

This course is part of an on-going programme devised by the IBA's Public & Professional Interest Division's Training Course Subcommittee to assist young lawyers and junior members of the profession with their understanding of the fundamentals of international legal practice.



# The Fundamentals of International Legal Business Practice

Supported by the Warsaw Bar, the Warsaw Chamber of Legal Advisers and KDPW

0900 - 1700

Saturday 24 November 2012 KDPW ul. Książęca 4; VI piętro (pok. 6028 / 6030) VI floor (room 6028 / 6030) 00-498 Warsaw

Registration fee is £22 GBP and lunch will be offered to all participants.

A set of course materials will be made available to delegates. The course will be conducted in English.

# Programme

# Saturday 24 November

### 0900 – 1100 Introduction to international contracts

The aim is to provide an overview of international merger and acquisition transactions. In particular the focus will be on the choice of a purchase of shares or assets of a targeted company, Due Diligence, as well as key documents (Nondisclosure Agreement, Letter of Intent and Shares/Assets Purchase Agreement). The session will discuss specific provisions in each agreement like purchase price; representations and warranties, conditions precedent to closing, post-closing matters, collaterals, claims and indemnification.

Moderator

Radosław Biedecki Biedecki Biedecki & Partners, Warsaw, Poland

### 1100 – 1115 **Tea/coffee break**

## 1115 – 1245 Five business skills that every international lawyer needs – Part I

The training of lawyers has traditionally been focusing on developing substantive skills. It is only when entering professional life that business and other 'soft' skills start playing an important role. With the lawyer being an independent adviser to her/his clients, she/he is also running or part of a business. The session's purpose is to identify the most important business skills and discuss their impact on the professional work, goals and career development. It will be conducted interactively with the attendants, allowing questions and practical experiences being discussed in their immediate context.

Moderator

**Herman J Knott** Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft, Cologne, Germany; Secretary, IBA Law Firm Management Committee

### 1245 – 1345 **Lunch**

### 1345 – 1430 Five business skills that every international lawyer needs – Part II

Moderator

**Herman J Knott** *Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft, Cologne, Germany; Secretary, IBA Law Firm Management Committee* 

# **1430 – 1445 Tea/coffee break**

# Saturday continued

# 1445 – 1700 Networking for young lawyers

Networking is a skill every good lawyer should have and a task to continuously work on. Networking cannot only be used in order to generate business but also to increase quality of work and to keep "up to date" with regard to your field of expertise. Networking is not only an issue for partners of law firms but for every lawyer, whether young or old and whether practicing in a small or as part of a global law firm.

This session will determine the reasons for networking, the different target groups (clients, potential clients, colleagues or other experts), occasions for your networking activities as well as the different tools to network (from membership in a bar association to the usage of social media). The aim of this session is to identify the pros and cons of the different types of networking as well as the ways of applying it to your individual practice.

### Moderator

Marc Baltus Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek, Düsseldorf, Germany; European Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Young Lawyers' Committee



# Registration form



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Please complete this form and return it together with your payment to Jemma McVey at the address below.

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