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Wednesday 14 May

1815 – 2000 **Registration**

The Ritz-Carlton Santiago - Rooftop (15th floor)

1830 – 2030 **Conference reception**

Start the conference in style. Join IBA committee officers, conference speakers and delegates to network over drinks and canapés.

All delegates, press and registered guests are invited to attend.

The Ritz-Carlton Santiago - Rooftop (15th floor)

Conference supporter



All plenary sessions will take place in Grand Ballroom (-2 floor)
Coffee/tea breaks will take place in the foyer of Grand Ballroom (-2 floor)
Lunch will take place in Ballroom III and Ritz-Carlton A (-2 floor)

0830 – 1600 **Registration** - *foyer of Grand Ballroom (-2 floor)*
The Ritz-Carlton Santiago - address: El Alcade 15, Las Condes

0900 – 0930 **Welcome remarks by Conference Co-Chairs and Keynote Speech**
Adriana de Buerba Perez-Llorca, Madrid; Advisory Board Member, IBA Criminal Law Committee
Cristián Francos Lewis Baach Kaufmann Middlemiss, Washington, DC; Advisory Board Member, IBA Business Crime Committee

Keynote Speaker

Matias Vicente Walker Prieto *Senador de la República de Chile, Santiago*

Mr. Walker is a lawyer and currently serves as a member of the Senate of Chile, being vice president of the Senate until March 2025. He was one of the promoters of the recently enacted Economic Crimes Law in Chile, which creates a more severe statute applicable to individuals and companies in business crime cases.

0930 – 1100 **Corruption in sports**

Sports competition manipulation has become a key challenge in today's sports world, undermining the integrity and credibility of competition and compromising the very essence of sport which is built on fair play and honest competition. Sport manipulation can take various forms and is often linked to criminal activities such as fraud and money laundering. In recent years, online sports betting has raised concerns about its potential impact on competition manipulation.

This not only jeopardises the reputation of sports and the athletes involved, but also has significant economic implications, affecting sponsors, bettors and sports organisations. The panel brings together leading sports compliance professionals to discuss insights and practical examples on the following matters:

- the role of compliance in preventing competition manipulation;
- key challenges faced when preventing sport manipulation;
- the implementation of compliance tools and monitoring programmes; and
- recent developments in contractual matters with sports stakeholders.

Session Co-Chairs

Saverio Lembo *Baer & Karrer, Geneva; Secretary, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Ben Ticehurst *HCR Law, London; Senior Vice Chair, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Speakers

Flavia Leardini *Mattos Filho, São Paulo*

Cristian Mir Diaz *Comite Olimpico de Chile, Santiago*

Adam Pennock *SportsRadar, London*

Marta Ruiz-Ayucar *FIFA Head of Ethics, Zürich*

1100 – 1130 **Coffee/tea break**



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1130 – 1300 **Supply chain and criminal offences**

Widespread concern about environmental, social and governance (ESG) related issues, coupled with growing political pressure, has seen lawmakers and regulators increasingly turning to the use of criminal law. Examples include the legislation introduced to criminalise modern slavery or environmental damage in certain jurisdictions and the use of existing offences to prosecute corporate 'greenwashing' in others. Recent case law has highlighted how the long arm of money laundering legislation can potentially catch corporates for breaches of ESG offences many steps removed from them in the supply chain.

The panel will consider how this trend of criminal law remedies to tackle ESG concerns is developing across and between various jurisdictions in an increasingly important area for practitioners.

Session Co-Chairs

Ross Dixon *Hickman & Rose Solicitors, London; Senior Vice Chair, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Margot Laporte *Dorsey & Whitney, Washington, DC; Publication and Newsletter Editor, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Speakers

Yoab Bitran *Albagli Zaliasnik Abogados, Santiago*

Chirag Naik *MZM Legal, Mumbai*

Michael Polak *Church Court Chambers, London; Secretary-Treasurer, IBA Rule of Law Forum*

Oliver Pragal *Pragal & Prinzenberg, Hamburg*

1300 – 1400 **Lunch**

1400 – 1530 **Economic crimes laws and corporate criminal liability**

Corporate wrongdoing has been a particular concern across the globe in recent years. This has led to evolving regulations which deal particularly with economic crimes, creating in certain jurisdictions an increasingly more severe enforcement regime for this kind of wrongdoing.

In this panel, we will review recent developments to economic crime laws and corporate criminal liability across different jurisdictions, in particular examining trends towards creating specific corporate offences or treating these offences more severely than the general laws applicable to criminal conduct.

Turning to practice, we will also review global trends in connection with new legislation and enforcement of corporate criminal liability and the different issues that it raises.

Session Co-Chairs

Diana Czugler *Peters & Peters, London; Senior Communications Officer, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Daniel Praetorius *Lembeye Abogados, Santiago; Conference Quality Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Speakers

Robert Cleary *Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler, New York City, NY*

Filippo Ferri *Cagnola & Associati Studio Legale, Milan; Co-Chair, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Isadora Fingermann *TozziniFreire Advogados, São Paulo; Latin American Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Andres O'Farrell *Marval O'Farrell Mairal, Buenos Aires*

1530 – 1600 **Coffee/tea break**



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1600 – 1730 Breakout sessions

Breakout session 1 - Ballroom I (-2 floor)

Navigating legal challenges in the prosecution of encrypted messaging service providers: recent cases and emerging trends

This topic explores the growing legal complexities surrounding the prosecution of owners and issuers of encrypted chat messenger services, with a focus on recent high-profile cases, such as EncroChat and Telegram. It will examine the balance between privacy, security and law enforcement, and discuss the implications of these prosecutions for service providers, users and regulatory frameworks.

Session Co-Chairs

Manavendra Mishra *Khaitan & Co, Mumbai; Asia Pacific Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee*
Simone Nadelhofer *Schellenberg Wittmer, Zürich; Vice Chair, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Speakers

Ricardo Andres Cacho Garcia *Von Wobeser & Sierra, Mexico City*
Jason D Linder *Mayer Brown, Los Angeles, CA; Vice Chair, IBA Business Crime Committee*
Alex Swan *Greenberg Traurig, London; Membership Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Breakout session 2 - Ballroom II (-2 floor)

Lightning bolt cooperation: when cooperation between criminal lawyers is faster and more efficient than mutual legal assistance

Mutual legal assistance, where admitted, takes months if not years to be fully, partially or finally not enforced at all. Letters rogatory can be poorly drafted and not reflect the issues at stake. Criminal proceedings are covered by secrecy and the requested elements might only be accessed once the battle is over. In the meantime, frauds are perpetrated at light speed, money flows from one bank to dozens of others and goods are diverted to non-cooperative jurisdictions while individuals and corporations may be investigated for the same facts in several places. With experts from all continents, the panel will discuss the ever-expanding role of criminal lawyers in defending or assisting clients over the world, exchanging information about foreign proceedings in a timely manner, speeding up judicial assistance, initiating local proceedings and seizing stolen assets faster than the enforcement authorities.

Session Co-Chairs

Kateryna Gupalo *Arzinger, Kyiv; Co-Chair, IBA Business Crime Committee*
Emmanuel Moyne *Bougartchev Moyne Associates, Paris; Membership Officer, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Speakers

Felix Ka-ho Ng *Haldanes, Hong Kong; Secretary, IBA Business Crime Committee*
Jeffrey Lehtman *Miller & Chevalier Chartered, Washington, DC*
Juan Palomino Segura *Perez-Llorca, Madrid; Corporate Counsel Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee*
Fabyola Rodrigues *Demarest Advogados, São Paulo; Conference Quality Officer, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

1945 – 2330 **Host Committee Welcome Reception**

Viña Santa Carolina - *Til Til 2228 - Comuna de Macul, Santiago*
All delegates, press and registered guests are invited to attend.

Shuttle will depart The Ritz-Carlton Santiago at 1900.

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0900 – 1115 **Registration**

0930 – 1100 **Lawyers being prosecuted for being lawyers or, more specifically, for being defence lawyers**

Defence lawyers play a vital role in the integrity of any functioning criminal justice system. Yet attacks on the work of criminal defence lawyers around the world are increasing. Serving as a criminal defense lawyer has never been popular. As the old joke goes: 'please don't tell my mother I'm a criminal defence lawyer; she thinks I play piano in a brothel.' But now, from legislation curbing the independence of lawyers and eroding the attorney client privilege, to disciplinary proceedings against defence attorneys, to criminal prosecution of defense lawyers for their work on behalf of their clients, being a criminal defence lawyer can be particularly risky. This panel will discuss these trends, attacks on defence lawyers in their jurisdictions and what all of this means for the future of being a criminal defence lawyer and the rule of law generally.

Session Co-Chairs

Sabine ten Doesschate *Sjöcrona van Stigt, Rotterdam; Co-Chair, IBA Criminal Law Committee*
Matt Kaiser *Kaiser, Washington, DC; Co-Chair, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Speakers

Shaul Brazil *BCL Solicitors, London; Vice Chair, IBA Criminal Law Committee*
Ignacio Castillo Val *Director, Specialised Unit on Organized Crime and Drugs, Santiago*
Juliana Miranda *Miranda Arcentales Advogados, São Paulo*
Stefanie Schott *Kipper Durth Schott Rechtsanwälte, Darmstadt; Senior Vice Chair, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

1100 – 1130 **Coffee/tea break**

1130 – 1200 **Keynote Speech**

Angel Valencia Vasquez *Head of Chilean Public Prosecutor's Office, Santiago*

Mr Valencia assumed the position of National Prosecutor of the Public Prosecutor's Office on January 2023.

He holds a law degree from the University of Chile School of Law and a Master of Laws from California Western School of Law in the United States.

1200 – 1330 **Corporate investigations: navigating new risks for outside counsel**

Internal investigations are under scrutiny by courts, interviewees, unions, corporate politics, business partners, auditors, enforcement authorities and regulators alike. Based on experience, panellists will compare and contrast ethical, legal and practical challenges and how they were overcome, with a focus on cross-border situations. The audience will be asked to reflect on its own experience in seeking to ensure the robustness of the investigation process.

Session Co-Chairs

Maia Cohen-Lask *Corker Binning, London; Young Lawyers' Committee Liaison Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee*
Andrea Puccio *Puccio Penalisti Associati, Milan; Law Firm Management Committee Liaison Officer, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Speakers

Nicholas Braganza *Holman Fenwick Willan, Dubai; Arab Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee*
Alexandra Marintel *Davis Wright Tremaine, Washington, DC*
Andreas Pfister *Wessing & Partner Rechtsanwälte, Düsseldorf*
Gonzalo Smith *Falabella SA, Santiago*

1330 – 1430 **IBA Business Crime and IBA Criminal Law Committees Open Meeting**

All registered delegates are invited to attend.

1430 – 1440 **Closing remarks**

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