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The International Commerce and Distribution Landscape: new tensions and restrictions along the global supply chain

20–21 March 2024, Willard InterContinental, Washington DC, USA

HOT TOPICS SESSIONS:

- Manage and mitigate the risk of supply chain disruptions
- Supply chain nearshoring in times of conflict and increasing economic and trade sanctions: latest trends and best practices/challenges in implementation
- Shareholders, board of director and chief officers’ responsibility due to supply chain operations – best corporate practices
- ESG in the international trade and supply chain
- Clause and effect: attorney wellbeing in the world of contracts
- Hot topic session on supply chains and technology

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Social Programme
Wednesday  20 March

1430  Registration
InterContinental the Willard

1500 – 1730  An optional tour will be available to purchase, further details to be confirmed.

1800  Arrival back to the InterContinental the Willard
Programme

Thursday  21 March

0800 – 1700  Registration
InterContinental the Willard

0830 – 0845
Opening remarks and introduction of keynote speaker
Dalton Albrecht  EY Law, Toronto, Ontario; Co-Chair, International Commerce and Distribution Committee
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0845– 0915  Keynote speaker

0915 – 1015
Manage and mitigate the risk of supply chain disruptions
In the past few years we have seen major supply chain disruptions. Several factors have an impact and create risks for the international supply chain: cyber attacks, geopolitical risks, sanctions, business interruptions, natural disasters, pandemics and finance. The session will focus on how to identify supply chain risks and manage such risks, by insurance solutions and/or contractual provisions.

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Laura Opilio  CMS Adonnino Ascoli & Cavasola Scamoni, Rome; Co-Chair, IBA International Commerce and Distribution Committee

Speakers
Javier Canosa  Canosa Abogados, Buenos Aires
Fadi Kardous  Kardous Law Office, Damascus
Dr Klaus Friesenbichler  Vice-Director, Austrian Supply Chain Institute, Vienna
Sara Landini  Professor of Business law, University of Florence, Florence

0915 – 1015  Coffee/tea break

1030 – 1130
Supply chain nearshoring in times of conflict and increasing economic and trade sanctions: latest trends and best practices/challenges in implementation
The increasing de-globalisation of international commerce has been accelerated due to a number of factors, including the ongoing trade wars and the invasion of Ukraine. During the last year or two we have faced issues as the disruption of global supply chains, arising from factors such as the shortage of raw materials and commodities, and also due to trade barriers and restrictions to the movement of people, enacted in the world. Re-shoring, nearshoring and friendshoring in this context have helped businesses to increase their resilience and helped to optimise processes of manufacturing and distribution along the supply chain. Our panel of experts will discuss these and other topics of high relevance for international commerce. Specific consideration will be given to industries more impacted by this important trend and possible solutions will be discussed.

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Caroline Berube  MJM Asia Law & Co, Guangzhou
Marco Del Monaco  Head of Tax, Ferrero USA Inc, Luxembourg
Luis Gonzalez Nieves  Pérez Correa González, Mexico City; LPD Representative, IBA Diversity & Inclusion Council
Emmanuelle Voissette  Panta Rhei, Paris
John Wainwright  Vice President, Leggett & Platt Global Supply Chain, Chicago, Illinois

1130 – 1230
Shareholders, board of director and chief officers’ responsibility due to supply chain operations – best corporate practices
Responsible supply chain activity is becoming a fundamental piece for the success of companies. It is an area which is currently facing greater challenges due to the global economy, post-pandemic environment, current trade wars and an increase on regulatory enforcement made by the regulators. No doubt that enterprises could be responsible for violating the law by breaching their supply chain agreements. However, the questions are:

Reception kindly hosted by
Thursday 21 March

- Could members of the board of directors, chief officers or even the shareholders have any kind of responsibility and which type could it be?
- How should the duty of care, loyalty and confidentiality be understood in relation to supply chain activities?
- Can the corporate veil be lifted to impose direct responsibility to shareholders – tax matters or creditor fraud cases?

Knowing their responsibilities and implementing best corporate practices on trade and supply chain aspects will help these members and officers reduce or even eliminate their responsibility. This analysis will be made from an academic, in-house and external counsellor point of view.

Co-moderators
Giovanna Giacchero  Formigaro Pericu, Milan; Vice Chair, Committee: International Conventions and Trade Agreements Subcommittee
Guillermo Sanchez Chao  Cheveux Ruiz Zamarrapa y Gia, Mexico City

Speakers
Javier Villanueva Walbey  In-house counsel, Estafeta Mexicana, Mexico City
Anthony J Casey  Professor, the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

1230 – 1330  Lunch

1330 – 1430  ESG in the international trade and supply chain

International trade and supply chain management were seen solely as a means to facilitate the exchange goods and increase wealth. However, recent trends have placed basic human rights at the forefront of all human interactions, including international trade. It is with this view in mind that the panel will deal with issues arising from human rights as they relate to trade and the international movement of goods, including forced labour, climate change, gender equality and others.

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Martin Oder  Haslinger Nagele Rechtsanwälte GmbH, Vienna; Communications Officer, International Commerce and Distribution Committee

Speakers
Jennifer Hillman  Georgetown University Law Center; Co-Director of the Center for Inclusive Trade and Development; Council of Foreign Relations, Washington DC

1430 – 1530  Hot topic roundtable session discussion groups on supply chains and technology

The audience will be divided into five discussion groups for this session to address the following relevant sub-topics:

1. Machine to Machine (M2M) Economy – pros and cons of automated sales and payments in the Internet of Things (IoT)
2. Supply chain in the metaverse; thinking new business models for interconnected procurement, services and product development
3. Implications of smart manufacturing: news for distribution, intellectual property and competition.
4. Practical challenges in online business and the metaverse
5. Export controls targeting the semiconductor supply chain

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Peter Wagner  Jordan & Wagner Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH, Stuttgart; Chair, IBA International Conventions and Trade Agreements Subcommittee
Lindsay Bernsen Wardlaw  Amalie Trade Compliance Consulting, Washington DC

1530 – 1545  Coffee/tea break
Thursday 21 March

1545 – 1645
Clause and effect: attorney wellbeing in the world of contracts

While attorney wellbeing is one of the major concerns internationally in the profession, it is of particular concern in contract drafting. Too often, lawyers rely on boilerplate, and clients want the “ironclad” contract. In the other hand, there are often disagreements between the litigation and transactional attorneys as well as with the client about optics versus necessary protections. Balancing these interests provides several layers of stress on top of the usual ones. This panel explores the “clauses” and effects of this tension, and the ethical issues raised, both in global supply chain-related contracts and otherwise.

Moderator
Christopher Blake  Hahn Loeser & Parks Cleveland, Ohio; LPD
Council Member

Speakers
Michael E Burke  Arnall Golden Gregory, Washington DC
Hasan Mandviwalla  Mandviwalla & Zafar, Karachi
Antoinette Moriarty  Head of Law Society Psychological Services, Law Society of Ireland, Dublin
Steven Richman  Clark Hill, Princeton, New Jersey; Chair, IBA Bar Issues Commission Policy Committee

1645 – 1700  Closing remarks

1800  Hosted reception
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20–21 March 2024

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InterContinental the Willard Washington DC
1401 Pennsylvania Ave Northwest
Washington DC 20004
USA

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https://clubquartershotels.com/washington-dc/white-house

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**Wednesday 20 March**

**Conference dinner**
Details to be confirmed

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As part of its activities, the International Commerce and Distribution Committee examines legal issues fundamental to the growth and development of international commerce. The Committee deals extensively with issues relating to international sales contracts, agency and distribution, cross-border acquisitions, warranties and financing of international sales.

In addition to reviewing the current legal position in different countries from a comparative perspective, the committee also examines international and supranational instruments, such as the United Nations Convention on the International Sale of Goods, Incoterms and the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, as well as, for example, relevant instruments of the European Union and Mercosur.

The committee also focuses on law reform in the fields of law within its scope, and since 1997 has monitored and offered suggestions in connection with the proposed Hague Convention on International Jurisdiction and the Effects of Foreign judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters.

Corporate Counsel Forum overview:

The mission of the Corporate Counsel Forum is to be the pre-eminent forum within the IBA for discussion, education and spokesmanship by, for and among corporate counsel, respecting the proper role and expectations of the professional acting for a corporation and to offer an in-house perspective to the IBA and its members.

In particular, the forum wishes to assist its members in functioning effectively within corporate hierarchies, satisfying business objectives while rendering legal services to the corporation in accordance with the highest professional standards. The forum seeks to maintain a particular focus on topics and themes of this nature which are currently relevant to its membership. At present, these include:

- selection of, liaison with and supervision of outside counsel;
- professional evaluation, development, privilege and responsibility in the corporate setting;
- globalisation and multi-jurisdictional practice;
- managing the corporate legal function; and
- corporate governance.
North American Regional Forum overview:
The IBA is the global voice of the legal profession. It offers an international perspective on the practice of law, as well as a forum for the exchange of expertise, ideas and contacts amongst the leading legal practitioners in the world's major centres of finance, trade, investment and commerce. Through its thousands of members worldwide, it offers access to specialists of the highest calibre from over 100 countries around the world, many of whom meet on a regular basis at an annual conference and many regional conferences throughout the year. The membership and support of more than 200 bar associations from around the world, and the IBA's important work to promote the rule of law and human rights, gives it a uniquely authoritative global voice in legal affairs and ensures that the work of its many committees has a real and lasting impact.

International Trade and Customs Law Committee overview:
The International Trade and Customs Law Committee is a forum for international practitioners, corporate counsel, academics and government officials to convene, exchange ideas and promote discussion of issues across the spectrum of international trade and customs law.

The International Trade and Customs Law Committee also works closely with bar associations and other organisations across the world to organise events and to ensure that the committee and its members are on the leading edge of international trade and customs issues.

Technology Law Committee overview:
The Technology Law Committee of the International Bar Association brings together lawyers practising aspects of the law particularly relevant to modern technologies. They have in common that they deal with developing bodies of law coming to grips with the new questions posed by new technologies. The mandate of the Technology Law Committee is broad and includes virtually any kind of technology.

At present, we have eight subcommittees with the following areas of focus:

- The Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Subcommittee provides guidance on new technologies and their potential implications
- The Data Protection Governance and Privacy Subcommittee focuses on issues relating to processing and protecting corporate information
- The focus of the Disputes and Rights Subcommittee is in procedures relating to disputes involving intellectual property rights, information technology and communications whether by litigation, arbitration or other means of dispute resolution
- The Internet Business Subcommittee focuses broadly on e-commerce and other internet issues
- The focus of the Life Sciences Subcommittee is in life sciences and medical technologies
- The focus of the Outsourcing and Shared Services Subcommittee is on outsourcing service and supply agreements in all their aspects
- The User Generated Content Subcommittee focuses on the user generated content issues that are challenging the internet and entertainment industries
- The Cybersecurity and Surveillance Subcommittee focuses on technologies that may threaten the privacy and security of individuals, ranging from satellite surveillance to smart cards