

UIA 18th Winter Seminar

From Soft Law to Hard Law: The impact of SDG and ESG goals on legal practice

M&A, Corporate Law, Finance, Criminal Law, Employment Law and
Dispute Resolution in the new era

Seminar organised by the UIA, co-sponsored by the ABA Litigation Section

**FROM
MARCH 9
TO 16, 2024**



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Introduction

The **UIA 18th Winter Seminar** is going to be an exceptional learning and networking experience. The Winter Seminar brings together lawyers and other professionals practicing in different areas and coming from all over the world. It aims to foster a transnational and interdisciplinary exchange with fruitful discussions on recent legal developments.

This year's conference will focus on **Sustainable Development Goals and Environmental, Social, and Governance policies** and their impact on legal practice across a broad range of fields, including M&A, corporate law, finance, criminal law, employment law, and dispute resolution. Part of the magic of the Winter Seminar is its informal and dynamic nature. Half of the time of each presentation is dedicated to Q & A in which other delegates can share experiences from their own practices, keeping everyone entertained and involved.

This year's Winter Seminar will be hosted in **the charming and historic town of Banff, Alberta, Canada**. Nestled in the towering Rocky Mountains, Banff was first settled in the late nineteenth century when the discovery of natural hot springs led to the founding of Canada's very first national park. The town is now a vibrant community with art galleries, restaurants, and plenty of outdoor adventure. Banff provides access to three stunning ski resorts – Sunshine, Lake Louise, and Mount Norquay – with plenty of varied terrain for skiers of all ability levels. Experience genuine Canadian hospitality and the natural beauty of the Rocky Mountains for an exceptional environment for skiing and other winter diversions.

Do not miss this opportunity. Mark your diaries now, save the date, and be sure to register!

We look forward to welcoming you to Banff!

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

All the information relative to our seminars is available on our Website www.uanet.org ("Events" section).
The registration programme will be available soon. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

7:30 pm Informal Get-Together

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

6:00 pm Opening Reception & Opening Remarks

MONDAY, MARCH 11

MODERATOR: **Francisco RAMOS ROMEU**, *RYA Abogados, Barcelona, Spain*

am Business and SDG and ESG goals

- Impact of SDG and ESG on company reporting and disclosure: advantages and pitfalls
- Corporate compliance programs and SDG/ESG goals
- Human rights conflict prevention
- Corporate crisis management and public communication
- Net-Zero projects

Emanuel DETTWILER, *Kellerhals Carrard Basel KIG, Basel, Switzerland*

Ashu THAKUR, *Ashu Thakur & Associates Advocates & Solicitors, Mumbai, India*

pm Developments in cross-border VC / PE / M&A

- Impacts of SDG/ESG on VC / PE / M&A transactions
- Due diligence in the area of Human Rights, Environmental and Social Responsibilities
- Closing an operation mindful of human right risks
- Transactions and climate-related issues
- Foreign investment regulations in the light of SDG and ESG goals

Franz SCHUBIGER, *Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law Ltd, Zurich, Switzerland*

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

MODERATOR: **Franz SCHUBIGER**, *Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law Ltd, Zurich, Switzerland*

am SDG and ESG goals in corporate governance and business conduct

- Incorporating SDG and ESG goals into companies' regulations: things to do and to avoid
- Human rights along the supply chain: mindful contracting clauses
- Self-regulation: how to deal with codes of ethics
- Providing services in a sustainable form: product requirements, duration, waste management, recycling.
- Regulation and fighting of greenwashing
- Consumer protection

Lisanne CHAMBERLAND-POULIN, *Hope Avocats, Bordeaux, France*

Francisco RAMOS ROMEU, *RYA Abogados, Barcelona, Spain*

MODERATOR: **Winfried F. SCHMITZ**, *Schmitz Law Offices, New York, USA*

pm Finances minding of SDG and ESG goals

- Sustainable finance
- ESG investments grading
- Role of financial institutions and gatekeepers
- Beneficial ownership undertakings with SDG and ESG goals

Bruce W. LEPLA, *Lieff Cabraser Heiman & Bernstein, San Francisco, USA*

Jean-Philippe DIONNE, *Langlois Avocats, Montréal, Canada*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

MODERATOR: **Maria CRONIN**, *Peters & Peters Solicitors LLP, London, UK*

am Promoting Human Rights and Environmental Risks through criminal law

- Taxonomies for setting and assessing ESG goals
- Sustainability, human rights and ESG within the supply chain
- Putting an end to human trafficking, modern slavery, and forced labour
- Greenwashing vs greenhushing
- Whistleblowing and other channels
- Who is at risk?

Ángela DÍAZ-BASTIEN, *Ernesto Díaz-Bastien & Asociados Abogados, Madrid, Spain*

Etienne LESAGE, *Lesage Avocats, Paris, France*

Véronique MOISSINAC MASSENAT, *Avocat au Barreau de Paris, Paris, France*

Albert MBALA KOTA, *Cabinet d'avocats Trust and Hope, Kinshasa, Kongo*

MODERATOR: **Véronique MOISSINAC MASSENAT**, *Avocat au Barreau de Paris, Paris, France*

pm Impact of SDG and ESG on Employment

- Changes in international labour law
- Recruitment and firing under SDG and ESG goals
- Safety and health, working conditions, diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace
- Executive and employee compensation

Danièle ROY, *Ad.E., Fellow of A.C.T.L, Montréal, Canada*

Luc DESHAIES, *Gowling WLG, Montréal, Canada*

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

MODERATOR: Yoshihisa HAYAKAWA, *Uryu & Itoga, Tokyo, Japan*

am Conflict resolution in human rights conflicts

- Negotiation, mediation, litigation or arbitration of claims: choosing the right path.
- Civil vs. criminal litigation: pros and cons.
- Claiming legislative and governmental liability of states and SDG and ESG goals

Jean-Philippe CARON, *CaLex Legal, Montréal (Québec), Canada*

- Eco-Arbitrate: Navigating Green Dispute Resolution with Smart Tech

David ETTEDEGUI, *Kliger Etteedgui Légal Inc., Westmount, Québec*

pm Developments in litigation and arbitration

- Where to sue: jurisdictions to entertain Human rights violations
- Extraterritorial jurisdiction and conflict of laws
- Consumer mass litigation: how to make it work?
- Environmental litigation and arbitration: where are we?
- The role of international courts and ESG goals

David SCHNEIDER-ADDAE-MENSAH, *Rechtsanwaltskanzlei DSAM, Karlsruhe, Germany*

Frédéric PLAMONDON, *Norton Rose Fulbright, Montréal, Canada*

Robert K. KRY, *MoloLamken, Washington, DC, USA*

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

MODERATOR: Robert K. KRY, *MoloLamken, Washington, DC, USA*

am SDG and ESG goals in the professional practice of the lawyer

- Professional obligations of lawyers and SDG and ESG goals
- Guidelines for safe advice on SDG and ESG matters
- How to provide effective advice on Human Rights
- Building a “sustainable” legal practice
- The role of in-house counsel and outside counsel

Ian McDOUGALL, *Executive Vice President and General Counsel for LexisNexis, United Kingdom*

Review of the seminar, concluding remarks

7:30 pm Closing Dinner

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Informal interaction on the slopes

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The UIA is a global and multi-cultural organization for the legal profession. Created in 1927, the UIA brings together members from more than 120 countries. The UIA facilitates professional development and international exchange of information and ideas, promotes the rule of law, defends the independence and freedom of lawyers worldwide, and emphasises friendship, collegiality, and networking among members.

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Becoming a member of the UIA will also enable you to benefit from a preferential rate for your registration to the events.

To find out more, go to the UIA website at:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Royal Canadian Lodge Banff

459 Banff Avenue
Banff, Alberta T1L 1C9
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Website:

www.royalcanadianlodge.com

LANGUAGE

The working language will be **English**.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Every participant attending the seminar will receive a "Certificate of Participation" at the end of the event that may be to obtain "Credits" for "Continuing Legal Education" purposes.

DRESS CODE

Extremely casual (jeans, cowboy boots, ski suits, etc. allowed). Closing dinner: Coat & tie, evening dress.

REGISTRATION FEES

	On or before Feb. 9, 2024	From Feb. 10, 2024	Speaker Fees
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HOTEL RESERVATION

A **limited number** of rooms has been pre-booked at a preferential rate in the Royal Canadian Lodge Banff hotel as shown below. Reservations should be made directly through the hotel. **Please book the hotel room as early as you can.** Credit card details must be given in order to secure your reservation.

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Please mention UIA when you call!

Email: rci@innvesthotels.com

Website: www.royalcanadianlodge.com

Conditions:

The pre-reserved room block expires **January 25, 2024**. After that date, please inquire directly with the hotel which can accept reservations based on a space- and rate- available basis.

Cancellation conditions:

- from booking up to 5 days before your arrival a free cancellation is possible
- 5-0 days before arrival & in case of no-show we charge 100% of the total reservation value

Amounts in CAD

	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
Premier Two Queen	139.00	139.00	164.00	189.00
Premier One King	139.00	139.00	N/A	N/A
Deluxe Junior Suite	189.00	189.00	214.00	N/A

- Rates above are net, in Canadian dollars, based on double occupancy.
- Additional person charges are \$25.00 per person with existing bedding. Additional guests (each guest above and beyond 2 adults in a room) are \$25.00 per person per night. Children under 18-years stay free with adults.

Taxes and Breakfast NOT included. Currently room rates are subject to the following taxes:

- Tourism Improvement Fee 2%
- Alberta Tourism Levy 4%
- Federal Goods & Services Tax 5%

* The Alberta Tourism Levy is calculated by taking the sum of the room rate and Tourism Improvement Fee and multiplying that sum by 0.04 ** The Tourism Improvement Fee is calculated by multiplying the room rate by 0.02 *** GST is applicable on the room rate and Tourism Improvement Fee. Please note that the above taxes may change without notice. Should federal, provincial, local taxes or participation in any regional Destination Marketing Fees or Tourism Improvement Fees change or increase, you will be responsible for all increases.

Reservations can be made by clicking on the following booking link:

<https://bookings.travelclick.com/111032?groupID=4069590#/guestsandrooms>

UIA CANCELLATION CONDITIONS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS OF THE UIA

All cancellations will be subject to a 20% processing fee and must be sent in writing to the UIA (Union Internationale des Avocats) **no later than February 9, 2024**. No refund will be made for cancellations received after this date.

Participants who have paid the total registration fee and who are unable to attend the seminar personally may send a colleague as a substitute after informing the UIA. A €50 processing fee will be charged.

VISAS

Anyone who requires a visa invitation letter in order to attend the seminar should register and pay their registration fees **no later than February 9, 2024** to ensure there is enough time to obtain a visa.

All cancellations will be refunded in full, minus €50 to cover administrative costs, provided that the UIA has received the registration documents and **total registration fees no later than February 9, 2024**.

If you register after this date, only 50% of the amount paid minus €50 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 seminar 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 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.

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 delegate, accompanying person or a third party following any cancellations, changes, postponements or modifications.

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The contractual relations between the UIA and each participant (delegate or accompanying person) in relation to the seminar are subject to French law and jurisdiction, to the exclusion of any other law. Paris is the city of jurisdiction.

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

“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, 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 whatsoever decreed by governmental or public authorities.

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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, cardiovascular 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).

PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

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Special requests (special diet, allergies, handicap...):

Arrival/departure times & flight numbers:

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- ☐ Opening Reception, Welcome Cocktail – Sunday, March 10
- ☐ Closing Dinner – Friday, March 15

C. ACCOMPANYING PERSON ACTIVITIES

Please indicate below whether you plan to attend the following events included in the cost of the accompanying person registration:

- ☐ Opening Reception, Welcome Cocktail – Sunday, March 10 x ____ person(s)
- ☐ Closing Dinner – Friday, March 15 x ____ person(s)

D. TOTAL

Total (A) – Registration Fees	€
Total (B) – Accompanying Person Activities	€
TOTAL (A+B)	€

It is intended that the seminar sessions take place in the morning from 8:00 to 10:30 am, and in the evening from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

E. CANCELLATION CONDITIONS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

I, the undersigned, confirm having read and accepted the cancellation policy and the general terms and conditions given on page 7 of the registration programme. My registration will only be taken into account after receipt of my payment.

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3 digits: _ _ _ Expiry date: _ _ / _ _

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

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