Annual Litigation Forum: Multi-Jurisdictional Disputes: The view from inside the corporation

9–11 May 2012 The New York Athletic Club, New York, USA

A conference presented by the IBA Litigation Committee and the Corporate Counsel Forum with the support of the IBA North American Regional Forum.

Topics include:

• Turning your foreign judgment into cash: how to enforce judgments around the world (and how to block their enforcement)
• Alternative fee arrangements and litigation funding
• The extraterritorial reach of domestic law in cross-border litigation

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.

*As per the Solicitors Regulation Authority of England and Wales. The number of CPD points/hours available may vary for other bar associations and law societies depending on their criteria.
Thursday 10 May

0800 – 1700 Registration

0855 – 0900 Opening remarks
Antonio Bravo Eversheds Nicea, Madrid; Co-Chair, IBA Litigation Committee

0900 – 1230 SESSION ONE
Turning your foreign judgment into cash: how to enforce judgments (and prevent their enforcement) around the world

It is one thing to ‘win’ a case by obtaining a judgment in favour of your client and against the adversary. But that often is only half the battle, especially in the context of international disputes, where your client may obtain a judgment in one jurisdiction but then may need to attempt to enforce it in another.

This session will address the following:
• How to enforce judgments obtained in foreign jurisdictions
• How to prevent enforcement of such judgments
• How applicable treaties help and hinder the process of enforcing foreign judgments
• How to locate assets and problems that can arise against different classes of judgment debtors
• Emerging issues

Moderator
Jack Thomas Crowell & Moring, New York; PPID Liaison Officer, IBA Litigation Committee

Speakers
Gwendoline Davies Walker Morris, Leeds
Sandrine Giroud Lalive, Geneva
Asamah Kadiri Jackson Etti & Edu, Lagos
Edward G Kehoe King & Spalding, New York
Chen Luming Jun He Law Offices, Shanghai
Pedro Maciel Veirano Advogados, São Paulo

1230 – 1400 Lunch

Wednesday 9 May

1800 – 2000 Welcome Cocktail Reception
The New York Athletic Club, 180 Central Park South

Start the conference by networking with colleagues and conference speakers while enjoying fabulous views overlooking Central Park.
1400 – 1730  SESSION TWO
How much is this going to cost me?
The first half of this session will examine current best practices for alternative fee arrangements, including fixed fees, capped fees, staged billing and other developing approaches. Senior in-house counsel will discuss what they are looking for from their outside lawyers and what has worked best and what has not worked for them. Lawyers from private practice will share their perspectives on how to meet client expectations for creative billing arrangements while still making a reasonable profit.

Moderator
Peter R Chaffetz  Chaffetz Lindsey, New York; Corporate Counsel Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Litigation Committee

Panellists
Kent A Savage  Vice-President Legal, Sun Life Financial, Toronto
Christy Searl  Senior Vice-President for Litigation, Lehman Brothers, New York
Kalpana Srinivasan  Susman Godfrey, Los Angeles
Jeremy Walton  Practice Group Head, Appleby, Grand Cayman

In the second part of the session, panellists will consider the increasing impact of a relatively new feature of the dispute resolution market – litigation funding. As well as exploring the reasons for the rise in litigation funding, and some of the factors holding it back, corporate counsel, private practice lawyers and representatives of the funding industry will debate such topics as:
• The public policy considerations around dispute funding
• What lawyers can learn from funders about assessing and pricing dispute risk
• The clients’ view of funding

Moderator
Tim Strong  Taylor Wessing, London; Newsletter Editor, IBA Litigation Committee

Panellists
Yvette Borrius  Höcker Advocaten, Amsterdam
Richard Fields  Chairman and CEO, Juridica Capital Management, New York
Peter Gutelius  Assistant General Counsel, Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto
Matthew Michaels  Senior Litigation Counsel, MetLife Inc, Toronto
Emily Slater  Vice President, Burford Capital, New York
Marc Russenberger  Wenger Plattner, Zurich

1900 – 2300  Conference Dinner
Tribeca Rooftop

Price $185 per person
Entry by ticket only

Tribeca Rooftop features panoramic views over the Hudson River. While marvelling at the spectacular vista of the New York skyline at night, delegates will enjoy a three-course gourmet meal in this unforgettable setting. Ticket price includes a pre-dinner reception, wine and return transport. Dress code: business suit.

Keynote Speaker

Judge Rakoff was nominated to be a federal judge in 1995 by President Bill Clinton and is well known and respected as a tough and independent jurist. Judge Rakoff has taken tough stands against big banks and Wall Street. In August 2009, he rejected a $33m settlement between the US Securities and Exchange Commission and Bank of America because the settlement did not ‘comport with the most elementary notions of justice and morality.’ Judge Rakoff also ruled that trustees in the Bernard Madoff Ponzi scheme litigation could not recover money from investors who took out more than they had invested with Madoff, and ordered Raj Rajaratnam, founder of the Galleon hedge fund, to pay $92.8m, the largest penalty ever assessed in an SEC insider trading case. Judge Rakoff has never shied away from controversial decisions. In a July 2002 ruling subsequently reversed on appeal, Judge Rakoff found the federal statute authorising the death penalty to be unconstitutional. He has also ordered the US Government to release information about detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

Continuing Professional Development/Continuing Legal Education

For delegates from countries where CPD/CLE is mandatory, the International Bar Association will be pleased to provide a Conference Certificate of Attendance which, subject to the exact CPD/CLE requirements, may be used to obtain the equivalent accreditation in your jurisdiction (including US self-reporting states). This conference has been accredited for CPD/CLE by the Solicitors Regulation Authority of England and Wales and the State Bar of California. Delegates should ask staff at the registration desk for information as to how to obtain the hours.

The organisers may at any time, with or without giving notice, in their absolute discretion and without giving any reason, cancel or postpone the conference, change its venue or any of the other published particulars, or withdraw any invitation to attend. In any case, neither the organisers nor any of their officers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be liable for any loss, liability, damage or expense suffered or incurred by any person, nor will they return any money paid to them in connection with the conference unless they are satisfied not only that the money in question remains under their control but also that the person who paid it has been unfairly prejudiced (as to which, decision shall be in their sole and unfettered discretion and, when announced, final and conclusive).
0800 – 1200 **Registration**

0900 – 1200 **SESSION THREE**

**Extraterritorial reach of domestic laws in cross-border litigation**

- How to persuade a foreign court to apply your domestic litigation procedures
- How to escape such attempts by the opponent

Cross-border litigation raises practical and procedural issues concerning the collection and admission of evidence. This session will focus on tips and tricks on how to persuade a foreign court to accept the applicant’s domestic laws and – seen from the opponent’s side – ways to fight such an attempt, in multiple jurisdiction litigation matters. Common mistakes of letter rogatories will be discussed and a hypothetical case-study will explore cultural differences and limits of public policies in various jurisdictions around the globe. The audience will be requested to participate in round table discussions to address crucial questions, such as:

- What does it take to persuade the foreign court to allow an in-depth discovery or a US style cross-examination, where the local law does not provide for it?
- Or how can this be avoided to protect the defendant?
- Which kind of requests would be dismissed based on public policy?
- Can a litigant make effective use of these strategies by suing abroad?

**Moderator**  
**Bettina Knoetzl**  
Wolf Theiss, Vienna; Vice-Chair, IBA Litigation Committee

**Panellists**

- **Peter Bert**  
  Taylor Wessing, Frankfurt am Main
- **Peter Burckhardt**  
  Schellenberg Wittmer, Zurich; Publications Officer, IBA Litigation Committee
- **Jeff W Galway**  
  Blake Cassels & Graydon, Toronto
- **Beatrice A Hamza Bassey**  
  Hughes Hubbard & Reed, New York
- **Tom Price**  
  Wragge & Co, Birmingham; Newsletter Editor, IBA Litigation Committee
Information

Date
9–11 May 2012

Venue
The New York Athletic Club
180 Central Park South
New York
NY 10019-1562, USA
Tel: +1 (212) 247 5100
www.nyac.org

Language
All working sessions and conference materials will be in English.

How to register
Register online by Thursday 3 May at www.ibanet.org/conferences/conf426.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 Annie Dunster at the IBA together with your payment. You should receive e-mailed confirmation of your registration within five days; if you do not then please contact Annie Dunster at annie.dunster@int-bar.org.

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* By paying the non-member fee, we welcome you as a delegate member of the IBA for the year in which this conference is held, which entitles you to the following benefits:
1) Password access to certain parts of the IBA website.
2) Receipt of IBA E-news and access to online versions of IBA Global Insight.

3) Pay the member rate for any subsequent conference registrations for this calendar year.
4) Take advantage of IBA Special Offers.

If you would like to become a full or general member of the IBA, which includes membership of one committee or more – and inclusion in and access to our membership directory – we encourage you to do so now in order to register for this conference at the member rate. Full details of how to join can be found at www.ibanet.org.

The IBA offers senior lawyers a discounted registration fee. Please contact the IBA office for further information.

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

Fees include:
• Attendance at all working sessions
• Conference materials, including any available speakers’ papers submitted to the IBA before Friday 27 April
• Access to the above conference working materials from the IBA website (www.ibanet.org) approximately seven days prior to the conference
• Lunch on Thursday 10 May
• Welcome coffee on Friday 11 May
• Tea and coffee during breaks
• Invitation to Welcome Cocktail Reception on Wednesday 9 May

Please note that registrations are not transferable.

Guest fees include:
• Invitation to Welcome Cocktail Reception on Wednesday 9 May

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List of participants
In order for your name to appear in the list of participants, which will be distributed at the conference, your registration form must be received by Thursday 3 May at the latest.

Promotional literature
Please note that no individual or organisation may display or distribute publicity material or other printed matter during the conference, unless by prior arrangement with the IBA. Organisations and companies wishing to discuss promotional opportunities should contact the Sponsorship Department at the IBA (sponsorship@int-bar.org).

Disabled access
Please notify us if you require special assistance.

Social programme
Thursday 10 May
Conference Dinner at Tribeca Rooftop
Entry is by ticket only. Tickets cost $185 per person. Please indicate your attendance on the conference registration form.

Social event ticket reservations cannot be guaranteed unless payment has been received before 3 May, subject to availability.
**Registration confirmation**

All documentation regarding your attendance at the conference can now be obtained from the IBA website. Upon receipt of your payment for the conference a confirmation e-mail will be sent containing instructions on how to download the documents. Registration confirmation will not be distributed by post.

**Payment of registration fees**

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**Hotel accommodation**

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at Le Parker Meridien, New York for the nights of 9, 10 and 11 May.

**Le Parker Meridien**

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The following rates are per room, per night and exclusive of breakfast, service charges and local taxes (8.875 per cent New York State tax, 5.875 per cent New York City hotel tax, $2 New York City occupancy tax) and a $1.50 Javits Center Fee per room per night. All taxes are subject to change without notice.

Single room / Double room $325

Please contact the hotel directly via telephone, fax, email or internet: www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/intbar12 to make your reservation. The hotel requires a credit card number to secure your reservation. Please ensure you quote IBA Annual Litigation Forum to secure any discounted rates.

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**No Deductions or Withholdings**

All fees payable to us by you in accordance with the terms contained in this ‘Information’ section shall be paid free and clear of all deductions or withholdings whatsoever.

If any deductions or withholdings are required by law to be made from any fees payable to us by you under the terms contained in this ‘Information’ section you shall pay such sum as will, after the deduction or withholding has been made, leave us with the same amount as we would have been entitled to receive in the absence of any such requirement to make a deduction or withholding.

If we obtain the benefit of any tax credit or other relief by reference to any such deductions or withholdings, then we shall repay to you such amount as, after such repayment has been made, will leave us in no worse position than we would have been had no such deductions or withholdings been required.

**Cancellation of registration**

If cancellation is received in writing at the IBA office by Tuesday 10 April, fees will be refunded less a 25 per cent administration charge. We regret that no refunds can be made after this date.

Provided you have cancelled your registration to attend an IBA conference in accordance with the terms of the ‘cancellation of registration’ clause included in the ‘Information’ section of the relevant conference programme, you must then confirm to us in writing at the IBA office as soon as possible but in no event later than one year (12 calendar months) from the date of any such conference all necessary details to enable any reimbursement owed to you to be paid. We regret that no refunds will be made after the date that is one year (12 calendar months) after the date of the relevant conference.

**Travel arrangements and visas**

Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. It is recommended that you check your visa requirements with your local embassy or consulate. We are unable to dispatch visa invitation letters to support your visa application prior to receipt of your registration form and full payment of registration fees.

**PLEASE APPLY FOR YOUR Visa in good time.**

**Important change to the US Visa Waiver Programme (VWP):** As of 12 January 2009 any tourist or business traveller to the US who was previously eligible to visit the US under the VWP is now required to obtain travel authorisation prior to travel. For more information visit the US Department of State website http://travel.state.gov/visa/ temp/without/without_1990.html

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**Cancellation and no-show policy**

No-shows or reservations not cancelled prior to 3 PM (1500 hours) on the day prior to arrival will be charged for the full stay to the credit card number given at the time of booking.

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Special dietary requirements __________________________________________________________________________

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- Work carried out prior to 2010
- Work carried out in 2010
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Steeped in history, yet buzzing with youthful energy, Dublin’s medieval, Georgian and modern architecture provide a backdrop to a bustling port where the cosmopolitan and charming meet in delightful diversity. Serving as Ireland’s historical and cultural centre, as well as the nexus of Irish education, administration, economy and industry, Dublin is perfectly suited to host the IBA’s 2012 Annual Conference.

WHAT WILL DUBLIN 2012 OFFER?

- The largest gathering of the international legal community in the world – a meeting place of more than 4,000 lawyers and legal professionals from around the world
- More than 180 working sessions covering all areas of practice relevant to international legal practitioners
- The opportunity to generate new business with the leading firms in the world’s key cities
- Registration fee which entitles you to attend as many working sessions throughout the week as you wish
- Up to 25 hours of continuing legal education and continuing professional development
- A variety of social functions providing ample opportunity to network and see the city’s key sights
- Integrated guest programme
- Excursion and tours programme
The International Bar Association (IBA), established in 1947, is the world’s leading organisation of international legal practitioners, bar associations and law societies. The IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world. It has a membership of over 40,000 individual lawyers and almost 200 bar associations and law societies spanning all continents. It has considerable expertise in providing assistance to the global legal community as well as being a source of distinguished legal commentators for international news outlets.

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 business law around the globe. Additionally, the IBA’s high-quality publications and world-class conferences provide unrivalled professional development and network-building opportunities for international legal practitioners and professional associates.

The 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.

The 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 spokesmanship 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.

North American Regional Forum:

The North American 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 Forum is twofold:

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

As an opportunity to participate in a network between lawyers practicing in the region and lawyers outside the region with an interest therein, the North American Forum provides an unrivalled locus of contact.

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