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5th IBA Litigation Committee Conference on Private International Law

2–3 October 2025, Palazzo Turati, Milan, Italy

Working programme and list of participants



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Carlo Portatadino *Tombari D'Angelo e Associati, Milan; Co-Chair, IBA Litigation Committee*

Thursday 2 October

1400 – 1600

Young Litigators Forum Seminar

DLA Piper, Via della Posta, 7, 20123 Milan

This event is open to young lawyers under the age of 40.

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1900 – 2230

Welcome reception and standing dinner

Bagatti Valsecchi Museum

Palazzo Bagatti Valsecchi Museum, Grand Salon, Dinner Room, Study and Terrace, Via Gesù 5, Milan 20121

Small tours with English speaking guides will take place between 1900 until 2030.

The reception will formally start at 1930.

The event is open to all delegates.

Friday 3 October

All working sessions will take place in the Sala Conferenze
All coffee and tea breaks / lunch will take place in Sala Ricevimenti

0830 – 1600

Registration

0900 – 0910

IBA Leadership Welcome remarks

Amir Singh Pasrich International Law Affiliates, New Delhi; IBA LPD Secretary-Treasurer / IBA Treasurer

0910 – 0930

Welcome addresses

Carlo Portatadino Tombari D'Angelo e Associati, Milan; Co-Chair, IBA Litigation Committee

Francesca Villata Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan

Francesca Zanasi Chair, CRINT Commissione Rapporti Internazionale (Foreign Affairs Committee), Consiglio dell'Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano, Milan

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0930 – 1100

SESSION ONE

Conflicts of jurisdiction in cross-border non-contractual disputes: recent developments

The session will discuss the classic topic of finding the right forum for non-contractual disputes involving several jurisdictions, but with a fresh perspective of recent developments and novel issues. The panel will introduce the critical aspects of jurisdiction under the Brussels I Recast Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012) in cross-border non-contractual disputes, while also exploring particular post-Brexit issues arising out of the UK common law approach (implications of the Brownlie decision). Based upon this general framework, the distinguished speakers will focus on jurisdictional issues particularly arising out of non-contractual disputes involving antitrust damages, product liability, defamation and privacy claims, financial tort claims, and illicit gambling. As a review of the Brussels I Recast Regulation is currently ongoing, the topic is of high relevance in identifying legal and practical challenges involved in cross-border non-contractual disputes and offering possible solutions to tackling them.

Session chair

Ilona Karppinen *Castrén & Snellman, Helsinki; Vice-chair, EU Judicial Cooperation Subcommittee*

Speakers

Albrecht Doering *HÄRTING, Berlin*

Professor Luigi Fumagalli *Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan*

Florian Horn *Fhorn, Vienna*

Siona Spillet *DLA Piper, Birmingham*

1100 – 1130

Coffee/tea break

1130 – 1300

SESSION TWO

ESG disputes: a private international law perspective. Principles and practice

This session will explore the rapidly evolving landscape of ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) disputes from a private international law perspective. With the increasing prominence of ESG obligations and the growing trend of cross-border litigation in this area, the session will examine the key principles and practical challenges that arise in these complex disputes. Topics will include the interplay between human rights and private international law, the impact of the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive and recent high-profile cases. The panel will consider the practical implications for claimants, corporates, and their advisers.

Session chair

Richard Garcia-Almendros *Stephenson Harwood, London; ESG Officer, IBA Litigation Committee*

Speakers

Anneliese Day KC *Fountain Court Chambers, London*

Professor Rui Dias *Universidade de Coimbra, Coimbra*

Clément Dupoirier *Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer, Paris; Vice-Chair, IBA Litigation Committee*

Professor Fausto Pocar *Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan*

1300 – 1415

Lunch

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1415 – 1545

SESSION THREE

Arbitration and anti-suit injunctions after UniCredit – a new frontier?

The session will explore the impact of the case UniCredit Bank GmbH v RusChemAlliance LLC and place it into the larger context of case law concerning anti-suit and anti-enforcement-injunctions. After an introduction to the case, the panel will look at the most important developments in England (such as changes under the Arbitration Act 2025) and the EU (such as the reaction of some EU Member States to issue “anti-anti-suit injunctions” and their effects under the Brussels Ia Regulation), also considering cases from Asia and the US. The panel will take a comparative approach in answering the questions most relevant when confronted with anti-suit injunctions, including particular protection offered in the various jurisdictions against the enforcement and potential involvement of third-party affiliates.

Session chair

Johanna Christine Wirth *Hengeler Mueller, Berlin; Scholarship Officer, IBA Litigation Committee*

Speakers

Swee Yen Koh SC *WongPartnership, Singapore; Co-Chair, Asia Pacific Arbitration Group Subcommittee, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

Yasmine Lahlou *Chaffetz Lindsey, New York*

Paul Lowenstein KC *Twenty Essex, London*

Professor Chiara Enrica Tuo *Università degli Studi di Genova, Genoa*

1545 - 1600

Closing remarks

Speaker

Angelo Anglani *ADVANT Nctm, Rome; Commissioner, IBA Future of the Legal Services Commission, SPPI*

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