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International Litigation: Crossing the great divide

14–16 May 2014

InterContinental Montreal, Montreal, Canada

A conference presented by the IBA Litigation Committee and the IBA Corporate Counsel Forum, supported by the IBA North American Regional Forum

Topics include:

- Discovery around the world: Comparative approaches, strategic choices
- Strategies for controlling the costs of discovery across borders
- Obtaining evidence abroad: How can I help you?

Who should attend?

Corporate counsel, other corporate officers responsible for the management of litigation, managing partners and heads of law firm litigation departments, litigation attorneys, policymakers, academics and anyone involved in managing and solving complex litigation.

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Programme

Thursday 15 May

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Wednesday 14 May

1800 – 2000 Welcome reception

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Édifice Ernest-Cormier

100, Notre-Dame Street East

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Start the conference by networking with colleagues and conference speakers in this magnificent neoclassical building dating from 1926.

This event is open to all delegates and registered guests.

0800 – 1700 Registration

0900 – 1230 SESSION ONE

Discovery around the world: Comparative approaches, strategic choices

Few stages of the litigation process vary as much from country to country as discovery, and have as much potential impact on the management, cost and outcome of the case. From the limited rights of discovery in civil law Europe to the full-blown depositions and third party subpoenas in the United States, counsel in international litigation are confronted with a panoply of strategic challenges and opportunities.

This session will survey comparative approaches to both documentary and oral discovery from around the world, including proactive 'push' disclosure versus demand-driven 'pull' disclosure, the threshold for production, and the extent of court control of the discovery process. It will invite delegates to comment on the strengths and weaknesses of various systems and consider the strategic benefits of seeking discovery in one jurisdiction versus another. It will also explore the trend towards limiting discovery rights through principles of relevance and proportionality, and the role of the courts in controlling discovery in various jurisdictions.

Speakers from Europe, Asia and the Americas will highlight the differences between the approaches of common law and civil law systems to discovery.

Moderator

Jacques Bouyssou *Alerion, Paris; Newsletter Editor, IBA Litigation Committee*

Speakers

Angelo Anglani *NCTM Studio Legal Associato, Rome; PPID Liaison Officer, IBA Litigation Committee*

Luming Chen *Jun He Law Offices, Shanghai; Regional Representative Asia, IBA Litigation Committee*

Anneliese Day *QC 4 New Square, London*

Thomas Hall *Chadbourne & Parke, New York*

Théra van Swaay de Marchi *Pinheiro Neto Advogados, São Paulo*

1030 – 1100 Coffee/tea break

1230 – 1400 Lunch

Les Voutes Room

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1400 – 1730 **SESSION TWO**

Strategies for controlling the costs of discovery across borders

This session will shift the focus from the discovery procedures available around the world to controlling the costs of discovery and e-discovery. Speakers will address the necessity of pursuing discovery in multiple jurisdictions and ways to organise discovery to yield effective, and efficient, outcomes. The session will also consider imaginative strategies for finding the important documents, as opposed to all relevant documents, as quickly and cheaply as possible, including through the use of technology, outsourcing, and other cost limiting devices. It will discuss lessons learnt from discovery run amok and cost control measures that could have prevented runaway costs. It will conclude with a discussion of the necessary limits on discovery, even if these limits mean that parties may not be able to insist on the strict exercise of their rights, and will consider whether parties and counsel are prepared to accept the notion of '90 per cent justice'. Finally, it will address the potential costs exposure for discovery forays that turn out to be unfruitful. Speakers from around the world will address this topic, including both in house counsel with expertise in managing international litigation and external counsel who have advised clients through the discovery process in multiple jurisdictions.

Moderator

Wade Wright *Japan Tobacco International SA, Geneva*

Speakers

Frederick Acomb *Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone, Detroit; Website Co-Editor, IBA Litigation Committee*

Stacey Blaustein *IBM, New York*

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1530 – 1600 **Coffee/tea break**

1830 **Conference dinner**

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0800 – 1200 **Registration**

0900 – 1200 **SESSION THREE**

Obtaining evidence abroad: How I can help you?

This session will build on the previous sessions by focusing specifically on the procedures and devices available in various jurisdictions to obtain evidence in support of foreign proceedings in the preliminary/provisional/interlocutory and discovery phases. It will review the requirements for obtaining evidence, consider the availability of documentary evidence and oral evidence, and compare the procedural mechanisms and estimated costs in a simple commercial case. It will contrast jurisdictions that have specific provisions dealing with evidence in support of foreign proceedings, such as Article 1782 in the US, with jurisdictions that rely on letters rogatory and principles of comity, or judicial or ministerial discretion and cooperation. It will also consider the ability of a respondent to resist production and strategies for advising a respondent faced with an application. Finally, it will discuss whether expert evidence is available in support of foreign proceedings, and the complexities of dealing with jurisdictions where experts are appointed by the courts rather than by the parties. Speakers will be counsel with experience in bringing and responding to requests for evidence in support of foreign proceedings from a variety of jurisdictions.

Moderator

Lawrence S Schaner *Jenner & Block, Chicago*

Speakers

John Bang *Bae Kim & Lee, Seoul; Newsletter Editor, IBA Litigation Committee*

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Marko Hentunen *Castrén & Snellman, Helsinki; Corporate Counsel Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Litigation Committee*

1030 – 1100 **Coffee/tea break**

1200 **Closing remarks**

Information

Date

14–16 May 2014

Venue

InterContinental Montréal
360 Saint-Antoine Street West
Montréal, Quebec
Canada H2Y 3X4
Tel: +1 514 987 9900
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Language

All working sessions and conference materials will be in English.

How to register

Register online by 7 May at www.ibanet.org/conferences/conf525.aspx and make payment by credit card, to avail of the ten per cent online registration discount or complete the attached registration form and return it to Judith Hawkes at the IBA together with your payment. You should receive emailed confirmation of your registration within five days; if you do not then please contact judith.hawkes@int-bar.org.

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Guest fee	US\$60	US\$60

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Academics/judges (full time)	US\$520	US\$1105
Public lawyers	US\$520	US\$1105
Corporate counsel	US\$625	US\$1105
Conference dinner	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
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- 3) Pay the member rate for any subsequent conference registrations for this calendar year.

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Full payment must be received in order to process your registration.

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- Attendance at all working sessions
- Conference materials, including any available speakers' papers submitted to the IBA before 2 May.
- Access to the above conference working materials from the IBA website (www.ibanet.org) approximately seven days prior to the conference
- Access to mobile delegate search application
- Lunch on Thursday
- Tea and coffee during breaks
- Invitation to welcome reception on 14 May

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- Invitation to hosted welcome reception on 14 May

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Mobile delegate search application

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Social programme

1800 **Wednesday 14 May**

Welcome reception

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1900 **Thursday 15 May**

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Social functions

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Grouped into two divisions – the **Legal Practice Division** and the **Public and Professional Interest Division** – the IBA covers all practice areas and professional interests, providing members with access to leading experts and up-to-date information. Through the various committees of the divisions, the IBA enables an interchange of information and views among its members as to laws, practices and professional responsibilities relating to the practice of law around the globe. Additionally, the IBA's world-class conferences provide unrivalled professional development and network-building opportunities for international legal practitioners, senior business professionals, regulators and government officials.

IBA Litigation Committee overview

The Litigation Committee focuses on the legal, practical and procedural issues involved in conducting litigation. Differences and developments in individual jurisdictions are compared. The issues arising in international litigation receive particular attention, including issues such as jurisdiction, choice of law, and the role of international judicial assistance in dispute resolution. Practitioners involved in larger scale or international litigation can debate topical issues and share their experiences of handling and solving the problems arising from such disputes. In particular, the committee seeks to explore the differences of approach between the common law and civil law traditions, and to encourage a dialogue between practitioners from these two systems.

Close links are maintained with various organisations such as the American Bar Association Litigation Section, the British Institute of International and Comparative Law and the Australian Corporate Lawyers Association.

The committee meets annually at the main IBA Conference and also has a specialist litigation conference generally held in May or June each year, together with regular seminars and events organised by the committee's local country chairs. The Annual IBA Conference also provides an occasion for the Young Litigators Forum to offer a forum for young lawyers to present papers and exchange ideas.

Committee members receive regular copies of the committee's newsletter which provides details of the committee's current activities plus recent developments in the law worldwide. Members also receive the biannual journal of the IBA's Dispute Resolution Section, *Dispute Resolution International*. Full details of the committee's Executive Committee and its regional and country chairs are published in the newsletter, and are available on this website. The committee welcomes applications for membership from all lawyers with an interest in litigation.

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IBA Corporate Counsel Forum overview

The mission of the Corporate Counsel Forum is to be the pre-eminent forum within the IBA for discussion, education and spokespersonship by, for and among corporate counsel, respecting the proper role and expectations of the professional acting for a corporation. A comprehensive publications and programme effort furthers this mission.

In particular, the forum wishes to assist its members in functioning effectively within corporate hierarchies, satisfying business objectives while rendering legal services to the corporation in accordance with the highest professional standards. The forum seeks to maintain a particular focus on topics and themes of this nature which are currently relevant to its membership. At present, these include:

- selection of, liaison with and supervision of outside counsel;
- professional evaluation, development, privilege and responsibility in the corporate setting;
- globalisation and multi-jurisdictional practice;
- managing the corporate legal function; and
- corporate governance.

IBA North American Regional Forum overview

The North American Regional Forum covers Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the United States, and English-speaking areas of the Caribbean. Launched at the Chicago Annual Conference in 2006, the NAF is the focus for all activities in the region, and organises sessions and a luncheon event at each IBA Annual Conference for education and networking. Future plans include organising conferences in partnership with other IBA Committees and Fora, as well as other bar associations and legal organisations in the region.

The NAF is closely affiliated with the Latin American Forum as the regions are geographically proximate and share many issues.

The aim of the North American Regional Forum is two-fold:

- To spread knowledge about legal practice within North America; and
- To expand the international perspective of lawyers practicing in North America.

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