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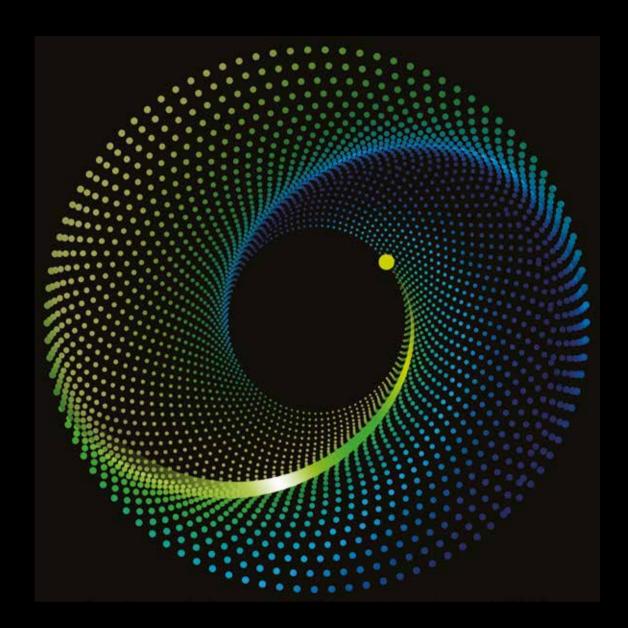








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Welcome to the 2025 UIA Congress in Guadalajara, the capital city of the State of Jalisco, Mexico.

Thank you to the individual members of the Mexican Organising Committee and to the leaders of the three Mexican Bar Associations, Ilustre y Nacional Colegio de Abogados de México, Barra Mexicana (Colegio de Abogados) and

Asociación Nacional de Abogados de Empresa, for their generous and enthusiastic support.

The Congress venue that we have selected, the Expo Guadalajara Convention Centre, in line with the UIA Sustainability Guidelines, is certified for sustainability purposes as a carbon neutral/ environmentally friendly convention centre, with a waste management policy in place, using eco-friendly products and food, with a water usage and lighting and energy policy focused on reducing consumption. The convention centre is located within walking distance from hotels and easily is accessible by public transport.

This will make Guadalajara 2025 the first sustainable compliant Congress in the history of the UIA!

In our era of complexity and change, both Main Themes deal with the challenges and developments in relation to two of the most topical and critical issues of interest to international legal business consultants and litigators. The first main theme on "FDI dispute resolution" will explore the various dispute resolution options available, including mediation, as provided by international agreements and applicable BITs, and faced with the new kinds of issues giving raise to disputes (such as energy transition, sanctions, and environmental and technological issues). The second main theme on Agrifood, Sustainability and International Trade will deal with the multiple legal aspects involved in transforming agri-food systems to make them more sustainable, resilient, inclusive, equitable and healthy, in a changing climate and environment.

In addition you will be able to choose amongst a variety of some 45 different working sessions covering all the areas of the law. with speakers and participants from over 80 countries.

I look forward to welcoming you to Guadalajara for an unforgettable experience!

> Carlo Mastellone **UIA President**





It is an honor to address you as President of the 69th Congress of the UIA. We warmly invite you to join us in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 29 October to 2 November 2025. The UIA Congress is a unique opportunity for lawyers from around the world to meet, exchange ideas and strengthen ties. In a

globalized world, spending time with colleagues from different cultures, committed to law and justice, is a valuable experience.

Mexico and Guadalajara offer an unrivaled setting. Guadalajara, the second largest city in Mexico, is a living testimony to the blend of modernity and tradition that characterizes our nation. Guadalajara is the heart of Mexico's emblematic traditions. The «mariachi», a musical symbol of our country and declared Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO, originated here. It is also the birthplace of tequila and charrería (Mexican livestock herding).

ditional hats and Jarabe Tapatío dance — originated in Jalisco.

Guadalajara's cuisine is another of its great attractions. From the tortas ahogadas («drowned» sandwiches) and tacos, to the haute fusion cuisine, each meal is a delight for the senses. Guadalajara is a key technological development center in Latin America. It is home to important technology companies such as IBM, Oracle, Cisco, Toshiba, Intel, HP, and Dell. Jalisco represents 40% of the IT industry in Mexico. The city has modern infrastructures for a productive and pleasant stay.

This congress will allow participants to attend high-level conferences and workshops on the most relevant international law topics. It will be an opportunity to learn from experts and share knowledge. Guadalajara offers unforgettable experiences. See you in Mexico, Guadalajara awaits you!

> Arturo Pueblita Fernández President of the 69th UIA Congress

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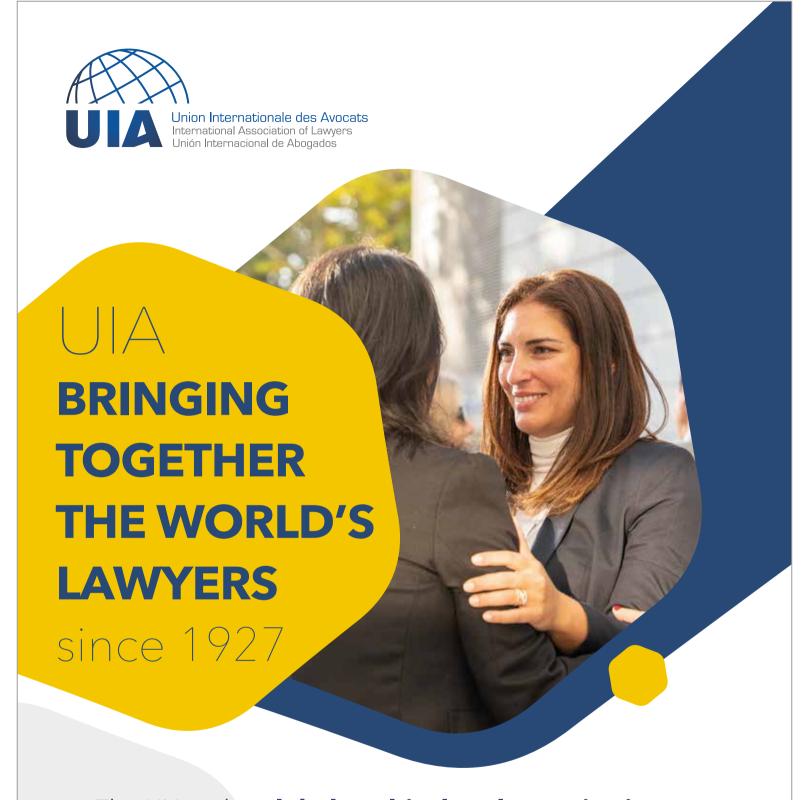
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Congress Schedule

| | | | Wednesday | Wednesday, October 29 | | | | | | | | Thursday, October 30 | ctober 30 | | | |
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| 12.00 pm | | | | | | | | | Main Theme 1 (part 2) | | (part 2) | Services Law (part 2) | Sports Law (part 2) | Law / Environement and Sust Dev (part 2) | 2) | < |
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| 3.00 pm | Lawyers' Forum | | | Lawyers' Forum | Lawyers' Forum | | Lawyers' Forum | | (part 1) | | (part 1) | (part 1) | | | | |
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| | | | 6.00 pm Open | 6.00 pm Opening Ceremony | | | | | | | | 7.00 pm Informal Evening | mal Evening | | | |

Congress Schedule

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| 11.00 am - 12.30 pm Family Law / Health Law (part 2) | 11.00 am - 12.30 pm NextGen Netswork (part 2) | 11.00 am - 12.30 pm Intl Arbitration (part 2) | 11.00 am - 12.30 pm IT law / IP / Privacy of Digital Person (part 2) | 11.00 am - 12.30 pm Administrative and Regulatory law (part 2) | 11.00 am - 12.30 pm Art Law (part 2) | 1100 am - 12.30 pm Future of the Lawyer / Management of Law Firms (part 2) | | 11.00 am - 12.30 pm Contract Law / In- house coursel / Intl Sale of Goods (part 2) | 11.00 am - 12.30 pm Animal Law / Banking and Financial services / Human Rights (Part 2) | 11.00 am - 12.30 pm Corporate and M&A / Real Estate (part 2) | 11.00 am - 12.30 pm International Estate Planning | 11.00 am - 12.30 pm Legal Tech Session with LexisNexis | | | |
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| 2,00 pm - 3.30 pm UNA-IROL (part 1) | 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm NextGen Network : Student Debate (part 1) | 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm Litgation | 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm Agrifood Law / Int Sale of Goods (part 1) | 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm immigration and Nationality Law / Labour Law (part 1) | 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm Medis law (part 1) | 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm | | 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Family Law | 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Crimina Law Human Rights | 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Mediation and conflict Prevention | 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm OHADA Law | | | | |
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| 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm UIA-IROL (part 2) | 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm NextGen Network : A Student Debate (part 2) | 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm International Arbitration / Litigation | 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm Agrifood Law / Int Sale of Goods (part 2) | 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm Immigration and Nationality Law / Labour Law (part 2) | 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm Media Law (part 2) | 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm Wellbeing Committee | | | | | X | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 4.45 pm - 6.00 pm | \nearrow | <i>-</i> | | \nearrow | \nearrow | \nearrow | \nearrow | <u> </u> |
| | | | | 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm UIAdvance session | | | phedal session | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 4 | | _ | | 6.30 pm - 20.00 pm Closing Ceremony | | | | | | | | |
| | | 8.30 pm Gala Dinner | | | | | | | | | 8.00 pm Closing Coktail + Free Evening | | Institutional meetings | | Ceremonies |

INTERNAL MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSIONS

| | DATE | TIME | ROOM |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Banking and Financial Services | Thursday 30 October | 8.30 am - 9.00 am | Meuble 2 |
| Management of Law Firms | Friday 31 October | 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm | Joya 1 |
| Private International Law | Thursday 30 October | 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm | Joya 2 |

NATIONAL COMMITTEES MEETINGS

| | DATE | TIME | ROOM |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Belgian National Committee | Thursday 30 October | 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm | Joya 2 |
| Italian National Committee | Friday 31 October | 8.00 am - 9.00 am | Joya 1 |
| Japanese National Committee | Thursday 30 October | 8.00 am - 9.00 am | Joya 1 |
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| Mexican National Committee | Friday 31 October | 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm | Comercio |
| British National Committee | Friday 31 October | 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm | Mueble 2 |
| Swiss National Committee | Wednesday 29 October | 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm | Construcción |





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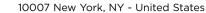




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The session will take place on Thursday, 30 October at 9.00 am.



WELCOME TO OUR FIRST-TIME PARTICIPANTS!

Are you a new participant at the UIA Congress? We always take care of first-timers at UIA congresses. The UIA organizers will welcome you during a GetTogether Breakfast on Friday, 31 October, from 8:00am to 9:00am.

This is an opportunity to meet other UIA members who are new participants and to network!

WELLBEING COMMITTEE SESSION

In this first official session following the launch of the Wellness Committee, we will explore the topic of legal wellbeing through a genuinely multidisciplinary lens, embracing a diversity of professionals and focus areas. Designed to be highly interactive, the session will feature a dynamic conversation with the audience to exchange ideas, gather feedback, and collectively envision future UIA initiatives and actions in this critical field.

The session
will take place
on Friday, 31 October
at 2.00 pm.

UIADVANCE

UIA supports law-firm managers in their strategic, financial and human resources challenges. During the congress, a special session dedicated to UIAdvance members on the topic "Navigating Legal Frontiers: Current Challenges and Opportunities in an International legal network".

The session will take place on Friday, 31 October at 5.30 pm.

NEXT GEN NETWORK SESSION

Family businesses—including law firms—face unique challenges when it comes to succession. Beyond legal and financial structuring, the transition of leadership requires balancing tradition with innovation, ensuring long-term stability while adapting to modern business landscapes. The session will include perspectives from family law firms where parents and children work together, as well as those who have taken separate paths.

The session will take place on Friday, 31 October at 9.00 am.



NETWORKING DAY

The opening day of the Congress is the opportunity to meet with your colleagues again within the particularly warm atmosphere that characterises UIA!

The day will begin with the **UIA General Assembly** while the afternoon will be dedicated to our **specialised forums.** These activities will take place at ExpoGuadalajara.

This year, you will be able to select from 11 forums based on language and region. The **language forums** will facilitate discussion of important legal topics by participants in a language they share. As part of the **regional forums**, participants will be able to exchange their different points of view on a common issue and consider the many judicial ways to address it based on their country's laws. With expert coordinators from around the world, these discussions are sure to be lively and informative!

The afternoon will also feature the popular **Networking session**.

The day will continue with the **Opening Ceremony** at the Teatro Degollado.

9.30 am - 11.30 pm

UIA General Assembly

Meeting reserved exclusively for UIA members

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

French-Speaking Lawyers' Forum
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Portuguese-Speaking Lawyers' Forum
Spanish-Speaking Lawyers' Forum
Arabic-Speaking Lawyers' Forum
Common Law Forum

3.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Asian Lawyers' Forum
African Lawyers' Forum
Forum of Lawyers from Central and Eastern European Countries
Latin American Lawyers' Forum
Italian Speaking Lawyers' Forum

3.30 pm - 5.00 pm

UIA Networking

ROOM JOYA 2

One of the reasons for attending a global Congress is to network – to meet people who might be useful for one's own law practice and to make oneself known to others and, why not, create organic links.

Speed Dating for Law Firms, first introduced at the Macau Congress in 2013, at the initiative of Fred Kan, is a unique programme offering such an opportunity.

All participants interested in connecting with law firms outside their own jurisdiction each get 3 minutes on stage to introduce themselves and their firm. Like-minded lawyers are able to meet at the session to explore opportunities for co-operation.

Coordinator

Fanny COTON (Lexing) Liège, Belgium

6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

Opening Ceremony at the Teatro Degollado

Thursday, 30 October

9.00 am - 12.30 pm

| Session | Theme | Presidents | Speakers |
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| Main Theme 1 Room Guadalajara 4 | Present And Future Of Foreign Investment Dispute Resolution Join us in exploring the challenges and pitfalls of Foreign Investment dispute resolution! From the alternative ways presented (Investment Arbitration vs. Permanent Court; Dispute Boards or Mediation) to the coexistence of traditional forms of conflict with the irruption of new issues related to the times we live in (energy transition, sanctions, geopolitical tensions and financial uncertainty; environmental and technological issues). Discover how different methods, backed by bilateral treaties and international agreements, shape the foreign investment environment, seeking to ensure stability and legal security for all parties involved. Don't miss this opportunity to broaden your understanding of this exciting topic and strengthen your skills in international practice! | Coordinator: Urquiola DE PALACIO (CIAM-CIAR) Madrid, Spain Moderators: Urquiola DE PALACIO (CIAM-CIAR) Madrid, Spain Jenifer Valeria ALFARO BORGES (Alphabeto Uruguay) | Keynote speakers: Gonzalo FLORES (ICSID) Washington, DC, United States Hugo ROMERO MARTÍNEZ (RRH Consultores, S.C.) Mexico City, Mexico Speakers: José Maria ALONSO PUIG (CIAM-CIAR) Madrid, Spain José Luis ARAGÓN CARDIEL (Cour Permanente D'arbitrage-CPA) The Hague, Netherlands Joachim BILE-AKA (Bile-Aka, Brizoua-Bi & Associés) Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire Anna JOUBIN-BRET (CNUDCI) Vienna, Austria Cesar PEREIRA (Chartered Institut of Arbitrators - Ciarb) Sao Paulo, Brazil Antonio Mario PRIDA PEON DEL VALLE (Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, S.C.) Mexico City, Mexico Ann RUSSO (Dispute Resolution Board Foundation-DRBF) Charlotte, NC, United States Mylene CHAN (BAC-BIAC) Beijing, China |
| Collective Members' Forum | The role of Bar Associations in the recruitment, selection and evaluation of judges | Coordinators: Murray LEVIN (Troutman Pepper Locke) Philadelphia, PA, USA | |
| Room Moda | | | |
| Women's Committee Session Room Mueble 1 | Women and Sustainable Development Can "sustainable development" be fully realized without the participation of women, respect for inclusion, parity and non-discrimination? We will address the different aspects of this subject as well as the challenges it raises using diversified and multidimensional approaches. We will examine, mainly, the social responsibility of companies and the effectiveness of their commitment in this field, but also the responsibility of states, the main actors in achieving sustainable development objectives, in establishing and implementing the mechanisms required in this regard at national and international level. We will also discuss the contribution of lawyers, bars and associations of lawyers as well as the UIA to this process. | (Elisabeth Zakharia Siouf) | Jenifer Valeria ALFARO BORGES (Alphabeto Uruguay) Montevideo, Uruguay Fanny COTON (Lexing) Liège, Belgium Sébastien GOULET (Favarel & Associes) Marseilles, France James GRENNAN (A & L Goodbody) Dublin, Ireland Marco IMPERIALE (Better Ipsum) Milan, Italy Carlo MASTELLONE (Studio Legale Mastellone) Florence, Italy Marie-Aimée PEYRON (Conseil national des barreaux) Paris, France Eliana SILVA DE MORAES (Silva De Moraes Associés) Sao Paulo, Brazil |

9.00 am - 12.30 pm

| Session | Theme | Presidents | Speakers |
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| Banking and Financial Services Law Room Mueble 2 | Revolution in the payments landscape in the Digital Age Payment services play a fundamental role in our daily lives and for the economy. The payment services market has changed significantly in recent years. Electronic payments have been constantly growing. The trend towards digitalisation was accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to a surge in online transactions and contactless payments in shops. The digital transformation is triggering a revolution in the financial sector, especially in payments, which will bring innovation as well as benefits in terms of costs, convenience, accessibility, and inclusion for individuals and firms, but also risks (e.g. fraud). New providers, enabled by digital technologies, have entered the market. Fintech companies have sparked the latest wave of innovation, speeding up the evolution of the payment system that also plays to the strength of big tech. To advance digital payments, promote innovation and enhance safety and efficiency in the financial sector, central banks have multiple tools at their disposal. One prominent option is to issue a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). Another is to build Fast Payment Systems (FPS). Speakers will illustrate the most significant innovations in payments and their key impacts and implications on users, banks and other payment service providers, regulators, and the overall structure of the payments market, as well as the major public-private partnerships in payment systems. | Barbara BANDIERA Milan, Italy | Joachim BILE-AKA (Bile-Aka, Brizoua-Bi & Associés) Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire Olivier NICOD (Walder Wyss SA) Lausanne, Switzerland Silvestre TANDEAU DE MARSAC (FTMS Avocats) Paris, France Donald VENKATAPEN (Venkatapen Boutique Lawyers) Luxembourg, Luxembourg Yonca Fatma YÜCEL (Istanbul Gedik University Law Faculty) Ankara, Türkiye Serges Martin ZANGUE (Zangue And Partners) Douala, Cameroon Tarik ZOUHAIR (Cabinet Zouhair) Casablanca, Morocco |
| Sports Law Room Joya 1 | Recent Critical Issues on Sport Law in Mexic and in the World This session will focus upon recent critical issues on sport law. In order to avoid cheat, fraud and unfairness in sport, many challenges have been attempted in various areas. Anti-doping activities are one of the examples. Investigations and new rules against the bidding activities for the large-scale international sport events have become much more serious. Governance systems have been drastically developed in many sport organizations. Analysis and discussions from the various angles are expected. | Yoshihisa HAYAKAWA (Uryu & Itoga) Tokyo, Japan | Ricardo DE BUEN RODRIGUEZ (De Buen Rodriguez Abogados S.C.) Mexico City, Mexico Edgardo MUÑOZ LÓPEZ (Universidad Panamericana) Guadalajara, Mexico Shoichi SUGIYAMA (Field-R Law Offices) Tokyo, Japan Fernando VEIGA GOMES (Abreu Advogados) Lisbon, Portugal |

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9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Theme Presidents Session **Speakers** Sustainable Use of the Oceans Yolanda EISENSTEIN **Brvce BARTHULY** The importance of the oceans to human health and Santa Fe. NM. USA (Cuny Graduate Center) well-being cannot be overstated. Covering 70% of the New York, NY, USA planet, the oceans provide livelihoods and resources Coordinatrice: **Christian CLAPP** to more than 3 billion people. Blue foods - those that Yolanda EISENSTEIN (Angeion Group) San Diego, CA, USA are harvested from oceans, rivers, and lakes - have the Santa Fe. NM. USA potential to help feed a population expected to reach **Carlos RAMIREZ** 10 billion in 2050. Recognizing its significance, UN (Reese LLP) New York, NY, USA Sustainable Development Goal 14 is to "Conserve and Michael REESE sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development." (Reese LLP) However, due to human activities, the oceans and the New York, NY, USA Agrifood Law / Jim Karani RIUNGU creatures who live in them are in peril. Unsustainable Animal Law / exploitation, climate change, and environmental (Lawvers For Animal Protection In degradation are immediate threats that require Africa) **Environment** international collaboration and cooperation. Nairobi, Kenya and Sustainable This presentation will look at key legal and policy issues **Development Law** relevant to the sustainable use of the oceans. The panel of experts will consider the current "state of the blue food industry" - from local economic impacts to international **Room Construcción** trade agreements. Presentations will include proposed laws and policies needed to create equitable and sustainable conditions for all global stakeholders; how science and technology can mitigate the environmental impacts of climate change, illegal fishing, overfishing, and pollution; and how to prevent the further loss of species that is impacting the biodiversity of the oceans. Tradition Meets Innovation: IP Tools for Safeguarding Nicola LATTANZI Begoña CANCINO Heritage and Excellence, with a Special Focus on the (Eversheds-Sutherland SA) (Bcalaw) **Fashion Industry** Milan, Italy Mexico City, Mexico Joana WHYTE Marita DARGALLO NIETO This session delves into the diverse intellectual property (Telles Advogados) (Barrilero Y Asociados) tools designed to safeguard traditional excellence and Barcelona, Spain Porto, Portugal cultural heritage, with a special focus on the fashion **Mauricio JALIFE DAHER** industry and artisanal craftsmanship. Topics include the (Jalife Caballero & Asociados) new EU Regulation on Geographical Indications for craft Mexico City, Mexico products, certification marks, "Made In" designation **Anna KLEIN** as an indicator of quality and origin and other IP (Anna Klein Avocat) frameworks that protect authenticity and provenance. Fashion Law / Marseille, France The discussion will also address the increasingly relevant Fabio MORETTI Intellectual Property issue of cultural appropriation, exploring how IP law (CastaldiPartners) can balance innovation with respect for traditional Milan, Italy **Barbara POZZO Room Comercio** knowledge and heritage. Participants will gain practical (Università Degli Studi Dell'insubria) insights into navigating the interplay between tradition Como, Italy and innovation, ensuring that both creative industries and cultural identities are respected and preserved.

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Speakers **Presidents** Session **Theme** The Hague Convention on Choice of Court Francisco RAMOS ROMEU Irene GRASSI Agreements of 2005 (Rya Abogados Scp) (Cocuzza) In a less uniform and more protectionist global legal Barcelona, Spain Bologna, Italy Katharina KLINGEL environment, choosing the right forum to resolve disputes will be crucial. Knowing the international (Brödermann Jahn conventions, such as the 2005 Hague Convention Rechtsanwaltsgeselischaft Mbh) on Choice of Court Agreements, which provide legal Hambourg, Germany Stephan KORTE certainty, will facilitate the work: what is its scope of application, what requirements the choice of forum (Kanzlei Korte) agreement must meet, what are the benefits of relying Frankfurt, Germany on it, what is its relationship with other conventions, Paolo LOMBARDI **Private International** etc. Mexico City being one of the first countries to be a (Studio Legale Elexi) Law member of this Convention, currently applicable in more Turin, Italy than 30 countries, in this session, we will clear up these Alberto PASINO doubts for international lawvers. (Studio Legale Zunarelli E Associati) Room Jova 2 Trieste, Italy Catherine PEULVÉ (CP Law) Paris. France

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The Role of Bar Associations in Protecting the Rule of Law and the Independence of the Judiciary

The Rule of law and the independence of the Judiciary are constantly threatened by political interference in the judiciary and the gradual weakening of institutions in various regions of the world. At the same time, society requires greater awareness of its legal rights to defend these fundamental principles. In this context, bar associations play a crucial role, not only as representatives of the legal community but also as key actors in the protection and strengthening of justice and democratic order.

The European Convention on the Profession of Lawyer

On 12 March 2025, the Committee of Ministers adopted the Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of the Profession of Lawyer, which opened for signature on 13 May 2025. This is a landmark achievement as the first binding international instrument dedicated to protecting the independence of the legal profession. To date, 18 countries have signed the Convention, which will come into effect three months after eight countries – to include six member States of the Council of Europe – have ratified it. Once in force, it will be possible for non-member States of the Council of Europe to join, extending the potential protective reach of the Convention internationally.

Initiatives and projects of Law Societies and Bar Associations for the protection of lawyers

at risk (report of the meeting of the International Bar Leaders' Senate in London in June 2025)

Many Bars Associations and Law Societies around the world are undertaking international initiatives and projects for the protection of lawyers at risk or under threat or being persecuted by governments or other governmental or judicial authorities for discharging their legal duties and responsibilities or pursuing their profession. How can the UIA help bring all these initiatives together to find synergies between them?

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| Bankruptcy Law Room Moda | International coordination in transnational insolvency cases. Global reforms: challenges for states and practising lawyers Participants will analyse how state actors, international organisations and practitioners in different countries' legal systems interact and coordinate when an insolvent business entity has assets and/or debts in multiple jurisdictions. We will analyse international legislative reforms and national legal mechanisms that guarantee access to justice and efficiency in the resolution of such cases, with their different particularities in an ever-changing global world. | President: Alberto ROMÁN PALENCIA (Román Y Castañeda Abogados) Mexico City, Mexico | Speakers to be confirmed |
| Foreign Investment / Tax Law Room Mueble 1 | Foreign Direct Investments and Incentives: Are Allowances and Special Tax Regimes effective tools to promote investments? Proactive measures are used to attract investment and human capital that can contribute to sustainable and inclusive development. Investment facilitation includes a transparent and predictable regulatory environment, efficient administrative procedures and it can take many forms, like tax allowances, special tax regimes, financial, and in-kind benefits, as well as regulatory incentives. Our roster of panellists will discuss about these instruments and provide fresh perspectives driving the promotion and success of foreign investments in today's global landscape. | Hernán ANDRADA (Santurio, Andrada & Noël) Buenos Aires, Argentina Riccardo Giorgio CAJOLA (Cajola & Associati) Milan, Italy Moderator: Eduardo LORENZETTI MARQUES (Studio Lorenzetti Marques) Sao Paulo, Brazil | Martí ADROER (Cuatrecasas) Barcelona, Spain Alfredo CAPRA (Capra Advogados Associados) Sao Paulo, Brazil Motoyasu HIROSE (Uryu & Itoga) Tokyo, Japan Slawomir LUCZAK (Soltysinski Kawecki & Szlezak) Warsaw, Poland Jose Antonio MIGUEL NETO (Miguel Neto Advogados) Sao Paulo, Brazil Henrik NILSSON (Advokatfirman Allians) Karlstad, Sweden Lourdes PÉREZ-LUQUE MARICALVA (Toda & Nel-Lo) Madrid, Spain Alina QUACH (Asiallians) Pékin, Chine Carolina RAMÍREZ CHÁVEZ (Deloitte) Mexico City, Mexico Domingo RUIZ LÓPEZ (Ruiz Consultores, S.C.) Guadalajara, Mexico |
| Criminal Law / International Criminal Defence Room Mueble 2 | The defence of persons accused of international crimes before national and international criminal courts The aim of this working session is to facilitate exchanges of experiences between lawyers who have defended people accused of international crimes (crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide) before international criminal tribunals (ICTs) and before national criminal courts, and to examine what such a defence entails in practice. What are the challenges for lawyers (legal, ethical, financial, security-related)? What support can or cannot lawyers receive? What differences and commonalities are there in practice when lawyers practice before ICTs or at national level in such cases? And so on. Given the current geopolitical context, this topic will provide an opportunity to discuss the fundamental role played by lawyers in the defence of persons accused of international crimes, the challenges that lawyers may encounter, both at national and international level, in ensuring an effective and strong defence throughout proceedings, and the means and solutions that can be | Véronique MOISSINAC MASSENAT Paris, France Héleyn UNAC (Human Rights Vigilance) Montpellier, France | Pablo GOMEZ MONT (Zapata Velasco Gomez Mont) Mexico City, Mexico Ilan KATZ MAYO (Katz & Gudiño Abogados) Guadalajara, Mexico Luana ROBERTO (ORATIOFORTIS AVOCATES) Geneva, Switzerland Laurence ROQUES (Conseil national des barreaux) Paris, France Danièle ROY (Roy, St. Jacques & Teolis) Montreal, Canada |

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used or could be used to overcome such challenges.

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2.00 pm - 5.30 pm

Presidents Speakers Session **Theme** Sustainability and Risk Management in Food Sébastien GOULET Philippine BEERMAN Transportation: Challenges, Opportunities, and (Favarel & Associes) (AKD Benelux Law Firm) Marseilles, France **Insurance Strategies** Rotterdam, Netherlands **Christopher B. KENDE** This session delves into the intricate relationship between **Anna MONTESANO** agrifood sustainability, transportation dynamics, and the (Hill Betts & Nash) insurance challenges shaping the global food supply New York, NY, USA (Studio Legale Zunarelli E chain. By focusing on the emerging opportunities Associati) **Nicoline KUHSEN** and obstacles in implementing sustainable transport Bologna, Italy (Kuhsen And Partners Law Firm) practices and the critical role of insurance in mitigating Yaoundé, Cameroon associated risks, this session brings together academics. Alberto PASINO in-house counsel and lawyers from different jurisdictions (Studio Legale Zunarelli E Associati) to explore key issues such as: Trieste, Italy Claudio PERRELLA ■ The growing influence of sustainability standards on transport and insurance contracts, and their role in (RP Legal & Tax) shaping global supply chains: Turin. Italy **Elena del Rosario ROBLES** ■ The legal implications of ensuring sustainability in the SAHAGUN Insurance Law / Mexico Citv. Mexico transportation of perishable goods, particularly under stringent environmental regulations: Marcus SCHRIEFERS **Transport Law** (GVW Graf Von Westphalen) ■ Risk management strategies and liability concerns in Stuttgart, Germany cold chain logistics; Room Joya 1 ■ The role of force majeure and climate change in increasing vulnerabilities for food transportation systems; ■ The transformative potential of emerging technologies in enhancing efficiency and transparency in sustainable food transportation and insurance. This session offers a unique opportunity for exchanging ideas and exploring innovative strategies to enhance resilience and advance sustainability throughout global food supply chains. **Coordinator:** Navigating the Future of the Legal Profession: Lawyers Alexis BRUNET in a Changing World Silvia MARROQUIN Hambourg, Germany (Chaffetz Lindsey LLP) **Urquiola DE PALACIO** The panel will gather French, English, and Spanishspeaking practitioners from around the world and New York, NY, USA (CIAM-CIAR) Madrid, Spain across legal sectors to discuss pressing challenges Marco IMPERIALE the legal profession faces across geographic regions (Better Ipsum) and fields of practice (e.g., challenges of the cross-Milan, Italy border and international practice of law, lawyers' roles Edgardo MUÑOZ LÓPEZ in cross-border investment, the legal profession in the (Universidad Panamericana) face of political change and judicial reform, upholding Guadalajara, Mexico **Future of the Lawyer** Independence amid political interference (pressure **Fernando PEYRETTI** on judicial independence, lawfare, threats to lawyers' (Deloitte) **Room Comercio** safety, access to justice and strengthening professional Mexico City, Mexico Eugenio RIBÓN ethics and accountability). The panellists will also be (Ilustre Colegio De Abogados encouraged to share their insightful perspectives on the De Madrid) changes our profession faces and what we should do to Madrid, Spain remain relevant, competitive, and impactful in a rapidly evolving landscape. SALAPSE VALUE

2.00 pm - 5.30 pm

Presidents Speakers Session **Theme** Data Without Borders: A Comparative Look at Cross-Paul CONVERY Jérémy BENSOUSSAN Border Data Transfer Laws And Their Impacts on (William Fry) (Alain Bensoussan Avocats Lexing) Dublin, Ireland Paris, France The EU, the United States, and other jurisdictions have **Grant DAVIS-DENNY** Ian DE FREITAS adopted laws regulating the export of personal data. (Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP) (Farrer & Co.) the disclosure of personal data, and consumers and Los Angeles, CA, USA London, United Kingdom employees' access to personal data. This session will **Marc GALLARDO MESEGUER** explore how various jurisdictions approach cross-border (RSM) data transfers and data access rights, how they impact Barcelona, Spain litigation, and what litigators and data protection lawyers Anna KLEIN can do to address the challenges and opportunities that (Anna Klein Avocat) these data protection laws present. Marseille, France The first of the two panels will discuss the similarities and Eliseo Manuel MARTÍNEZ MARTÍNEZ Information differences among the EU, US, and other jurisdictions (lus+Aeguitas Trial Lawyers) on regulating the flow of personal data across borders Technology Law / Madrid, Spain and will provide practical advice such as the best mix Luis Fernando PALOMINO BERNAL Litigation / of safeguards (whether standard contractual clauses, (Palomino Flores Hernández **Privacy and Rights** binding corporate rules, codes of conduct, or certification Abogados) mechanisms) to ensure that cross-border data transfers Mexico City, Mexico of the Digital Person comply with applicable law. The second panel will examine how these crossborder data transfer restrictions, other data protection **Room Construcción** requirements and general documentation restrictions are impacting access to information in litigation. For example, restrictions on cross-border data transfers and on disclosing personal data to opposing parties can make it more difficult to obtain needed discovery in litigation.

4 pm - 5.30 pm

Rainbow flag on fire? - The fight for LGBTQI+ rights in **Dirk NUYTS** Ferenc BALLEGEER a turbulent era (Dirk Nuyts Legal) (FB-TAX) During this informative session speakers will provide Brussels, Belgium Zoug, Switzerland critical updates on the global state of LGBTQI+ rights, Ignacio CORBERA DALE highlighting ongoing challenges and rising instances of (Garriques Abogados) physical and verbal violence against the community and Barcelona, Spain how lawmakers and courts are reacting. The discussion Juan CUENCA MARQUEZ will feature insights from countries including the USA, (Roca Junyent S.L.P) UK, Belgium, Italy, France, The Netherlands, Spain and Barcelona, Spain Tunisia. Wiebe DE VRIES (Vondeltax) Amsterdam. Netherlands **Colin DELANEY** LGBTQI+ (Smith. Gambrell & Russell, LLP) Atlanta, GA, USA **Committee Session** Jean-Charles S. GARDETTO (Law Offices of Jean Charles S. Gardetto) Room Jova 2 Monaco, Monaco **Gerard H. JAMES** (William Fry LLP) Dublin, Irerland John McELROY (Fieldfisher) London, United Kingdom Fabio MORETTI (CastaldiPartners) Milan, Italy **Ben SHELDRICK** (Magrath Sheldrick LLP) London, United Kingdom







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Friday, 31 October

9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Session

Theme

Coordinator:

Dr. Marco ALEMÁN

Speakers

Agrifood, Sustainability and International trade

on health, environmental and sustainable development

related topics such as water-food, land use, food

wastes, climate change, carbon footprint, pesticides,

fertilizers, genetically modify organisms (seeds). Instead

of intensive, dehumanized agriculture, how can we best

We will discuss the current situation of agrifood and

sustainability and the possible scenarios and trends in

light of free trade agreements such as the Comprehensive

Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and

Canada (CETA); the proposal of a Transatlantic Free

Trade Agreement covering Europe and North America

(TAFTA): and the United States, Mexico City, Canada.

Agreement (USMCA) to be revised in 2025 before the

protect local communities, cultures, and know-how?

Part 2: Agrifood and International Trade

agreed date if 2026.

Héctor HERRERA ORDOÑEZ

(WIPO) Geneva. Switzerland

Part 1: Agrifood and Sustainability We will discuss agrifood and sustainability, with emphasis

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9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Presidents Speakers Session Theme Carolina MARÍN PEDREÑO Simon Jock BRUCE Health, Family Law: Protecting Lives And Bonds In A Transforming World / Family Formation: 'Evolving (Dawson Cornwell Solicitors) (Dawson Cornwell) dynamics on Family Formation: Challenges and London, United Kingdom London, United Kingdom **Eliana SILVA DE MORAES** Opportunities' **Stephanie CABALLERO** (Silva De Moraes Associés) (The Surrogacy Law Center, Aplc) Health, Family Law: Protecting Lives And Bonds In A Sao Paulo, Brazil Carlsbad, CA, USA **Transforming World Beatriz DE SILVA** The intersection between Health and Family law (Lussan Société d'Avocats) highlights the urgent need to rethink polices and Paris. France strategies that safeguard human life, family unity and Vinciane GILLET dignity in the face of global environmental crises and (Gillet-Lex) Al challenges. Climate change directly and indirectly Brussels, Belgium impacts the health of populations and family dynamics, Janice F. MULLIGAN requiring an integrated approach that addresses the right (Mulligan Law - Member of Lexing to health, food security, housing and social well-being. Network of international technology particularly for vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly and women. San Diego, CA, USA Sofia Arlet PEREZ ROMERO (Cibeles We will analyse Judicial cases arising from Health Law and Family Law also related with the Climate Change Abogados Sc) Mexico City, Mexico Family Law / ■ Denial of Medical Treatment for Children Due to **Roberta POZA Health Law** Religious Beliefs (Ilustre Colegio De Abogados ■ Disputes Over End of Life - Medical Decisions De Madrid) ■ Medicines Access Madrid, Spain **Room Moda** ■ Custody Disputes Involving Mental Health ■ Responsibility for Medical Expenses in Divorce ■ Assisted Reproduction and Embryo Disputes ■ Custody and Refusal of Psychological Treatment for Children ■ Health and Climate Change's Impact on Family Structure (malnutrition, waterborne diseases...) Family Formation: 'Evolving dynamics on Family Formation: Challenges and Opportunities' The ways in which individuals and groups establish and develop family structures is receiving different legislative approaches worldwide. The effects of the evolution of medicine in family law will be the basis of a key note presentation on International Surrogacy Arrangements from Mexico City. We will continue to learn about family formation, hearing from experts on surrogacy arrangements, fertility law including the enforcement of donor agreements. Family Business Succession: Transition, Isidro NIÑEROLA TORRES Keynote speaker: **Growth & Legacy** (Dawson Cornwell) Ernesto VELA, Family businesses-including law firms-face unique London, United Kingdom Mexican former Swimmer Olympian challenges when it comes to succession. Beyond legal and Speakers: financial structuring, the transition of leadership requires **Moderators: Dan FELTIN** balancing tradition with innovation, ensuring long-term Isidro NIÑEROLA TORRES (DTMV) Paris, France stability while adapting to modern business landscapes. (Dawson Cornwell) Renata FERNÁNDEZ GÓMEZ SAINZ **Next Gen Network** The session will include perspectives from family law London, United Kingdom (Fegosa Capital) Madrid, Spain Session firms where parents and children work together, as well Fernando HERNÁNDEZ DE **Katherine MUÑOZ TUFRO LA TORRE** (Grupo RADDO) Saladillo, Argentina as those who have taken separate paths. This session will (VAHG) Jorge MARTI MOREN **Room Mueble 1** ■ How to transition leadership effectively Guadalajara, Mexico (Uría Menéndez Abogados, S.L.P) ■ The legal and strategic considerations of succession Madrid, Spain planning ■ Sustaining growth while preserving the family's professional legac

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| International Arbitration Room Mueble 2 | Arbitration Costs - security for costs and impoverished parties This panel will discuss the potential effects of impecuniosity on the validity and operability of arbitration agreements and will further look at security for costs as a solution for claimants to deal with cost risks. The discussion will compare different arbitration rules and statutory frameworks and highlight recent case law and current trends from various jurisdictions. | Veit OEHLBERGER (Dorda Rechtsanwälte Gmbh) Vienna, Austria | Speakers to be confirmed |
| Information Technology Law / Intellectual Property / Privacy and Rights of the Digital Person Room Joya 1 | Navigating the Cloud: Legal and regulatory perspectives on Data and IP in Cloud Services This session explores the legal and regulatory dimensions of cloud services, with a focus on the protection and circulation of data in the era of cloud computing and big data. Key topics include the technological and regulatory frameworks governing cloud services, the evolution of intellectual property rights in relation to cloud-based environments, and the challenges of data management, analysis, and protection. Particular attention will be given to the responsibilities of cloud service providers, including liability issues, privacy concerns under the GDPR, and compliance with emerging data protection laws. Cloud services pose significant data protection issues, including where data centers are located and the potential for cross-border data transfers, the disclosure of personal data to cloud service providers, contractual provisions for the protection of stored personal data, and the risk that data security breaches at cloud services companies can impact large numbers of clients and their consumers and employees' personal data. | Grant DAVIS-DENNY (Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP) Los Angeles, CA, USA Nicola LATTANZI (Eversheds-Sutherland SA) Milan, Italy | lan DE FREITAS (Farrer & Co.) London, United Kingdom Marc GALLARDO MESEGUER (RSM) Barcelona, Spain Alejandro LUNA FANDIÑO (Olivares) Mexico City, Mexico Ricardo RAMÍREZ MONTOYA (Hudde & Rynd) Mexico City, Mexico Massimo STERPI (Studio Legale Gianni & Origoni) Rome, Italy Daniel VILLANUEVA PLASENCIA (Baker & McKenzie Abogados, S.C.) Zapopan, Mexico Yonca Fatma YÜCEL (Istanbul Gedik University Law Faculty) Ankara, Türkiye |
| Art Law Room Comercio | The challenges of settling international cultural heritage disputes! The art market, as an international sector where art is frequently an investment, is directly confronted with the challenges of dispute resolution, of which there are many. This workshop will explore, through concrete examples and case studies, the different national approaches and practices in dispute resolution. It will look at the different methods of dispute resolution and international legal instruments, as well as the role of institutions such as UNESCO, WIPO and the Court of Arbitration for Art (CAfA) in the management of cultural disputes, in particular those relating to the protection and restitution of cultural heritage. | Judith BOUCHARDEAU (Borghese Associés) Paris, France | Alejandro CELORIO ALCANTARA (The G37 Centre) Mexico City, Mexico Sarah CONLEY ODENKIRK (Artconverge) Los Angeles, CA, Etats-Unis Antonio MUÑOZ VICO (J&A Garrigues S.L.P) Madrid, Spain Antonio Mario PRIDA PEON DEL VALLE (Curtis, Mallet - Prevost, Colt & Mosle, S.C. Mexico, Mexique Judith B. PROWDA Esq. (Stropheus Art Law, Sotheby's Institute of Art) New York, NY, Etats-Unis Makoto SHIMADA (Sah & Co.) Tokyo, Japan Massimo STERPI (Studio Legale Gianni & Origoni) Rome, Italy Anna VILADÁS JENÉ (Gómez-Acebo & Pombo Abogados) Barcelone, Espagne Nicola WALLACE (4pb) London, United Kingdom |

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| Administrative and Regulatory Law Room Construcción | The impact of Artificial Intelligence in Public settings The session aims to explore the impact and implications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in administrative activities, with a particular focus on legal, ethical, and operational aspects. During the event, we will discuss the following main topics: Al in the Administrative Sector (Analysis of the practical applications of AI in public administrations, including the automation of decision-making processes, data management, and the digitization of services); Legal and Regulatory Aspects (Study of existing regulations and new legislative proposals concerning the use of AI in the administrative field, with a focus on challenges related to privacy, data protection, and legal liability) Ethical Implications (Exploration of the ethical issues arising from the adoption of AI, such as the risk of algorithmic discrimination, transparency in automated decision-making processes, and equity in access to public services); Risks and Opportunities for Lawyers practicing in the Administrative Law field; Future Perspectives: Predictions on the future of AI in public administrations, including public-private collaboration scenarios and the evolution of regulation at the European and international levels. | | Edmundo ELIAS FERNANDEZ (Ramos, Ripoll & Schuster Abogados) Guadalajara, Mexico Andrea Isabel MIRANDA MIJANGOS (Ecija Law Firm) Guatemala City, Guatemala François MOYSE (Moyse & Associates) Luxembourg, Luxembourg Claude NICATI (Etude Nvle) Neuchatel, Suisse Joaquín PALMA CRUZAT (Palma Abogados) Santiago, Chili |
| Future of the Lawyer / Management of Law Firms Room Joya 2 | Challenges for managing partners in a new age This round table will discuss the following topics: Environmental sustainability Social responsibility (incl. diversity and inclusion, neurodivergence, pro bono work) Impact of political landscape on law firm management/policy Certification processes Pricing and procurement Onboarding of partners Talent retention: wellbeing, mentorship Remuneration Technology in the legal profession (AI): impact on skills development of juniors Branding: strategy, distinguishing your firm from other firms, online visibility (social media) How to remain competitive, competition of accountancy firms with legal branche | Marie Laure DE JONG (Akd Benelux Law Firm) Rotterdam, Netherlands | Moderators: Silvia MARROQUIN (Chaffetz Lindsey LLP) New York, NY, USA Marie Laure DE JONG (Akd Benelux Law Firm) Rotterdam, Netherlands Speakers: Piergiorgio BONACOSSA (Rp Legal & Tax Associazione Professionale) Turin, Italy Hugo CUESTA LEAÑO (Cuesta Campos y Asociados, S.C.) Guadalajara, Mexico James GRENNAN (A & L Goodbody) Dublin, Ireland Marco IMPERIALE (Better Ipsum) Milan, Italy Eliseo Manuel MARTÍNEZ MARTÍNEZ (lus+Aequitas Trial Lawyers) Madrid, Spain Jose Antonio MIGUEL NETO (Miguel Neto Advogados) Sao Paulo, Brazil Pedro PAIS DE ALMEIDA (Abreu Advogados) Lisbon, Portugal Domingo RUIZ LÓPEZ (Ruiz Consultores, S.C.) Guadalajara, Mexico |

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| Litigation Room Mueble 2 | Complicated Clients and Acronyms – addressing the impact of EU, AML, OFAC, OFSI, IROL etc when acting for clients The panel of common law and civil law experts will discuss various obstacles that arise in multiple jurisdictions when working with clients where for any number of reasons the client is subject to or potentially subject to sanctions, other regulatory oversight or the client's workflow creates potential conflict issues. | Paul CONVERY (William Fry) Dublin, Ireland | Stephen DREYFUSS (Hellring Lindeman Goldstein & Siegal LLP) Roseland, NJ, USA Jesús GRANADOS SÁNCHEZ (Jg Lex Abogados) Marbella, Spain Janice F. MULLIGAN (Mulligan Law - Member of Lexing Network of international technology lawyers) San Diego, CA, USA Enrique OCHOA DE GONZÁLEZ ARGÜELLES (Lexing) Mexico City, Mexico Alex TALLON (Miles Legal) Brussels, Belgium |
| 2.00 pm - 5.30 pm | | | |
| Wellbeing Committee Session Room Joya 2 | Legal Wellbeing today. Challenges, Choices, and Collective Action In this first official session following the launch of the Wellbeing Committee, we will explore the topic of legal wellbeing through a genuinely multidisciplinary lens, embracing a diversity of professionals and focus areas. Designed to be highly interactive, the session will feature a dynamic conversation with the audience to exchange ideas, gather feedback, and collectively envision future UIA initiatives and actions in this critical field. | Marco IMPERIALE (Better Ipsum) Milan, Italy | José Maria ALONSO PUIG (CIAM-CIAR) Madrid, Spain Marie Laure DE JONG (Akd Benelux Law Firm) Rotterdam, Netherlands James GRENNAN (A & L Goodbody) Dublin, Ireland Janice F. MULLIGAN (Mulligan Law - Member of Lexing Network of international technology lawyers) San Diego, CA, USA Catherine PEULVÉ (CP Law) Paris, France German SAVASTANO (Uber Latin America) Mexico City, Mexico Jacqueline SCOTT (Fortney & Scott, LLC) Washington, DC, USA Arthur STÜSSI (AIJA) Brussels, Belgium Elisabeth ZAKHARIA SIOUFI (Elisabeth Zakharia Siouf) Jdeidet El Met, Lebannon |
| Al Task Force Session Room Guadalajara 4 | Al Consolidation This session will focus on: Part 1: Presentation of a standard Al policy that can be used by law firms Impact of the Al Act – and other regulations on Al – on the use of Al by lawyers Survey of international case law on the use of Al by lawyers and judges Part 2: Al Agents Use of Al to improve safety Deepfakes and their impact on journalism, economy, and political debate | Massimo STERPI (Studio Legale Gianni & Origoni) Rome, Italy Coordinators: Sarah CONLEY ODENKIRK (Artconverge) Los Angeles, CA, USA Marita DARGALLO NIETO (Barrilero Y Asociados) Barcelona, Spain Benedetta PARISE (Parise Studio Legale - Treviso Kansas City) Castelfranco Veneto, Italy Silvestre TANDEAU DE MARSAC (FTMS Avocats) Paris, France Yonca Fatma YÜCEL (Istanbul Gedik University Law Faculty) Ankara, Türkiye | Jérémy BENSOUSSAN (Alain Bensoussan Avocats Lexing) Paris, France Hélène CARVALLO (Carvallo Family Law) New York, NY, USA Ian DE FREITAS (Farrer & Co.) London, United Kingdom Ian McDOUGALL (Lexisnexis) London, United Kingdom Satoshi NAGANO (Uryu&Itoga) Tokyo, Japan Nuhad PONCE KURI (Ponce Kuri, S.C.) Mexico City, Mexico Elisabeth ZAKHARIA SIOUFI (Elisabeth Zakharia Siouf) Jdeidet El Met, Lebannon |

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| UIA-IROL Session Room Moda | Safeguarding the Rule of Law in the Face of Political Divides Political polarization has become a defining feature of many societies, often putting democratic institutions and the Rule of Law under strain. Courts, lawyers, and independent institutions are increasingly targeted as part of political battles, while essential guarantees such as judicial independence, access to justice, and fundamental rights risk being eroded. This session, organized by the UIA Institute for the Rule of Law (UIA-IROL), will explore how the Rule of Law can be preserved and reinforced amidst political divides. Distinguished speakers will address the role of legal professionals in resisting partisan pressures, examine examples of resilience in different jurisdictions, and discuss how international legal cooperation can help protect the universality of the Rule of Law against fragmentation and instrumentalization. | Martin PRADEL (Talma) Paris, France | Speakers to be confirmed |
| Next Gen Network Session - Students' Debate Room Mueble 1 | Mandatory Bar Membership for the Practice of Law In our quest to define legacy, we prioritise learning from those with experience while keeping our eyes on the future generations—students who dream of bringing their legal minds to society. We passionately promote student involvement and strive to build a robust network of aspiring leaders. This year, we proudly host the second edition of a student debate competition with two dynamic teams. This year, we are hosting the second edition of a student debate competition with two teams on the topic: "Mandatory registration with the bar association". | Isidro NIÑEROLA TORRES (Dawson Cornwell) London, United Kingdom | Speakers to be confirmed |

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Session

Theme

exports to the U.S.

Mariaelena GIORCELLI

Speakers

Ag trade: Navigating uncertainty policy shifts

regulations, and global market conditions. The Ukraine

War and Middle East Crisis have already impacted the

sector, and the U.S. is shifting its trade policy, influenced

by Trump's "America First" agenda and its aggressive

tariff stance. This may lead to a reassessment of trade

agreements, affecting not only U.S.-Mexico-Canada

agricultural trade but also European and Latin American

This environment of uncertainty will make it difficult

for farmers and exporters worldwide to plan, as trade

policies could change rapidly due to political shifts. The

session will explore the challenges and opportunities

of navigating uncertainties, including the impact of

evolving trade agreements, tariffs, and import-export

regulations on international agricultural markets. It will

also address the complexities of compliance with diverse

and often conflicting regulatory frameworks governing

the movement of agricultural goods across borders. In the context of international agricultural sales, the session

will address the topic of the parties responsibilities for

customs duties and charges and how to allocate these

risks through contractual clauses and/or the use of

Incoterms. Through a comprehensive analysis of current

trade trends and policy developments, the presentation aims to provide insights into strategies that stakeholders in the agricultural trade industry can adopt to mitigate risks and capitalize on emerging opportunities in an

and relevant Import and Export Regulations Agricultural trade is evolving due to changing policies,

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The Rise of International Trading Blocs: Balancing Labour and Immigration Advice in an Increasingly Glocalised World

increasingly volatile global market.

The 21st Century dawned with the world racing toward what seemed to be everlasting globalisation fuelled by accelerating technology. However, with the onset of the Great Recession, a slow global economic recovery, and the shockwaves of the COVID-19 pandemic, many countries are embracing, at least de facto, glocalization: the simultaneous growth of worldwide and local initiatives. Global markets are expanding through technology, while protectionism and trade barriers are on the rise.

With the rise of outsourcing and, its heir, remote work, technology is creating a global labour market for businesses that seek the best and brightest talent. Yet, services that cross international borders can incur sizeable regulatory and transactional costs, costs that are ignored by employers at their increasing peril. At the same time, there still are services that must be provided in person, buttressing the demand for global immigration.

In this glocalised world, labour and immigration counsel must coordinate advice to provide comprehensive employment advice to businesses, while anticipating the twin trends of advancing technology and protectionism on the march. This precarious advisory paradigm shall be the focus of this joint working session.

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Room Construcción

2.00 pm - 5.30 pm

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| 2.00 pm - 5.30 pm | | | |
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| Session | Theme | Presidents | Speakers |
| Media Law Room Comercio | The scope of lawyers' freedom of expression in the media and before the courts The Commission will examine the extent of protection afforded to lawyers' freedom of expression when they speak on behalf of a client in the media or in court in various European countries, the United States, Central America, Africa and Asia. Is this freedom of expression being strengthened? Is there a privilege that extends to external communications? Can this privilege be limited by the lawyer's code of conduct. By the law? By the interests of third parties? | Thierry BONTINCK (Daldewolf Scrl) Brussels, Belgium | Stéphane BONIFASSI (Bonifassi Avocats) Paris, France Vanessa CHAMBOUR (PSF 12) Lausanne, Switzerland Beatriz DE SILVA (Lussan Société d'Avocats) Paris, France Coco KAYUDI MISAMU (Étude Bâtonnier Kayudi Misamu Et Associés) Kinshasa, Dem. Rep. of Congo Masumi KONO (Alcien Law Office) Tokyo, Japan Marie-Aimée PEYRON (Conseil national des barreaux) Paris, France Jerry ROTH (Roth Global Law/Arb) Sonona, CA, USA |
| 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm | | | |
| International Arbitration / Litigation Room Mueble 2 | Arbitration v Litigation – which is better to resolve a foreign dispute A debate style panel consisting of litigation and arbitration practitioners focusing on a specific foreign dispute resolution topical issue and the pros/cons of litigation and arbitration in resolving it. | Paul CONVERY (William Fry) Dublin, Ireland Veit OEHLBERGER (Dorda Rechtsanwälte Gmbh) Vienna, Austria | John McELROY (Fieldfisher) London, United Kingdom Zofia MATYJA (Zofia Matyja Kancelaria Adwokacka Krakow, Poland |
| 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm | | | |
| UIAdvance session Room Construcción | Artificial Intelligence in Law Firms: Practical Experiences We will explore the essential role of AI in law firms through an exchange of practical experiences about economic investment that implies, as well as the importance of training lawyers on responsible and confidential use to prevent errors. Should improving service quality and speed in providing advice have an impact on the legal fees? Is it necessary to inform clients when AI tools are used? Those are some of the questions that will be | Coordinator: Lourdes PÉREZ-LUQUE MARICALVA (Toda & Nel-Lo) Madrid, Spain | |

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Friday, 31 October

9.00 am - 10.30 am

Session

International Estate Planning / LGBTQIA+ Committee

Room Mueble 2

Theme

respective jurisdictions.

Succession Planning of Diverse Forms of Families When family comes in all shapes and sizes, so should the succession plan. From patchwork clans to proud single parents and rainbow families, today's modern households need more than the cookie-cutter legal solutions of the past. In this joint session, experts from both the LGBTQIA+ and the International Estate Planning Commissions will discuss the estate planning toolkits available for diverse form of families, with special highlight to those living

communities which are not recognised as families in their

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Contract Law / In-House Counsel / **International** Sale of Goods

Room Guadalajara 4

Lost in translation? Negotiating and interpreting international contracts: how to address and reconcile diverse legal and cultural approaches?

The session will be a lively and enriching round table with international lawyers and in-house counsels providing their perspectives and guidance on how not to get lost in translation when negotiating and interpreting international contracts. We will discuss how the negotiation and interpretation of international contracts are influenced by the diverse legal cultures and negotiating approaches of the parties, as well as by the law applicable to the contract. The dos and don'ts of international contracting will be shared. Drawing from their extensive on-field experience, our speakers will exchange insights on how legal departments and law firms negotiate international contracts with partners in different jurisdictions and legal cultures. The session will also explore how the applicable law may influence the interpretation of contract provisions leading to different and sometimes unexpected outcomes. Questions will be raised and discussed with speakers and participants on whether the choice by the parties to apply UNIDROIT principles to the contract or the application international uniform law such as with regard to international sales contracts the Convention on International Sales of Goods may help to bridge a gap between different legal jurisdictions.

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9.00 am - 12.30 pm

| Session | Theme | Presidents | Speakers |
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| Animal Law / Banking and Financial Services Law / Human Rights Salon Moda | Tackling Climate Change: Lawyers Must Act Now for a Sustainable Future Humans are changing the planet. We are spewing pollutants into the atmosphere. We have destroyed roughly 1/5 th of the arable land on Earth. We are running out of freshwater while the 20 th century saw a fourfold increase in population. We are in the midst of the sixth mass extinction. Climate change is increasingly affecting ecosystems, with disruptive effects on the social well-being, economic development, and financial stability. The loss of biodiversity is producing severe consequences. The resulting effects on the climate have caused the loss of critical species, zoonotic diseases, and driven the mass mortality of plants and animals. Since 2008, over 376 million people - climate refugees - have been displaced because of environmental disasters. International climate finance is essential for developing countries to achieve their climate goals. Financial institutions can manage the risks and identify the opportunities linked to climate change as well as accelerate the transition to low-carbon economies. This session looks at the role of international law and policy in turning the tide on losses that cannot be recovered. | Barbara BANDIERA Milan, Italy Yolanda EISENSTEIN Santa Fe, NM, USA Gustavo SALAS RODRÍGUEZ (Salas Y Salas, S.C.) Cancún, Mexico | Linda JULIEN (CTI Capital Groupe INC) Montreal, Canada Koichi MURAKAMI (AEON Bank Ltd.) Tokyo, Japan Jim Karani RIUNGU (Lawyers For Anima Protection In Africa) Nairobi, Kenya Laurence ROQUES (Conseil national des barreaux) Paris, France |
| Corporate Law and M&A Real Estate Salon Mueble 1 | Through the Labyrinth: Corporate Structures and Real Estate Transactions in a Volatile Market This session will explore the following topics: ■ How to structure a corporate real estate investments from an international law and regulatory perspective; ■ Different real estate investment vehicles. Pros and cons; ■ Specificities of due diligence in corporate real estate acquisitions; ■ Financing strategies for corporate real estate ventures; ■ Liability and risk management in corporate real estate development. | Gerard H. James (William Fry LLP) Dublin, Irerland Francisco Luis SOLER CABALLERO (J&A Garrigues S.L.P) Valencia, Spain | Speakers to be confirmed |

Saturday, 1 November

11.00 am - 12.30 pm

| Session | Theme | Presidents | Speakers |
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| International Estate Planning Room Mueble 2 | Inheritance of Digital Assets Who gets your Bitcoin when you're gone? As we hurtle into the digital age, inheritance isn't just about dividing heirlooms and bank accounts—it's also about passing on passwords, crypto keys, and your meme collection. In this session experts will explore how to make your digital afterlife as secure (and drama-free) as your real one. | Carlos ANGLADA BARTHOLMAI (Monereo Meyer Abogados) Palma De Mallorca, Spain | Simon Jock BRUCE (Dawson Cornwell) London, United Kingdom Marc GALLARDO MESEGUER (RSM) Barcelona, Spain Vinciane GILLET (Gillet-Lex) Brussels, Belgium Élodie MULON (Conseil national des barreaux) Paris, France Yvonne PIELES (Burckhardt AG) Basel, Switzerland Howard S. SIMMONS (Simmons Da Silva & Sinton) Brampton, Canada |
| Legal tech session with LexisNexis Room Joya 1 | Practical uses of AI The session will debate the following topics: ■ The Rule of Law & Populism; ■ Artificial Intelligence and the future of the legal profession; ■ Ethics and responsibility in legal practice in the AI era | Coordinator: lan MCDOUGALL (Lexisnexis) London, United Kingdom | |
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2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

| Session | Theme | Presidents | Speakers |
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| Family Law Room Guadalajara 4 | Experts in Family Law Proceedings The influence of expert evidence in Family proceedings is crucial for the outcome of the case. Accountants, real estate valuers, child and adult psychologists and psychiatrists, drug and alcohol test results reports, therapists, counsellors, art valuers and foreign lawyers are some of the most common experts instructed jointly or by one of the parties in family proceedings. We will present on the instruction of experts, strategic instructions and the application of The Hague Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil and Commercial Matters. The most significant judgments from the last year and proposal for legislation on Family Law would be also be discussed by experts from different jurisdictions. | Carolina MARÍN PEDREÑO (Dawson Cornwell Solicitors) London, United Kingdom | Joaquín BAYO DELGADO Sitges, Spain Marie BERGER (Brs Berger Recordon & De Saugy) Geneva, Switzerland Gaëlle BONNET Paris, France Alfredo GUARINO (Studio Legale Avv.Vincenzo Guarino) Naples, Italy María Carmen VARELA ALVAREZ (Carmen Varela Abogados De Familia, SIp) Barcelona, Spain |



Saturday, 1 November

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

| Session | Theme | Presidents | Speakers |
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| Criminal Law / Human Rights Room Moda | Contextualised justice: due process and the nature of the offence The idea that due process is not a monolithic concept, but rather that its application may vary in intensity according to the nature of the offence, is a complex and relevant issue. On the one hand, there is the fundamental principle that all persons deserve a fair trial and due process, regardless of the offence with which they are charged. However, it is also true that the seriousness of an offence and its potential consequences may justify a more rigorous application of due process. For example, in a capital case, the need to ensure that a miscarriage of justice does not occur is much greater than in a misdemeanor case. This may warrant a greater investment of resources and time to ensure a fair and thorough process. However, it is crucial to strike a balance. An excessively flexible application of due process could lead to discrimination and infringement of fundamental rights. Therefore, any adjustment in the intensity of due process must be based on objective and justified criteria, always respecting the fundamental principles of justice and human rights. | Véronique MOISSINAC MASSENAT Paris, France Gustavo SALAS RODRÍGUEZ (Salas Y Salas, S.C.) Cancún, Mexico | Omar BENDJELLOUN (Cabinet Bendjelloun) Rabat, Morocco Julie HARINEN Montreal, Canada Danièle ROY (Roy, St. Jacques & Teolis) Montreal, Canada Tarik ZOUHAIR (Cabinet Zouhair) Casablanca, Morocco |
| OHADA Law <mark>-</mark> Room Mueble 2 | Creation of a rotating conference to publicise OHADA case law This working session will examine whether it is possible to organise an annual conference in which developments in OHADA case law in each OHADA Member State are collected, discussed and then published. The focus will be on litigation and arbitration. The implementation of this project would make it possible to assess the level of maturity of OHADA law in each Member State and in the OHADA area as a whole. It would be useful for OHADA law practitioners and those subject to OHADA law. It would also provide an opportunity to promote OHADA law to a wider international audience. We would like all UIA members located in the OHADA area and those interested in OHADA law to take part in this working session in order to assess the feasibility of this project and to commit to participating in it over the next five years. | Martial AKAKPO (Martial Akakpo & Associes) Lome, Togo | Joachim BILE-AKA (Bile-Aka, Brizoua-Bi & Associés) Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire Pierre Robert FOJOU (Cabinet Fojou Ip & Business Law Firm) Yaoundé, Cameroon |

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

| Session | Theme | Presidents | Speakers |
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| Mediation And Conflict Prevention Room Mueble 1 | The Best Practices In Mediation: From The Mexican Experience To The International Experience Based on the Mexican experience, which for over three decades has had state legislations overseeing Mediation at the local level and for only two years a General Law of Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms that oversees Mediation at the national level, we will question whether it is necessary or desirable for national legislations to oversee Mediation and include provisions of local and federal application for the use of Mediation, and we will analyze through Comparative Law the essential elements that such legislations should have, including any provisions of the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Mediation. Based on the international experience of those countries that have signed the Singapore Convention on the Enforcement of International Settlement Agreements, we will question whether it is necessary or desirable for countries around the world to sign and ratify said Convention so that the Mediation Settlement Agreements entered into in third countries can be enforced locally. Based on the UIA Resolution on the Prevention and Settlement of Disputes and the Role of Lawyers which will be considered for ratification at the Guadalajara Congress, we will question whether it is necessary or desirable to adjust the national, federal and local legislation on Mediation, as well as to the Code of Ethics of the national bar associations and lawyers associations, for its implementation. Particularly, we will analyze the best known practices in the world regarding some appropriate mechanisms to resolve disputes which are still underdeveloped and unused in some jurisdictions, such as the collaborative approach and the reasoned negotiation, and we will analyze the functioning of mediation of administrative disputes involving the State which sooner or later shall lead to the development of the use of mediation to resolve disputes between investors and States. This will be an interactive round-table discussion b | Mohamed Lotfi EL AJERI (El Ajeri Lawyers) Tunis, Tunisia | Thierry BERIAULT (Beriault, Prevention & Reglement Des Differends, Inc.) Saint-Hyacinthe, Canada David LUTRAN (Lutran Avocats & Médiation) Paris, France Antonio Mario PRIDA PEON DEL VALLE (Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, S.C.) Mexico City, Mexico Yonca Fatma YÜCEL (Istanbul Gedik University Law Faculty) Ankara, Türkiye |

Special Session - Universidad de Guadalajara - Hall Paraninfo

Saturday, 1 November- 4.45 pm

The special session will take place in the Paraninfo Hall at the Universidad de Guadalajara. It will be followed by the closing ceremony of the Congress. A bus transfer will be provided from Expo Guadalajara to the venue. For more details on timings, please refer to the transfer flyer.

Human Rights and Climate Emergency; Business and Human Rights

International tribunals play a fundamental role in the face of the current challenges of the Rule of Law and the observance of human rights. They are key actors in ensuring peace and sustainable development. This panel will discuss the role of the International Tribunals in the face of the climate change crisis, the validity of human rights and sustainable development.

Coordinator:

Judge Eduardo FERRER MAC-GREGOR POISOT (Former President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights)

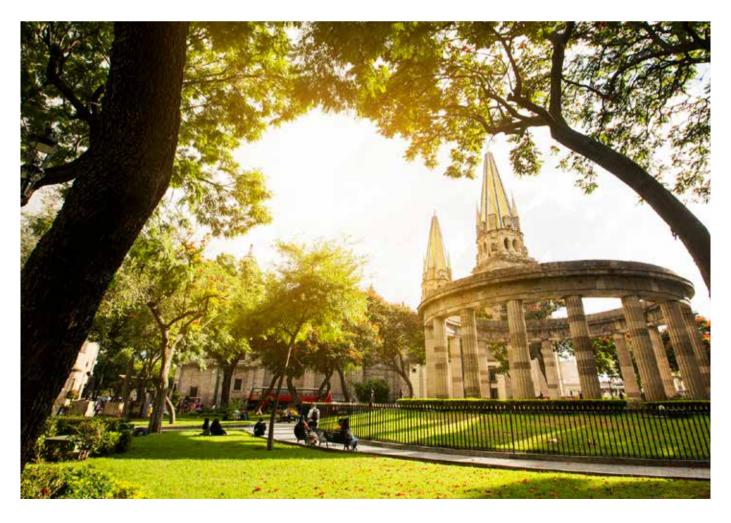
Speakers:

Hon. Justice Dr Modibo SACKO (African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights)

Judge José MARTÍN Y PÉREZ DE NANCLARES (The Court of Justice of the European Union)

Judge Rodrigo MUDROVITSCH (Vice president of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights)

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The ceremony will be followed by a welcome cocktail at the Supremo Tribunal De Justicia Del Estado De Jalisco, where you will be able to meet your friends and colleagues.

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GALA DINNER

Friday, 31 October 8.30 pm

Cabañas Cultural Institute

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Price of the Gala Dinner: €200 per person

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Do not miss the opportunity to visit the charming town of Tequila!

The day will start with a visit of the characteristic blue agave fields that stretch across the hills all around the region.

We will then move to the town to visit the Cultural Center and the Mundo Cuervo distillery, one of the world's most famous producers of Tequila.

The visit includes a round-trip private transfer from Guadalajara, a tour guide for every 40 pax and lunch in the charming setting of the Gran Salon near the distillery.

Price of the general excursion: €120 per person

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Some sport activities have been planned to make the most of your stay in Guadalajara.

Tuesday 28 October - Club de Golf Las Lomas

Green fee + breakfast + gourmet lunch: MXN 5,400, approx.\$295/ €247
As the number of places is limited to 16 players, it is essential that those interested in participating send their expression of interest to isidro.torres@dawsoncornwell.com and fhdelatorre@vahg.mx as quickly as possible.

Thursday 30 October - 6:45 am

Join us for a 5k wellness run before the morning sessions!

If you are interested in participating, please contact Mariana González Sánchez mgonzalez@vahg.mx and Fernando H. De la Torre fhdelatorre@vahg.mx

General Conditions

All registrations received by the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA) along with the full payment of fees corresponding to the events selected will be confirmed in writing. A registration number will be assigned to each participant, which will be required during registration at Expo Guadalajara for handing over the Congress documents.

Participation in UIA activities is conditional upon adherence to and compliance with the UIA Code of Conduct. Failing this, the UIA reserves the right to refuse registration for the said activity.

In the event of a breach of the said Code, the UIA may exclude a participant from an activity, after having invited him/her to present his/her explanations orally. Such exclusion shall not entail reimbursement of the registration fees.

The UIA reserves the right to cancel or postpone the Congress to a later date, change the Congress venue and/or programme, make any corrections or modifications in the information published in the Congress programme and cancel any invitation to participate in the Congress, at any time and at their discretion, without having to provide any reasons.

Neither the UIA, nor any of its managers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be held responsible for any loss or damage, of any nature, suffered (directly or indirectly) by a Congress delegate, accompanying person or a third party following any cancellations, changes, postponements or modifications.

Neither the UIA, nor any of its managers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be held responsible for any loss or damage, of any nature whatever, suffered (directly or indirectly) by a Congress delegate or accompanying person, except in case of death or personal injury due to gross negligence by the UIA.

The contractual relationship between the UIA and each participant (Congress delegate or accompanying person) in relation to the Congress are governed exclusively by French law. All dispute arising therefrom shall be resolved exclusively by the courts of Paris, France.

For accommodation for the Congress, the contractual relationship will be established directly between Bnetwork and each participant.

Formalities

It is the responsibility of Congress participants to ensure compliance with police, customs and health formalities for their journey. Congress participants unable to take part in the Congress because of their inability to take a flight or any other means of transportation due to being unable to provide the documents required (passport, visa, vaccination certificate, etc.) cannot claim any reimbursement.

Force Majeure

"Force majeure" means any event external to the parties, of both an unforeseeable and insurmountable nature, that prevents either the client or the participants, or the agency or service providers involved in organizing the Congress, from executing all or part of the obligations provided for in the present agreement. By express agreement, such will be the case in the event of a strike affecting the means of transport, hotel staff, air traffic controllers, an insurrection, a riot or any prohibition whatever decreed by Governmental or public authorities. It is expressly agreed that for the parties, a case of force majeure would suspend the execution of their reciprocal obligations. At the same time, each of the parties shall be responsible for all the expenses incumbent upon them, resulting from the case of force majeure.

Health

The UIA declines any liability in case of any health problems that may lead to complications or be aggravated during any part of the stay: pregnancy, cardio-vascular problems, any allergies, special diets, any disorders under treatment and not yet resolved on the day the Congress starts, psychological, mental or depressive illness, etc. (Non-exhaustive list).

Data Protection Policy

Personal data collected is processed by the Union Internationale des Avocats, in its capacity as data controller. The data is used to manage registrations for events organised by the Union Internationale des Avocats. In accordance with the applicable regulations, you have the right to access, rectify and delete your personal data, as well as the right to data portability. You may also withdraw your consent to the processing of your personal data at any time or request that such processing be restricted.

Finally, you have the right to specify instructions concerning the fate of your data in the event of your demise.

Por último, tiene derecho a especificar instrucciones sobre el destino de sus datos en caso de fallecimiento.

Tourist Activities for Accompanying Persons

Reservations for tourist activities should be made directly through Xaobe Tours Gdl xaobexalisco@gmail.com.

Some tours have a limited number of places and reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. We therefore recommend reserving places for spouses/guests in advance.

TOUR OF GUADALAJARA'S HISTORIC CENTRE Thursday, 30 October



Embark on this journey through Guadalajara's historic centre!

The tour includes, among other things, the neo-Gothic Parroquia del Templo Expiatorio, the Musa (Museo de las Artes de la Universidad de Guadalajara, where you can admire the fresco by José Clemente Orozco), the famous Plaza Guadalajara and its cathedral, which is the oldest building in Guadalajara, and the San Juan de Dios market, the largest in Latin America.



Price per person: €45 (including transport and guided tour. Meals not included, to be paid on site).



VISIT TO TLAQUEPAQUE Friday, 31 October

Discover the charming neighbourhood of Tlaquepaque!



Its reputation is mainly due to the quality of its craftsmen: wood carving, pottery, blown glass, jewellery, papier-mâché, etc. Numerous shops offer visitors products made by local artisans. Visit the Centro Cultural El Refugio and admire Altares de Muertos, and discover the secrets of making local cakes in the Nuestros Dulces workshop.



Price per person: €45 (including transport and guided tour. Meals not included, to be paid on site).



For further information and booking enquiries, please contact Xaobe Tours Gdl directly at xaobexalisco@gmail.com.



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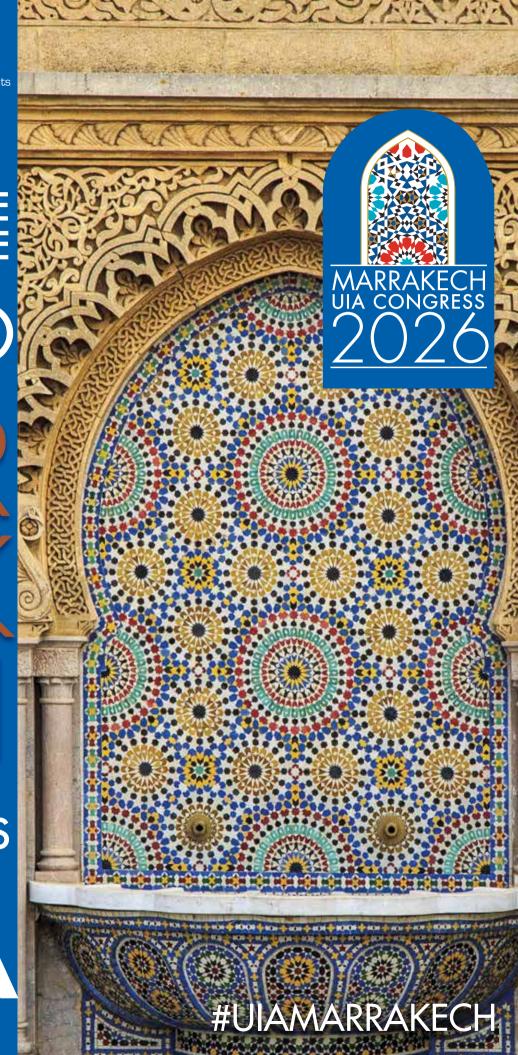




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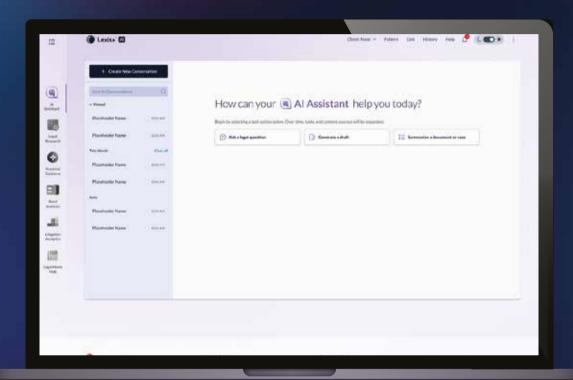
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