

2nd UIA Private International Law Forum

A Sustainable World: Focus on The Transport Business
– from Corporate Obligations to Contracts and Litigation

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**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19
& SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20,
2025**



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Introduction

The Second Private International Law Forum will focus on critical global environmental and social issues and challenges in the transport and logistics sector, with a particular emphasis on pollution prevention, environmental protection, employment practices, and corporate accountability in the industry.

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) obligations are today enshrined in many regulations and expected to be developed and reinforced further in the near future in many parts of the world. Those regulations are frequently considered to be mandatory rules, and they have extraterritorial effects, directly or indirectly, raising issues of applicability and enforcement in forums that are not necessarily those in which they were adopted. International commercial and transport operations have to deal with such issues, in a context of increasing protectionism.

We aim to discuss and explore the responsibilities of transport opera-

tors and their counterparties under international and national legal frameworks, particularly focusing on prevention and liability and how these obligations are enforced by public authorities and private parties. We hope that you will follow us during several sessions on those hot topics, including panels on corporate obligations of companies, issues related to environmental damage claims, ensuring the delivery of eco-friendly services, avoiding social dumping and compliance with antitrust and fair competition rules, among others.

This conference aims to foster discussions among experts coming from different jurisdictions on how to address the economic, environmental and labor impact of transportation through stronger regulations, innovations, and accountability measures, with the purpose of providing an exchange of experiences among all participants.

We look forward to seeing you in Barcelona!

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

19:30 WELCOME COCKTAIL

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

IL-LUSTRE COL-LEGI DE L'ADVOCACIA DE BARCELONA

8th floor

Calle Mallorca 283, 08037 Barcelona

09:00 – 09:20 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE SEMINAR

- **Carlo MASTELLONE**, *UIA President, Studio Legale Mastellone, Florence, Italy*
- **Milagros POAL-MANRESA CANTARELL**, *UIA Director of Semi*
- **Council Member of the Barcelona Bar Association – name to be confirmed**
- **Francisco RAMOS ROMEU**, *President of the Private International Law Commission, Barcelona, Spain*

09:20 – 11:00 ESG OBLIGATIONS AND CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS SECTORS

Emphasizing transparency in environmental reporting, sustainability initiatives, and compliance with international environmental regulations.

- International and EU Regulatory Framework on ESG Compliance (e.g. IMO regulations on decarbonization: MARPOL Annex VI, requirements for EEXI and CII certification)
- EU Fit for 55 Package and its impact on transport emissions (e.g., ETS for shipping, FuelEU Maritime, ReFuelEU Aviation). Regulatory and policy challenges in the adoption of alternative fuels in transport
- Sustainable Mobility policies and green transport infrastructures – Impact on green ports
- Implications of the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence on transport companies: legal and regulatory strategies.

MODERATOR: ▪ **To be confirmed**

SPEAKERS:

Legal basis of ESG: Who is affected? What do we need to do?

- **Ulrich BAUMANN**, *Partner OIKON Law, Munich, Germany*

ESG for lawyers in practice: Are our clients affected? Is our law firm also affected? Direct and indirect impacts. How can we as lawyers use ESG to generate significant business? Is our UIA guideline for sustainability helpful?

- **James Grennan**, *A&L Goodbody LLP, Dublin, Ireland*

Building a ESG corporate identity in the transport and logistics sector: legal implications of collecting, interpreting and disclosing sustainability data

- **José Maria DE PAZ**, *Pérez-Llorca, Barcelona, Spain*

The civil liability of company directors for breach of the duty of diligence with regard to sustainability criteria

- **Mariona BERNAUS**, *Pérez-Llorca, Barcelona, Spain*

Programme

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTO COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS: HOW TO ENSURE THE DELIVERY OF ECO-FRIENDLY SERVICES

Contractual issues related to the provision of environmentally friendly service. ESG clauses in carriage contracts, charter-parties, freight forwarding agreements. How can transport and logistics companies include specific environmental clauses in their contracts to ensure that services are delivered in an eco-friendly manner? How can businesses avoid misleading claims about environmental impact and ensure that the services they procure are sustainable? What are the best practices for Green Supply Chains? This and many more...

MODERATOR: ▪ **Michał ROSZAK**, *President of the UIA Contract Law Commission, Coliber Legal, Warsaw, Poland*

SPEAKERS:

- **Manuel KASTNER**, *Partner, BRP RENAUD, Stuttgart, Germany*
- **Virginie BERNARD**, *Partner, ARTLEX, Paris, France*
- **Juan CUENCA MÁRQUEZ**, *Partner, Roca Junyent, Barcelona, Spain*

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH

14:30 – 16:00 LABOR ISSUES RELATED TO THE TRANSPORT SECTOR

The social pillar of ESG in shipping: labor rights and compliance with the MLC Convention.

International labor conventions and labor practices in the transport sector, aiming to address best practices, avoiding social dumping.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Nathalie SUBILIA**, *President of the UIA Labour Law Commission, Reiser Avocats, Geneva, Switzerland*

SPEAKERS:

- **Luca DEMURTAS**, *DMR Avocat, Paris, France*

Problems faced by airline flight crew members within the European Union

- **Sébastien GOULET**, *President of the UIA Insurance Law Commission, Favarel & Associés, Marseille, France*

Driver platform work in Brazil: Gig economy and collective relations

- **Maria Lúcia PUGLISI CIAMPA BENHAME**, *Advocacia Benhame, Sao Paulo, Brazil*

Japan's Latest Logistics Labour Reforms: Persistent Challenges in Eliminating Overtime Work

- **Sho OMURA**, *Junpo Law Office, Tokyo, Japan*

16:00 – 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

Compulsory marine insurance under the following international conventions and American maritime law:

- CLC – International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969
- Bunker Oil: International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (2006)
- NAIROBI International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks (2007)
- American – Oil Pollution Act (1990)

MODERATOR: ■ **Sébastien GOULET**, *President of the UIA Insurance Law Commission, Favarel & Associés, Marseille, France*

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- **Anna MONTESANO**, *President of the UIA Transport Law (Sea, Land, Air) Commission, Studio Legale Zunarelli e Associati, Bologna, Italia*

18:00 – 18:15 **UIA TRANSPORT LAW COMMISSION
MID-YEAR MEETING**

Restaurante Tragaluz
Pasaje de la Concepción nº5, 08008 Barcelona

11:30 – 13:00 RESOLVING DISPUTES IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR (2)

Focusing on dispute resolution mechanisms, litigation strategies, and obligations that arise from environmental harm. Environmental liability claims under international transport and maritime law (e.g., civil liability for oil pollution damage, hazardous goods transport).

MODERATOR: ■ **Francisco RAMOS ROMEU**, *President of the UIA Private International Law Commission, Rya Abogados, Barcelona, Spain*

■ **John McELROY**, *Partner, Dispute Resolution, Fieldfisher, London, United Kingdom*

Pitfalls in Negotiating and Drafting Arbitration Clauses in Transport Matters.

▪ **Katharina KLINGEL**, *Brödermann Jahn, Hamburg, Germany*

Resolving Disputes In The Maritime Sector through Mediation.

- **Catherine PEULVÉ**, *UIA Deputy Secretary General, Catherine Peulvé Avocat – CPLAW, Paris, France*

▪ **Wim VAN HEMELEN**, *Bettens De Cocker Van Hemelen, Advocaten BV, Antwerp, Belgium*

- **Fernando SALES**, *Partner, Fabregat Perulles Sales, Barcelona, Spain*

13:00 – 13:15 CLOSING REMARKS

09:15 – 09:30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

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An exploration of resolution options, to include in respect of standard disputes, sanctions litigation, collective actions, greenwashing claims and regarding obligations related to environmental protection and legal compliance with mandatory rules and policies and other competition issues.

MODERATOR: ■ **Paul CONVERY**, *President of the UIA Litigation Commission, William Fry, Dublin, Ireland*

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General Information

SEMINAR VENUE

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Calle Mallorca, 283

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→ LANGUAGE

The working language will be **English**.

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Fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Welcome cocktail on September 18
- Lunch on September 19
- Seminar documentation
- Coffee breaks on September 19 & 20

The dinner on September 19 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 11 at the latest**. An updated electronic list will be sent by email to all the participants after the seminar.

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 August 19, 2025**.

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

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Anyone who requires a visa invitation letter in order to attend the seminar should register and pay their registration fees **no later than August 19, 2025** to ensure there is enough time to obtain a visa.

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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 seminar, 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 the cost of your registration.

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☐ Lunch – Friday, September 19

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(**Not included** in the registration fees)

☐ Optional Dinner – Friday, September 19

• Please book person(s) for the dinner

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D. TOTAL

TOTAL (A) Excl. VAT – Registration Fees

€

TOTAL (C) Excl. VAT – Optional Dinner

Price to be confirmed

TOTAL (A+C) Excl. VAT €

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