570631.

Please ensure that a copy of the bank transfer details is attached to your registration form and sent to the IBA office.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR NAME, MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (if applicable) AND THE WORDS 'CON673+ SYDNEY' APPEAR ON ANY TRANSFER OR DRAFT.

Receipt of payment without submitting a fully completed registration form does not constitute a 'complete' registration and will not secure your place at the conference. Registrations will only be confirmed once the IBA Office is in receipt of both the completed registration form and full payment.

Cancellation/refunds/substitution

Any cancellation must be received in writing at the IBA office by **Monday 25 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. 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 housing agent JLC ICS or independently, you are responsible for cancelling this separately. The IBA takes no responsibility for any financial penalties you may incur.

After **Monday 25 September**, no refunds can be made for registration fees; however, your registration fee can be transferred to a substitute delegate employed within your law firm/company. Only one transfer/substitute per registration is permitted. If you choose to cancel your registration after the deadline and do not transfer to a colleague, any social function places you have purchased will automatically be returned to be resold and cannot be claimed at a later stage by another delegate. Successful resales will be refunded, less an administration charge of 15 per cent from the London office after the conference.

After **Monday 25 September** it is only possible to arrange a delegate transfer on-site at the IBA Registration Desk and the substitute delegate must bring along written permission for the transfer from the original delegate. Only one transfer/substitute per registration is permitted and the entire registration, including any social function bookings, will be transferred to the new delegate. 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 been had no such deductions or withholdings been required.

Group/agent/third-party bookings

The IBA is unable to process group registrations or registrations supplied through an agency. Registration, payment and all conference correspondence must be made directly with the registered delegate and not via a third party. Should we receive a conference registration and/or payment from a third party, the registration will not be processed and the funds will be returned automatically to the bank they originated from, with any applicable charges deducted.

International Bar Association is incorporated as a Not-for-Profit Corporation under the laws of the State of New York in the United States of America and is registered with the Department of State of the State of New York with registration number 071114000655 and the liability of its members is limited. Its registered office in New York is at c/o Capital Services Inc, 1218 Central Avenue, Suite 100 Albany, New York 12205 – **please note that conference registrations cannot be accepted at this address:** the administrative office of the Association is at 4th Floor, 10 St Bride Street, London EC4A 4AD, United Kingdom.

Language

The working language of the conference is English.

Registration check-in

The registration desk will be located on Level 4 of the ICC Sydney. Once you have collected your documents you must display your name badge clearly at all times within the ICC Sydney and all IBA social events in order to gain entry.

Registration hours are:

Saturday	1500 – 1800
Sunday	1000 – 1800
Monday – Thursday	0830 – 1730
Friday	0830 – 1430

Multi-faith prayer room

A multi-faith prayer room will be available for use at the conference during registration hours.

Badges

For security reasons, name badges **must** be worn at all times during the conference and at social functions. Your name badge is your 'ticket' for the Opening Ceremony, Welcome Party and any IBA social events you have purchased place(s). Access to the IBA event space at the ICC Sydney, 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 on Level 4 of the ICC Sydney. 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 7–14 October 2017 (inclusive), at a number of hotels.

How to make a reservation

Book online at www.ibanet.org/Conferences/Sydney_accommodation.aspx.

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.

Access for people with disabilities

The ICC Sydney is accessible by wheelchair. Please notify us if you require special assistance.

Entry formalities and visa applications

All delegates are responsible for checking visa entry requirements for Australia; we strongly recommend you check on a regular basis for any change to the entry formalities into Australia.

Under Australia's universal visa system, all visitors to Australia must have a valid visa to travel to and enter Australia other than New Zealand passport holders, who will normally be granted a Special Category visa on arrival. For more information, see the fact sheet: www.border.gov.au/about/corporate/information/fact-sheets/17nz

There are many visa options available and the appropriate visa option will depend, among other things, on the person's purpose for visiting Australia. Visa applicants must also demonstrate that they meet all the legislative requirements for an Australian visa.

In order to support your visa application you are invited to provide passport and contact details securely online which will be forwarded to the International Event Coordinator Network (IECN) of the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP). The purpose of providing this information is to assist with the timely processing of your visa application by Australian visa offices overseas so that they can streamline and accelerate the visa application process.

This is an optional service, there is no obligation to submit details.

www.int-bar.org/MYIBA/Conference

In accordance with Australia's Privacy Act 1988, any information a participant provides to the IECN will only be used to facilitate visa processing with the relevant Australian visa office overseas and will not be retained by the IBA after the conference has finished.

Note: Providing your details online does not constitute a visa application. You are still required to apply for your visa in the normal way.

Please apply for your visa well in advance. Information about visa processing times is available at the following website: www.border.gov.au/about/access-accountability/service-standards

A business information sheet for guidance on the visa options and a general information document for visa applicants are available from the IBA website.

Please contact your local embassy for entry formalities and apply for any required visa well in advance.

The organisers may at any time, with or without giving notice, in their absolute discretion and without giving any reason, cancel or postpone the conference, change its venue or any of the other published particulars, or withdraw any invitation to attend. In any case, neither the organisers nor any of their officers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be liable for any loss, liability, damage or expense suffered or incurred by any person, nor will they return any money paid to them in connection with the conference.

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 both the App in the Apple Store and for the Android version in the Google Play Store.

New functionality:

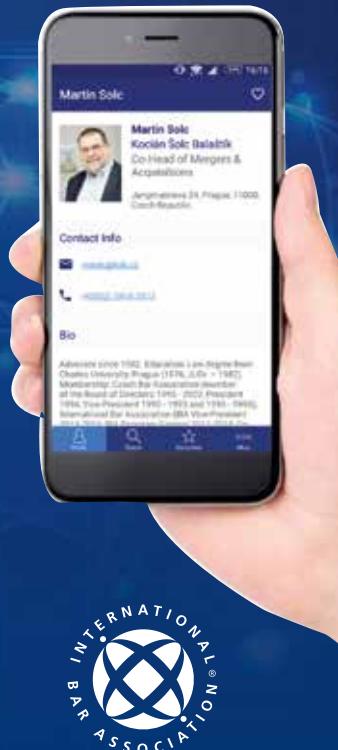
- Access to IBA Digital Content – with new articles, stories and items of interest available and updated daily
- The ability to download PDFs and podcasts from the IBA Digital Content library to your mobile device

How do I access the App?

- Simply download the App (search for International Bar Association and download the IBA Members' Directory) via the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
- Login with your IBA membership user ID and password
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Registration form



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- Registrations cannot be acknowledged at the IBA Office after **Monday 25 September**.
- This form is valid for one delegate only. Copies may be made for additional registrations

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: International Bar Association
4th Floor, 10 St Bride Street, London, EC4A 4AD, United Kingdom
Fax: +44 (0)20 842 0091 Email: confs@int-bar.org

For office use only:

Membership number

Family name

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.IBANET.ORG/CONFERENCES/SYDNEY2017.ASPX AND MAKE IMMEDIATE PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

Completion and submission of this form to the IBA denotes that you have read and agreed to the terms and conditions covering registration fees, accompanying persons, refunds, social events, dietary requirements and cancellation/substitution as stated in the 'Conference Information' section on pages 94-98 of the preliminary programme.

PLEASE TYPE OR USE BLOCK LETTERS OR ATTACH A BUSINESS CARD

Title _____ Given name _____ Family name _____

Name and country to be shown on badge (*if different from above*) _____

IBA membership number (*if applicable*) _____ Date of birth _____

Firm/company/organisation _____

Address _____

Country _____

Tel _____ Fax _____

Email _____

ACCOMPANYING PERSON(S)

Please note that an accompanying person fee is applicable. Accompanying person(s) must NOT be a member of the legal profession or use the conference as a business networking opportunity. 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.

1. Name _____ Country _____

2. Name _____ Country _____

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

If you or your accompanying person(s) have special dietary requirements, due to allergen intolerances, medical, religious reasons or a life choice, please specify the requirement below. The IBA is unable to cater for dietary requirements other than for the above reasons.

After 25 September, any dietary requirements submitted to us cannot be guaranteed.

Please tick box if you have allergen intolerances and specify _____

Please tick box if your accompanying person(s) have allergen intolerances and specify _____

Please state all other dietary requirements clearly, eg, I am a vegetarian; my accompanying person does not eat red meat.

Disclosure of dietary information denotes you agree to the IBA sharing this information with relevant third parties who are providing catering on our behalf.

In order for your name to appear in the conference list of participants, available at the conference, your registration must be received at the IBA office by **Friday 8 September** at the latest.

**GST DECLARATION**

1. Is your conference registration being paid for by your business? No = GST is payable Yes = Go to Question 2

2. Is that business resident in Australia? No = Go to Question 3 Yes = GST is payable

3. Are you representing that non-resident business at the conference? No = GST is payable Yes = NO GST

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A REGISTRATION FEES

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TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES A

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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:

SPPI Awards breakfast, Monday 0800 – 0930

Managing Partners' breakfast: law firm of the future, Wednesday 0800 – 0930

Rule of Law Symposium, Friday 1000 – 1630



B CONFERENCE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

For all conference social event sponsorship opportunities, email: andrew.webster-dunn@int-bar.org
 (Please see pages 77–80 before completion) All prices are in UK pound sterling (£). GST is 10 per cent.

	Price per place		Number of places required	Amount payable
	Exclusive GST	Inclusive GST		
Monday				
Arab Regional Forum lunch (A)	£70	£77		£
European Regional Forum lunch (B)	£70	£77		£
North American Regional Forum lunch (C)	£70	£77		£
Women Lawyers' Interest Group lunch (D)	£70	£77		£
Tuesday				
Asia Pacific Regional Forum lunch (E)	£70	£77		£
Latin American Regional Forum lunch (F)	£70	£77		£
Wednesday				
Legal Practice Division lunch (G)	£70	£77		£
IBAHRI Benefit Concert (H)	£60	£66		£
Thursday				
African Regional Forum lunch (I)	£70	£77		£
Section on Public and Professional Interest lunch (J)	£70	£77		£
Friday				
Closing party (K)	£120	£132		£

TOTAL CONFERENCE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS B

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE A + B

METHODS OF PAYMENT

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Note: please do not send your credit card details on the registration form or within an email or fax.

By bank transfer and cheque/draft

- Please send me an invoice.
- I enclose a cheque/draft for the total amount payable.
- I have transferred to the IBA bank account the total amount payable and have attached a copy of the bank transfer details.

METHODS OF PAYMENT (continued)

Pounds sterling: by cheque drawn on a UK bank and in favour of the International Bar Association. Please send to: 4th Floor, 10 St Bride Street, London EC4A 4AD, United Kingdom.

OR by bank transfer to the IBA account number: 13270222 (Sort Code 56-00-03) at the National Westminster Bank, St James's & Piccadilly Branch, 208 Piccadilly, London W1A 2DG, United Kingdom or SWIFT address NWBKGB2L, IBAN GB05NWBK56000313270222. **Please ensure that a copy of the bank transfer details is attached to your registration form.**

Euro: by cheque or bank draft, drawn on a euro zone bank and converted at the current rate of exchange and in favour of the International Bar Association.

OR by bank transfer to the IBA bank account number 550/00/06570631 (Sort Code 56-00-03) at the National Westminster Bank, St James's & Piccadilly Branch, 208 Piccadilly, London

W1A 2DG, United Kingdom or SWIFT address NWBKGB2L, IBAN GB58NWBK60721106570631. **Please ensure that a copy of the bank transfer details is attached to your registration form.**

Use the exchange rate prevailing at the time of registration.

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All exhibiting and sponsorship options and their benefits, are non-exclusive and non-negotiable.

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



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