

ABA INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION



MANSION HOUSE - CITY OF LONDON | SEPT 23-25, 2026



DRAFT PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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All Times in British Summer Time (BST)

The London Fall Conference will bring together ABA International Law Section members and distinguished guests at the elegant Mansion House, the official residence of the Lord Mayor of London. Located in the heart of Central London, this premier three-day gathering will welcome attorneys from around the world to explore educational tracks covering key international legal issues, while offering exceptional opportunities for networking and cultural exchange.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Sunday Brunch with the Conference Co-Chairs and Planning Committee
Bluebird Chelsea, 350 King's Rd, London SW3 5UU, United Kingdom
(Intended for Locals but Open to All)
Separately ticketed – \$60.00

Join the Conference Co-Chairs for a fantastic London “**Sunday Brunch**” at the iconic Bluebird Chelsea Restaurant.

Bluebird Chelsea has stood proudly on King's Road for over a century, evolving from the historic Bluebird Motor Garage into an iconic Art Deco destination.

Once Sir Terence Conran's famed 'Gastrodrome' for London's socialites and royalty, today it serves modern British cuisine, seasonal specials, English wines and cocktails, from breakfast through to late evening, across its vibrant café, courtyard, bar, restaurant, private dining rooms and exclusive members' club. Part of The Evolv Collection.

A not-to-miss event. Limited Capacity – Book Now.

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Cruise on the River Thames Event
Pier Embarkment and Disembarkment TBD
Networking Lunch
Separately ticketed – \$55.00

Experience river dining with the Section's Private Charter Lunch Cruise on the River Thames.

As you step aboard, prepare to be simply amazed by London's iconic skyline. Delight in a buffet lunch while enjoying panoramic views of landmarks such as the Tower Bridge, the Shard, and the London Eye.

Beer and wine will be served while enjoying these incredible sights.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Houses of Parliament & UK Political Tour
Separately ticketed – \$75.00

Discover the Houses of Parliament, the centre of British politics for hundreds of years. With an audio guide leading your journey, explore the palace that symbolises the UK's past, present and future. Step into the House of Lords and admire the golden throne where the king opens each session of parliament with a speech. Go at your own pace as you see the House of Commons, where proposed laws are debated. Walk through Westminster Hall, the oldest building where the three highest courts used to sit.

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Buckingham Palace Guided Tour of State Rooms
Separately ticketed – \$75.00

Buckingham Palace is recognized around the world as the home of the monarch, the focus of national and royal celebrations, as well as the backdrop to the regular Changing the Guard ceremony.

Enjoy a fantastic private tour of the state rooms and other historical works of art at the most famous address in London.

Option Available for the Buckingham Palace Garden Tour on Top of State Rooms for Additional Charge that will begin at 1:30 PM and end at 4:30 PM
Separately ticketed – \$95.00

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Afternoon Tea at The Rubens at the Palace (Located Directly Opposite Buckingham Palace)
Separately ticketed – \$75.00

Sponsored by: ABA Senior Lawyers Division & Lynch, Cox, Gilman & Goodman, P.S.C.

Discover Royal Elegance at The Rubens at the Palace: A Regal Encounter

Nestled in the heart of London, overlooking the majestic Buckingham Palace, The Rubens at the Palace offers a boutique hotel experience like no other. A stone's throw from Victoria station, Westminster, Mayfair, and London's vibrant West End.

Indulge in the epitome of a quintessential English Afternoon Tea experience at The Rubens at the Palace, where refinement meets tradition. Immerse yourself in the charming ambiance of the Palace Lounge, offering panoramic views of the Royal Mews of Buckingham Palace, or enjoy your tea within the opulent surroundings of our exquisitely designed English Grill.

Renowned as one of London's finest Afternoon Teas, they honour the classic British tradition while infusing innovative twists to captivate your palate. Our commitment extends to catering for diverse dietary preferences, with thoughtfully curated menus that include vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and halal choices. Join us for a splendid Royal Afternoon Tea, where every moment is steeped in elegance and culinary excellence.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom
Parliament Square, London, SW1P 3BD, United Kingdom
Private Group Tour

Separately ticketed – \$65.00

Go on an exclusive private tour of the UK Supreme Court including exhibits and the important work of the court. The tour will be led by experienced Information Officers and includes information about:

- the history of the Court and the building
- the artworks on display
- landmark cases in the Court's history

Royal Courts of Justice Tour
Strand, London WC2A 2LL, United Kingdom

Separately ticketed – \$75.00

The Royal Courts of Justice (London's High Court) is an enchanting building on London's Fleet Street. It's reminiscent of a cathedral in both style and scale. Soaring arches and beautiful stained-glass windows ornamented with the coats of arms of Lord Chancellors and keepers of the Great Seal, combined with a mosaic marble floor leading to a maze of enchanting corridors to create a majestic setting or exciting visit to one of London's best kept secrets. The Court was opened by Queen Victoria in 1882 and is a Grade I listed building.

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Tower of London and Crown Jewels Private Group Tour

Separately ticketed – \$75

Within the ancient Fortress, the Tower of London, visitors can gaze up at the imposing White Tower, tiptoe through a king's medieval bedchamber and marvel at the priceless Crown Jewels. Hear bloody tales of the Tower told by the Yeoman Warders; stand where famous heads rolled and discover where prisoners and exotic animals including a polar bear were kept.

Wine Law Workshop (Non-CLE)

Around the World Through Wine: *The Laws, the People, the Places, and the Senses of Wine*
Vagabond St. Paul's, London, Unit 1, Paternoster Sq., London EC4M 7DX, United Kingdom

Separately ticketed - \$150.00

Register Here: [Around the World Through Wine](#) | [Beverage Law Workshop](#)

The Beverage Law Workshop Around the World Through Wine is an interactive program combining international wine law with guided comparative tasting of wines from around the world. Participants will taste approximately eleven wines while exploring how laws, appellations, geographical indications, trademarks, importation, distribution, and regional identity shape the wines in the glass.

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Happy Hour

Founders Arms, 52 Hopton St, London SE1 9JH, United Kingdom

Separately ticketed - \$45

Sponsored by: American Counsel Association



Join us at Founders Arms, a **pub** that's bang in the heart of Central **London**, serving up delicious, quintessentially British dishes and a phenomenal selection of beers and wines, with fantastic views of the River Thames and St. Paul's Cathedral. This pre-conference networking event is the perfect eve before the conference officially begins to start making new connections.

The American Counsel Association is an association of attorneys from around the world dedicated to enhancing the standards of practice, aiding deserving law students, and providing a social and business network.

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Young Lawyer Wine and Cheese Reception

Gatehouse Chambers, Gray's Inn, 1 Lady Hale Gate, London WC1X 8BS, United Kingdom

Complimentary

Sponsored by: The Bar Council



Section **The Bar Council** partner, The Bar Council is hosting a wine and cheese event at their chambers to close out the pre-conference eve events. **Maximum Capacity of 50 people.**

The Bar Council is the voice of the barrister profession in England and Wales. They lead, represent and support the Bar in the public interest, championing the rule of law and access to justice. They have 18,000 plus members – self-employed and employed barristers.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Registration and Exhibits

The Salon

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM

Continental Breakfast

Egyptian Hall

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Learn About the ABA International Law Section with Membership Officer **Benedict Kirchner**
Drawing Room A

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome and Introductions by Section Chair **Ed Mullins**

Egyptian Hall

Minister of Justice, **Sarah Sackman**

Sheriff of the City of London, **Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney**

Fireside Chat with **Mark Evans**, President of the Law Society of England & Wales and **Barbara Howard**, President of the American Bar Association (Non-CLE)

The Future of the Legal Profession and the Special Relationship Between the UK and the U.S.

Sponsored by: ABA Senior Lawyers Division



10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Networking Break

The Salon

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

AI Enforcement, Antiquated Justice? The Technology Gap Between Law Enforcement and the Courts in Global Immigration (CLE)

Drawing Room A

Artificial Intelligence Track

AI currently is being deployed by governments to vastly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of immigration enforcement, and promises creative disruption in immigration enforcement. The end result shall be a revolution in how migrants, employers, and other interested parties interact with the immigration system. However, AI is

not perfect, and in immigration enforcement, there always shall be a need for robust adjudication. Yet, currently, the seemingly only mention of AI in the court system is the news reporting of AI hallucinations of fake citations, unchecked by lawyers. This program shall analyze the technology gap between immigration enforcement and the court system in AI implementation, and the ramifications for fair immigration adjudication if any such gap cannot be narrowed.

Sponsoring Committee: Conference Planning Committee

Program Chair/Moderator: **Clayton Cartwright**, Managing Member, The Cartwright Law Firm, LLC, Columbus, GA

Speakers:

Air Commodore (Retired) Dusty Amroliwala, Partner, Ekim Consulting Ltd, London, UK

Professor Elspeth Guild, Professor of Law, University of Liverpool, School of Law and Social Justice, Liverpool, UK

Ben Sheldrick, Managing Partner, Magrath Sheldrick LLP, London, UK

Hardeep “Dee” Sull, Managing Attorney, Sull and Associates, PLLC, Las Vegas, NV

Preserving Legal Certainty in US-UK Cross-Border Merger Review (CLE)

Competition Law/Corporate Transactions & Finance Tracks

Drawing Room B

The U.S.-UK Special Relationship is key to transatlantic economic cooperation, especially in merger review. As global mergers grow more complex, antitrust enforcement is vital for competitive markets. However, some foreign authorities now assert jurisdiction over mergers with minimal local ties, creating uncertainty and discouraging investment. This panel explores how the U.S. and UK can collaborate to ensure legal certainty, address risks of overreaching enforcement, and lead in shaping global competition policy.

Sponsoring Committee: International Antitrust

Program Co-Chair: **June Im**, Senior Legal Counsel, Competition Law, Ericsson, Washington, DC

Program Co-Chair/Moderator: **Julie Carlson**, Director of Government Affairs, Qualcomm, San Diego, CA

Speakers:

Calvin Goldman, Principal, Law Office of Calvin Goldman; Former Head of the Canadian Competition Bureau, Toronto, Canada

Alexander Iken, Case Manager, Merger Control, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

Claire Shepherd, Partner, Gibson Dunn, London, UK

Breaking the Chain: Disrupting Sophisticated Fraud Schemes Through International Asset Recovery (CLE)

Dispute Resolution/Arbitration Track

The Long Parlour

Global fraud has entered a new era of complexity. As criminal networks exploit jurisdictional gaps and the anonymity of virtual assets like Bitcoin, the battle for restitution has moved to a multi-front digital and legal landscape. This panel explores the battlefield of international asset recovery, where traditional legal instruments meet cutting-edge fintech challenges. Experts from key jurisdictions will dissect the mechanics of modern fraud, the urgency of cross-border judicial cooperation, and strategic maneuvers in tracing obfuscated wealth. From Mareva injunctions to blockchain forensics, we examine how practitioners can synchronize efforts across legal systems to dismantle sophisticated schemes and secure justice for victims in an increasingly borderless world.

Sponsoring Committee: Young Lawyers Interest Network

Program Co-Chairs:

Catalina Fonseca, Senior Associate, C&R Law, Bogota, Colombia

Yang (Rhea) Yu, Senior Associate, Thornhill Legal Ltd, London, UK
Niloofer Zarei Henzaki, Corporate Associate, Fox Rothschild LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Moderator: Yuhua Yang, Partner, Thornhill Legal Ltd, London, UK

Speakers:

Michael Milton, Director, Forensic Risk Alliance, London, UK
Nicholas Surmacz, Partner, Kobre & Kim, London, UK
Nick Vamos, Partner and Head of Business Crime (Barrister), Peters & Peters, London, UK

Ethical Lawyering: Sanctions Restrictions and the Delivery of Legal Services (ETHICS CLE)
Geopolitics and Rule of Law Track The Old Ballroom

Economic sanctions restrictions may constrain the ability of lawyers to deliver legal services to persons who are explicitly listed, or who are implicitly subject to sanctions as a result of having a listed person in their ownership or control structure. Depending on the applicable laws and regulations, parties may not be able to pursue ongoing litigation or complete transactions, or even receive advice about their rights or legal obligations, once a sanctions restriction is imposed. These government-imposed constraints on the delivery of legal services raise rule of law and access to justice concerns, and may create ethical dilemmas for lawyers. Join us for a practical discussion about the latest legal developments, government guidance, cases, and professional ethics issues arising.

Sponsoring Committee: Export Controls and Economic Sanctions

Co-Sponsoring Committees: International Arbitration; International Litigation; National Security

Program Chair/Moderator: Sabrina A. Bandali; Partner and Head, International Trade & Investment Practice, Bennett Jones LLP, Toronto, Canada

Speakers:

Andrea Al-Attar, Founder, Law Office of Andrea Al-Attar, Washington, DC
John Boscariol, Partner, McCarthy Tétrault, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Barbara Linney, Partner, BakerHostetler, Washington, DC
Zia Ullah, Co-Global Head of Corporate Crime and Investigations, Eversheds Sutherland (International) LLP, London, UK

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Luncheon

Keynote Speaker: Lord David Richards, Former UK Supreme Court Justice Egyptian Hall

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

AI Diplomacy? Strategic Competition in the Race for AI Dominance (CLE) Drawing Room A
Artificial Intelligence Track

As China, the United States, the European Union and jurisdictions continue to develop elements of the AI technology stack - from chips to LLMs to energy infrastructure - each jurisdiction is taking a unique approach as to how a range of regulations and policy choices can support (or potentially hinder) technology development and adoption. This program will survey the landscape of key nation-state player to identify current strategies, discuss how policy and regulatory actions - such as those impacting national security, data privacy and industrial policy - play into these strategies, and identify areas that are likely to impact both companies operating in this space as well as consumers of their products.

Sponsoring Committee: Export Controls and Economic Sanctions

Program Chair/Moderator: Matt Lapin, Of Counsel, Wiley Rein, Washington, DC

Speakers:

Sophia Adams Bhatti, Chair, Probable Futures, London, UK

Dmitri Evseev, Arbitrator, Arbitra International, London, UK

Jonathan Goacher, Partner, StephensonHarwood LLP, Singapore

Alex Woolgar, Partner, Mills & Reeve, London, UK

Collision or Consensus? Navigating Arbitration, Mediation, and Valuation in International Insolvency (CLE)

The Old Ballroom

Dispute Resolution/Arbitration Track

The collision between arbitration and insolvency is shifting; the Sian Participation judgment has rewritten the playbook for winding-up petitions and arbitral autonomy. To resolve these adversarial conflicts, this program considers the use of both arbitration and mediation in cross-border insolvencies. A panel of US and UK judges and mediators explores the use of arbitration and mediation in complex cross-border workouts. In particular, as recent restructurings drive high fees and stakeholder uncertainty, mediation has proved a vital tool for unlocking agreements and promoting successful solutions that formal litigation often impairs. The panel will discuss how mediation can be used to maximize creditor recoveries for large international groups.

Sponsoring Committee: International Arbitration

Program Co-Chair/Moderator: **Felicity Toubé KC**, Barrister, South Square, London, UK

Program Co-Chairs/Speakers:

Hon. James M. Peck, International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court, Singapore

Marc Weitz, Arbitrator/Attorney, Law Office of Marc Weitz, Los Angeles, CA

Private Equity in an Era of Higher Rates and Geopolitical Risk: Strategies for Counsel (CLE)

Competition Law/Corporate Transactions & Finance Track

Drawing Room B

Private equity firms are navigating one of the most challenging environments in recent history. Rising interest rates have fundamentally altered the cost of capital. Geopolitical uncertainty has introduced new layers of complexity. These dynamics are reshaping valuations, financing structures, and exit strategies, forcing both investors and legal teams to rethink their approach.

We will provide a deep dive into how these macroeconomic and political factors are influencing private equity deals. Panelists will examine innovative strategies for value creation in a market where traditional playbooks no longer apply. We will also explore how to leverage technology—particularly AI—to enhance due diligence, identify hidden risks, and optimize portfolio performance.

Sponsoring Committee: International M&A and Joint Venture

Program Chair/Speaker: **Sarah Schwartz**, Chief Legal Officer, Room00 Next Gen Hospitality, SLU, Madrid, Spain

Moderator: **Jane Hunt**, DPO and Senior Legal Counsel, Bauer Media Outdoor Europe, London, UK

Speakers:

Marc Israel, Partner, White & Case, London, UK

Benjamin Roth, Partner, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, New York, NY

Joey Shabot, Managing Partner, Greenberg Traurig LLP, Tel Aviv, Israel

Beleaguered? Solving Challenges Facing International Arbitrators and Arbitration Proceedings (CLE)

Dispute Resolution/Arbitration Track

The Long Parlour

Arbitrators may face a number of challenges both with the process and to themselves personally. These developments also affect the parties and their counsels. The new factors to face include changes in the law of the seat which might adversely affect the proceedings or the enforceability of any award; the risk of criminal

and/ or civil proceedings if a losing local party files a complaint alleging (say) negligence or bias in relation to an award or ruling; the imposition of sanctions disrupting the process or rendering any award unenforceable; and on an everyday level the balancing of the need to control the proceedings, sometimes by the use of peremptory orders, with the duty to give each party an opportunity fairly to present its case.

Sponsoring Committee: Conference Planning Committee

Program Chair/Moderator: Hermann Knott, Partner, Kunz, Cologne, Germany

Speakers:

Lijun Cao, Partner, Zhong Lun, Beijing, China

William Godwin KC, Barrister, King's Counsel, London, UK

Betsy Hellmann, Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York, NY

Kieron O'Callaghan, Partner, Hogan Lovells Cadwalader, London, UK

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Networking Break

The Salon

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Gary Born Keynote Address (Non-CLE)

Egyptian Hall

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Mediated Settlement to Enforceable Award: A Mix-Mode Path for Timely Resolving Cross-Border Disputes (CLE)

Drawing Room A

Dispute Resolution/Arbitration Track

Parties with cross-border disputes want the speed, flexibility, and reduced cost of mediation, but they also need an enforceable result. They do not have to wait for wider adoption of the Singapore Convention. The New York Convention can yield an enforceable Consent Award with a mixed mode Arb Med Arb process under a U.S. statute that is available when there is one U.S. party and counterparties from any other country. The New Jersey International Arbitration, Mediation, and Conciliation Act facilitates successful mediations becoming enforceable under the New York Convention. Any international commercial dispute is eligible if the parties agree to use the process; no party needs to reside, be a citizen of, or have a place of business in New Jersey. A panel of neutrals involved in drafting the statute will show counsel how to use the process, and address ethics in mixed mode practice.

Sponsoring Committee: International Mediation

Program Co-Chair: Margaret Poppe, International Practice Development Manager, JAMS, Washington, DC

Program Co-Chair/Moderator: Melanie Stein, Commercial Arbitrator, Mediator, Independent Neutral, Princeton Dispute Resolution LLC, Princeton, NJ

Speakers:

Jennifer Brandt, Founding Member, GMXC Resolutions and Brandt Law & Mediation, LLC, Springfield, NJ

Laura A. Kaster, Arbitrator & Mediator, Appropriate Dispute Solutions, New York, NY

Suzanne McSorley, Shareholder, Stevens & Lee, Princeton, NJ

Witness Examination Techniques in the UK and U.S.: The Best of Both Worlds (CLE)

Dispute Resolution/Arbitration Track

Drawing Room B

Sponsored by

An experienced panel of UK barristers and U.S. trial lawyers will discuss, using video examples, the similarities and differences in how fact and expert witnesses are traditionally cross-examined by counsel under their respective systems, whether in court or arbitration. For example, why does the UK follow the 1893 House of Lords decision in *Brown vs. Dunn* requiring cross-examiners to put the substance of contradictory evidence to the witness directly, and give them an opportunity to comment on it, whereas the U.S. has no such formal requirement, and often prioritizes controlling the witness on cross-examination, eliciting only helpful facts, and not giving them an opportunity to comment. Which approach is more effective in helping judges and arbitrators arrive at the truth?

Sponsoring Committee: International Litigation

Program Chair/Moderator: **Robert J. Kaler**, Partner, Holland & Knight, Boston, MA

Speakers:

Paul Convery, Partner, William Fry, Dublin, Ireland

Liisa Lahti, Barrister, 3 Verulam Buildings, London, UK

Andrew Onslow KC, International Commercial Arbitrator, 3 Verulam Buildings, London, UK

Global IVF: Harmonizing Regulation, Ensuring Access, and Governing Innovation (CLE)

Geopolitics and Rule of Law Track

The Long Parlour

In vitro fertilization (IVF) has facilitated over 10 million births globally, with annual growth rates exceeding 5%. However, this expansion has intensified ethical challenges spanning genetic selection, embryo management, access equity, and emerging biotechnologies. IVF is among modern medicine's most transformative achievements, fundamentally altering human reproduction and family formation. The global fertility business operates in a complex landscape with no single international law, leading to significant disparities in ethical and legal practices worldwide. The primary ethical and legal issues revolve around cross-border care, patient autonomy, commercialization risks, and ensuring the welfare of all parties, especially the resulting children.

Sponsoring Committee: Women's Interest Network

Co-Sponsoring Committee: International Human Rights

Program Co-Chairs:

Julie V. King, Staff Attorney, Bernstein Litowitz, Berger & Grossmann LLP, New York, NY

Sandhya Taneja, Associate, Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP, Washington, DC

Moderator/Speaker: **Catherine van Kampen**, Managing Director of Staff Attorneys and Senior Counsel, Bernstein Litowitz, Berger & Grossmann LLP, New York, NY

Speakers:

Natalie Gamble, Director, NGA Law and Brilliant Beginnings, London, UK

James Lawford Davies, Partner, LDMH Partners, York, UK

Dr. Michelle Sanders, M.S.Ed., Psy.D., Licensed Psychologist, Co-founder, FAFI, New York, NY

Frances Sinclair, Director of Engagement, Donor Conception Network, London, UK

Dr. Elizabeth Zechenter, Professor, Emory University, Philadelphia, PA

Heed Caution When Using Contractual Terms Such as "Best Knowledge", "Best Efforts" or "Material Adverse Change" Outside the United States (

The Old Ballroom

Corporate Transactions and Finance Track

Even though an M&A agreement may be subject to the laws of a country other than the United States - whether England or other European jurisdiction - M&A agreements often include U.S. legal concepts. Using U.S. concepts without considering how they are interpreted in a local jurisdiction is risky. For example, using "best knowledge" in relation to representations and warranties, "best efforts" in relation to covenants, or "material adverse change" may lead to expensive litigation or even to claims of fraud. This panel will (i) compare the use and interpretation of these types of contractual terms in England, the United States,

Germany, and other European countries, and (ii) provide practical contract drafting advice when using these terms in such jurisdictions.

Sponsoring Committee: Europe

Co-Sponsoring Committee: International M&A and Joint Venture

Program Chair/Speaker: **Jörg Rehder**, Attorney, Schiedermair Rechtsanwälte, Frankfurt, Germany

Moderator: **Randy Hanson**, Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson, Greensboro, NC

Speakers:

Mark Howard, Partner, Charles Russell Speechlys, London, UK

Malgorzata Kieltyka, Managing Partner, Kieltyka Gladkowski Legal, Warsaw, Poland

Alberto Predieri, Partner, vpb Studio Legale Associato, Milan, Italy

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Evensong Choral Program (Non-CLE)

St. Lawrence Jewry, Guildhall Yard, London EC2V 5AA, United Kingdom

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Opening Reception at The Mansion House

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Morning Run Around the City of London with Law Society President Mark Evans

Meet in the Lobby of Club Quarters Hotel, City of London, 7 Gracechurch St, London EC3V 0DR, United Kingdom

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Registration and Exhibits

The Salon

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM

Continental Breakfast

Egyptian Hall

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Fair Use, Fair Dealing or Copyright Unfairness (CLE)

Egyptian Hall

Intellectual Property/Privacy Track

While the US allows for educational, creative and news-focused uses of works owned by third parties, and sees ways for AI training to fall into the definition of Fair Use, other countries have created their own standards and laws regarding AI training and Fair Dealing with third party copyrights and works. We'll look at how

different jurisdictions decide what is fair use of or fair dealing with unlicensed and un-owned works, and explore whether harmony among different countries is possible, especially on the globally-accessible internet.

Sponsoring Committee: Conference Planning Committee

Program Chair: Heidi Tandy, Partner, Shutts & Bowen LLP, Miami, FL

Speakers

David Carpenter, Producer - Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic, New York, NY

Steve Nye, Head of Commissioning, BritBox, London, UK

Dr. Eden Sarid, Assistant Professor, Law, King's College, London, UK

FDR Hearings in England: A Brilliant Model for Settling U.S. Matrimonial Finance Cases, or a Process that Won't Translate Across the Atlantic? (CLE)

Drawing Room A

Dispute Resolution/Arbitration Track

All parties in financial remedy proceedings in England and Wales are required, before a divorce trial is set, to attend a Financial Dispute Resolution hearing (aka an "FDR"), an early neutral evaluation of their circumstances. The FDR is recognized as the form of dispute resolution most likely to achieve settlement before trial. The cost-saving advantages are obvious. Could the FDR model be used in the U.S. as an option to unclog backlogged divorce courts? Could such early input persuade litigants to abandon unmeritorious arguments and make compromises? Might it be more successful than facilitative mediation?

Sponsoring Committee: International Family Law

Co-Sponsoring Committees: International Private Client; International Tax

Program Chair/Moderator: Melissa A. Kucinski, Attorney, MKFL: International Family Law, Washington, DC

Speakers:

Larry A. Ginsberg, Partner, Harris Ginsberg LLP, Los Angeles, CA

The Honorable Dianna Gould-Saltman, Judge, Signature Resolution, Los Angeles, CA

Eliza Hebditch, Partner, Expatriate Law, London, UK

Pamela Sloan, Founding Partner, Aronson Mayefsky & Sloan LLP, New York, NY

The Special Relationship Between Co-Counsels in Cross-Border Disputes – Making it Work (CLE)

Dispute Resolution/Arbitration Track

Drawing Room B

Stable and effective relationships between lead or relationship counsel and local counsel or partnered co-counsels are critical when collaborating on cross-border matters, especially in disputes. What are the keys to an effective co-counsel relationship? This panel will explore the Dos and Don'ts and take a look at pitfalls resulting from cultural differences on the respective side of the Atlantic or on continental Europe, and how to avoid them. Topics under discussion will include selecting local counsel, client handling and communications, allocation of tasks/roles, managing expectations, communication techniques, conflicts of professional ethics, fees and timing issues.

Sponsoring Committee: Conference Planning Committee

Program Chair/Speaker: Katrin Hanchitz, Partner, Knoetzi, Vienna, Austria

Moderator: Frederic Acomb, Principal, International Disputes Group Leader, Miller Canfield, Detroit, MI

Speakers:

Ajay Malhotra, Partner, Herbert Smith Freehill Kramer, London, UK

Ana Prado Blanco, Head of Legal, Mercedes Benz France S.A.S, Paris, France

Mian R. Wang, Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig LLP, Boston, MA

Arbitration in the Americas and in the UK: Recent Reforms and Future Impacts (CLE)

This panel will discuss recent arbitration reforms in the Americas and the UK, including updates what is happening with state investor regulations and the 2025 revision of the English Arbitration Act. Topics will include laws affecting investor-state arbitrations, summary claim disposal, and requirements for disclosure. The speakers will compare practices throughout Europe, the UK and the Americas and examine how these regions are changing how arbitrations are being handled and what impact it is having on commercial and investor/state international arbitrations across the globe. They will also consider what these changes mean for the future of international dispute resolution.

Sponsoring Committee: International Arbitration

Program Co-Chairs:

Betsy Hellmann, Partner, Skadden Arps, Slate, Meagher, and Flom, New York, NY

Daniel González, Partner, Hogan Lovells Cadwalader, Miami, Florida

Speakers:

Markus Burgstaller, Partner, Hogan Lovells Cadwalader, London, UK

Sophie J. Lamb, KC, Partner, Skadden Arps, Slate, Meagher, and Flom, New York, NY

Genevieve Poirier, Partner, LALIVE, London, UK

Global Mobility - Security in an Insecure World (CLE)

Geopolitics and Rule of Law Track

The Old Ballroom

Global mobility is being reshaped by tighter border controls, new digital systems and a more restrictive migration climate, yet relocation remains both possible and attractive for well-prepared individuals. In an insecure world, structured global mobility offers not only lifestyle and opportunity, but also an important layer of personal, legal and geopolitical resilience.

This program pursues three main objectives for individuals considering relocation:

Enable legally secure, predictable relocation pathways that withstand intensified security and compliance scrutiny at EU and at a supra and international level; Protect personal security, privacy and rights in a context of expanding data collection, risk based screening and tighter return policies; Optimize the choice of destination, route and programme (work, study, family, investment or retirement) to match personal risk tolerance, financial profile and lifestyle goals.

Sponsoring Committee: Conference Planning Committee

Program Chair/Speaker and Moderator: **Geraldine Noel**, Founder and Managing Partner, Acumum, Gzira, Malta

Speakers:

Dmitry A. Pentsov, Partner, MLL Legal Ltd, Geneva, Switzerland

Nicolas Rollason, Partner, Kingsley Napley LLP

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Networking Break

The Salon

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Cross-border White-Collar Cases - Separate but Unequal Treatment for Extradited Foreign Defendants in the United States? (CLE)

Drawing Room A

Geopolitics and Rule of Law Track

This panel will explore trends in bail, trial and sentencing for foreign defendants extradited to the United States. White-collar defendants who are U.S. citizens typically receive bail, and if convicted, receive an approximately 50% prison reduction under the First Step Act. Extradited foreign defendants on the other hand, are often

detained as a flight risk, and don't qualify for the FSA reduction because they are considered deportable aliens. The panel will explore how this has played out in recent high-profile white-collar cases. The discussion will include treatment of the El Khouri case, the UK Supreme Court's decision in February 2025 that blocked extradition of the defendant to the U.S. in an insider trading case because the offenses took place entirely outside the U.S. and therefore did not meet the "double criminality" test required for extradition under the UK's Extradition Act.

Sponsoring Committee: International Anti-Corruption

Program Chair: Mark Bini, Partner, Reed Smith, New York, NY/Miami, FL

Speakers:

Roger Burlingame, Partner, Dechert, London, UK

Edward Grange, Partner, Corker Binning, London, UK

Paul Keres, Partner, Advokaadibüroo Levin, Estonia

James Stansfield, Barrister, Matrix Chambers, London, UK

Access to Justice for International Crimes (CLE)

Drawing Room B

Geopolitics and Rule of Law Track

International access to justice is a critical global issue, as billions of people lack meaningful access to legal systems and protections. This International Access to Justice CLE will focus on how communities and groups impacted by human rights violations can seek access to justice through international courts, legal mechanisms, and domestic courts.

This CLE will feature human rights lawyers, international law specialists, and policymakers who are carving innovative paths to justice. Additionally, the panel will discuss the design and operation of international justice systems and gaps in access to justice.

The panel will discuss racial, gender, ethnic, religious, and other forms of discrimination and how legal redress is being pursued in various legal systems around the world.

Sponsoring Committee: Women's Interest Network (WIN)

Co-Sponsoring Committees: International Human Rights; International Litigation

Program Co-Chairs:

Julie V. King, Staff Attorney, Bernstein Litowitz, Berger & Grossmann LLP, New York, NY

Sandhya Taneja, Associate, Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP, Washington, DC

Moderator: Dr. Ewelina Ochab, Human Rights Attorney, International Bar Association, London, UK

Speakers:

Willem den Hertog, Founder, den hertog Legal, The Hague, The Netherlands

Wahhab Hassoo, Co-Founder, NL Helpt Yezidis, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Natia Navrouzov, Executive Director, YAZDA, Duhok, Iraq

Rupert Skillbeck, Director, Redress, London, UK

Dr. Aldo Zammit Borda, Professor, The City Law School, City St George's, University of London, London, UK

From Revolution to Resolution: The Use of Mediation in Varied Conflicts Across the Pond and Around the World (CLE)

The Long Parlour

Dispute Resolution/Arbitration Track

Mediation is increasingly used to address complex, multiparty disputes involving land rights, shared natural resources, and environmental and community concerns. It offers a structured, collaborative process that can transform high-stakes conflicts into workable agreements. This program explores innovative applications of mediation worldwide. Speakers will highlight the State of Victoria's use of mediation to address Aboriginal claims, New York's mediation of disputes over onshore wind turbine siting, and Washington State's experience

convening sovereign First Nations, private enterprises, and state and federal actors to negotiate natural resource rights. These case studies show how culturally informed mediation can bridge divides and produce durable solutions in complex disputes.

Sponsoring Committee: International Mediation

Program Co-Chairs:

Margaret Poppe, International Practice Development Manager, JAMS, Washington, DC

Melanie Stein, Commercial Arbitrator, Mediator, Independent Neutral, FCI Arb, Princeton Dispute Resolution LLC, Princeton, NJ

Moderator: Lisa Savitt, Mediator & Arbitrator, Benchmark International ADR, Minneapolis, MN

Speakers:

Danielle Hutchinson, Lecturer, University of Melbourne Law School, Victoria, Australia

Sara Sandford, Mediator, Benchmark International ADR, Minneapolis, MN

Stephen Townley, Mediator & Arbitrator, JAMS, London, UK

The Price of Passage: Taxes, Tolls, and Investment Visas in Global Mobility (CLE)

Corporate Transactions and Finance Track

The Old Ballroom

From increasing governmental immigration fees and exit taxes that act as 'tolls' on global mobility, to the complex tax and practical barriers associated with residence-by-investment schemes, this program examines the financial levers and policy frameworks governing modern global immigration. A panel of international experts will dissect the practical feasibility of emigration, including the impact of capital and currency controls and the significant tax consequences for high-net-worth individuals navigating this complex landscape.

Sponsoring Committee: Conference Planning Committee

Program Co-Chairs/Speakers:

Clayton Cartwright, Founder, The Cartwright Law Firm LLC, Columbus, GA

Sunita Doobay, Partner, Loopstra Nixon LLP, Toronto, Canada

Omar Hegazi, Owner, OMH Law, Bergamo, Italy

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Luncheon

Egyptian Hall

Keynote Speaker: Philippe Sands, Author, Lawyer and Professor of Laws

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Transatlantic Power Plays: How the U.S. and UK Shape the Enforcement of Intra-EU Awards in Energy Disputes (CLE)

Drawing Room A

Dispute Resolution/Arbitration Track

Following limitations on enforcement of intra-EU arbitration awards within the EU, parties increasingly seek recognition in the United States and the United Kingdom. This program analyzes how courts in these jurisdictions address such awards in energy disputes. The panel will examine key legal principles under the New York Convention, including jurisdictional defenses, sovereign immunity, and public policy. It will also review recent case law and the implications of *Achmea v Slovak Republic*. Participants will gain practical insight into enforcement strategies, procedural considerations, and litigation risks. The program will also compare transatlantic approaches and assess their impact on future arbitration practice.

Sponsoring Committee: International Energy and Environmental Law

Co-Sponsoring Committee: International Arbitration

Program Co-Chair: Stanislav Cherkezov, Co-Chair, International Energy and Environmental Law Committee, Bulgaria

Program Co-Chair/Moderator: Velislava Hristova, Vice Chair, International Arbitration Committee, Bulgaria

Speakers:

Naomi Briercliffe, Partner, Squire Patton Boggs, London, UK

Mark Clarke, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, London, UK

Cherine Foty, Senior Associate, Covington & Burling LLP, Washington, DC

Nikos Lavranos, Secretary General, International Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration, Haarlem, The Netherlands

Dan Sarooshi, Barrister, Essex Court Chambers, London, UK

The Mandate and The AI Machine: Arbitral Authority After ARIHQ and the EU AI Act (CLE)

Artificial Intelligence Track

Drawing Room B

Artificial intelligence has moved from the margins of international arbitration into the hearing room and the deliberation itself. Counsel run agentic tools in real time, damages experts rely on models whose reasoning cannot be fully explained, and arbitral institutions have begun to deploy AI in the adjudicative function. On 22 April 2026, the Quebec Superior Court became the first court anywhere to annul an arbitral award because the arbitrator had used AI to draft its substantive reasoning, which was supported by fabricated authorities, without disclosing this to the parties. By the time the Section meets in London, the high-risk obligations of the EU AI Act will be in force, and that decision, *ARIHQ c. Santé Québec*, will be roughly six months old, with its appeal an open question. This 90-minute panel takes a single organizing idea and tests it against that new reality: the arbitrator's mandate is older than AI.

Sponsoring Committee: Conference Planning Committee

Program Chair/Speaker: William K. Hill, FCI Arb, Gunster, Miami, FL

Moderator/Speaker: Prof. Barry Appleton, FCI Arb New York Law School; Appleton & Associates International Lawyers LP, Toronto, Canada

Speakers:

Damien Charlotin, Associate Researcher, HEC Paris (Smart Law Hub), Paris, France

Natalia Chumak, Partner, Signature Litigation LLP, London, UK

Keeping it Classy: Transatlantic Trends and the Future of Collective Redress (CLE)

Dispute Resolution/Arbitration Track

The Old Ballroom

A panel of seasoned practitioners from the U.S., Europe, and the UK will take a practical look at key developments in class actions and other collective redress across their jurisdictions. The panelists will unpack evolving case law, procedural and funding challenges, and real-world strategic considerations for both claimants and defendants. The moderator will lead the panelists through a lively discussion of current trends and budding issues, including hot substantive areas of litigation, case law developments, and settlement mechanisms. The discussion will be calibrated to those looking for a deeper dive, yet accessible for practitioners who are new to the world of class actions and collective redress.

Sponsoring Committee: International Litigation

Program Co-Chair/Speaker: Katie Burghardt Kramer, Partner, DTO Law, New York, NY

Program Co-Chair/Moderator: Emily Christiansen, Partner, Kessler Topaz Metzer Check LLP, Radnor, PA

Speakers:

Matthew Reach, Partner, Fox Williams, London, UK

Paul Sluijter, Partner, Houthoff, Netherlands

Informal Financial Networks, Corruption Risk, and Cross-Border Enforcement Strategies (CLE)

Corporate Transactions and Finance Track

The Long Parlour

The growth of informal financial networks and alternative money transfer systems has reshaped the landscape of global capital flows. While many operate outside traditional banking channels, recent investigations and litigation have highlighted how these networks can facilitate cross-border movement of funds, sanctions evasion, corruption, fraud, and other forms of financial crime. This panel will examine the intersection of informal financial systems, anti-corruption enforcement, and asset recovery efforts, with particular attention to networks operating in Asia, including China. Discussions will explore how money brokers, underground banking operators, and other intermediaries have been linked to illicit activities across multiple jurisdictions, from online fraud schemes in Southeast Asia to transnational organized crime and money laundering operations. The panel will also address the practical challenges investigators, litigators, and enforcement authorities face in tracing assets, gathering evidence, and enforcing judgments in cases involving complex cross-border financial structures and opaque payment channels.

Sponsoring Committee: International Anti-Corruption

Program Chair/Moderator/Speaker: **Joseph Rome**, Partner, Sequor Law, Miami, FL

Speakers:

Ian Casewell, Global Co-Head of Disputes, Head of Office, Mintz Group, London, UK

Carmen Liu, Partner, Control Risks, Shanghai, China

Xuanhan (Alisha) Liu, Associate, Mishcon de Reya, London, UK

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Networking Break

The Salon

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Crypto, Custodians, and Compliance: How U.S. and UK Tax Regimes are Converging on Digital Assets (CLE)

The Long Parlour

Private Wealth Management Track

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As the United States and United Kingdom roll out new tax and reporting regimes for digital assets, custodians, exchanges, and financial intermediaries face rapidly expanding cross-border obligations. This program examines the emerging alignment and divergence between U.S. broker reporting rules, UK taxation and disclosure requirements, and global transparency initiatives. Panelists will address practical compliance risks, characterization challenges, information-sharing expectations, and the impact of the evolving regulatory landscape on multinational digital-asset businesses.

Sponsoring Committee: International Tax

Program Chair/Moderator: **John Shoemaker**, Attorney, Butler Snow, London, UK

Speakers:

Charles Kerrigan, Partner, CMS, London, UK

Patrick McCormick, International Tax Attorney, McCormick Tax, Philadelphia, PA

Waqar Shah, Partner, Kingsley Napley, London, UK

Tariffs Through a Different Lens: Engaging with Clients from a Practical, Legal and Ethical Perspective (ETHICS CLE)

The Old Ballroom

Geopolitics, Law, and Rule of Law

Navigating the myriad changes in trade policy implemented and forecasted by not only the United States but also other countries worldwide requires broad insight into companies as they integrate those directives into their global operations. A broadening of tariffs; the imposition of economic sanctions and embargoes; the

increased use of non-tariff barriers; and the use of other enforcement tools have resulted in greater challenges for companies engaged in global trade as well as increased scrutiny of import and export transactions. This panel will provide practical advice for use by practitioners to ensure their guidance considers the competing interests developments in trade may have on clients' activities while also comporting with their ethical obligations as practicing attorneys.

Sponsoring Committee: Export Controls and Economic Sanctions

Co-Sponsoring Committee: Customs

Program Chair/Moderator: Shannon Fura, Partner, Page-Fura PC, Chicago, IL

Speakers:

Jeremy Page, Partner, Page-Fura PC, Chicago, IL

Peter Quinter, Shareholder, Gunster, Miami, FL

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

ABA President Reception for ABA Leaders and Invited Guests Drawing Room A and B
Leadership Procession into the Conference Dinner at the Close of the Reception

Drinks and canapes at the offices of Collyer Bristow (Event Will go to 7:30 PM if Not Attending the Conference Dinner), 3 Noble Street London EC2V 7EE

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Conference Dinner Egyptian Hall

Separately ticketed – \$175.00

Procession of ABA and Section Leadership into the Ballroom

Guest Speaker: Tim Hailes, the incoming Lord Mayor for 2026-2027 and Former JP Morgan Executive

Enjoy a traditional British dinner in the spectacular Egyptian Room of the Mansion House in the English long table format for networking, fantastic English food and entertainment.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Registration and Exhibits The Salon

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Continental Breakfast Egyptian Hall

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Attack the Lawyers! When Carrying Out an Internal Investigation Leads to Personal and Professional Exposure, Ethic Rules are a Shield (ETHICS CLE) The Old Ballroom

Geopolitics, Law & Rule of Law Track

The panelists are investigations professionals and have been personally challenged in court, found their professional and civil liability exposed, personally or through their law firms or have been asked to testify against their clients. Challenges to lawyers practice are increasing globally and lawyers have become fair game. The discussion will delve into contrasting ethical obligations for lawyers carrying out investigations in their respective jurisdictions and how to avoid pitfalls, especially when enforcement action is under way or just around the corner. Attendees will hear about real-life stories with practical implications and receive insights from seasoned professionals from the United States, the Netherlands, France, Germany and the United Kingdom.

Sponsoring Committee: International Anti-Corruption

Program Chair/Speaker: **Stéphane de Navacelle**, Partner, Navacelle, France

Moderator: **Alexandra Pedder**, Deputy General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, Global Head of Litigation, Sotheby's, London, UK

Speakers:

Vanessa Liem, Partner, Van Doorne, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Scott Resnik, Partner, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, New York, NY

Daniel M. Weiß, Partner, Hengeler Mueller, Frankfurt, Germany

Arbitrating the Megaproject: Delay, Disruption, and Cross-Border Chaos (CLE)

Dispute Resolution/Arbitration Track

Drawing Room A

Megaprojects “from energy and infrastructure to transportation and tech” routinely give rise to some of the largest and most technically complex disputes in international arbitration. This panel will examine how tribunals and practitioners navigate delay and disruption claims, variation orders, quantum challenges, and other claims in cross-border contracts. Speakers will compare approaches to arbitrating in leading arbitration seats, including London and New York, and explore effective strategies for managing expert evidence, document production, scheduling, and multi-tier dispute resolution clauses. Attendees will gain practical insights for drafting, administering, and resolving megaprojects disputes in an era of escalating geopolitical and supply chain risk.

Sponsoring Committee: International Arbitration

Program Co-Chairs:

Katie Gonzalez, Partner, Cleary, Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, New York, NY

Luis Martinez, Vice President, American Arbitration Association, International Dispute Resolution Centre, New York, NY

Yanett Quiroz, Vice President, American Arbitration Association, International Dispute Resolution Centre, New York, NY

Moderator: **Paul Kleist**, Partner, Cleary Gottlieb, London, UK

Speaker:

Daniel González, Partner, Hogan Lovells Cadwalader, Miami, FL

Grace Bailey, Director of Claims Europe, Fluence

Patrick Baeten, Secretary General, Besix, Brussels, Belgium

Krista Lee KC, Keating Chambers, London, UK

Ethics in Motion: Cross-Border Advising for Globally Mobile Families and Fiduciaries (ETHICS CLE)

Private Wealth Management Track

The Long Parlour

Advising high-net-worth clients who straddle jurisdictions, particularly the U.S., UK, and other common destinations, raises complex professional responsibility challenges. This panel examines the ethical

boundaries of tax, trust, and estate planning when lawyers navigate multi-jurisdictional rules, inconsistent privilege protections, and heightened regulatory scrutiny.

Sponsoring Committee: International Tax

Co-Sponsoring Committee: International Private Client

Program Chair/Speaker: John Shoemaker, Attorney, Butler Snow, London, UK

Moderator: Chaya Kundra, Owner, Kundra & Associates, Rockville, MD

Speakers:

William Funk, Principal, Law Office of William M Funk, New York, NY

Alan Lederman, Shareholder, Gunster, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Margarita Muina, Attorney, Miami Beach, FL

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Networking Break

The Salon

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

International Asset Protection - The Power of the Pre-Nup (CLE)

Drawing Room A

Private Wealth Management Track

All the way back in 2005 Kanye West sang the immortal words in his song Gold Digger "We want pre-nup! We want pre-nup! It's something that you need to have cos when she leave yo a**, she gonna leave with half." Since then pre-nuptial agreements have only increased in popularity, particularly for international HNWs who have assets to protect. Recently there has been a great deal of press attention surrounding Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban's pre-nuptial agreement and the "sobriety clauses" allegedly included within it.

But what are nuptial agreements, are they legally binding, and who should get one and why? Are sobriety or adultery clauses actually enforceable? How are pre-nuptial agreements treated in different jurisdictions? This panel will look specifically at pre-nuptial agreements for international clients and examine the enforceability of nuptial agreements in a range of different jurisdictions as well as tips and traps to ensure maximum asset protection for international clients.

Sponsoring Committee: International Family Law

Program Chair/Speaker: Daisy Tarnowska, Senior Associate, Farrer & Co., London, UK

Moderator: Richard Min, Partner, Green Kaminer, Min & Rockmore, New York, NY

Speakers:

Karen Lam, Partner, H.Y. Leung & Co LLP, Hong Kong, China

Maria Valentin, Counsel, Libra Avocats, Paris, France

Brett S. Ward, Partner, Blank Rome LLP, New York, NY

Ethics and the Politics of Restitution (ETHICS CLE)

Geopolitics, Law & Rule of Law Track

Drawing Room B

We will examine new laws and policies affecting restitution in England /Wales, France, Switzerland, and Germany and import/export regulations on antiquities and art, from the UK's Charities Act 2022 to the EU's 2019/880. We'll consider the evolving legal and ethical landscape of how art circulates and differing regulatory philosophies in the UK and EU impacting U.S. legal development. The restitution of looted art, particularly art taken in the colonial past, periods of conflict and during the Holocaust, remains contentious in art law today. Some claims involve theft or wartime seizure; others lawful purchase but imperfect provenance. Returns raise

hard questions about stewardship and public access, and how rights of people to property and history are balanced against nation-state control.

Sponsoring Committee: Art & Cultural Heritage Law

Program Co-Chairs:

Kate Fitz Gibbon, Attorney, Fitz Gibbon Law, LLC, Sante Fe, NM

Maria Goretti Tai, PhD Researcher in Digital Cultural Heritage Law, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy

Moderator: Anne-Sophie Nardon, Attorney, Borghese Associés, Paris, France

Speakers:

Marco Toracca, Global Director of the Restitution Department, Sotheby's, London, UK

Pierre Valentin, Co-Head of Art Law, Fieldfisher, LLP, London, UK

Joanna van der Lande, Chairman, Antiquities Dealers' Association, London, UK

Big Data, AI and Privacy (CLE)

Artificial Intelligence Track

The Long Parlour

As AI is integrated into business and legal systems and processes, companies and non-profits have to process and protect more personally identifying information than ever before – and the laws differ between jurisdictions. We'll explore the current state of the law, and address the state of technology, from business and law firm perspectives, and discuss how to improve Terms of Use and Privacy Policies to mitigate corporate risk.

Sponsoring Committee: Conference Planning Committee

Program Chair/Speaker: Heidi Tandy, Partner, Shutts & Bowen LLP, Miami, FL

Speakers:

Vanessa Bailey, Orenda Strategies, UK Solicitor **(Invited)**

Rachael Vaughn Ray, Former Products Counsel, Roblox, London, UK

Careers in International Law: From Strategy to Success (Non-CLE)

Geopolitics, Law, and Rule of Law

The Old Ballroom

A fireside chat workshop focuses on strategic decision-making, continuous learning, and meaningful mentorship to build a global legal career.

Moderator and Speaker:

Isabella Bunn, Research Fellow in Governance and Global Ethics, Regent's Park College, Oxford, UK

Speakers:

Amelia Clegg, Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers, London, UK

Deon Woods Bell, Former Senior Advisor, Global Policy, The Gates Foundation/ Rooted Intelligence, Washington, DC

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Luncheon

Egyptian Hall

Keynote Speaker: Baroness Helena Kennedy

Presentation of the ABA International Human Rights Award

The ABA International Human Rights Award recognizes exceptional achievements by an individual or organization as a champion and/or defender of human rights outside the United States, consistent with international human rights law. The nominee's contributions should demonstrate leadership, dedication, courage and perseverance in advancing human rights. The award is given on behalf of the ABA's Center for

Global Programs; Center for Human Rights; Rule of Law Initiative; Civil Rights and Social Justice Section; International Law Section; and Litigation Section.

Recipient: Ayachi Hammami, Tunisian Human Rights Lawyer

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Managing Partner Summit (Non-CLE)

Egyptian Hall

Speakers:

Edward Poulton, Managing Partner, Baker McKenzie, London Office, London, UK

Michael Roberts, Partner, Hogan Lovells Cadwalader, London, UK

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Closing Reception at the Law Society of England & Wales

113 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1PL, UK

Separately ticketed – \$165.00

Enjoy an evening of elegance and distinction at the Closing Reception at the London Fall Conference. Vintage glamour meets modern Pop with Sadie and The Speakeasies Duo Band providing top notch entertainment!

The reception will be held at the beautiful and elegant Common Room at [The Law Society](#) headquarters at 113 Chancery Lane. This prestigious venue is in the heart of legal London and is a Grade II listed building in the United Kingdom for its historic and architectural beauty.

Enjoy drinks, distinct cuisine and refined entertainment during the closing reception.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

7:30 AM – 7:30 PM

Runnymede, Windsor Castle & Oxford

Full Day Event (Return Approximately - 7:30 pm)

Separately ticketed - \$175.00

The tour of Runnymede, Windsor Castle and Oxford is an unforgettable experience, where you will explore three of England's most iconic and historically rich destinations. Throughout the tour, you'll enjoy a seamless blend of guided exploration and free time, allowing you to absorb the rich heritage and vibrant atmosphere of Runnymede, where the Magna Carta was signed and the Magna Carter Memorial in Surrey. Next, the tour will visit Windsor Castle and then Oxford. Whether you're a history enthusiast, an architecture lover, or simply seeking a day of cultural enrichment, the "Runnymede, Windsor Castle and Oxford" tour promises an enriching experience.

Windsor Castle, the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world, and an official residence of His Majesty the King, offering a unique glimpse into the life of the British monarchy. Marvel at the grandeur of the State Apartments, adorned with priceless artworks and opulent furnishings, Witness the time-honored tradition of the Changing of the Guard, and visit St. George's Chapel, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture and the final resting place of numerous monarchs. The castle's stunning grounds and gardens offer a serene backdrop as you delve into centuries of royal history.

After immersing yourself in the regal splendor of Windsor, the tour continues to the historic city of Oxford, home to the world-renowned University of Oxford. Stroll through the cobbled streets and admire the beautiful architecture of the university's ancient colleges, each with its own unique story and charm. Highlights include the Radcliffe Camera, the Bodleian Library, and Christ Church College, known for its majestic dining hall that inspired the Hogwarts Hall in the Harry Potter films. Expert guides will provide fascinating storytelling and insights into the university's storied past, its famous alumni, and its significant contributions to education and culture.

Tour Highlights:

- Explore the opulent State Apartments and St. George's Chapel, and witness the Changing of the Guard.
- Admire the Gothic and medieval architecture of Windsor and Oxford's ancient colleges.
- Stroll through the historic city of Oxford, visiting iconic landmarks such as the Radcliffe Camera, the Bodleian Library, and the Sheldonian Theatre.
- Immerse yourself in the rich scholarly heritage of one of the world's most prestigious universities.
- Enjoy insightful stories and historical context from our knowledgeable guides.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

REGISTRATION RATES

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General Registration - Registrants who cancel by **Wednesday, September 16, 2026**, will receive a full refund, **less a \$50 administrative fee**. Refunds will be issued to the original form of payment. **After September 16, 2026**, refunds will not be granted. However, substitutions will be accepted for registrants unable to attend.

CLE INFORMATION

The ABA will seek **13.50 hours of CLE credit in 60-minute states**, and **16.20 hours of CLE credit for this program in 50-minute states**, including 6.0 hours of Ethics credit in 60-minute states and 7.20 hours of Ethics credit in 50-minute states.

Credit hours are estimated and are subject to each state's approval and credit rounding rules.

Please visit the program website at <https://ambar.org/ILS26FALL> for program CLE details or visit www.americanbar.org/mcle for general information on CLE at the ABA.

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