





15th UIA Annual Business Law Forum:

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

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Introduction

he **Food Business** is a fastgrowing 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 15th 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

Palacio de Colomina C/ de l'Almodí, 1, Ciutat Vella, 46003 Valencia

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 agribusiness 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, CFA International, 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
- Christophe SUTER, 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 Sutherland, Milano, Italy
- Borja SAINZ DE AZA TIRAPU, Uría, Madrid, Spain

12:45 - 14:30 LUNCH

Tria Restaurant

Plaça de la Porta de la Mar, 6, Ciutat Vella, 46004 Valencia

14:30 – 15:30 REAL ESTATE LAW – The role of Real Estate in the Food and Agribusiness sectors – Latest trends, challenges and opportunities, from al 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,** BAIC Law Office, Istanbul, Turkey
- Akın ABBAK, CFA International, 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 SARL, 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 Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft 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

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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-Dijabé 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



FORUM VENUE

ILUSTRE COLEGIO DE ABOGADOS DE VALENCIA

Plaza de Tetuán, 16 46003 Valencia, Spain

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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.

→ REGISTRATION FEES

*Amounts exclusive of VAT	On or before May 6	From May 7
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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.
- *The VAT (21%) can be applied to the amount stated above according to the European Directive 2006/112/CE of November 28, 2006. If you provide an <u>EU VAT ID number, the VAT will not be charged</u>. For more information, please contact the UIA.
- **Please attach proof of age to the registration form to benefit from young lawyers fee.
- *** Reserved for students under 30 years old. Please send a copy of your student card to benefit from the special rate.

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.

→ 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

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

Carrer de Colón 32, 46010 Valencia, Spain

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→ CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

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If you register after this date, only 50% of the amount paid minus €50 + VAT to cover administrative costs will be refunded for cancellations due to visa refusals.

All cancellations due to a visa refusal must be sent in writing and reach the UIA **before the seminar.** Cancellations must be accompanied by **a proof of visa refusal.** If your visa is issued after the Forum date or if you do not have proof of visa refusal, you will not be entitled to a refund.

→ 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.

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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FORMALITIES

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Participants unable to take part in the Forum 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.

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"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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Please indicate below whether you plan to attend the following event included in t	the cost of your registration.
☐ Welcome Cocktail – Wednesday, June 5 ☐ Lunch – Thursday, June 6	
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