



# DETAILED PROGRAMME

## FRIDAY 23RD OF MAY 2025

08:00 | HOSPITALITY DESK: REGISTRATION, WELCOME & COFFEE

08:30 – 09:30 | WELCOME & PLENARY SESSION: RELATIONSHIP IN-HOUSE VS. EXTERNAL: BALANCING CONTROL, COST AND RISK

How do in-house legal teams strike the right balance between managing risk internally and leveraging external expertise? This panel will explore strategic considerations behind building in-house capabilities versus outsourcing to external firms, with a focus on cost efficiency, regulatory compliance, liability exposure and maintaining business agility.

**Speakers:** Iva Colom-Toro (CLS / France), Gad Matalon (Lawyaltly / Italy), Laurence Wiener (WSC LEGAL / Argentina), Carmen De la Cruz (Head of Legal VESIA & VE - VINCI Energies Axians Schweiz AG / Switzerland)

**Moderator:** Martin Skovbjerg (DreistStorgaard Advokater / Denmark)

09:30 – 10:30 | PANEL DISCUSSIONS I (CHOOSE ONE)

**BLOCK 1 A) Corporate / Foresight to Prepare for an Acquisition: Practical Steps for In-House Teams & C-Level Stakeholders**

A successful acquisition starts with careful preparation. This panel outlines essential steps for contract alignment, due diligence, and ensuring smooth collaboration between legal and C-suite stakeholders.

**Speakers:** Marcos Martinelli (Brandi Rocha & Barcellos / Brazil), Angelina Drljaca-Chandler (Capital Law / UK), Zita Albert (Erdos Partners/ Hungary), Dennis Kok (Marxman / Netherlands), Thomas Anwander (former Corporate Counsel, Rieter Industries / Switzerland)

**Moderator:** Judd Cohen (MSF / USA)

**BLOCK 1 B) Labour / Labour Law and the In-House Lawyer: Balancing Compliance with Business Needs**

Global outsourcing, remote work, and evolving labour laws are reshaping the workforce. This panel examines the future of non-compete agreements, addressing workplace harassment, and strategies for managing a distributed workforce.

**Speakers:** Leila Saber (ZGS Avocats / France), Guus Franke (Swisslinx, Circle8 / Switzerland), Soma Ray-Ellis (Gardiner Roberts/ Canada), Sofia Silva e Sousa (Abreu / Portugal), Luciano Barcellos (Rocha Barcellos/ Brazil)

**Moderator:** Alex Christen (Capital Law / UK)

**BLOCK 1 C) IP / Inaction is Costly: The Business Risks of Not Identifying, Protecting, Monetizing and Enforcing Your Company's IP Rights**

Failing to identify, protect, and strategically leverage intellectual property can expose companies to serious financial and competitive risks. This session highlights key pitfalls and best practices in IP management, with insights on how to monetize innovation, prevent infringement, and align IP strategy with broader business goals in an increasingly global market.

**Speakers:** Gwendal Barbaut (Ipside / France), Jean-François Guillot (Delcade / France), Magdaleen Jooste (BG.legal / Netherlands), Sergio Miralles (Intangibles / Spain), Mansi Bathiya (Bathiya Legal / India)

**Moderator:** Jeffrey Lindenbaum (Rothwell Figg / USA)

10:30 – 11:00 | COFFEE BREAK

## 11:00 – 12:00 | PANEL DISCUSSIONS II (CHOOSE ONE)

### **BLOCK 2 A) International Trade / Winds of Change: Where the World is Going in an Era of Shifting Alliances**

This panel will explore how global trade is evolving under new sanctions, barriers, and shifting political landscapes. Experts will provide insights on regulatory shifts and strategic approaches for mitigating trade risk

**Speakers:** Peter Klestadt (GDSK / USA), Ulrich Möllenhoff (Möllenhoff Rechtsanwälte / Germany), Fernando Hernández Gómez (VAHG / Mexico), Cornelia Arnold (HütteLAW / Switzerland)

**Moderator:** Mariela Caparros (WSC Legal / Argentina)

### **BLOCK 2 B) General / The Human Side of Law: Mental Wellness, Gender Dynamics, and Resilience in Law**

Legal professionals face unique mental health challenges. This panel will explore how workplace culture is evolving to support well-being, gender equality, and resilience.

**Speakers:** Soma Ray-Ellis (Gardiner Roberts / Canada), Magdaleen Joste (BG.legal / Netherlands), Noa van Poppelen (AVVR / Netherlands), Angelina Drljaca-Chandler (Capital Law / UK)

**Moderator:** Gethin Bennett (The Royal Mint / UK)

### **BLOCK 2 C) Sport / The Power of Unity: Navigating Unions in Sports**

As unions gain influence in sports, what does this mean for athletes, teams, and governing bodies? This session examines evolving trends in labour representation within professional sports.

**Speakers:** Sofia Silva e Sousa (Abreu Advogados / Portugal), Benjamin Fitzmaurice (Pachmann / Switzerland), Jeffrey Lindenbaum (Rothwell Figg / USA)

**Moderator:** Simon Grossobel (Quastels / UK)

## 12:00 – 13:00 | PANEL DISCUSSIONS III (CHOOSE ONE)

### **BLOCK 3 A) Family Governance / Family Wealth Strategies for Changing Times: Relocation, Structuring, Asset Protection & Next-Gen Considerations**

Cross-border family wealth management is becoming more complex. This panel will provide insights into succession planning, asset protection, and tax-efficient structures for family offices.

**Speakers:** Thanassis Lambropoulos (LLPO / Cyprus), Dr. Andrea Tiedemann (Brödermann Jahn / Germany), Fernando Martins (SA LAW / Brazil), In-house family office.

**Moderator:** Ben Rosen (Quastels / UK)

### **BLOCK 3 B) Litigation / Exploring Discovery Proceedings Across Borders: Tips & Tricks for Litigators and In-House Counsels**

Discovery processes vary across jurisdictions. This panel will examine the complexities of cross-border discovery, including document exchange, oral examinations, and managing disclosure obligations.

**Speakers:** Tom Arndt (TWA Law / Canada), Elena Dell'Utri (TDP Avvocati / Italy), Benjamin Fitzmaurice (Pachmann / Switzerland), Arjel de Guzman (de Guzman Mayuga / Philippines)

**Moderator:** John O'Meara (Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara / USA)

### **BLOCK 3 C) Energy & Infrastructure / Exploring International Trends in Project Delivery**

A discussion on financing strategies for the energy transition, examining investment challenges, regulatory barriers, and opportunities in sustainable infrastructure projects.

**Speakers:** Fernando Hernández Gómez (VAHG / Mexico), Balázs Várszeghi (Erdos Partners / Hungary), Hugo Struthers (Head of Scotland Rural, Energy & Projects Savills / UK), Chiluba Mumba (Equitas Legal / Zambia), Martin Skovbjerg (DreistStorgaard Advokater / Denmark)

**Moderator:** Elizabeth Cousins (Nossaman / USA)

## 13:00 – 14:15 | NETWORKING LUNCH

## 14:15 – 15:15 | PANEL DISCUSSIONS IV ( CHOOSE ONE)

### BLOCK 4 A) Commercial Negotiation Excellence: Unidroit Principles and Beyond

This panel explores cutting-edge strategies for mastering commercial negotiations, leveraging the Unidroit Principles and beyond. Experts share practical insights on crafting resilient cross-border agreements, navigating complex risks, and aligning contracts with global standards—delivering results that stand the test of today's dynamic markets.

**Speakers:** Eckart Brödermann (Brödermann Jahn / Germany), Martin Skovbjerg (DreistStorgaard Advokater / Denmark), Dr. Dorothea Seckler (HütteLAW / Switzerland)

**Moderator:** Marlies Hoecherl (Capital law / UK)

### BLOCK 4 B) Strategic Use of International Arbitration for Global Business

This panel will examine international arbitration trends, procedural efficiency, and enforcement of awards.

**Speakers:** Kazuhiko Nishihara (Honmachi International / Japan), Prof. Daniel Girsberger (UniLU / Switzerland), Thanassis Lambropoulos (LLPO / Cyprus), Laurence Wiener (WSC Legal / Argentina)

**Moderator:** Jeffery Daar (Daar & Newman / USA)

### BLOCK 4 C) Recent tax Legislation changes in various countries which can affect the bottom line?

Navigating recent legislative shifts, this session focuses on tax reforms across multiple jurisdictions and their practical implications for businesses. From corporate structuring to cross-border operations, speakers will highlight key changes that could significantly impact financial planning, reporting obligations, and overall profitability.

**Speakers:** Michael Annen (BRAG / Switzerland), Fernando Martins (SA Law / Brazil)

**Moderator:** Bob Adler (Nossaman / USA)

## 15:15 – 16:00 | PANEL DISCUSSIONS V ( CHOOSE ONE)

### BLOCK 5 A) Compliance / The Expanding Compliance Net: Sanctions, Financial Crime & Due Diligence

This session will discuss new compliance obligations for law firms and businesses, focusing on Sanctions, financial crime prevention, AML, and supply chain due diligence.

**Speakers:** Michael Lintern Smith (Robertsons / Hong Kong), Martin Hütte (HütteLAW / Switzerland), (Corporate Counsel of a sanctioned company / Switzerland) / Switzerland, Gad Matalon (Lawyalty / Italy)

### BLOCK 5 B) AI in Legal Practice: Practical Strategies, Secure Deployments, and Emerging Trends

Learn how AI is reshaping legal work, from contract automation to AI-generated risks and regulatory considerations.

**Speakers:** Johan Lindwall (Lindwall Law Group / Sweden), Nikolaj Juhl (DreistStorgaard Advokater / Denmark), Jos van der Wijst (BG.legal / Netherlands), Bart van den Brande (Sirius Legal / Belgium), Gad Enoshi (BGA / Israel)

### BLOCK 5 C) Global Mobility in Flux: Adapting to Evolving Immigration Policies

This discussion will address shifting visa regulations, workforce mobility challenges, and legal strategies for multinational corporations.

**Speakers:** Alex Christen (Capital Law / UK), Cornelia Arnold (HütteLAW / Switzerland), Luciano Barcellos (Brandi Rocha Barcellos / Brazil)

**Moderator:** Josh Surowitz (Surowitz / USA)

## 16:00 – 16:45 | PANEL DISCUSSIONS VI ( CHOOSE ONE)

### BLOCK 6 A) Banking & Finance / Regulatory side for family offices regarding alternative investments

Family offices face increasing regulatory scrutiny when investing in alternative assets such as crypto, private equity, and real estate. Understanding key compliance hurdles, market insights, and risk management strategies is crucial for anyone overseeing wealth portfolios across multiple jurisdictions. From licensing requirements to structuring challenges, this session sheds light on the practical realities of navigating today's rapidly evolving financial landscape.

**Speakers:** Ingo Meyer (Mariacher Rechtsanwälte / Germany), Martin Hütte (HütteLAW / Switzerland), Nikolaj Juhl Hansen (DreistStorgaard Advokater / Denmark), Diedrick van Dalen (AVVR / Netherlands).

### BLOCK 6 B) IT & DP / A lawyer's role in Managing Cybersecurity strategies

As cyber threats grow more sophisticated, lawyers are increasingly at the forefront of cybersecurity risk management. This panel will explore how legal teams contribute to audits, compliance frameworks, and insurer partnerships, while helping clients navigate regulatory requirements and mitigate data breach risks across jurisdictions.

**Speakers:** Gwendal Barbaut (Ipside / France), Juan Avellan (General Manager ELCA Security Services / Switzerland)

**Moderator:** Bart van den Brande (Sirius Legal / Belgium)

### BLOCK 6 C) Corporate / Beyond Greenwashing: Practical ESG for Legal and Business

ESG is no longer a box-ticking exercise? As ESG rules tighten globally, companies face rising legal exposure—from greenwashing claims to complex reporting standards. This panel explores how evolving regulations impact corporate risk, transactions, and brand integrity across jurisdictions.

**Speakers:** Haseet Bathiya (Bathiya Legal / India), Michael Endres (HütteLAW / Switzerland)

**Moderator:** Laurence Wiener (WSC Legal / Argentina)

## 16:45 – 17:45 | NETWORKING RECEPTION: MEET & GREET

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