



Union Internationale des Avocats
International Association of Lawyers
Unión Internacional de Abogados



ICAB
ADVOCACIA
BARCELONA

2nd UIA Private International Law Forum

A Sustainable World: Focus on The Transport Business
– from Corporate Obligations to Contracts and Litigation

Seminar presented by the UIA with the support of the Barcelona Bar Association
(Il·lustre Col·legi de l'Advocacia de Barcelona) – ICAB

**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19
& SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20,
2025**



Barcelona

SPAIN

www.uianet.org

#UIAPILForum

Introduction

The Second Private International Law Forum will focus on critical global environmental and social issues and challenges in the transport and logistics sector, with a particular emphasis on pollution prevention, environmental protection, employment practices, and corporate accountability in the industry.

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) obligations are today enshrined in many regulations and expected to be developed and reinforced further in the near future in many parts of the world. Those regulations are frequently considered to be mandatory rules, and they have extraterritorial effects, directly or indirectly, raising issues of applicability and enforcement in forums that are not necessarily those in which they were adopted. International commercial and transport operations have to deal with such issues, in a context of increasing protectionism.

We aim to discuss and explore the responsibilities of transport opera-

tors and their counterparties under international and national legal frameworks, particularly focusing on prevention and liability and how these obligations are enforced by public authorities and private parties. We hope that you will follow us during several sessions on those hot topics, including panels on corporate obligations of companies, issues related to environmental damage claims, ensuring the delivery of eco-friendly services, avoiding social dumping and compliance with antitrust and fair competition rules, among others.

This conference aims to foster discussions among experts coming from different jurisdictions on how to address the economic, environmental and labor impact of transportation through stronger regulations, innovations, and accountability measures, with the purpose of providing an exchange of experiences among all participants.

We look forward to seeing you in Barcelona!

The UIA would like to thank the following partner:

Institutional Partner



Lunch Sponsor



Join the world's largest international network of lawyers and benefit from a 50% discount on your membership fee during the seminar!



ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Francisco RAMOS ROMEU

President of the UIA Private International Law Commission
RYA Abogados SCP
Barcelona, Spain
T +34 93 487 11 12
frr@rya.es

Anna MONTESANO

President of the UIA Transport Law (Sea, Land, Air) Commission
Zunarelli – Studio Legale Associato
Bologna, Italy
T +39 051 2750020
anna.montesano@studiozunarelli.com

Michał ROSZAK

President of the UIA Contract Law Commission
Coliber Legal
Warsaw, Poland
T +48 515 470 584
roszak@coliber.legal

Luca DEMURTAS

DMR Avocat
Paris, France
T + 33 (0)1.40.20.91.26
l.demurtas@dmr-avocat.com

Nathalie SUBILIA

President of the UIA Labour Law Commission
Reiser Avocats
Geneva, Switzerland
T +41(0)22 320 42 42
ns@reiser.law

Ulrich BAUMANN

Oikon Law
Munich, Germany
T +49 89 23 23 736-16
ulrich.baumann@oikon.law

Paul CONVERY

President of the UIA Litigation Commission
William Fry
Dublin, Ireland
T +353 1 639 5193
Paul.Convery@williamfry.com

Sébastien GOULET

President of the UIA Insurance law commission
Favarel & Associés
Marseille, France
T +33 (0)6 48 08 11 35
sebastien@favarel-associates.fr

James GRENNAN

A&L Goodbody LLP
Dublin, Ireland
T +35316492000
JGrennan@algoodbody.com

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

20:30 OPTIONAL TAPAS DINNER AND FLAMENCO SHOW

Tablao de Carmen

Poble Espanyol de Montjuïc

Av. de Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia 13, 08038 Barcelona

Located on the prettiest street in Spanish Village, Arcos street, the Tablao invites you to enjoy the best architecture, live Flamenco show and traditional Spanish cuisine. Your entrance to el Tablao de Carmen includes a free pass to the Spanish Village from 4pm same day of the reservation. We highly recommend taking your time to discover this amazing place.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

IL-LUSTRE COL-LEGI DE L'ADVOCACIA DE BARCELONA

8th floor

Calle Mallorca 283, 08037 Barcelona

09:00 – 09:20 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE SEMINAR – TRIBUTE TO FERNANDO DE LA MATA

- **Carlo MASTELLONE**, *UIA President, Studio Legale Mastellone, Florence, Italy*
- **Cristina CRESPO**, *Council Member Responsible for International Relations, Barcelona Bar Association, Barcelona, Spain*
- **Milagros POAL-MANRESA CANTARELL**, *UIA Co-Director of Seminars, ADR Synergies, Barcelona, Spain*
- **Francisco RAMOS ROMEU**, *President of the Private International Law Commission, Barcelona, Spain*

09:20 – 11:00 ESG OBLIGATIONS AND CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS SECTORS

Emphasizing transparency in environmental reporting, sustainability initiatives, and compliance with international environmental regulations.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Anna MONTESANO**, *President of the UIA Transport Law (Sea, Land, Air) Commission, Zunarelli - Studio Legale Associato, Bologna, Italy*

SPEAKERS:

Legal basis of ESG: Who is affected? What do we need to do? Reporting requirements for transport and logistics companies

- **Ulrich BAUMANN**, *Partner OIKON Law, Munich, Germany*

ESG for lawyers in practice: Are our clients affected? Is our law firm also affected? Direct and indirect impacts. Some implications for transport and logistics companies

- **James GRENNAN**, *A&L Goodbody LLP, Dublin, Ireland*

ESG obligations and corporate responsibility from the perspective of implementing effective compliance systems – with particular emphasis on the French Corporate Duty of Vigilance Law

- **Wiktoria KUCZKOWSKA**, *DZP, Paris, France*

The civil liability of company directors for breach of the duty of diligence with regard to sustainability criteria

- **Mariona BERNAUS**, *Pérez-Llorca, Barcelona, Spain*

Building a ESG corporate identity in the transport and logistics sector: legal implications of collecting, interpreting and disclosing sustainability data

- **José María DE PAZ**, *Pérez-Llorca, Barcelona, Spain*

Programme

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTO COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS: HOW TO ENSURE THE DELIVERY OF ECO-FRIENDLY SERVICES

Contractual issues related to the provision of environmentally friendly service. ESG clauses in carriage contracts, charter-parties, freight forwarding agreements. How can transport and logistics companies include specific environmental clauses in their contracts to ensure that services are delivered in an eco-friendly manner? How can businesses avoid misleading claims about environmental impact and ensure that the services they procure are sustainable? What are the best practices for Green Supply Chains? This and many more...

MODERATOR: ▪ **Michał ROSZAK**, *President of the UIA Contract Law Commission, Coliber Legal, Warsaw, Poland*

SPEAKERS:

Consequences of a breach of contractual clauses relating to environmental protection

- **Manuel KASTNER**, *Partner, BRP RENAUD, Stuttgart, Germany*

How can businesses avoid misleading claims about environmental impact and ensure that the services they procure are sustainable?

- **Virginie BERNARD**, *Partner, ARTLEX, Paris, France*

EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Activities: A Guide for Transport and Logistics Companies. An overview of the EU Taxonomy, explaining how transport and logistics companies can classify their activities as sustainable and include relevant clauses in their contracts

- **Juan CUENCA MÁRQUEZ**, *Partner, Roca Junyent, Barcelona, Spain*

The role of logistics operators in building a sustainable road transport ecosystem across Europe

- **José Luis VILLACAMPA VAREA**, *DZP, Warsaw, Poland*

Practical insights on drafting clauses for transportation contracts in Food & Beverage industry. How to ensure the success in the field of green logistics?

- **Diego SALUZZO**, *President of the UIA Agrifood Law Commission, Grande Stevens Studio Legale, Turin, Italy*

Sustainable Mobility policies and green transport infrastructures – Impact on green ports in Morocco

- **Tarik ZOUHAIR**, *Cabinet Zouhair, Casablanca, Maroc*

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH

14:30 – 16:00 LABOUR ISSUES RELATED TO THE TRANSPORT SECTOR

The social pillar of ESG in shipping: labour rights and compliance with the MLC Convention.

International labour conventions and labour practices in the transport sector, aiming to address best practices, avoiding social dumping.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Nathalie SUBILIA**, *President of the UIA Labour Law Commission, Reiser Avocats, Geneva, Switzerland*

SPEAKERS:

The social pillar of ESG in shipping: labor rights and compliance with the MLC Convention – The case of cross-channel transport France - UK

▪ **Luca DEMURTAS**, *DMR Avocat, Paris, France*

Problems faced by airline flight crew members within the European Union

▪ **Sébastien GOULET**, *President of the UIA Insurance Law Commission, Favarel & Associés, Marseille, France*

Driver platform work in Brazil: Gig economy and collective relations

▪ **Maria Lúcia PUGLISI CIAMPA BENHAME**, *Advocacia Benhame, Sao Paulo, Brazil*

Japan's Latest Logistics Labour Reforms: Persistent Challenges in Eliminating Overtime Work

▪ **Sho OMURA**, *Junpo Law Office, Tokyo, Japan*

16:00 – 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 – 17:30 INSURANCE ISSUES RELATED TO MARITIME TRANSPORT SECTOR

Compulsory marine insurance under the following international conventions and American maritime law:

- CLC - International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage – 1969 - 1992
- Bunker Oil: International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (2001)
- NAIROBI International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks (2007)
- International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea (HNS)
- American - Oil Pollution Act (1990)

MODERATOR: ▪ **Sébastien GOULET**, *President of the UIA Insurance Law Commission, Favarel & Associés, Marseille, France*

SPEAKERS:

Two approaches to liability and compensation for marine oil pollution: OPA 90 and the CLC and Fund Conventions

▪ **Christopher KENDE**, *Partner, Hill Betts & Nash, New York, NY, USA*

The consideration for new environmental risks under the CLC Convention

▪ **Margaux LE HÔ**, *Associate, Favarel & Associés, Marseille, France*

The HNS Convention: future prospects and key challenges

▪ **Anna MONTESANO**, *President of the UIA Transport Law (Sea, Land, Air) Commission, Zunarelli - Studio Legale Associato, Bologna, Italia*

17:45 – 18:00 UIA PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION MID-YEAR MEETING

18:00 – 18:15 UIA TRANSPORT LAW COMMISSION MID-YEAR MEETING

20:00 OPTIONAL DINNER

Restaurante Tragaluz

Pasaje de la Concepción nº5,
08008 Barcelona

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

09:15 – 09:30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

IL-LUSTRE COL-LEGI DE L'ADVOCACIA DE BARCELONA

8th floor

Calle Mallorca 283, 08037 Barcelona

09:30 – 11:00 RESOLVING LITIGATION IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR

An exploration of resolution options, to include in respect of standard disputes, sanctions litigation, collective actions and legal compliance with mandatory rules and policies and other competition issues.

MODERATOR: ▪ **Paul CONVERY**, *President of the UIA Litigation Commission, William Fry, Dublin, Ireland*

SPEAKERS:

- **Anna TOENIES-BAMBALSKA**, *Oikon, Munich, Germany*
- **Andrew BULLION**, *Partner, Hausfeld & Co LLP, London, United Kingdom*
- **Fernando SALES BELLIDO**, *Partner, Fabregat Perulles Sales, Barcelona, Spain*

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 RESOLVING DISPUTES IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR (2)

Focusing on dispute resolution mechanisms, litigation strategies, and obligations that arise from environmental harm. Environmental liability claims under international transport and maritime law (e.g., civil liability for oil pollution damage, hazardous goods transport).

MODERATOR: ▪ **Francisco RAMOS ROMEU**, *President of the UIA Private International Law Commission, Rya Abogados, Barcelona, Spain*

SPEAKERS:

▪ **John McELROY**, *Partner, Dispute Resolution, Fieldfisher, London, United Kingdom*

Pitfalls in Negotiating and Drafting Arbitration Clauses in Transport Matters.

▪ **Katharina KLINGEL**, *Brödermann Jahn, Hamburg, Germany*

Resolving Disputes In The Maritime Sector through Mediation.

▪ **Catherine PEULVÉ**, *UIA Deputy Secretary General, Catherine Peulvé Avocat – CPLAW, Paris, France*

▪ **Wim VAN HEMELLEN**, *Bettens De Cocker Van Hemelen, Advocaten BV, Antwerp, Belgium*

13:00 – 13:15 CLOSING REMARKS

▪ **Anna MONTESANO**, *President of the UIA Transport Law (Sea, Land, Air) Commission, Zunarelli - Studio Legale Associato, Bologna, Italia*

▪ **Francisco RAMOS ROMEU**, *President of the UIA Private International Law Commission, Rya Abogados, Barcelona, Spain*

General Information

SEMINAR VENUE

Il·lustre Col·legi de l'Advocacia de Barcelona

8th floor

Calle Mallorca, 283

08037 Barcelona

→ CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Every participant attending the seminar will receive a "Certificate of Participation" at the end of the event that may be to obtain "Credits" for "Continuing Legal Education" – "Continuing Professional Development" purposes, depending on national rules. For more information, please contact the UIA.

→ LANGUAGE

The working language will be **English**.

→ HOTEL RESERVATION

Each participant should make his/her own arrangements for hotel accommodation in Turin. The seminar will take place at **Il·lustre Col·legi de l'Advocacia de Barcelona**. Hotel suggestions nearby are:

Hotel Room Mate Carla (4*) – 130 meters from the seminar venue

C/ Mallorca 288, 08037 Barcelona, Spain

T +34 934 76 33 96

Website: https://room-matehotels.com/gb/hotel-carla-barcelona/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=google-my-business-carla

Hotel Catalonia Eixample 1864 (4*) – 450 meters from the seminar venue

Roger de Llúria 60, 08009 Barcelona, Spain

T +34 932 720 050

Website: <https://www.cataloniahotels.com/es/hotel/catalonia-eixample-1864?mb=1>

Hotel Alexandra Barcelona (4*) – 350 meters from the seminar venue

C/ Mallorca 251, 08008 Barcelona, Spain

T +34 93 467 71 66

Website: https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/bcnmaqq-alexandra-barcelona-hotel/?SEO_id=GMB-EMEA-QQ-BCNMAQQ

→ REGISTRATION FEES

*Amounts exclusive of VAT	On or before July 31	From August 1
UIA MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> € 345*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 395*
UIA MEMBER - YOUNG LAWYER (<35)**	<input type="checkbox"/> € 245*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 295*
NON MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> € 395*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 445*
NON MEMBER - YOUNG LAWYER (<35)**	<input type="checkbox"/> € 295*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 345*
ICAIB MEMBER (Il·lustre Col·legi de l'Advocacia de Barcelona)	<input type="checkbox"/> € 250*	

Fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Seminar documentation
- Coffee breaks on September 19 & 20
- Lunch on September 19

The dinner & flamenco show on 18 and the dinner on 19 are optional and at additional charge.

*The VAT (21%) can be applied to the amount stated above according to the European Directive 2006/112/CE of November 28, 2006. **If you provide an EU VAT ID number, the VAT will not be charged.** For more information, please contact the UIA.

**Please attach proof of age to the registration form to benefit from young lawyers fee.

Please note that the number of places at the seminar is limited. The organisers reserve the right to refuse registrations in the event of excess applications.

In order for your name to appear in the **list of participants**, which will be distributed during the seminar, your registration form must be received by **September 11 at the latest**. An updated electronic list will be sent by email to all the participants after the seminar.

Cancellation and General Conditions

→ CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

All cancellations will be subject to a 50% deduction and will have to be sent in writing, to be received by the Union Internationale des Avocats **no later than August 19, 2025**.

No refund will be made for cancellations received after this date.

VISAS

Anyone who requires a visa invitation letter in order to attend the seminar should register and pay their registration fees **no later than August 19, 2025** to ensure there is enough time to obtain a visa.

→ GENERAL CONDITIONS

All registrations received by the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA) along with the full payment of fees corresponding to the events selected will be confirmed in writing.

The UIA reserves the right to cancel or postpone the seminar to a later date, change the seminar venue and/or programme, make any corrections or modifications in the information published in the seminar programme and cancel any invitation to participate in the seminar, at any time and at their entire discretion, without having to provide any reasons.

Neither the UIA, nor any of its managers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be held responsible for any loss or damage, of any nature, suffered (directly or indirectly) by a delegate, accompanying person or a third party following any cancellations, changes, postponements or modifications, except in case of death or personal injury due to gross negligence by the UIA.

The UIA strongly advises participants to subscribe to modifiable and/or refundable services, as well as to take out a cancellation insurance.

The contractual relations between the UIA and each participant (delegate or accompanying person) in relation to the seminar are subject to French law and jurisdiction, to the exclusion of any other law. Paris is the city of jurisdiction.

FORMALITIES

It is the responsibility of participants to ensure compliance with police, customs and health formalities for their journey.

Participants unable to take part in the seminar because of their inability to take a flight or any other means of transportation due to being unable to provide the documents required (passport, visa, vaccination certificate, etc.) cannot claim any reimbursement.

All cancellations will be refunded in full, minus €50 + VAT to cover administrative costs, provided that the UIA has received the registration documents and **total registration fees no later than August 19, 2025 and the cancellation** will have to be sent in writing **no later than September 10, 2025**.

If you register after this date, only 50% of the amount paid minus €50 + VAT to cover administrative costs will be refunded for cancellations due to visa refusals.

All cancellations due to a visa refusal must be sent in writing and reach the UIA **before the seminar**. Cancellations must be accompanied by a **proof of visa refusal**. If your visa is issued after the seminar date or if you do not have proof of visa refusal, you will not be entitled to a refund.

FORCE MAJEURE

“Force majeure” means any events external to the parties, of both an unforeseeable and insurmountable nature, that prevents either the client or the participants, or the agency or service providers involved in organising the seminar, from executing all or part of the obligations provided for in the present agreement. By express agreement, “force majeure” includes but is not limited to a strike affecting the means of transport, hotel staff, air traffic controllers; an insurrection; a riot; an epidemic or pandemic; or any prohibition whatsoever decreed by governmental or public authorities.

It is expressly agreed that for the parties, a case of “force majeure” would suspend the execution of their reciprocal obligations. At the same time, each of the parties shall bear the burden of all the expenses incumbent upon them, resulting from the “force majeure”.

HEALTH

The organisers decline any responsibility in case of any health problems existing prior to the seminar that may lead to complications or be aggravated during the entire period of the stay, including but not limited to: pregnancy, cardio-vascular problems, any allergies, special diets, any disorders under treatment and not yet resolved on the day the seminar starts, psychic or mental or depressive illness, etc. (Non exhaustive list).

PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

Personal data collected is processed by the Union Internationale des Avocats, in its capacity as data controller. The data is used to manage registrations for events organised by the Union Internationale des Avocats.

In accordance with the applicable regulations, you have the right to access, rectify, and delete your personal data, as well as the right to data portability. You may also withdraw your consent to the processing of your personal data at any time or request that such processing be restricted.

Finally, you have the right to specify instructions concerning the fate of your data in the event of your demise.

Registration Form

2nd UIA Private International Law Forum

BARCELONA, SPAIN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Register online at www.uianet.org
or please complete and return this form to: uiacentre@uianet.org

UIA (International Association of Lawyers)

■ Tel: +33 1 44 88 55 66 ■ Email: uiacentre@uianet.org

Family Name:

First Name:

UIA Identification number (if you already have one): M I _ _ _ _ _

Firm:

Address:

Post Code: City:

Country:

Tel: Fax:

Email:

Date of Birth:

EU VAT ID-Number:

Special requests (special diet, allergies, handicap...):

Arrival/departure times & flight numbers:

Hotel:

A. FORUM REGISTRATION FEES

*Amounts exclusive of VAT	On or before July 31	From August 1
UIA MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> € 345*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 395*
UIA MEMBER - YOUNG LAWYER (<35)**	<input type="checkbox"/> € 245*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 295*
NON MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> € 395*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 445*
NON MEMBER - YOUNG LAWYER (<35)**	<input type="checkbox"/> € 295*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 345*
ICAB MEMBER (Il·lustre Col·legi de l'Advocacia de Barcelona)	<input type="checkbox"/> € 250*	

* **The VAT (21%) can be applied to these amounts** according to the European Directive 2006/112/CE of November 28, 2006.

If you provide an EU VAT ID number, the VAT will not be charged. For more information, please contact the UIA.

** Please attach proof of age to the registration form to benefit from young lawyers fee.

B. FORUM SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Please indicate below whether you plan to attend the following event **included** in the cost of your registration.

☐ Lunch – Friday, September 19

C. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

(**Not included** in the registration fees)

☐ Optional Tapas Dinner and Flamenco Show – Thursday, September 18

• Please book person(s) for the dinner

€ 70 (Excl. VAT) x ___ / pers

☐ Optional Dinner – Friday, September 19

• Please book person(s) for the dinner

€ 65 (Excl. VAT) x ___ / pers

Total (C) (Excl. VAT) €

D. TOTAL

TOTAL (A) Excl. VAT – Registration Fees €

TOTAL (C) Excl. VAT – Optional Activities €

TOTAL (A+C) Excl. VAT €

VAT IF APPLICABLE (21%)* €

If you provide an EU VAT ID number, the VAT will not be charged

TOTAL (A+C+VAT) €

* The VAT (21%) can be applied to the amount stated above according to the European Directive 2006/112/CE of November 28, 2006.
If you provide an EU VAT ID number, the VAT will not be charged. For more information, please contact the UIA.

E. CANCELLATION CONDITIONS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

I, the undersigned, confirm having read and accepted the cancellation policy and the general terms and conditions given on page 6 of the registration programme. My registration will only be taken into account after receipt of my payment.

The participant is aware that his/her image and/or voice may be recorded or filmed during the entire duration of the forum and, by signing this registration form, grants UIA the right to use, reproduce and distribute the concerned images and recordings by any known or unknown means and on all types of media, for an unlimited duration, completely free of charge.

The undersigned acknowledges having been informed of the processing of the personal data contained in this form by UIA, as detailed on page 6 of the registration programme.

F. METHOD OF PAYMENT

☐ By bank transfer in **EUR**, without charges to the payee, in favour of the Union Internationale des Avocats, quoting “**2025 Barcelona Seminar**”, to the following bank and account:

Société Générale – Agence Paris Institutionnels – 50 rue d’Anjou – 75008 Paris – France

BIC / SWIFT N°: SOGEFRPP

IBAN: FR76 3000 3033 9200 0503 4165 164

Kindly attach a copy of your bank transfer order to your registration form

☐ By credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card N°: _____

Expiry date: __ / __

3 digits: ____

Name of card holder:

I authorise the Union Internationale des Avocats to debit the above mentioned credit card in the amount of € (EUR)

Date: / /

Signature: