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# IBA Young Lawyer Training Course: The Fundamentals of International Legal Practice

16 April 2025, ADGM, Abu Dhabi

This course is part of an on-going programme devised by the IBA's Section on Public and Professional Interest (SPPI) to assist young lawyers and junior members of the profession with their understanding of the fundamentals of international legal practice.

## TOPICS INCLUDE:

- New trends in international dispute resolution
- Law and technology
- Career development – how to succeed in a changing world

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# Programme

## Course Co-Chairs

**Zeina Obeid** *Obeid & Partners, Dubai; Co-Chair, IBA Young Lawyers' Committee*

**Arno Janssens** *Abu Dhabi International Arbitration Centre, Abu Dhabi*

## Wednesday 16 April

0830 – 0900 **Registration and coffee**

0900 – 0915 **Welcome remarks and introduction about the IBA YLC**

**Zeina Obeid** *Obeid & Partners, Dubai; Co-Chair, IBA Young Lawyers' Committee*

**Arno Janssens** *Abu Dhabi International Arbitration Centre, Abu Dhabi*

### 0915 – 1045

#### **New trends in international dispute resolution**

The panel will delve into a comprehensive discussion on the latest trends in international dispute resolution, offering insights from the viewpoints of both counsel and arbitrators across diverse regions of the world. This discussion will spotlight the striking similarities while highlighting the distinctive types of disputes that are currently gaining prominence globally. The session will also shed light on various facets of the institutional perspective.

*Moderator*

**Arno Janssens** *Abu Dhabi International Arbitration Centre, Abu Dhabi*

*Panellists*

**Joseph Chedrawe KC** *Covington & Burling, Dubai*

**Nadine Debbas Achkar** *New York University Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi*

**Eleni Dionysiou** *Senior Associate, Patrikios Legal, Limassol*

**Alain Farhad** *Independent Arbitrator, Farhad Arbitration, Abu Dhabi*

**Khushboo Shahdadpuri** *Al Tamimi, Dubai*

1045 – 1115 **Coffee break**

### 1115 – 1245

#### **Law and technology**

New technologies bring new challenges for the modern world and on how to apply the law. To update the legislation may provide a solution, but it takes time, and legislative process is never so fast as the development of upcoming technologies. To interpret the existent legislation is a better solution but depends on studied and experienced lawyers.

*Key issues:*

- General legislation for AI: data privacy, consumer protection and liabilities.
- Regulation of autonomous vehicles, passenger drones and other similar technologies for travel, entertainment, delivery of goods and other applications.
- AI as law operator: what happens to ethics and human touch?

*Moderator*

**Karim Nassif** *Nassif Arbitration, Dubai; Co-Chair, IBA Arab Regional Forum*

*Panellists*

**Victoria Krapivina** *Jus Mundi, Paris*

**Reshma Oogorah** *Neom legal, Abu Dhabi*

**Vincent Slingerland** *LexisNexis, Dubai*

**Arun Visweswaran** *Addleshaw Goddard, Dubai*

1245 – 1400 **Lunch**

Cocktail reception sponsor



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# Wednesday continued

1400 – 1530

## Career development – how to succeed in a changing world

The panel is aimed at young, ambitious lawyers who are eager to conquer the ever-changing legal world. The panel features seasoned experts who will share invaluable insights, empowering young lawyers to chart a successful career path in the legal domain.

The panel will discuss:

- International Arbitration Careers from a counsel, arbitrator and institutional perspective. Our distinguished panellists will offer exclusive insights into excelling in this dynamic field.
- Empowering Your Journey through Training: Discover the art of continuous training and its impact on elevating your legal skills. Our experts, including a representative from the prestigious French Bar Training School, will share valuable advice on improving your professional prowess.
- Entrepreneurial skills: Opening Your Own Practice: Explore the practical guidelines, tools, and challenges involved in establishing your own legal practice. Learn the best practices and critical factors to consider on your entrepreneurial path.

*Moderator*

**Hasan Mandviwalla** *Mandviwalla & Zafar, Karachi, Asia Pacific Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Young Lawyers Committee*

*Panellists*

**Fatima Balfaqqeh** *Independent Arbitrator*

**Kristin Campbell-Wilson** *Abu Dhabi International Arbitration Centre, Abu Dhabi*

**Soraya Corm-Bakhos** *Independent Arbitrator*

**Ahmed Ibrahim** *Independent Arbitrator, IbrahimAdr, Dubai*

**Shaparak Saleh** *Partner, Three Crowns, Paris*

1530 – 1545 **Closing remarks**

**Linda Fitz-Alan** *Chief Executive and Registrar of the ADGM Courts, Abu Dhabi*

1600 – 1800 **Networking reception**

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