

3rd IBA Litigation Committee Conference on Private International Law

On 24 and 25 October, the 3rd IBA Litigation Committee Conference on Private International Law will take place in Palazzo Turati, Milan, Italy. It will deal with Brexit, International Commercial Courts and Sanctions. More information are available on the [IBA conference website](#).

The programme reads as follows:

Welcome remarks

- Angelo Anglani *NCTM, Rome; Co-Chair, IBA Litigation Committee*
- Vinicio Nardo *Chairman, Consiglio dell'Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano, Milan*

Keynote address

International dispute resolution in turbulent times – is there a role for private international law?

Professor Fausto Pocar *Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan*

Session One

Brexit – the impact on jurisdiction and private international law

With just one week until the deadline, we will check the status of the most controversial event in the history of the European Union. The session will focus on the impact of Brexit on jurisdiction and private international law and look at the possible effects on solutions and perspectives in international commercial disputes.

Session Chair

Carlo Portatadino *Weigmann, Milan; Secretary, IBA Litigation Committee*

Speakers

- Professor Stefania Bariatti *Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan*
- Alexander Layton *QC Twenty Essex, London*

Session Two

The mushrooming of International Commercial Courts throughout Europe – reasons and perspectives

In 2016, on the occasion of the 2nd IBA Litigation Committee Conference on Private International Law, we explored the new phenomenon of the International Commercial Courts and discussed whether the 2005 Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements could enhance their role in international commercial dispute resolution. Since that time, and also in light of Brexit we have been assessing the mushrooming of International Commercial Courts throughout Europe. This session will examine the experiences of several jurisdictions and focus on the future perspective on the phenomenon in Europe.

Session Chair

Jacques Bouyssou *Alerion, Paris; Treasurer, IBA Litigation Committee*

Speakers

- Martin Bernet *Bernet Arbitration / Dispute Management, Zurich*
- Hakim Boularbah *Loyens & Loeff, Brussels*
- Jean Messinesi *Honorary President, Tribunal de Commerce de Paris, Paris*
- Duco Oranje *President, NCC Court of Appeal, Amsterdam*

- Professor Giesela Rühl *Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Jena*
- Mathias Wittinghofer *Herbert Smith Freehills, Frankfurt*

Session Three

Sanctions – politics, procedures and private international law

This session will consider the increasing impact of sanctions on politics and economics. The panellists will present the workings of the European and US sanctions systems and illustrate the resulting consequences on international trade and cross-border disputes. The session will also focus on how clients approach and deal with the matter.

Session Chair

Christopher Tahbaz *Debevoise & Plimpton, New York*

Speakers

- Shannon Lazzarini *Group Deputy General Counsel & Head of Group Litigation, Unicredit, Milan*
- Richard Newcomb *DLA Piper, Washington DC*
- Michael O’Kane *Peters & Peters, London*
- Marco Piredda *Senior Vice-President, International Affairs, ENI, Rome*
- Professor Hans van Houtte *KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium*

Closing remarks

Tom Price *Gowling WLG, Birmingham; Co-Chair, IBA Litigation Committee*