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# Law Versus Digital Technologies: A Necessary Alliance?

Legal, Economic and Environmental Opportunities  
and Challenges

## BRUSSELS BELGIUM

Friday, September 30 & Saturday, October 1, 2022

*With a welcome cocktail on Thursday September 29*

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workshop on the  
consequences of Brexit,  
for companies (taxes,  
intellectual property,  
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# Introduction

We live in a world of profound change. Technologies such as the Internet of Things, robotics, 3D printing, blockchain, and artificial intelligence are changing our environment and influencing our way of thinking by pushing back the boundaries of what is possible ever further and ever faster.

For us lawyers, this rapid and constant evolution not only disrupts our daily professional life, but also raises a major question: how do we integrate these innovations into our legal system without it losing its coherence, and how do we benefit from the opportunities they offer without jeopardizing our fundamental rights and the rule of law?

The seminar will highlight some of the implications of these developments for our clients and for us in various fields, as well as the responses to the issues they raise.

**Mark your calendars now, save the date and make sure to register!  
We are looking forward to welcoming you to Brussels!**



## Thursday, September 29

**19:30** Welcome Cocktail

**ATOMIUM**

Pl. de l'Atomium 1, 1020 Brussels

# Friday, September 30

## 08:30 – 09:00 Registration of Participants

### Maison de la Poste (Tour & Taxis)

Rue Picard 5/7, 1000 Brussels

## 09:00 – 09:30 Welcome and Opening of the Seminar

- **Pascal SMET**, Secretary of State of the Brussels-Capital Region, responsible for Urbanism and Heritage, European and International Relations, Foreign Trade and Fire fighting and Emergency medical Assistance, Brussels, Belgium
- **Hervé CHEMOULI**, UIA President, 2C Avocats, Paris, France
- **Emmanuel PLASSCHAERT**, President of the French Brussels Bar (l'Ordre français des avocats du barreau de Bruxelles), Brussels, Belgium
- **Bernard DERVEAUX**, President of the Brussels Bar - Dutch language section (Nederlandse Orde van Advocaten bij de Balie te Brussel), Brussels, Belgium
- **Vinciane GILLET**, President of the UIA Belgium national committee, Gillet-Lex, Brussels, Belgium

## 09:30 – 10:00 Introduction

- **Jérémie VAN MEERBEECK**, Judge at the Brussels French-speaking court of first instance (currently delegate to the Brussels Court of Appeal) and visiting professor at Saint-Louis University, Brussels, Belgium

## 10:00 – 11:00 Environment

Nature, a legal entity? An overview of successes and avenues for reflection.

### Moderator:

- **Emmanuel DAOUD**, President of the UIA Business and Human Rights commission, AARPI VIGO, Paris, France

### Speakers:

- **Marie TOUSSAINT**, Member of the European Parliament and environmental activist, France
- **Diana ALVAREZ**, Tierra Digna, Bogota, Colombia
- **Mari MARGIL**, Executive Director of the Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights - CDER, Spokane, WA, USA
- **Baptiste MORIZOT**, Philosopher, writer and lecturer in philosophy at the University of Aix-Marseille, France

## 11:00 – 11:20 Coffee Break

## 11:20 – 12:20 Intellectual Property

Cryptocurrency and intellectual property. How can NFT's (non-fungible tokens) contribute to a parallel economy for artists and authors?

### Moderator:

- **Françoise CARLIER**, Newton Law, Zaventem, Belgium

### Speakers:

- **Margriet KOEDOODER**, De Vos & Partner Advocaten, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- **Tom DE BLOCK**, Solution architect, Chairman of the AIOTI WG on Distributed Ledger Technologies and EU-OS TWG on Data Interoperability, Co-founder of the BFO, Brussels, Belgium

- **Trees DE BRUYNE**, Innovation Manager, Curator, Sustainability Rebel with a cause & CEO at Bark.today, Rotselaar, Belgium
- **Pieter Jan VALGAEREN**, Valorisation Advisor at Hogeschool PXL - Art curator, Sint-Lambrechts-Herk, Belgium

## 12:20 – 12:50 Workshop on the Consequences of Brexit, for Companies (Taxes, Intellectual Property, Contracts, etc.)

As you Sow, so Shall you Reap – How Brexit Brought Absurdity into the Relationship of Law and Technology

- **Stephen SIDKIN**, Counsellor to the UIA President, UIA Membership Director, Fox Williams LLP, London, United Kingdom
- Participants will then have the opportunity to continue the debate and exchange with the speaker and other experts on the consequences of Brexit.

## 12:50 – 14:00 Lunch

## 14:00 – 15:30 International Sales

Data as currency and sale of digital content.

### Moderator:

- **Carlo PILTZ**, Piltz Legal, Berlin, Germany

### Speakers:

- **Fanny COTON**, Lexing, Liège, Belgium
- **Benjamin DOCQUIR**, Osborne Clarke, Brussels, Belgium
- **Kimberly FRIESEN**, The Data Lawyers, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- **Bastiaan BRUYNDONCKX**, Lydian, Brussels, Belgium

## 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

## 16:00 – 17:30 Contracts

"Big Tech" responsible business conduct. Transparency and due diligence obligations for online platforms and safer space for online users' fundamental rights.

### Moderator:

- **Diego SALUZZO**, President of the UIA Agrifood law commission, Grande Stevens Studio Legale, Turin, Italy

### Speakers:

- **Carlos RAMIREZ**, Reese LLP, New York, NY, USA
- **Mariaelena GIORCELLI**, Buffa Bortolotti & Mathis, Turin, Italy
- **Eliana SILVA DE MORAES**, Vice President of the UIA Health Law commission, Silva de Moraes & Associés, Paris, France / Sao Paulo, Brasil
- **Janice F. MULLIGAN**, President of the UIA Health Law commission Mulligan, Banham & Findley, San Diego, CA, USA

## 17:30 – 18:00 Synthesis/Q&A

## 19:30 Optional Dinning Cocktail

### Cercle Gaulois

Rue de la Loi 5, 1000 Brussels

# Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

## 08:30 – 09:00 Registration of Participants

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Rue Picard 5/7  
1000 Brussels

## 09:00 – 10:15 Fundamental Rights

Videoconference hearings and proceedings and fundamental rights.

### Moderator:

- **Thierry BONTINCK**, *Daldewolf, Brussels, Belgium*

### Speakers:

- **Alex TALLON**, *Past President of the Brussels Bar - Dutch language section, Miles Legal, Brussels, Belgium*
- **Sophie VAN BREE**, *Deputy magistrate at the Court of Appeal of Brussels, Belgium*
- **Etienne LESAGE**, *President of the UIA Criminal law commission, Lesage Avocats, Paris, France*

## 10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break

## 10:30 – 12:00 Future of the Lawyer

Can lawyers be peacemakers and will zoom hearings save the day?

A roundtable on the development of virtual litigation and the perks and pitfalls of alternative dispute resolution and mediation.

### Moderator:

- **Michel FORGES**, *Faber Inter Legal, Brussels, Belgium*

### Speakers:

- **Kato AERTS**, *Lydian, Antwerp, Belgium*
- **Eva KNIPSCHILD**, *ReulingSchutte, Amsterdam, Netherlands*
- **Gerard JAMES**, *William Fry LLP, Dublin, Ireland*
- **Pierre JUNG**, *Ngo Jung & Partners, Paris, France*

## 12:00 – 12:30 Closing Remarks

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## CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Every participant attending the seminar will receive a "Certificate of Participation" at the end of the event that may be used to obtain "Credits" for "Continuing Legal Education" – "Continuing Professional Development" purposes, depending on national rules.

### BELGIUM:

**Avocats.be: 8 points** have been granted for Sept. 30 and **3 points** for Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**OVB: in process (6 points** for Sept. 30 et **3 points** for Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>).

## LANGUAGE

The working languages will be **English, French and Dutch** with a **simultaneous translation**.

## REGISTRATION FEES

	On or before August 31	From September 1 <sup>st</sup>
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### Fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Welcome cocktail on September 29
- Coffee breaks on September 30 & October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Seminar documentation
- Lunch on September 30
- **The dinner on Friday, September 30 is optional and at additional charge.**

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Please note that the number of places at the seminar is limited. The organisers reserve the right to refuse registrations in the event of excess applications.

In order for your name to appear in the **list of participants**, which will be distributed during the seminar, your registration form must be received by **September 15** at the latest. An updated electronic list will be sent by email to all the participants after the seminar.

## HOTEL RESERVATION

For assistance, the UIA partnered up with the **Brussels Booking Desk, a local support of the Brussels' Hotel Community and visit.brussels**. Book directly at one of the hotels at walking distance. Discounted room rates have been negotiated for you, availability **secured until the beginning of September**.

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**Citadines Ste Catherine (3\*)** – at 1,3 km from the Seminar Venue – Quai au Bois à Brûler 51, 1000 Brussels

Single room: EUR 104 / Double room: EUR 114

Breakfast and VAT (6%) included, city tax (€ 4,24 per person/per night) excluded.

**The President Hotel (4\*)** – at 1,1 km from the Seminar Venue – Blvd Roi Albert II 44, 1000 Brussels

Single room: EUR 129 / Double room: EUR 144

Breakfast and VAT (6%) included, city tax (€ 4,24 per person/per night) excluded.

**Thon Hotel City Centre (4\*)** – at 1,6 km from the Seminar Venue – Avenue du Boulevard 17, 1210 Brussels

Single room: EUR 110 / Double room: EUR 130

Breakfast and VAT (6%) included, city tax (€ 4,24 per person/per night) excluded.

**DoubleTree by Hilton Brussels City (5\*)** – at 1,7 km from the Seminar Venue – Rue Gineste 3, 1210 Brussels

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## CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

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No refund will be made for cancellations received after this date.

## VISAS

Anyone who requires a visa invitation letter in order to attend the seminar should register and pay their registration fees **no later than August 30, 2022** to ensure there is enough time to obtain a visa.

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If your visa is issued after the seminar date or if you do not have proof of visa refusal, you will not be entitled to a refund.

## COVID-19

For any cancellation of onsite participation after August 30, 2022, a credit voucher or a full refund of the registration fees\* will be offered in the following cases:

- if you test positive for Covid-19 less than 14 days before the Seminar (a medical certificate or a proof of positive test result will be required);
- border shutdown by French government or by your country's government;
- if country where you live is under lockdown.

For any other reason, the standard cancellation policy will apply.

(\* ) If you wish, part of the amount paid for the seminar can be carried forward to another UIA event or refunded.

Should the onsite seminar be cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns, participants will be able to request a credit voucher or a full refund of their registration fees.

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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.

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

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## FORMALITIES

It is the responsibility of participants to ensure compliance with police, customs and health formalities for their journey. Participants unable to take part in the seminar 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

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The organisers decline any responsibility in case of any health problems existing prior to the seminar that may lead to complications or be aggravated during the entire period of the stay: pregnancy, cardio-vascular problems, any allergies, special diets, any disorders under treatment and not yet consolidated on the day the seminar starts, psychic or mental or depressive illness, etc. (Non exhaustive list).

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## B. FORUM SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Please indicate below whether you plan to attend the following events **included** in the cost of your registration.

Welcome Cocktail – Thursday, September 29

Lunch – Friday, September 30

## C. OPTIONAL DINNING COCKTAIL

(not included in the registration fees)

Optional Dinning Cocktail – Friday, September 30

• Please book ..... person(s) for the dinning cocktail

€ 50 (Excl. VAT) x \_\_\_ / pers ..... €

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Total (A + C) Excl. VAT € .....

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