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19th Annual International Mergers & Acquisitions Conference

14-15 June 2022

The Plaza Hotel, New York, United States

Topics will include the following, all of which will report and discuss the lessons learned and changes wrought by the past two years of deal-making during a pandemic and the road ahead:

- A review of the worldwide M&A marketplace
- Global M&A hot topics
- The view from the bench
- Developments in public company M&A and securities law
- Governance, stewardship and activism
- Private equity today
- Geopolitics, competition policy and M&A
- The in-house perspective

We look forward to welcoming friends and colleagues back to New York for this signature event live and in-person.

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Programme

Conference Co-Chairs

Adam Emmerich Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz, New York; Vice Chair, IBA Law Firm Management - Strategy and Finance Subcommittee

Mark Pflug Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, New York

Conference Co-Vice Chairs

Roland Turnill Slaughter and May, London

Hans-Jörg Ziegenhain Hengeler Mueller, Munich; Member, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee Advisory Board

Tuesday 14 June

0730 - 1715 Registration

Grand Ballroom foyer

0845 – 0900 Welcome remarks by the Conference Co-Chairs and International Bar Association representative

Jaime Carey, Santiago; Secretary-General, International Bar **Association**

Adam Emmerich Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz, New York; Vice Chair, IBA Law Firm Management - Strategy and Finance Subcommittee

Mark Pflug Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, New York

0900 - 1000

A review of the worldwide M&A marketplace

A prominent investment banker provides an insider's view of the financial, economic and business factors affecting the M&A market.

Moderator

Adam Emmerich Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz, New York; Vice Chair, IBA Law Firm Management - Strategy and Finance Subcommittee

Speaker

Thomas Miles Co-Head of Americas Mergers & Acquisitions, Morgan Stanley, New York

Reporter commentators

Paritosh Bansal Reuters, New York Liz Hoffman The Wall Street Journal, New York Sujeet Indap Financial Times, New York

1000 - 1030 Coffee/tea breaks Grand Ballroom & Centennial foyers 1030 - 1130

Global M&A hot topics

The panellists will discuss recent M&A developments and hot topics arising around the world.

Moderators

Ting Chen Cravath Swaine & Moore, New York Roland Turnill Slaughter and May, London

Speakers

Annika Clauss Hengeler Mueller, Frankfurt Daniel Daeniker Homburger, Zurich

Francisco Müssnich Barbosa Müssnich & Aragão, São Paulo; Latin American Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Securities Law Committee

Franziska Ruf Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg, Montreal, Quebec

1130 - 1245

The view from the bench

Two of the leading judges from the State of Delaware, the most significant jurisdiction for corporate law in the US, will address current trends in corporate law.

Moderators

David Ross Ross Aronstam & Moritz, Wilmington, Delaware Eric Schiele Kirkland & Ellis, New York

Hon Kathaleen St J McCormick Chancellor, Delaware Court of Chancery, Wilmington, Delaware

Hon Karen L Valihura Justice, Delaware Supreme Court, Wilmington, Delaware

1245 - 1345 **Buffet Lunch**

Terrace room and foyer/Centennial foyer

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Tuesday continued

1345 - 1430 Keynote Address and Discussion

Keynote speaker

Emma Giamartino Global Group President, Chief Financial Officer & Chief Investment Officer, CBRE Group, Dallas, Texas

Moderator

Mark Pflug Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, New York

1430 - 1530

Developments in public company M&A and securities law

A discussion of the ever-evolving landscape of public M&A around the world, including recent developments in securities law.

Moderators

Bertrand Cardi Darrois Villey Maillot Brochier, Paris; Vice Chair, IBA Corporate Governance Subcommittee Melissa Sawyer Sullivan & Cromwell, New York

Speakers

Harry Coghill Macfarlanes, London Sergio González Galán Garrigues, Madrid Arne Grimme De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam Haigreve Khaitan Khaitan & Co, Mumbai

1530 – 1600 **Coffee/tea break** *Grand Ballroom & Centennial foyers*

1600 - 1715

Governance, stewardship and activism

Panellists will discuss trends including the role and perspectives of institutional investors, shareholder activism, and the headwinds and tailwinds for sustainability and long-term investment, both in the US and globally.

Moderators

Elizabeth Gonzalez-Sussman Olshan Frome Wolosky, New York Laura Turano Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison, New York

Speakers

William Anderson Evercore, New York
David A Chaikof Torys, Toronto & New York
Arthur Crozier Innisfree M&A, New York
Youssef Djehane BDGS Associés, Paris
Barrett Golden Joele Frank Wilkinson Brimmer Katcher, New York

1800 **Drinks reception**

The Loeb Boathouse

Central Park, Park Drive North, East 72nd Street

The reception is located at The Loeb Boathouse in Central Park, Park Drive North at East 72nd Street. All delegates are welcome to attend.

Return coach shuttles will commence from 1745 from the Plaza Hotel to the Loeb Boathouse. The last coach will depart form the Loeb Boathouse at 2015.

One place per registered delegate is permitted.

Wednesday 15 June

0830 – 1245 **Registration**

Grand Ballroom Foyer

0855 – 0900 IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee address

Christian Hoedl Eigel Uría Menéndez, Madrid; Co-Chair, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee

0900 - 1015

Private equity today

The panel will focus on legal issues and developments in private equity.

Moderators

Olivier Assant Bredin Prat, Paris

Katherine Krause Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, New York

Speakers

Paul Bird Debevoise & Plimpton, New York Sascha Leske Noerr, Berlin & New York

Ryo Okubo Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu, New York;

Membership Officer – North America, IBA Insolvency Section Cyril Shroff Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Mumbai

Piero Venturini Legance, New York

Commentator

David Thomas Deputy General Counsel, The Goldman Sachs Group, New York

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1015-1045 Coffee/tea break

Grand Ballroom & Centennial foyers

1045 - 1145

Geopolitics, competition policy and M&A

The panellists will discuss significant antitrust/competition enforcement actions in the M&A context, and developments in enforcement policy.

Moderators

Ilene Knable Gotts Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz, New York Antonio Guerra Fernandez Uría Menéndez, Madrid

Speakers

Guillaume Loriot Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Competition, European Commission, Brussels

Colin Raftery *Senior Director of Mergers, Competition and Markets Authority, London*

Christine Wilson Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC

1145 - 1245

The in-house perspective

In-house counsel from important firms and institutions share their perspective on the most pressing issues they face, how they partner with outside counsel to resolve them and how they future-proof themselves.

Moderator

Valentina Cassata Vice President & Lead M&A Counsel, Standard Industries, New York; Diversity and Inclusion Officer, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee

Speakers

Natasha Gopaul *Managing Director, Legal* & Compliance, The *Blackstone Group, New York*

Kendall Handler Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, IAC. New York

Diane Lazzaris Executive Vice President and General Counsel, WESCO, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Janet L Raimondo *Head Legal M&A and Strategic Transactions, Novartis, Basel*

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Information

Date

14 - 15 June 2022

Venue

The Plaza Hotel 768 5th Avenue New York NY 10019 United States Tel: +1 (212) 759 3000

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Language

All working sessions and Conference materials will be in English.

How to register

Register online by **6 June** at **https://www.ibanet.org/conference-details/CONF2136** and make payment by credit card to avail of the ten per cent online registration discount or complete the attached registration form and return it to the Conference Department at the IBA together with your proof of bank transfer payment. You should receive an email confirmation of your registration within five days; if you do not, please contact **confs@int-bar.org**.

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 cancellation or postponement of the conference; any losses or liabilities
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 after the conference.
- You agree that, if asked by the relevant local or national authorities, the IBA has permission to pass on your personal information and contact details to those authorities should contact tracing be required.

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on or before 29 April	until 6 June
US\$1,490	US\$1,600
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After 6 June registrations must be received in hard copy at the IBA office. Hard copy registration forms and fees received:

	on or before 29 April	after 29 April
IBA member	US\$1,655	US\$1,780
Non-member *	US\$1,845	US\$1,970
Young lawyers (under 30 years)	US\$1,240	US\$1,970
Academics/judges (full-time)	US\$1,240	US\$1,970
Public Lawyers	US\$1,240	US\$1,970
Corporate counsel **	US\$1,490	US\$1,970

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- 1) Password access to certain parts of the IBA website.
- 2) Receipt of *IBA E-news* and access to online versions of IBA Global Insight.
- 3) Pay the member rate for any subsequent Conference registrations for this calendar year.
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A reduced rate is offered to lawyers who are over the age of 65, have been an IBA member for more than 20 years and are no longer practising law.

Full payment must be received in order to obtain your Conference documentation.

Fees include:

- * Attendance at all working sessions
- * Conference materials, including any available speakers' papers submitted to the IBA before 6 June
- * Access to the above Conference working materials from the IBA website (www.ibanet.org) approximately seven days prior to the Conference
- * Access to live delegate search
- * Lunch on Tuesday
- * Tea and coffee during breaks
- * Invitation to drinks reception on Tuesday

Please note that registrations are not transferable.

List of participants

In order for your name to appear in the list of participants, your registration form must be received by 6 June at the latest.

Live delegate search

Delegates are able to use the live delegate search via the IBA website, in order to use this function delegates will need to be logged into their MyIBA. This will allow search access to up-to-date attendance lists.

Registration confirmation

Upon receipt of your payment for the Conference a confirmation email will be sent to you which contains information regarding your attendance at the Conference. You will also be able to view and download your payment information and manage your registration via your My IBA profile on the IBA website.

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- The IBA will offer a full refund if you are required to cancel your registration due to Covid related reasons; we will require written confirmation of your cancellation by the end of business on the first day of the conference.
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- Please note that the IBA will not provide refunds for any other costs incurred including any travel costs.

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Cancellation of registration or social functions

If cancellation is received in writing at the IBA office by Friday **27 May,** fees will be refunded less a 25 per cent administration charge. Refunds will be made minus any monies owed to the IBA.

We regret that no refunds can be made after this date. Registrations or social function bookings received after Friday **27 May** will not be eligible for any refund of fees. Please note that the IBA will however offer a full refund if you are required to cancel your registration due to Covid related reasons; we will require written confirmation of your cancellation by the end of business on the first day of the conference.

Should you have difficulties in obtaining your visa and are not able to attend the Conference this cancellation policy will still apply.

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Provided you have cancelled your registration to attend an IBA Conference in accordance with the terms of the 'cancellation of registration' clause included in the 'Information' section of the relevant Conference programme, you must then confirm to us in writing at the IBA office as soon as possible, but in no event later than one year (12 calendar months) from the date of any such Conference, all necessary details to enable any reimbursement owed to you to be paid. We regret that no refunds will be made after the date that is one year (12 calendar months) after the date of the relevant Conference.



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Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. It is recommended that you check your visa requirements with your local embassy or consulate. We are unable to dispatch visa invitation letters to support your visa application prior to receipt of your registration form and full payment of registration fees.

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Or book online using the IBA's personalised group web page address: https://book.passkey.com/qo/IBAConference

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Please note that any reservation made after Monday 9 May will be subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed at the special IBA rate. As a limited number of rooms have been blocked at the hotel, availability cannot be guaranteed once the room block is full.

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It has been brought to our attention that there are multiple companies contacting past attendees, claiming to represent the IBA, offering 'assistance' with registration and hotel bookings.

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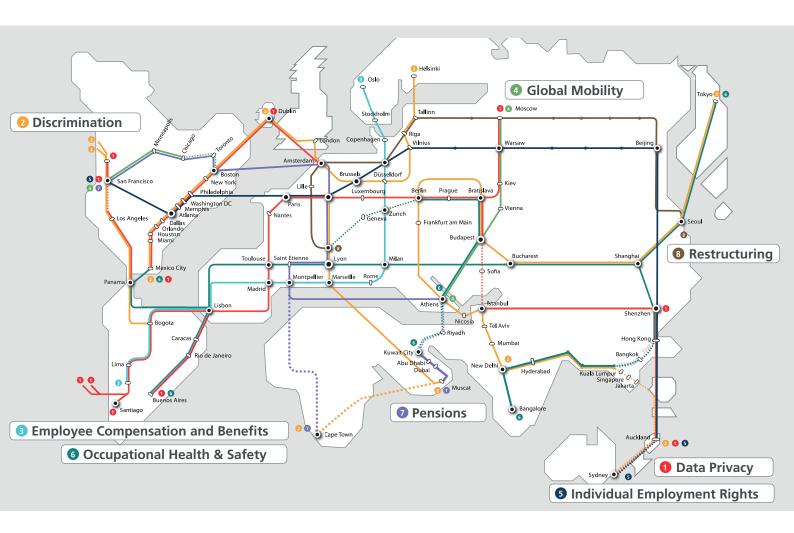
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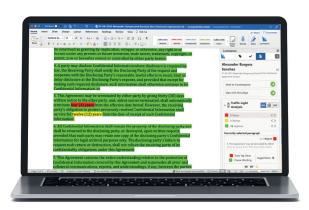
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Corporate and M&A Law Committee Overview

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