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UIA Global Mobility Forum:

Best Practices in Coordinating Legal Advice in a Age of Accelerating Global Migration

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THURSDAY,
MARCH 7
& FRIDAY,
MARCH 8, 2024



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Introduction

"Migration powers economic growth, reduces inequalities, and connects diverse societies. Yet it is also a source of political tensions and human tragedies." - António Guterres

Whether it is economic migration for increased opportunities in the race for global talent, digital nomadism resulting from the decoupling of the office from where services actually are being performed, or migration for sanctuary as a result of global conflict and affliction, individuals increasingly are crossing international borders to secure better lives. However, obtaining permission, as a matter of immigration law, for the migrant to remain, either temporarily or permanently, in a host country is the beginning, not the end, of the 21st Century legal analysis.

Accordingly, the migrant's immigration issues spur issues in other connected, but no less vital, areas of law including labour, taxation, estate planning, and human rights. When these vital connected issues are viewed in the context of ever

increasing technological resources available for the lawyer to practice in an ever smaller world, it is far from best practices for a lawyer to advise the migrant in a vacuum. Indeed the lawyer now has available resources to enable, as a matter of best practices, the migrant to receive coordinated legal advice across all relevant legal disciplines. The question is not whether, but when, where and how, this multidisciplinary advice should be coordinated.

At the UIA Inaugural Global Mobility Forum, lawyers from all around the world, specializing in various areas of international law, will convene in vibrant Barcelona to discuss, analyze, and discern best practices in coordinating advice on global migration. The Forum, while centered on global migration, is multidisciplinary, multijurisdictional, and progressive in its programming – an event not to miss!

We look forward to seeing you in Barcelona!

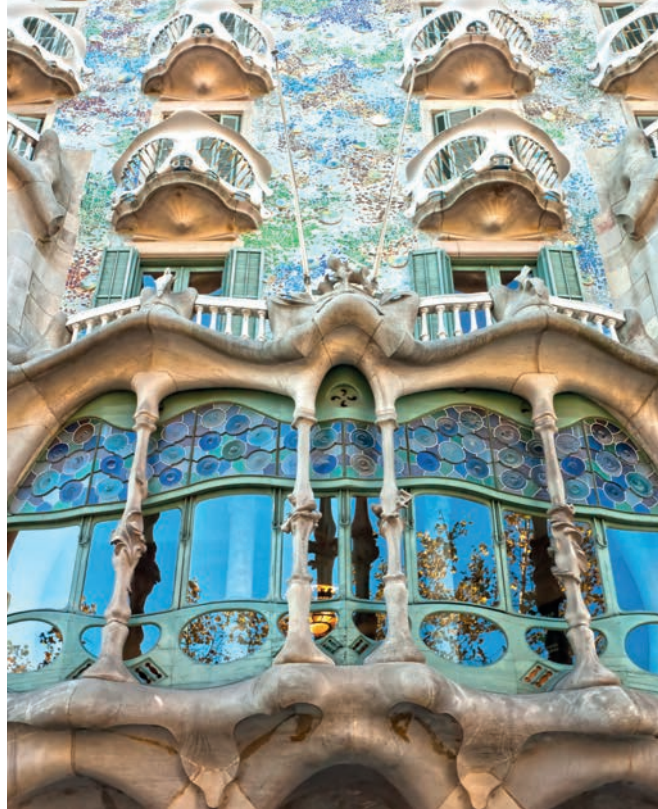
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

19:30 WELCOME COCKTAIL

Venue to be confirmed

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

09:00 – 09:30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

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

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Calle Mallorca, 283

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09:30 – 09:45 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE SEMINAR

- **Jesús M. SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA**, *President of the Barcelona Bar Association – to be confirmed*
- **Jacqueline SCOTT**, *UIA President, Fortney & Scott, LLC, Washington, DC, USA – or her Representative*
- **Hervé LINDER**, *President of the UIA Immigration and Nationality Law commission, Ernst & Linder LLC, New York, NY, USA*

09:45 – 11:00 SESSION 1 – START-UPS AND VENTURE CAPITAL

Investor, Innovator, and Start-Up Visas – Immigration, with the Best Business and Legal Advice, as a Driver of Growth

Many countries have visa categories to encourage direct investment and business development, but the mere existence of these categories is just the beginning, not the end result, for global mobility. There is a myriad of business issues, from financing to business plans to taxation, that need to be addressed such that such visa holders can optimize their stays in the host countries. Otherwise, their businesses will become failed businesses, only on a cross-border scale. This opening panel weaves immigration advice into legal advice for start-up businesses to discuss best practices so that such start-up businesses can maximize viability while ensuring assured immigration compliance.

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

SPEAKERS:

- **Jacqueline BART**, *BARTLAW LLP, Toronto, ON, Canada*
- **Ilda DE SOUSA**, *Kingsley Napley LLP, London, United Kingdom*

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 SESSION 2 – RESIDENCY AND WEALTH PLANNING – INTERNATIONAL ESTATE PLANNING

Residency and Wealth Planning – The Bolero Dance of Residency and Citizenship Planning with International Estate Planning

Estate planning can be traced back as far back as 3000 BC, contrasted to residency and citizenship planning, which soared with the onset of the jet age. In the 21st Century, a failure to coordinate advice in both of these areas of law to a high net worth individual (HNWI) is a gamble that could pose severe financial and personal risk to the HWNI and their family. In a current political environment where residency by investment (RBI) and citizenship by investment (CBI)

Programme

programs often are under heavy scrutiny, this panel shall discuss means by which RBI/CBI immigration advice coordinated with international estate planning can promote personal and financial security for the HNWI client.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Maria CASABLANCA**, *Akerman LLP, Miami, FL, USA*

SPEAKERS:

- **Bruno L'ECUYER**, *Chief Executive, Investment Migration Council, Malta*
- **Marc-André SÉGUIN**, *EXEO Attorneys, Montreal, QC, Canada*

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH

14:30 – 15:45 SESSION 3 – REMOTE WORK (LABOUR LAW)
International Remote Work – A Labour of Love, a Taskmaster of Labour Compliance, or Both?

While remote work existed long before the COVID-19 pandemic, it exploded during the pandemic. "Work from home," "hybrid work," and "digital nomad" all became part of the vernacular of an increasingly mobile international workforce. However, an employee's sourcing of a hotel room and a secure internet connection in a third country is not the answer to international remote work, but only the beginning of the analysis. This panel will combine the expertise of immigration and labour law experts to (a) assess the feasibility and transaction costs of international remote work and (b) advise on best coordinated immigration and labour compliance practices when implementing these arrangements.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Ben SHELDRIK**, *Magrath Sheldrick LLP, London, United Kingdom*

SPEAKERS:

- **Patricia BONITO PINTO**, *Walder Wyss Ltd., Geneva, Switzerland*
- **Sonia CORTÉS GARCÍA**, *Abdón Pedrajas Littler, Barcelona, Spain*
- **Inge EGGEN-TE PAS**, *Kroes Advocaten Immigration Lawyers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

15:45 – 16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:15 – 17:30 SESSION 4 – REMOTE WORK (TAX LAW)
International Remote Work – Pairing the Best Immigration Advice with the Best Tax Advice to Lower Tax Compliance Costs for Employer and Employee

"Do not stay at least 183 days and do not trigger a permanent establishment for your employer" is the simplest tax advice parlayed in the global mobility industry concerning international remote work. Tax compliance with international remote work though is more than avoidance of (a) tax residency for the remote employee and (b) the triggering of a permanent establishment by the foreign employer. This sequel to the international remote work – labour law panel shall pair tax and immigration attorneys to analyse best solutions for international remote scenarios while minimizing tax risk, and transaction costs, for both employers and employees.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Clayton CARTWRIGHT**, *The Cartwright Law Firm, LLC, Columbus, GA, USA*

SPEAKERS:

- **Dirk NUYTS**, *AIIA Past President, Zurich, Switzerland*
- **Magdalena ŚWITAJSKA**, *Wardynski & Partners, Warsaw, Poland*

20:00 OPTIONAL DINNER

FiskeBar

Real Club Marítim de Barcelona, Port Vell
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FRIDAY, MARCH 8

09:00 – 09:15 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

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09:15 – 10:15 SESSION 5 – BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

International Refugees and Strained Labour Markets – Addressing Two Issues at Once?

From Afghanistan to Ukraine to Lampedusa to the English Channel to the U.S. southern border, not a day often passes without global news concerning a wave of refugees. Yet, at the same time, many advanced economies, including countries that are frequent destinations of international refugees, are experiencing severe labour shortages. While international refugees never should be subject to exploitation, can refugees provide significant relief to strained labour markets of advanced economies, or are the immigration barriers to entry in such markets too high for refugee labour to make any difference at all? This panel will dissect this issue, from the standpoint of practical solutions for refugees, employers and governments.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Adrián OJEDA CUERVAS**, *Ojeda, Ojeda y Asociados, S.C., Mexico City, Mexico*

SPEAKERS:

- **Omar HEGAZI**, *Studio Legale Hegazi, Bergamo, Italy*
- **Calin IUGA**, *Iuga & Asociatii, Cluj-Napoca, Romania*
- **Nathania USTUN**, *Ustun Law International, LLC, Fairfax, VA, USA*

10:15 – 11:15 SESSION 6 – IMMIGRATION AND INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW – 60 MINUTES

Family Matters – Marrying Family Changes and Family Law Changes in International Work Assignments

It is unrealistic to expect that, with the international work assignment of an executive or highly-skilled employee, their family dynamic shall remain constant throughout the assignment. Children can be born and need to be educated, old relationships can expire, and new relationships can spring forth. Even if the family dynamic seemingly does not change, the family law regime in the host country may be very different from its counterpart regime in the home country. The combination of any and all such changes can impair severely the immigration law foundation under which the employee was admitted into the host country, which shall be the primary focus of this penultimate panel.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Matthew WILLS**, *Laura Devine Immigration Law, London, United Kingdom*

SPEAKERS:

- **Beatriz BALLERINI**, *Trillos-Ballerini Law Firm, P.C., Houston, TX, USA*
- **Hermie DE VOER**, *Everaert Advocaten, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

11:15 – 11:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:45 – 12:45 SESSION 7 – IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

Outside Immigration Counsel Advising In-House Counsel and Serving as In-House Counsel – Wearing Too Many Fedoras in an Ethical Rainstorm?

For decades, it has been common for immigration attorneys in private practice advising corporate clients through in-house counsel. Additionally, with the rise of relocation companies that provide immigration services, but are not law firms, an immigration attorney can be retained by a relocation company to serve as the advising attorney on host country migration matters for the company's clients. With all of these hats that an immigration attorney now can wear, how do they engage in best ethical practices when advising in-house counsel or when serving as "the attorney" for a third-party vendor? This finale panel of immigration attorneys and in-house counsel will address these questions and provide practical insights for future law practice models for global mobility.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Andreea HAULBERT**, *Karl Waheed Avocats, Paris, France*

SPEAKERS:

- **Irene BOCCARDO**, *VP Global Immigration, MSI Global Talent Solutions, Worthing, United Kingdom*
- **Additional speakers to be confirmed**

12:45 – 13:00 CLOSING REMARKS

General Information

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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 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**.

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A limited number of rooms have been pre-booked at a preferential rate. Reservations should be made directly through the hotel. Credit card details must be given in order to secure your reservation. Please note that the number of rooms is limited. We recommend that you proceed with your reservations as soon as possible.

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Fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Welcome cocktail on March 6
- Lunch on March 7
- Seminar documentation
- Coffee breaks on March 7 & 8

The dinner on March 7 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.

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Double room for single use	€ 132
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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, 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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Registration Form

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BARCELONA, SPAIN

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B. SEMINAR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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

☐ Welcome Cocktail – Wednesday, March 6

☐ Lunch – Thursday, March 7

C. OPTIONAL DINNER

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

☐ Optional Dinner – Thursday, March 7

• Please book person(s) for the dinner

Price to be confirmed

TOTAL (C) (EXCL. VAT) €

D. TOTAL

TOTAL (A) Excl. VAT – Registration Fees €

TOTAL (C) Excl. VAT – Optional Dinner Price to be confirmed

TOTAL (A+C) Excl. VAT €

VAT if applicable (21%)* €

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TOTAL (A+C+VAT) €

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I, the undersigned, confirm having read and accepted the cancellation policy and the general terms and conditions given on page 6 of the registration programme. My registration will only be taken into account after receipt of my payment.

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I authorise the Union Internationale des Avocats to debit the above mentioned credit card in the amount of **€ (EUR)**

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