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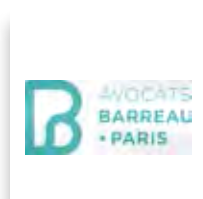
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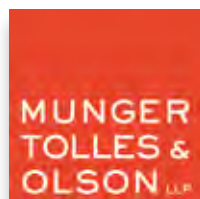


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Simultaneous translation will be provided for the following sessions:

SESSION	DATE	ENGLISH	FRENCH	SPANISH
Opening Ceremony	October 28	■	■	■
Main Theme 1 Does Third Party Funding Help or Harm International Arbitration - Contrasting Perspectives of Parties, Arbitrators and Funders	October 28	■	■	■
Main Theme 2 Have Conventional Court Systems Seen Their Day: Time for a New Model?	October 29	■	■	■
Main Theme 3 Confronting Issues of Systematic Racism in the Legal System - The Role of Lawyers around the World	October 30	■	■	■
Closing Ceremony	October 30	■	■	■

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4.30 PM - 6.00 PM

Session	Theme	Coordinators	Speakers
<p>Collective Members' Forum / International Bar Leaders' Senate</p>	<p>Promoting a Strong Independent Bar and Membership An effective and independent judiciary and practitioner population are too often regarded by the Executive and commercial institutions as holding them to account or "levelling the playing field" for the weaker members of our Societies. This encourages governments to introduce explicit and informal measures intended to exert control over the Profession, limiting the independence of practitioners and Bars, seeking to make the "Rule of Law" a tool of the Executive. Pressures vary from the subtle but persistent call for reform, to the more blatant interference with selection processes and the use, directly or by intermediaries of physical threat and intimidation. Bar Leaders and their members are a bulwark in the promotion and protection of strong independent professions, steadfast in promoting the interests of their clients, subject always to the rule of law. This session will examine the threats to independence evident at this time, the responses made by Bar Leaders and, important the assistance and support that can be provided by the UIA and fellow Bars to those most threatened. We will hear from Bar Leaders, Practitioners and Funders.</p>	<p>1st Vice-President of the International Bar Leaders' Senate: Robert BOURNS, Former President of the Law Society of England and Wales</p> <p>2nd Vice-President of the International Bar Leaders' Senate: Joachim BILE-AKA, Former President of the Côte d'Ivoire Bar Association</p> <p>3rd Vice-President of the International Bar Leaders' Senate: Alfonso PÉREZ-CUÉLLAR MARTÍNEZ, Former President of the <i>Ilustre y Nacional Colegio de Abogados de México</i>, President of the <i>Consejo General de la Abogacía Mexicana</i></p> <p>Co-Director of Collective Members: Aldo BULGARELLI, Former President of the CCBE</p> <p>Co-Director of Collective Members: M^a Eugenia GAY ROSELL, President of the Barcelona Bar Association, Vice President of <i>Consejo General de la Abogacía Española</i></p>	<p>Olivier COUSI, President of the Paris Bar</p> <p>Claudia DE BUEN UNNA, First Vice-President of the <i>Barra Mexicana</i></p> <p>Sandie OKORO, Senior Vice-President and World Bank Group General Counsel (<i>invited</i>)</p> <p>Steven THIRU, Former President of the Malaysian Bar</p>

6.00 PM - 7.00 PM

<p>UIA-ABA Joint Session</p>	<p>Lessons Learned: 5 Ways the Law Has Changed Due to Covid-19 Lawyers and courts have experienced disasters in the past, bot-man-made and natural, but they have generally been local or regional, and often of relatively short term. Lawyers and courts, and all those involved in the delivery of legal services have had to find ways not only to survive their own challenges, but to pursue their clients' claims and defenses. Courts and arbitration regimes had to adapt. Bar associations were forced to change their paradigms. This panel will look at the good and the bad for legal services and the rule of law as a result of Covid-19, focusing on the five thoughts for consideration: the future of dispute resolution, firm adjustments to remote practice, changing the paradigm for education, testing and admission of new lawyers, ethics rules and remote practice, and priorities and paradigms of bar associations.</p>	<p>Louis F. BURKE, ABA Liaison to UIA (Louis F. Burke PC) New York, NY, United States</p> <p>Moderator: Steven M. RICHMAN, Former Chair ABA Section International Law (Clark Hill PLC) Princeton, NJ, United States</p>	<p>Hailyn CHEN (Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP) San Francisco, CA, United States</p> <p>Laurie DANIEL (Holland & Knight) Atlanta, GA, United States</p> <p>Jorge MARTÍ MORENO, UIA President Elect (Uría & Menendez) Valencia, Spain</p> <p>Joe RAIA, Chair, ABA Section of International Law (Gunster) Miami, FL, United States</p> <p>James A. REEDER JR., Chair, ABA Section of Litigation (Jones Day) Houston, TX, United States</p> <p>Patricia REFO, ABA President (Schnell & Wilmer LLP) Phoenix, AZ, United States</p> <p>Jerome ROTH, UIA President (Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP) San Francisco, CA, United States</p> <p>Jacqueline SCOTT, Director General - UIA-IROL (Fortney & Scott) Washington, DC, United States</p>
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9.00 AM - 9.50 AM

Session	Theme	Coordinators	Speakers
Asian Lawyers' Forum	<p>Cross-Jurisdictional Study of the Rules on Legal Professional Privilege</p> <p>The protection of legal professional privilege not only embodies the lawyer's confidentiality obligation, but also serves as the crucial premise for the client's trust when seeking legal assistance. In recent times, the various rules in different jurisdictions have caused problems for cross-border law enforcement, in particular, under competition law. Nevertheless, Asian laws and enforcement practices in this area still, undeniably, fall short of western standards. This forum aims to compare and study the current status of and topical issues in connection with the rules that protect legal professional privilege in Asia.</p>	<p>Yoshihisa HAYAKAWA (Uryu & Itoga) Tokyo, Japan</p>	

10.00 AM - 10.50 AM

Forum of Lawyers from Central and Eastern European Countries	<p>Artificial Intelligence and the Legal Profession</p>	<p>Mihai-Alexandru TANASESCU (Tanasescu, Ispas & Asociatii Avocati) Bucharest, Romania</p>	
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11.00 AM - 11.50 AM

African Lawyers' Forum	<p>Covid-19 - Catalyst or Obstacle to the Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement?</p>	<p>Olufemi SUNMONU (Aliant Qais Conrad Laureate) Lagos, Nigeria</p>	
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12.00 PM - 12.50 PM

French-Speaking Lawyers' Forum	<p>Actions taken by bar associations to support their members during the coronavirus crisis</p>	<p>Françoise HECQUET (SCP Preel Hecquet Payet-Godel) Paris, France</p>	<p>Fayçal DRIOUECHE (Cabinet d'avocat Drioueche) Algiers, Algeria</p>
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1.00 PM - 1.50 PM

Arabic-Speaking Lawyers' Forum		<p>Driss CHATER, UIA President of Honour, Fez, Morocco</p>	
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4.00 PM - 5.20 PM

Main Theme 1	<p>Does Third Party Funding Help or Harm International Arbitration - Contrasting Perspectives of Parties, Arbitrators and Funders</p>	<p>Moderator: Laurence KIFFER, Paris, France</p>	<p>Nadia DARWAZEH (Clyde & Co) Paris, France Dana C. MACGRATH (Omni Bridgeway) New York, NY, United States David W. RIVKIN (Debevoise & Plimpton LLP) New York, NY, United States Eduardo SILVA ROMERO (Dechert LLP) Paris, France</p>
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Wednesday, October 28

6.00 PM - 6.50 PM

Session	Theme	Coordinators	Speakers
Spanish-Speaking Lawyers' Forum	Arbitration in Spanish-Speaking Countries	Jorge MARTÍ MORENO (Uría Menéndez) Valencia, Spain	Jenifer Valeria ALFARO BORGES (Alphabeto Uruguay) Montevideo, Uruguay Urquiola DE PALACIO (Palacio y Asociados) Madrid, Spain Francisco RUIZ RISUEÑO (Civil and Mercantile Court of Arbitration - CIMA) Madrid, Spain Juan SERRADA (Civil and Mercantile Court of Arbitration - CIMA) Madrid, Spain

6.00 PM - 6.50 PM

Portuguese-Speaking Lawyers' Forum	Investment Incentives in Portuguese-Speaking Countries	Inês SEQUEIRA MENDES (Abreu Advogados) Lisbon, Portugal	
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7.00 PM - 7.50 PM

Latin American Lawyers' Forum	The Impact of the Pandemic on the Legal Profession in our Region: the Economic, Technical and Ethical Ramifications of the Covid-19 Crisis	Eduardo LORENZETTI MARQUES (Studio Lorenzetti Marques) Sao Paulo, Brazil	Jenifer Valeria ALFARO BORGES (Alphabeto Uruguay) Montevideo, Uruguay Cristián CONEJERO ROOS (Cuatrecasas) Santiago, Chile Fernando HERNÁNDEZ GÓMEZ (Vázquez Aldana, Hernández Gómez & Asociados) Guadalajara, Mexico
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Thursday, October 29

11.00 AM - 12.20 PM

Criminal Law / Tax Law	Criminal Law as a Tool to Influence Social Behaviour	Etienne LESAGE (Lesage Avocats) Paris, France Martí ADROER (Cuatrecasas) Barcelona, Spain	Vito D'AMBRA (Studio D'Ambra e Associati) Milan, Italy Ángela DÍAZ-BASTIEN (Ernesto Díaz-Bastien & Asociados) Madrid, Spain Emmanuel DAOUD (Aarpi Vigo) Paris, France Marilyn MCKEEVER (New Quadrant Partners Limited) London, United Kingdom
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Wednesday, October 28

Thursday, October 29

11.00 AM - 12.20 PM

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Human Rights	<p>Human Rights in the Covid-19 Era The Covid-19 pandemic has affected how we are governed, and how societies and individuals function. Measures that were ostensibly introduced with the aim of protecting our health have led to infringements of basic Human Rights. Access to education, employment rights, privacy, gender discrimination, inequality and the protection of the elderly are some of the rights that have been violated in various regions. The Commission will travel virtually around different continents, presenting the local picture through the voices of experts who will explore their own experiences of Human Rights in these extraordinary times.</p>	<p>Carolina MARÍN PEDREÑO (Dawson Cornwell Solicitors) London, United Kingdom</p>	<p>Dominique ATTIAS, Vice-President of the European Bars Federation, Paris, France Daniela HORVITZ LENNON (Horvitz and Compañía Limitada) Santiago, Chile Sulema JAHANGIR (AGHS) Lahore, Pakistan Gustavo SALAS RODRÍGUEZ (Salas y Salas) Cancun, Mexico</p>
Private International Law / Transport Law	<p>Specialised Courts for International Commercial Disputes: an Efficient Model? The Private International Law and Transport Law Commissions join forces in order to discuss topical issues which, in the future, could have a major impact on day-to-day professional activities. The trend in some States to create courts that are specifically dedicated to dispute resolution for matters concerning international commercial transactions is increasing, and the administration of maritime justice by specialised courts (e.g. the Admiralty Court of England and Wales), dating back to ancient times, could serve as a very useful example to assess the advantages and drawbacks of specialised courts versus non-specialised courts. Is this an efficient model? Are such specialised courts able to satisfy some current needs for the administration of justice (video hearings, use of foreign languages, taking evidence remotely, etc.)? Practitioners from different jurisdictions will cover these essential topics and others, with the aim of initiating a lively debate between all the participants.</p>	<p>Paolo LOMBARDI (Elexi Studio Legale) Turin, Italy Alberto PASINO (Zunarelli Studio Legale Associato) Trieste, Italy</p>	<p>Fernando DE LA MATA (Cortés, Abogados) Barcelona, Spain Olaf HARTENSTEIN (Arnecke Sibeth Dabelstein) Hamburg, Germany Julien LECAT (Bignon Lebray) Aix-en-Provence, France Francisco RAMOS ROMEU (Ramos & Arroyo Abogados) Barcelona, Spain Nathalie SINAVONG (Lmt Avocats) Paris, France</p>
Biotechnology Law / Health Law / Insurance Law	<p>The Global Impact of Covid-19 on the Health and Insurance Industries and the Right to Privacy: Will we ever get back to "normal"? This joint working session will combine the experience and expertise of members of the Biotechnology and the Health and Insurance Law Commissions. It will examine the impact of Covid-19 on the right to privacy, due to mechanisms for surveillance and tracking of the disease, and global health effects of the pandemic, including Brazilian Constitutional Implications on the Covid-19 pandemic crisis, the French response and the Chinese perspective. Regarding insurance, its focus will be to review insurance coverage issues, particularly relating to claims for losses due to business interruption, and the industry's response.</p>	<p>Wei SONG (Law Institute - University of Science and Technology of China) Hefei, China Janice F. MULLIGAN (Mulligan, Banham & Findley) San Diego, CA, United States Christopher B. KENDE (Cozen O'Connor) New York, NY, United States</p>	<p>Joshua R. COHEN (DeCorato Cohen Sheehan & Federico LLP) New York, NY, United States Andrew GROSSO (Andrew Grosso & Associates) Washington, DC, United States Françoise HECQUET (Prael Hecquet Payet-Godel) Paris, France Yinghua LIU (Law Institute - University of Science and Technology of China) Hefei, China Eliana SILVA DE MORAES (Silva de Moraes Advogados Associados) Sao Paulo, Brazil</p>

1.30 PM - 2.50 PM

Main Theme 2	<p>Have Conventional Court Systems Seen Their Day: Time for a New Model?</p>	<p>Moderator: Simon BRUCE (Farrer & Co) London, United Kingdom</p>	<p>Flora HARRAGIN (Farrer & Co) London, United Kingdom Dominique KAMBALA, President of the Kananga Bar Association, DR Congo Ana María KUDISCH CASTELLÓ (Kudisch Abogados) Mexico City, Mexico Elodie MULON (Mulon & Associés) Paris, France Hendrik PUSCHMANN (Farrer & Co) London, United Kingdom</p>
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3.00 PM - 4.20 PM

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Administrative and Regulatory Law	<p>Public Private Partnerships Public Private Partnerships are used around the world for a wide range of infrastructure projects (such as motorways, ports, airports, energy plants and sports facilities). The Administrative and Regulatory Law Commission will discuss the state of the art of PPP in several countries, including the public procurement aspects, and the allocation of risks in PPP contracts and litigation.</p>	<p>Pedro MELO (Miranda & Associados) Lisbon, Portugal</p>	<p>Marco MARIANI (Studio Legale Associato Catte Mariani) Florence, Italy José Luís MOREIRA DA SILVA (SRS Advogados) Lisbon, Portugal Claude NICATI (Étude NVB - Nicati, Vara & Bigler) Neuchatel, Switzerland Rosa Isabel PEÑA SASTRE (Roca Junyent) Barcelona, Spain</p>
Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions / Management of Law Firms	<p>The Potential Impact of Covid-19 on Law Firms The change in our working lives that we have seen over the past few months could lead to a whole new way of thinking about how law firms structure their business and operations. Depending on how the Covid-related downturn affects the industry, we may also have to look at more innovative ways of financing law firms and, of course, there is the potential for rescues, restructurings and acquisitions to be considered. The session will focus on the positive, such as restructuring our businesses for the better, accelerating some trends already apparent like a shift to more working from home including (maybe!?) the nirvana of achieving something like a work/ life balance. It would also focus on smarter ways of working and opportunities that come out of the Covid-19 crisis. There is no doubt, however, that the crisis will continue to have a significant financial impact on the profession so we would also focus on how to cushion the negatives including, for example, government supports, restructuring options and how to be an attractive acquisition target. The list of interesting impacts on our businesses is potentially endless. As a preliminary structure, we will break our 80 minutes into two 40 minute sessions. The first will focus on the impact of the post Covid-19 period on how we structure our businesses. The second will focus on cushioning the blow to our businesses of the crisis.</p>	<p>James D. ROSENER (Pepper Hamilton LLP) New York, NY, United States James GRENNAN (A&L Goodbody) Dublin, Ireland</p>	<p>Martí ADROER (Cuatrecasas) Barcelona, Spain Fernando HERNÁNDEZ GÓMEZ (Vázquez Aldana, Hernández Gómez & Asociados) Guadalajara, Mexico Jorge MARTÍ MORENO (Uría Menéndez) Valencia, Spain</p>
Environmental Law and Sustainable Development / Foreign Investment	<p>Practical Questions on Environmental Protection to Consider in Foreign Investment With increasing frequency, foreign investments are directly and prominently raising various questions related to the protection of the environment. Whether in M&A, financing, real estate or any other type of transactions, and regardless of the place of origin of the investor or the focus of the investment, questions such as those related to environmental authorisations, commercial or operational restrictions, among others, have on numerous occasions become the key to the success of the investment. In this session, experts who are specialised in both fields will give their practical points of view on these types of cases.</p>	<p>Carlos DE MIGUEL PERALES (Uría Menéndez) Madrid, Spain Eduardo LORENZETTI MARQUES (Studio Lorenzetti Marques) Sao Paulo, Brazil</p>	<p>Fernando HERNÁNDEZ GÓMEZ (Vázquez Aldana, Hernández Gómez & Asociados) Guadalajara, Mexico Gabriel LIZAMA OLIGER (Lexing) San Jose, Costa Rica Luis Fernando MACÍAS (Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero Du & Uría) Bogota, Colombia Ernesto SÁNCHEZ PROAL (Secretaría de Desarrollo Económico) Guadalajara, Mexico</p>
Young Lawyers' Session	<p>1. The digitalization era and its legal implications; predictive coding and human rights, arbitration and dispute resolution and AI, Cyber and Data 2. The challenges faced by young lawyers in the eye of Covid-19</p>	<p>Flora HARRAGIN (Farrer & Co) London, United Kingdom</p>	<p>Ángela DÍAZ-BASTIEN (Ernesto Díaz-Bastien & Asociados) Madrid, Spain Lisette DUPRE (Dawson Cornwell) London, United Kingdom Gerard JAMES (William Fry) Dublin, Ireland Tiago PICÃO DE ABREU (Antas Da Cunha Ecija & Associados) Lisbon, Portugal Hin Han SHUM (Squire Patton Boggs) Hong Kong, SAR, China Joana WHYTE (Next Lawyers), Porto, Portugal</p>

5.00 PM - 6.20 PM

Session	Theme	Presidents	Speakers
Banking and Financial Services Law / Real Estate Law	<p>Crowdfunding <i>noun</i> <i>the practice of funding a project or venture by raising money from a large number of people who each contribute a relatively small amount, typically via the Internet.</i> <i>«musicians, filmmakers, and artists have successfully raised funds and fostered awareness through crowdfunding»</i></p> <p>Crowdfunding has been an alternative solution for companies, to traditional bank financing in many jurisdictions for some time now. Some of the most entrepreneurial, cutting edge businesses are crowdfunded.</p> <p>The Banking Law and Real Estate Law commissions will join forces to discuss this disruptive contender to the finance market in the context of property businesses using crowdfunding.</p> <p>This promises to be a practical session with varied speakers from different jurisdictions; a star guest speaker from the industry; and live audience interaction including polling and the opportunity for break out discussion and networking across the two commissions.</p>	<p>Olivier NICOD (Walder Wyss) Lausanne, Switzerland</p> <p>Sandra JACOBUS (Ganfer & Shore LLP) New York, NY, United States</p> <p>David SOLEY (Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, P.A.) Portland, ME, United States</p> <p>Moderators: Laura CONDUIT (Farrer & Co) London, United Kingdom</p> <p>José Antonio PÉREZ BREVA (JAP) Barcelona, Spain</p>	<p>Barbara BANDIERA, Milan, Italy</p> <p>Warren BATH (Property Partner) London, United Kingdom</p> <p>Helen COBURN (Bernstein Shur) Portland, ME, United States</p> <p>Cliff ENNICO (Law Offices of Clifford R. Ennico) New York, NY, United States</p> <p>Nicolas KRAUER (Imvesters) Lausanne, Switzerland</p>
Contract Law / Litigation / International Sale of Goods 	<p>Limiting Liability – What’s The Risk?</p> <p>During the negotiation of international commercial agreements the exact exposure in relation to damages and performance is often not properly identified, anticipated or understood. Parties can be unaware:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that their attempts at limiting or excluding their liability may be ineffective; • of the true nature of the law of damages in the governing law of the contract; and • of the fundamental differences of approach in common law and civil law systems. <p>Through examination of real life practical examples and litigated cases, international specialists from the Contract Law, International Sale of Goods and Litigation commissions will provide a wide-ranging and detailed understanding of the relevant considerations from different perspectives. Audience participation and interaction will be encouraged with the aim that all participants will better their understanding of how to (1) effectively draft and negotiate international contracts and (2) manage liability and litigation risk, which are of more importance than ever to all practitioners and clients in the current times we face.</p>	<p>Amy HARVEY (Peters & Peters Solicitors LLP) London, United Kingdom</p> <p>Milagros POAL-MANRESA CANTARELL (SinergiaDR) Barcelona, Spain</p> <p>Susanne MARGOSSIAN (UP International SA) Geneva, Switzerland</p>	<p>Nathalie CAZEAU (Cazeau & Associés) Paris, France</p> <p>Judge Peter M. REYES, Jr. (Minnesota Court of Appeals) Saint Paul, MN, United States</p> <p>Stephen SIDKIN (Fox Williams LLP) London, United Kingdom</p> <p>Jean-Paul VULLIÉTY (Lalive) Geneva, Switzerland</p>
The UIA-LexisNexis LegalTech Barometer – 2020 Results 	<p>The panel will discuss the relationship between technology and the legal sector, and discuss this project of the UIA-LexisNexis Technology Task Force including the collaboration, methodology adopted, expectations, finalities and an introduction to the Task-Force members.</p> <p>The survey results will then be presented, followed by the survey analysis after which a Q&A session and discussion will take place and an overview on next steps in the project. The aim of this Task Force project is to survey the membership annually, compare the results and study the evolution.</p>	<p>Guillaume DEROUBAIX (LexisNexis), Paris, France</p> <p>Jerome ROTH, UIA President (Munger Tolles & Olson LLP) San Francisco, CA, United States</p>	<p>Jean-François HENROTTE (Lexing) Liège, Belgium</p> <p>Marcus SCHRIEFERS (Heussen Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbH) Stuttgart, Germany</p> <p>Ashu THAKUR (Ashu Thakur & Associates) Mumbai, India</p>
Women’s Committee Session		<p>Elisabeth ZAKHARIA SIOUFI, Jdeidet El Metn, Lebanon</p>	

11.00 AM - 12.20 PM

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Competition Law	<p>Foreign Direct Investment Screening Procedures - The New Normal?</p> <p>The pandemic has weakened many businesses financially, which can make them easy targets for hostile takeovers. Governments around the world have reacted with a series of new regulations that aim to protect domestic undertakings (including those that are privately owned) against unwanted M&A activity. These regulations will impact numerous cross-border transactions. The penalties for violations are severe. They include massive fines, transaction annulment and even lengthy custodial sentences. In this context, it is vital for lawyers and legal advisors to understand the updated FDI screening procedures so that they can help their clients to avoid potential pitfalls. The panel, which is comprised of experts from key FDI jurisdictions, will discuss these major developments and their initial practical implications.</p>	<p>Martin André DITTMER (Gorrissen Federspiel) Copenhagen, Denmark</p> <p>Coordinator: Aleksander STAWICKI (WKB Wiercinski, Kwiecinski, Baehr) Warsaw, Poland</p>	<p>Jürgen BENINC (Jones Day) Frankfurt, Germany</p> <p>Pedro CALLOL (Callol, Coca & Asociados SLP) Madrid, Spain</p> <p>Camilla C. COLLET (Gorrissen Federspiel) Copenhagen, Denmark</p> <p>Michael HAN (Fangda Partners) Hong Kong / Beijing, China</p> <p>Wojciech KULCZYK (WKB Wiercinski, Kwiecinski, Baehr) Warsaw, Poland</p> <p>Jonathan R. WAKELY (Covington & Burling LLP) Washington, DC, United States</p>
EU Law	<p>Post-Brexit Relations between the EU and the UK: Living Happily Ever After?</p> <p>Now that the United Kingdom has left the European Union and the transition period is about to expire, the EU-UK relations are entering a new and perhaps less smooth phase. However, the geographical closeness, closely integrated economies and shared interests of the EU and UK are likely to force both sides to find common ground. The panel will explore how the future relations between the EU and the UK will be structured and how this will impact individuals living in or moving from the EU to the UK or vice versa, professional service providers and companies doing business in the EU and/or the UK.</p>	<p>Florentino CARREÑO VICENTE (Cuatrecasas) Madrid, Spain</p> <p>Moderator: Koen PLATTEAU (Simmons & Simmons LLP) Brussels, Belgium</p>	<p>Kathleen HEYCOCK (Farrer & Co) London, United Kingdom</p> <p>Stephen SIDKIN (Fox Williams LLP) London, United Kingdom</p> <p>Matthew WILLS (Laura Devine Immigration Law) London, United Kingdom</p>
Mediation and Conflict Prevention	<p>Deceptive and Unethical Practices in Mediation: How to Prevent, Identify and Overcome Them</p> <p>On many occasions, parties undertake mediation with the firm intention of getting what they came for, leading to a risk of increased competitiveness, which can in turn cause them to adopt certain practices that could be perceived as deceptive or even unethical. Such practices can include lies, bluffing, misrepresentation, or even falsification of documents, to name but a few. In this session, our panel of expert mediators and ADR practitioners will share their experience in preventing and identifying when such techniques or behaviours occur during mediation, and share their insight on how to overcome these obstacles and make constructive headway in the mediation process.</p>	<p>Georges FEGHALI (Georges Feghali Conflict Management & Resolution Office) Beirut, Lebanon</p>	<p>Marie-Anne BASTIN, Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>Thomas GAULTIER (Abreu Advogados) Lisbon, Portugal</p> <p>John STURROCK QC (Core Solutions Group Limited) Edinburgh, United Kingdom</p>
Bankruptcy Law	<p>Cross-Border Insolvency in a Global Economy Characterized by Trade Disputes and Uncertainty</p> <p>The globalization of the economy is irreversible. The international impact of insolvency processes is increasing, and various global phenomena such as trade disputes, migration and the coronavirus have altered our interpretation and understanding of the current economic reality. Companies have suffered the effects of the lockdown caused by Covid-19; now, they will have to face the challenges of a new world order in which bankruptcy protection is, for many of them, often the only viable option for their survival.</p>	<p>Rubén ACOSTA GONZÁLEZ (Acosta y Asociados) Guadalajara, Mexico</p>	<p>María Cristina Creti (Studio Legale Avv. M.C. Creti) Milan, Italy</p> <p>Álvaro GASULL TORT (Roca Junyent) Barcelona, Spain</p> <p>Marc D. MICELI (SM Law PC) Oldwick, NJ, United States</p> <p>Juan Eduardo PALMA JARA (Palma Abogados) Santiago, Chile</p> <p>Volker RÖMERMANN (Römermann Rechtsanwälte AG) Hanover, Germany</p>

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Main Theme 3	Confronting Issues of Systematic Racism in the Legal System – The Role of Lawyers around the World	Judge Peter M. REYES, Jr. (Minnesota Court of Appeals) Saint Paul, MN, United States	Paulette BROWN (Locke Lord LLP) New York, NY, United States Félix DE BELLOY (Hughes Hubbard & Reed) Paris, France Thiago DE SOUZA AMPARO (FGV Direito SP) Sao Paulo, Brazil

2.30 PM - 3.50 PM

Family Law	New Challenges in Family Law Post Covid-19 The Covid-19 pandemic has changed our daily lives and how we interact with each other, as well as the global economic and working environment. It has also impacted family law matters and cases: we are now facing post-Covid-19 challenges. 1. Judicial systems: remote participation in judicial proceedings, hearings and meetings. WhatsApp notifications: safety and efficiency. Are these changes going to be permanent? 2. ADR as an efficient tool for family law. 3. Old and new problems: economic crisis, communications and alimony renegotiations, divorces, intra-familial violence, and mental health. 4. Client-lawyer relations: does the use of technology make lawyers more accessible and relations more streamlined? 5. Changes to family law in response to Covid-19.	Federico PRUS (Estudio jurídico Dr. Prus) Buenos Aires, Argentina	Muriel CADIOU (Cadiou & Barbe) Paris, France Karin DELERUE (Delerue Rechtsanwälte) Berlin, Germany Giulia FACCHINI (Studio Legale Avvocato Giulia Facchini) Turin, Italy Ana María KUDISCH CASTELLÓ (Kudisch Abogados) Mexico City, Mexico Davide PIAZZONI (Studio Ruo Piazzoni) Rome, Italy
	Covid-19 and the Future of IP, IT and Fashion Litigation Covid-19 accelerated the digitalisation of our professional practice. Complete remote working, not only for lawyers, but for all law firm personnel, which in many firms used to be a highly controversial issue, became standard overnight. The same applies to the replacement of face-to-face meetings with online meetings. For many of us, a move to full-fledged remote work was somewhat unusual at first, but still successful. Today's IT infrastructures allow businesses to continue to offer their services, but business as usual today is quite different from business as usual some months ago, with virtual seminars being the most obvious example! In our joint session, we will explore and discuss how digitalisation will continue to gain momentum in the wake of Covid-19 and will impact the nature of litigation. We will touch on various topics such as the advantages and disadvantages of online hearings and witness depositions, e-discovery, etc. Our session will be structured as a panel discussion, starting with a keynote speech. In addition to members from our commissions, we hope to have a legaltech expert and a member of the judiciary on the panel.	Francisco Javier GARCÍA PÉREZ (Uría Menéndez) Barcelona, Spain Thomas KRITTER (Kleiner Rechtsanwälte) Mannheim, Germany Marita DARGALLO NIETO (Buigas) Barcelona, Spain	Ian DE FREITAS (Farrer & Co) London, United Kingdom Alejandro ESTEVE DE MIGUEL (Bikle Legal) Barcelona, Spain Gavin LLEWELLYN (Stone King LLP) London, United Kingdom Mark A. REUTTER (Walder Wyss) Zurich, Switzerland Prof. Dr. iur. Ulrich G. SCHROETER (University of Basel) Basel, Switzerland Joana WHYTE (Next Lawyers) Porto, Portugal
Fashion Law / Information Technology Law / Intellectual Property			

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Food Law	<p>Covid-19 and Food Product Distribution: Problems and Solutions</p> <p>The health crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic has also had major consequences in the food safety and food product distribution sectors.</p> <p>Determining whether food from at-risk areas can circulate freely and the precautions to be taken are two of the most common issues.</p> <p>This has sometimes led to delays in delivering products and/or orders being cancelled. Difficulties in clearing customs and logistics problems have also contributed to these delays.</p> <p>The session aims to address the topic by examining food safety in various jurisdictions, as well as risk management for food products and the contractual provisions that are applicable in the event of non-performance due to force majeure.</p> <p>The topic will also be approached through a case study, which will be presented and moderated by representatives of companies that have faced challenges in this area.</p>	<p>Stefano DINDO (Dindo, Zorzi e Avvocati) Verona, Italy</p>	<p>Sarah L. BREW (Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP) Minneapolis, MN, United States</p> <p>Simona MUSSO (Lavazza) Turin, Italy</p> <p>Carlos RAMIREZ (Reese LLP) New York, NY, United States</p> <p>Michael REESE (Reese LLP) New York, NY, United States</p> <p>Diego SALUZZO (Grande Stevens Studio Legale) Turin, Italy</p> <p>Alicia WHITE (Whole Foods Market) Austin, TX, United States</p>
	<p>Labour Law / Startups and Venture Capital</p>	<p>New Internet Businesses Models that are Revolutionising Labour Concepts and Relationships</p> <p>During this session, we will examine how the new internet-based businesses models are conceptually changing labour relationships, by favouring flexible, individual relationships with service providers, to the detriment of stable employment contracts. Are new business models creating a new world of work or merely an artificial environment with reduced employee rights and protection?</p>	<p>Paulo BANDEIRA (SRS Advogados) Lisbon, Portugal</p> <p>Acácio PITA NEGRÃO (PLEN - Sociedade de Advogados) Lisbon, Portugal</p> <p>Moderator: Kathleen HEYCOCK (Farrer & Co) London, United Kingdom</p>
4.30 PM - 5.50 PM			
Art Law	<p>Art Distancing - How the Art Market is Turning Digital</p> <p>The recent pandemic accelerated a process that was already in motion, and has caused the digital market for art to boom on an unprecedented scale. On the one hand, this market is appropriate for artworks that were originally created using digital techniques, and are then enjoyed and transferred using digital media. However, for a collector, making digital artworks available online is very different from exhibiting them at home, with liabilities akin to those of a publisher. On the other hand, buying a physical artwork without the possibility of examining it creates risks of fraudulent sales, higher margins of error and guarantees with reduced value, although at the same time the buyer may be protected by regulations on online sales. Furthermore, compliance with Anti-Money Laundering rules can become extremely difficult in a digital environment. Finally, the digital market offers the possibility of “tokenizing” works, i.e., creating digital certificates that are registered on the blockchain and that represent a portion of the artwork’s value.</p>	<p>Massimo STERPI (Studio Legale Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners) Rome, Italy</p>	<p>Sarah CONLEY ODENKIRK (ArtConverge) Los Angeles, CA, United States</p> <p>Roland FOORD (Stephenson Harwood LLP) London, United Kingdom</p> <p>Anna VILADÁS JENÉ (Roca Junyent) Barcelona, Spain</p>

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<p>Immigration and Nationality Law</p>	<p>Global Immigration – A Means to Advance Racial Equality? The Covid-19 pandemic triggered the closing of borders all across the globe, for health and safety reasons. Subsequent to the start of the pandemic, if not directly caused partially by the pandemic, was the reinvigoration in the United States of the movement for racial justice, with sympathetic protests spreading to other countries. A current-day argument for the promotion of global immigration is based on economic grounds. Specifically, a net increase in a country's immigration is a factor in strong economic growth. While that argument may be true historically, the human rights foundation of its history is circumspect. For example, the two-century practice of the global slave trade by American and European merchants fostered strong economic growth in the United States and North America, but at the profane price of bondage and forced human migration. Yet, at the same time, the United States, Canada, and other countries in the Western Hemisphere have been "melting pots" for traditionally strong, voluntary economic migration, and often have been beacons to the world as safe harbors for the destitute and the oppressed. In this context, the objective of our session will be to discuss (1) the current trends in liberalism and nationalism in global immigration and how they promote racial harmony, or discord, in general, and (2) the mechanisms used, or should be used, in national immigration systems to advance racial equality.</p>	<p>Hervé N. LINDER (Ernest & Linder LLC) New York, NY, United States</p> <p>Co-Moderator: Clayton E. CARTWRIGHT JR (The Cartwright Law Firm) Columbus, GA, United States</p>	<p>George AKST (Akst & Akst) New York, NY, United States</p> <p>Nikolaos ARGYRIOU (Lawgreece) Thessaloniki, Greece</p> <p>Andreea HAULBERT (Karl Waheed Avocats) Paris, France</p> <p>Adrián OJEDA CUEVAS (Ojeda Ojeda y Asociados) Mexico City, Mexico</p> <p>Matthew WILLS (Laura Devine Immigration Law) London, United Kingdom</p>
<p>Media Law</p>	<p>Whistleblowers The status of whistleblowers is undergoing a major change in a world where disclosure of information is a weapon. Whistleblowers have become an international issue, in particular because of the nature of their disclosures but also because of their potential protection abroad and their presence in international organizations. International law is therefore a necessary basis for ensuring a minimum level of protection. The recent cases of LuxLeaks, UBS, Danske Bank, Cambridge Analytica, Renault-Nissan and the Panama Papers have demonstrated the importance of whistleblowers' disclosures in detecting and preventing possible breaches of the law that are detrimental to the public interest. Whistleblower protection was previously fragmented within the European Union. In order to ensure a European standard, Directive (EU) 2019/1937 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2019 on the protection of persons who report breaches of Union law was adopted in order to offer whistleblowers an additional level of protection. EU Member States have until 2021 to transpose the directive. Although the directive is designed to protect whistleblowers, companies can derive significant benefits from its provisions. By implementing effective whistleblowing systems, which employees and other stakeholders are encouraged to use as an internal reporting channel, companies can identify and manage risks at an early stage, thereby avoiding or mitigating financial loss and harm to their reputation.</p>	<p>Emmanuel PIERRAT (Pierrat & de Seze) Paris, France</p>	<p>Thierry BONTINCK (Daldewolf) Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>Jean-Yves DUPEUX (Lussan & Associés) Paris, France</p>

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<p>Protection of Lawyers</p>	<p>This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers, a codification of the international guiding principles and guarantees for an independent and proper functioning of the legal profession.</p> <p>Free and independent lawyers and professional organisations of lawyers are unquestionably crucial to ensure the right of access to legal assistance for all and, as an extension, the right to a fair trial and, ultimately, the protection of all other rights.</p> <p>However, as we are too often reminded, throughout the world, State and non- State actors are continuously challenging, distorting, and even denying the vital role lawyers both individually and collectively play in upholding the rule of law and in promoting and protecting human rights. Thus, the independence of the legal profession has been targeted by increasingly frequent, diverse and global attacks and interferences. Similarly, individual lawyers have been subject, with increased frequency, to attack.</p> <p>This anniversary creates a momentum for the international legal community to reaffirm the relevance and the universality of the Basic Principles, and, once again, to urge States to renew their commitment to protect and promote the legal profession in accordance with these Principles, while remaining attentive and appropriately responsive to the new realities and threats faced by lawyers and the legal profession.</p> <p>During this session, we will address some particular features of the Basic Principles as well as the rights, duties and privileges it provides, and we will identify the main global and regional challenges and constraints to their implementation and assessment. Through discussion, we will try to more generally outline priorities for our future advocacy and consider actions aimed at improving the protection and promotion of the legal profession, including by supporting ongoing significant initiatives such as the much-awaited European Convention on the Legal Profession.</p>	<p>Moderator: Jacqueline SCOTT, Director General - UIA-IROL</p>	<p>Diego GARCÍA SAYÁN, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers</p> <p>François. J. GODBOUT, Director of Programmes, Panafrican Lawyers Union (PALU)</p> <p>Yasushi HIGASHIZAWA, Co-Chair Human Rights Section, LAWASIA</p> <p>Laurent PETTITI, Délégation des Barreaux de France - Chair of the CCBE European Convention Working Group</p>

Not-to-be-missed Events

Wednesday,
October 28
3.00 pm

Virtual Congress Opening Ceremony

Several guests will welcome participants to the first UIA Virtual Congress ever and wish them successful sessions.

Keynote speakers:

- Loretta Lynch, Former United States Attorney General
- Eric Dupond-Moretti, Minister of Justice, France

2020 UIA/LexisNexis Rule of Law Award



The UIA/LexisNexis Rule of Law Award was created to honour individuals and organisations who actively contribute to the advancement of the rule of law within the legal community. The fifth edition of this Award will be presented during the Opening Ceremony to European Lawyers in Lesvos (ELIL).

Monday,
October 26
4.00 pm

UIAdvance Session

Special session reserved for members of the UIAdvance global network for law firms

Monday,
October 26
5.30 pm

Club UIA Annual Meeting

Coordinator: James C. Moore, President, Club UIA

Meeting reserved for UIA former officials and Presidents.

Thursday,
October 29
5.00 pm

Women's Committee Session

After the Women Leaders of the Bar Days attended by 500 participants from 70 countries, don't miss the UIA Women's Committee session.

Friday,
October 30
6.00 pm

Closing Ceremony

The transfer of the presidency from Jerome Roth to President-Elect Jorge Martí Moreno will be a key moment of the closing ceremony. During the closing ceremony, the commission of the year and national committee of the year awards will be delivered for the excellent work performed during the past year.

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Social Events

There will be plenty of time during our Virtual Congress for interaction and social activities. You will be able to meet new colleagues, catch up with old friends and participate in a Trivia quiz with colleagues to test your knowledge. The networking lounge will have more surprises for you!



Wednesday,
October 28
5.30 pm

Virtual Cocktail Party

Thursday,
October 29
1.00 pm
and
6.30 pm

Trivia Quiz

As players join the event, we will randomize the group into virtual teams (5 players per team). Each team will have its own Zoom breakout room and will choose a team captain. Teams will use the Zoom breakout rooms to confer privately about the answers to questions and team captains will submit their team's answers at the end of each round. After each round, answers will be reviewed, and scores will be announced!

Friday,
October 30
8.00 am

Virtual Running Challenge with Strava

More information coming soon!

Virtual Exhibition

Our exhibition area will enable you to meet the Congress partners. They can answer your questions directly or get back to you at a more convenient time.

Please take the time to visit our virtual exhibition, which will present portraits of colleagues from all over the world who take the risk of defending clients, despite threats to their safety or their lives.

We will provide unlimited access to all the sessions 24/7 for 30 days after the Congress, so that you can catch up on any sessions you may have missed.

The Trilingual French Civil Code

- The first publication to provide access to the entire French Civil Code in English and Arabic
- A guide including 10 introductory notes in both English and Arabic distributed between provisions of the Civil Code



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