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**15<sup>th</sup> UIA Business Law Forum**

VALENCIA - JUNE 6-7, 2024

# 15<sup>th</sup> UIA Annual Business Law Forum:

## Food Business: Legal Developments and Challenges in a Growing Industry in a Globalised World

Forum presented by the UIA Business Law Forum in partnership with the UIANextGen Committee, with the support of the Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Valencia

**THURSDAY,  
JUNE 6  
& FRIDAY,  
JUNE 7, 2024**



# Valencia

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# Introduction

**T**he **Food Business** is a fast-growing industrial sector in an international environment and market participants – like entrepreneurs, farmers, food producers, family businesses, multinationals, investors and employees – are confronted with a variety of challenges. This year's Business Law Forum is dedicated to this industry and its legal developments, specific challenges and emerging (international) trends.

Speakers and panelists, lawyers in private practice and in-house counsel, will shed light on a broad variety of topics from different perspectives, share their experiences

and set the ground for interactive discussions and exchange.

The Business Law Forum will again provide a platform to bring together business lawyers, in-house counsel and interested industry participants, promote professional exchange and establish and maintain contacts.

**Legal practitioners from all around the world will share their experience about the Food Business at the UIA 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Law Forum and will discuss best practices in different jurisdictions – an event not to miss!**

**We look forward to seeing you in Valencia!**



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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

### 19:30 WELCOME COCKTAIL

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## THURSDAY, JUNE 6

### 08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

#### Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Valencia

Salón de Actos

Plaza de Tetuán 16, 46003 Valencia

### 09:00 – 09:15 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE SEMINAR

- **José Soriano POVES**, *President of the Valencia Bar Association, Valencia, Spain – to be confirmed*
- **Jacqueline SCOTT**, *UIA President, Fortney & Scott, LLC, Washington, DC, USA*
- **Franz SCHUBIGER**, *Coordinator of the UIA Annual Business Law Forum, Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law Ltd, Zurich, Switzerland*

### 09:15 – 10:15 CORPORATE / M&A COMMISSION / COMPETITION LAW – M&A deals in the agribusiness world. The new battleground for PE firms and national players

This session will focus in the specific issues to be considered when undertaking an M&A transaction in the agribusiness industry. From land right issues to water right matters and FDI approvals, the agribusiness industry has become a sensitive playground for acquisitions. In the session we will analyse and discuss the main aspects to be considered when going through an agri business deal.

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▪ **Florian NEUMAYR**, *President of the UIA Competition Law commission, BPV HÜGEL RECHTSANWÄLTE GmbH, Vienna, Austria*

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Julene AREITIO**, *Cuatrecasas, Barcelona, Spain*
- **Akın ABBAK**, *Abbak Attorneys at Law, Istanbul, Turkey*
- **Ainhoa VEIGA TORREGROSA**, *Araoz & Rueda Abogados, S.L.P., Madrid, Spain*
- **Yolanda MARTÍNEZ**, *Marimón Abogados, Barcelona, Spain*

### 10:15 – 11:15 TAX LAW – Current Taxation Trends and Their Impact on the Agri-Food Sector

The ever-growing agri-food sector is becoming increasingly complex due to industrialization and globalization, a trend that raises important tax considerations. These include matters related to the taxation of the global supply chain (including transfer pricing and OECD's Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 issues), taxation of IP rights, R&D tax incentives, and a spectrum of tax policy concerns typically approached via indirect taxes. These include value-added tax (VAT), goods and services tax (GST), special taxes aimed at environmental and health objectives, and customs and excises on certain products. This session will cover all these aspects from an international and cross-sectional perspective.

**MODERATORS:** ▪ **Martí ADROER**, *President of the UIA Tax Law commission, Cuatrecasas, Barcelona, Spain*

# Programme

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Giulio CHIARIZIA**, *Fantozzi e Associati, Rome, Italy*
- **Daniel LEHMANN**, *Bär & Karrer, Zurich, Switzerland*
- **Slawomir LUCZAK**, *SK&S - Sołtysiński Kawecki & Szlęzak, Warsaw, Poland*
- **Domingo RUIZ LÓPEZ**, *Ruiz Consultores Legal y Fiscal, Guadalajara, Mexico*

### 11:15 – 11:45 COFFEE BREAK

### 11:45 – 12:45 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY – Innovation, marketing and branding in the food industry. The importance of strategy in the use of IP tools

The session will give an overlook of the different tools afforded by IP rights in the context of protection of innovation, marketing and branding in the food industry and the importance of strategy and choice where cumulation of different IP rights is a possibility.

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Marita DARGALLO NIETO**, *President of the UIA Intellectual Property commission, Barrilero y Asociados, Barcelona, Spain*

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Michèle BURNIER**, *Pestalozzi, Zurich, Switzerland*
- **Pedro TENT ALONSO**, *Garrigues, Valencia, Spain*
- **Nicola LATTANZI**, *Eversheds Sutherlands, Milano, Italy*
- **Borja SAINZ DE AZA TIRAPU**, *Uría, Madrid, Spain*

### 12:45 – 14:30 LUNCH

### 14:30 – 15:30 REAL ESTATE LAW – The role of Real Estate in the Food and Agribusiness sectors – Latest trends, challenges and opportunities, from AI to ESG and beyond!

Real Estate is the starting block for the Food and Agribusiness sectors. This session will provide an overview of the latest trends, challenges and opportunities for Real Estate lawyers through the lens of the Food and Agribusiness sectors.

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Gerard H. JAMES**, *William Fry LLP, Dublin, Ireland*

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Duygu Akan**, *Çınar & Çınar Law Office, Istanbul, Turkey*
- **Akın ABBAK**, *Abbak Attorneys at Law, Istanbul, Turkey*
- **Francisco MARTINEZ BOLUDA**, *Uría Menéndez, Valencia, Spain*
- **John McELROY**, *Hausfeld & CO LLP, London, UK*

### 15:30 – 16:30 AGRIFOOD LAW / IN-HOUSE COUNSEL – Innovation in the agri-food business: legal and contractual means to boost, develop and protect it.

Challenges and opportunities of R&D contracts with research institutes and universities, clinical trial contracts, MTA's, CDA's and IP protection and other innovation related legal topics.

**MODERATORS:** ▪ **Diego SALUZZO**, *President of the UIA Agrifood Law commission, Grande Stevens Studio Legale, Turin, Italy*

▪ **Arianna RIGHI**, *President of the UIA In-house Counsel commission, ADM International SARRL, Rolle, Switzerland*

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Violeta BELTRAN SERRANO**, Director Legal Affairs – ADM, Madrid, Spain
- **Charlotte DENG**, Head of Legal – United Pharmaceuticals, Paris, France
- **Carlos RAMIREZ**, REESE LLP, New York, NY, USA
- **Alexis BRUNET**, In-house Counsel EMEA, ADM Germany, Hamburg, Germany

#### 16:30 – 17:00 COFFEE BREAK

#### 17:00 – 18:00 CONTRACT LAW / INTERNATIONAL SALE OF GOODS / TRANSPORT LAW – ESG standards and lack of conformity in the supply and transport of food

This session will provide insights on topics relating to the international sale of goods in the food sector, such as (i) (private) ESG standards in food law and the contract; (ii) deficiencies relating to ESG/ethical product and sustainability standards; (iii) buyer's ability to invoke lack of conformity? Can consignee reject to take delivery – potential remedies of the carrier; and (iv) challenges for food safety during transport in a global food industry.

**MODERATORS:** ▪ **Christoph OERTEL**, President of the UIA Contract Law commission, Brödermann Jahn Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbH, Hamburg, Germany

▪ **Francisco RAMOS ROMEU**, President of the UIA Private International Law Commission, RYA Abogados SCP, Barcelona, Spain

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Nathalie CAZEAU**, Vice President of the UIA CISG commission, CAZEAU & associés, Paris, France
- **Marie-Christine CIMADEVILLA**, Cimadevilla avocats, Paris, France
- **Anna MONTESANO**, President of the UIA Transport Law commission, Pisa, Italy

#### 20:00 OPTIONAL DINNER

Palau Alameda

Carrer de Muñoz Seca, 2, El Pla del Real, 46010 València

## FRIDAY, JUNE 7

#### 09:00 – 09:15 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Valencia

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#### 09:15 – 10:15 LABOUR LAW / IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAW – A Worker for All Seasons? Immigration and Labour Law Compliance in the Food Service Industry

It often is said that immigrants fill jobs that citizens refuse, a simple statement that often is made concerning the food service industry, from agriculture to food processing to food distribution. Yet, underlying that simple statement is a complex matrix of immigration and labour law compliance. This session shall analyse that matrix, focusing on (i) seasonal worker immigration programmes, (ii) worker classification, (iii) enforcement of work authorization, (iv) fair labour standards, and (v) payroll systems.

**MODERATORS:** ▪ **Ulrich BAUMANN**, President of the UIA Labour Law commission, Oikon, Munich, Germany

▪ **Hervé LINDER**, President of the UIA Immigration and Nationality Law commission, Ernst & Linder LLC, New York, NY, USA

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Piergiorgio BONACOSSA**, RPLT RP legalitax, Milan, Italy
- **Giacomo DE FAZIO**, Toffoletto De Luca Tamajo e Soci, Milan, Italy
- **Shalini AGARWAL**, In Se Legal, London, UK
- **Maria CASABLANCA**, Akerman LLP, Miami, FL, USA

#### 10:15 – 11:15 BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW – What is the role of finance in the food sector?

The food sector is a strategically significant industry for the global economy. In the session, speakers will illustrate: (i) the crucial role played by the financial institutions in facilitating such industry transformation (e.g. through loans and grants) and enhancing financial flows to sustainable, resilient, and fair food systems, (ii) how development banks can help reduce food loss and waste (FLW) along supply chains (e.g. financing modern infrastructures which can all limit FLW or launching products or vehicles that specifically target FLW reduction, such as sustainability-linked loans); (iii) the importance of the access to finance for smallholder farmers and the microfinance; (iv) the green savings for agriculture: "Groupement foncier agricole d'épargnants (GFAE)"; (v) the international organizations (e.g. the World Bank, United Nations Environment Programme) initiatives and the Good Food Finance Network (GFFN); (vi) their experience in the field; and (vii) the agribusiness projects finance in Benin's Glo-Djigbé Industrial Zone (GDIZ BENIN).

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Barbara BANDIERA**, President of the UIA Banking and Financial Services Law commission, Milan, Italy

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Olivier NICOD**, UIA Financial Deputy Director, Walder Wyss, Lausanne, Switzerland
- **Silvestre TANDEAU DE MARSAC**, UIA Financial Director, FTMS Avocats, Paris, France
- **Donald VENKATAPEN**, President of the UIA Luxembourg National Committee, Venkatapen Boutique Lawyers, Luxembourg, Luxembourg
- **Hélène PATY KOUNAKE**, Hélène Paty Law Firm, Cotonou, Benin

#### 11:15 – 11:45 COFFEE BREAK

#### 11:45 – 12:45 PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW / LITIGATION / MEDIATION – Culinary Conundrums: Navigating Food Business Disputes

Dive into the spicy world of food business battles. Join us as we tackle unfair trading practices, perishable goods dilemmas, false advertising woes, international business hurdles, and more.

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Francisco RAMOS ROMEU**, President of the UIA Private International Law Commission, RYA Abogados SCP, Barcelona, Spain

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Fernando DE LA MATA**, UIA Co-Director of Seminars, Pérez-Llorca Abogados, Madrid, Spain
- **John McELROY**, Hausfeld & CO LLP, London, UK
- **Irene GRASSI**, COCUZZA, Bologna, Italy
- **Alexis BRUNET**, In-house counsel EMEA, ADM Germany, Hamburg, Germany

#### 12:45 – 13:00 CLOSING REMARKS

▪ **Francisco SOLER CABALLERO**, Coordinator of the UIA Annual Business Law Forum, President of the UIA Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions commission, J&A GARRIGUES S.L.P, Valencia, Spain

# General Information

## FORUM VENUE

### ILUSTRE COLEGIO DE ABOGADOS DE VALENCIA

Plaza de Tetuán, 16  
46003 Valencia, Spain

## → CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Every participant attending the Forum will receive a “Certificate of Participation” at the end of the event that may be to obtain “Credits” for “Continuing Legal Education” - “Continuing Professional Development” purposes, depending on national rules. For more information, please contact the UIA.

## → LANGUAGE

The working language will be **English**.

## → HOTEL RESERVATION

Each participant should make his/her own arrangements for hotel accommodation in Valencia. We recommend that you proceed with your reservations as soon as possible. The Forum will take place at the **Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Valencia**, Plaza de Tetuán 16, 46003 Valencia. A few hotel suggestions nearby are:

### HOTELS

#### THE WESTIN VALENCIA (5\*) – 1 km from the Seminar Venue

Carrer d'Amadeu de Savoia 16, 46010 Valencia, Spain

T +34 96 362 59 00

[reservations@westinvalencia.com](mailto:reservations@westinvalencia.com)

#### NH COLLECTION VALENCIA COLÓN (4\*) – 850 meters from the Seminar Venue

Carrer de Colón 32, 46010 Valencia, Spain

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## → REGISTRATION FEES

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	On or before May 6	From May 7
UIA MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> € 395*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 445*
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NON MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> € 445*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 495*
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ABOGADOS COLEGIADOS EN VALENCIA (ICAV)	<input type="checkbox"/> € 250*	

### Fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Welcome cocktail on June 5
- Lunch on June 6
- Forum documentation
- Coffee breaks on June 6 & 7

**The dinner on June 6 is optional and at additional charge.**

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**\*\* Please attach proof of age to the registration form to benefit from young lawyers fee.**

Please note that the number of places at the Forum 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 Forum, your registration form must be received by **May 30** at the latest. An updated electronic list will be sent by email to all the participants after the Forum.

# Cancellation and General Conditions

## → CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

All cancellations will be subject to a 50% deduction and will have to be sent in writing, to be received by the Union Internationale des Avocats **no later than May 6, 2024**.

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

## VISAS

Anyone who requires a visa invitation letter in order to attend the Forum should register and pay their registration fees **no later than May 6, 2024** to ensure there is enough time to obtain a visa.

## → GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

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## FORCE MAJEURE

“Force majeure” means any events 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 organising the Forum, from executing all or part of the obligations provided for in the present agreement. By express agreement, “force majeure” includes but is not limited to a strike affecting the means of transport, hotel staff, air traffic controllers; an insurrection; a riot; an epidemic or pandemic; or any prohibition whatsoever decreed by governmental or public authorities.

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## HEALTH

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

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# Registration Form

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## B. FORUM SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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

- Welcome Cocktail – Wednesday, June 5       Lunch – Thursday, June 6

## C. OPTIONAL DINNER

(Not included in the registration fees)

- Optional Dinner – Thursday, June 6

• Please book ..... person(s) for the dinner

€ 65 (Excl. VAT) x \_\_\_ / pers .....

TOTAL (C) (Excl. VAT) € .....

## D. TOTAL

TOTAL (A) Excl. VAT – Registration Fees € .....

TOTAL (C) Excl. VAT – Optional Dinner € .....

TOTAL (A+C) Excl. VAT € .....

VAT if applicable (21%)\* € .....

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TOTAL (A+C+VAT) € .....

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Date: ..... / ..... / .....

Signature: .....