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2–3 September 2019



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Programme **Monday 2 September**

Venue:

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Campos Eliseos No. 204 Polanco Chapultepec Mexico City, Mexico, 11560

09:00 – 09:30

Registration and refreshments

09:30 – 09:45

Welcome remarks

David Greene, *Vice President of the Law Society of England & Wales*

Richard Atkins QC, *Chair of the Bar Council of England & Wales*

Adrian Ojeda, *President of ANADE*

Angel Junquera, *President of INCAM*

Hector Herrera, *President of BMA*

09:45 – 11:15

Session 1: Energy

Frederico Singarajah, *Barrister, Hardwicke Chambers*

María de las Nieves García-Manzano, *Director, GMI Consulting*

Mark Tushingham, *Barrister, Twenty Essex Street*

Moderator: **Hernan Gonzalez**, *Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright*

11:15 – 11:30

Tea and coffee break

11:30 - 13:00

Session 2: Insurance and reinsurance

David Pryce, *Partner, Fenchurch Law*

Hermes Marangos, *Partner, Signature Litigation*

Mark Tushingham, *Barrister, Twenty Essex Street*

Rodrigo Fernández Guerra Fletes, *Director, DAC Beachcroft*

Moderator: **Liliana Veru-Torres**, *Partner, Clyde & Co*

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 -15:00

Session 3: Private Client

Gabriela Pellón Martínez, *Barrister, Galicia Abogados*

Leon Fernando Del Canto, *Barrister, Normanton Chambers*

Vitoria Nabas, *Partner, Nabas International Lawyers/Gunnercooke LLP*

Moderator: **Norma Martínez-Betanzos**, *Associate, Turanzas, Bravo & Ambrosi*

15:00 – 15.30

Tea and coffee break

15:30 – 16:45

Session 4: Fintech

Adam Beach, *Associate, CMS*

Isabel Davara, *Partner, Davara Abogados*

Professor Suzanne Rab, *Barrister, Serle Court*

Moderator: **John McKendrick QC**, *Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers*

17:00 – 18:30

Networking reception at DAC Beachcroft, Mexico City

Programme Tuesday 3 September

Venue:

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09:00 – 09:15

Registration and refreshments

09:15 – 11:00

Session 5: Arbitration

Frederico Singarajah, *Barrister, Hardwicke Chambers*

Liliana Veru-Torres, *Partner, Clyde & Co*

Richard Harding QC, *Barrister, Keating Chambers*

Sofia Gomez Ruano, *CEO, Ortega & Gomez Ruano*

Moderator: **John McKendrick QC**, *Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers*

11:00 – 11:30

Tea and coffee break

11:30 - 13:00

Session 6: Women in Law

Claudia de Buen, *Barrister, Bufete de Buen*

Connie González, *Partner, Ujthoff Gomez Bega & Uthoff S.C.*

Ffion Tomos, *Barrister, Linenhall Chambers*

Jessica Skinns, *Associate, Bindmans LLP*

Professor Suzanne Rab, *Barrister, Serle Court*

Vitoria Nabas, *Partner, Nabas International*

Moderator: **Lizzette Robleto de Howarth**, *International Programmes Manager, The Law Society of England and Wales*

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 -15:15

Session 7: Human rights

Saimo Chahal QC (Hon), *Partner, Bindmans LLP*

Toby Cadman, *Co-Founder, Guernica 37 International Justice Chambers*

Ricardo Sepulveda, *Director of Compilation and Systematization of Jurisprudence, The Mexican Supreme Court*

Camila Zapata Besso, *Barrister, Garden Court Chambers*

Moderator: David Greene, Vice President of the Law Society of England and Wales

15:15 – 15.30

Tea and coffee break

15:30 – 17:00

Session 8: Anti-corruption: business crime

Alex Haines, *Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers*

Jessica Skinns, *Associate, Bindmans LLP*

John McKendrick QC, *Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers*

Víctor Olea, *Barrister, Bufete Olea y Asociados S.C.*

Moderator: Luis Ortíz de la Concha, Barrister, Gonzalez Calvillo

18:00 – 20:30

Networking reception at the British Ambassador's residence

Office holders' biographies



David Greene

Vice President of the Law Society of England and Wales

David qualified in 1980 and became a senior partner at Edwin Coe in 2011. David is a litigator and has specialised in group claims of all natures for over 25 years in both the UK and the USA. His focus is on commercial claims, including competition claims and claims on behalf of shareholders.

David is well-known for his work on Brexit. He acted for one of the two claimants in the Article 50 litigation. He also chairs the Law Society Task Force on Brexit and has provided evidence to the UK Houses of Commons and Lords on Brexit issues.

He is the author of and contributor to various books on civil justice and is consultant editor of the New Law Journal.



Richard Atkins QC

Chair of the Bar Council of England and Wales

Richard Atkins QC is the Chair of the Bar of England and Wales for 2019. He is a criminal practitioner with chambers in Birmingham. He was called to the Bar in 1989.

He became Queen's Counsel in 2011 and was Leader of the Midland Circuit from 2014 to 2017. He sits as a Crown Court Recorder (part-time judge) and also as a fee-paid judge of the Mental Health Tribunal.



Adrian Ojeda Cuevas

President of the Asociación Nacional de Abogados de Empresa (ANADE)

Adrian is the President of the Mexican Corporate Counsel Association (ANADE) for years 2019-2020.

He is also the managing partner of Ojeda | Ojeda y Asociados, a Mexican law firm founded in 1968. He practices immigration, corporate and entertainment law.

Adrian is co-author of the book entitled "La Migración en México.- Estudio práctico de la migración regular-corporativa" (Migration in Mexico.- Practical analysis of corporate immigration) published by ISEF in 2018, and contributes regularly to the Mexican legal magazine Abogado Corporativo (Corporate Lawyer) published by Thomson Reuters.

He is also member of the International Association of Lawyers (UIA), the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), the International Bar Association (IBA), and the Mexican Bar Association (BMA).



Angel Martín Junquera Sepúlveda

President of the Ilustre y Nacional Colegio de Abogados de Mexico (INCAM)

Angel has been the President of the Illustrious National Mexican Law Bar, (INCAM) since June 2018. He has wide experience and knowledge in public and private litigation.

He is a member of the principal associations and law bars in México, United States and Europe; he is also President of the Mexican chapter of the World Justice Association.

He is co-author of the book “Entre Abogados Te Veas” and has been editor on several radios shows and newspapers and has written for the Public Administration magazine, as well as collaborated with the Mexican Academy of Fiscal Law and the Supreme Court of Mexican Justice.

He is the managing director of the law firm Junquera y Forcada, S.C.; Director of the magazines “El Mundo del Abogado”, “Voy y Vengo” and recently “El Mundo de la Educación”.



Dr. Hector Herrera

President of the Barra Mexicana de Abogados

Dr. Herrera is the founder of the Mexico City Law Firm Herrera y Sato, S.C.

He has more than 31 years of experience practising law in Mexico, particularly in the area of environmental law, water law, public work and litigation, focused primarily on infrastructure and industries and developments with relevant environmental impacts, providing legal assistance and representation for domestic and foreign companies doing business in Mexico.

Dr Herrera also focuses on legal aspects of industries such as mining, chemicals, petrochemicals, hydrocarbons, railroads, food and beverages, real estate developments, hydraulic resources and infrastructure.



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Adam is a technology, media and communications associate at CMS Woodhouse Lorente Ludlow, the Mexico City office of international law firm CMS. Having previously spent over four years working at CMS's London office, he now advises both Mexican and UK clients, from start-ups to multinationals, on all matters related to technology, including FinTech, data protection, cybersecurity and e-commerce activities.

Adam leads the CMS equiP programme, a legal accelerator for start-ups in Latin America, and has experience with legal technology (including contract automation and machine learning) through advising HP Inc on its \$1.05bn acquisition of Samsung's printing business.

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Alex Haines

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Alex specialises in international law, particularly in the extensive field of international organisations law.

His practice areas include: business crime and corruption (including investigations); sanctions; regulatory and disciplinary proceedings; the institutional law of international organisations including their immunities; and international arbitration.

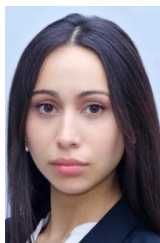
Alex has particular expertise in the sanctions regimes (fraud and corruption) of Multilateral Development Banks such as the World Bank Group and the Inter-American Development Bank. He also advises on the sanctions regimes of the UN, EU, US and UK.

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Camila is a barrister at Garden Court Chambers and specialises in human rights, immigration and public law. She has particular experience representing victims of human trafficking, torture and sexual violence, unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors and individuals with mental health needs, in both asylum and deport appeals.

She also practises in civil actions against public authorities, having recently acted for the claimant in the appeal of a civil damages claim against the Ministry of Defence. She has a continuing interest in the protection of minority groups, indigenous peoples and human rights defenders in Latin America.

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Claudia has been Partner at Bufete De Buen, S. C., since 1978. She is a Litigator on civil, mercantile, and family law matters. Prior to this, she was the General Attorney for the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (2007-2009).

Claudia received her bachelor's degree in law in 1981 from Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana. In 2001, Claudia specialized in Financial and International Commerce Law; Specialty in Amparo and Mercantile Law at Universidad Panamericana. She completed a masters in family law at the Instituto de Ciencias Jurídicas de Estudios Superiores during 2008-2010. She obtained the title due to academic excellence.

Claudia has been an active member of the Barra Mexicana, Colegio de Abogados since 1995. She is the current Vice President (2019-2020), and President elect (2021-2022) of the Directive Council of the Barra Mexicana Colegio de Abogados.

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Connie is member of the Mexican Counsel Corporate Association (ANADE), among several other Mexican and international associations. She was the coordinator of Intellectual Property Committee from 2012 until 2016 in ANADE. At the beginning of 2017 she joined the Board of Directors of ANADE, where she currently holds the Vice Presidency.

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His practice covers: banking and finance, M&A, commodities, transportation, natural resources, infrastructure and insurance cases. As a native Portuguese (and working Spanish) speaker, Frederico is sought out by states, state-entities and private companies in Latin American, Iberian and African disputes and is able to provide quick advice, without the need for translations.

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Gabriela is a member of the Mexican Council of the International Fiscal Association and has served as coordinator of its Courses and Seminars Committee. She is also a member and has served as secretary of the Tax Commission of the Mexican Association of Public Accountants (Colegio de Contadores Públicos de México) as well as of the Tax Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce.

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Hernán has been active in advising clients with respect to the implementation of innovative projects and structures derived from the set of bills comprising the so called “energy reform,” recently approved in Mexico in 2013-2014 in both oil & gas and power projects.

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She is also a Professor of law, at ITAM in Mexico City and has authored/co-authored more than 15 books, as well as numerous specialised papers and essays. She is a privacy leader at The American Chamber of Commerce of Mexico and the Legal VP of the Mexican Internet Association (AIMX). Isabel is Assistant Treasurer of INCAM and member of BMA and ANADE.

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He is the Latin American contributor to the major textbook Lissack and Horlick on Bribery. He was appointed QC in 2016 at the age of 39. He was the Attorney General of Anguilla between 2016 and 2018. A fluent Spanish speaker, he has worked for the UN, EU, IDB and the British Government across Latin America.

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He is a member of The Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers, the Association of Taxation Technicians and the Madrid Bar. León has practised in Madrid, New York, London and Doha, among other places. His international experience gives him a multi-jurisdictional expertise and a solid global vision.

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She has a LLB Law, LLM Human Rights, LLM International Economic Law, and is currently a MPhil/PhD candidate. She is a member of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute, and Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

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Luis has a solid tax and administrative litigation background in the private sector against tax and AML authorities. He also has experience in leading investigations and conducting anti-corruption and AML assessments in Mexico, Central and South America on bribery and extortion; specialising in advising US and European subsidiaries doing business in Latin America.

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GMI was awarded by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce with the COBA Prize in 2018 as the most Innovative Company in Mexico for its contributions on social assesment and indigenous consultation.

María is Head of the Indigenous Commission at the Mexican Bar of Lawyers; Chair of the Social License Commission at the Mexican Council of Energy (Comener); Founding Member of Mexican Chamber of the Energy Industry; and member of the Energy Commission at COPARMEX.

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He is frequently instructed as sole counsel or as part of larger counsel teams in international arbitrations (under all major institutional rules) and in disputes before the English courts.

Before joining the English Bar in 2016, Mark practised as a barrister in New Zealand and as a law clerk for two leading international arbitrators, where he gained exposure to many international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations.

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last year Norma joined Turanzas, Bravo and Ambrosi as Counsel for the firm. Prior to that, she was with the tax practice of the Mexico City office of White & Case, with Tron Abogados, and with former tax law boutiques Tron y Natera and Ortiz, Sainz y Tron.

She holds a JD from the Escuela Libre de Derecho law school in Mexico City, and is fluent in Spanish, English, and French.

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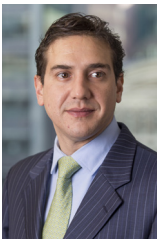
Richard specialises in disputes arising out of major infrastructure and construction projects, acting as either counsel or arbitrator. He studied Arabic and Persian at Oxford University and was then called to the English Bar in 1992, and appointed Queen's Counsel in 2009.

He has a particular interest in Latin America, having studied and travelled in the region as a student, and has returned on many occasions since. His cases relate to projects such as oil and gas facilities, airports, IT systems, factories, roads, power generation, water infrastructure, high rise buildings, mining, and a theme park.

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