

SOBAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

UPDATES AND NEWS IN THE LEGAL SECTOR ARGENTINA & UK: A CONVERSATION

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PROGRAMME

Our panels of legal experts from both Argentina and the UK will share the latest developments in their respective area of law, through a series of lively discussions.

WELCOME

14.00 - 14.10 hs Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Argentine Embassy in the UK, Javier Figueroa and Peter Taylor, Chairman of SOBAL, UK.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS 1 & 2

14.10 - 14.55 hs Family Law

Diego Horton, Partner, Perez Maraviglia & Horton Abogados, Argentina and fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers.

Carolina Marín Pedreño, Partner, Dawson Cornwell, UK and fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers.

Michael Allum, Partner, IFLG, UK.

Moderator: Federico Cincotta, Managing Director, Cincotta International Advisory Firm, Vice chairman SOBAL, Argentine lawyer and solicitor of England & Wales.

14.55 - 15.40 hs Employment Law

Federico Cincotta, Manging Director, Cincotta International Advisory Firm, Argentine lawyer and solicitor of England & Wales.

Dr. Mauro Pucheta, Argentine lawyer and Lecturer in Law at the University of Kent, UK.

Luis Denuble, Denuble Law PLLC, admitted in Argentina and New York.

Moderator: Peter Taylor, Partner Gibbons Taylor, Chairman of SOBAL, UK.

BREAK

15.40 – 16.00 hs Coffee & Tea

PANEL DISCUSSIONS 3 & 4

16.00 – 17.00 hs Arbitration

Mariana Lozza, National Director of the Treasury of the Argentine Republic – online.

Richard Kiddell, Partner, Joseph Hage Aaronson LLP.

Fernando Manuel Alemany, Partner, Marval O'Farrell Mairal, Argentina – online.

Eduardo Bereterbide, Partner, Bereterbide, Lawyer admitted in New York and Argentina.

Duran Ross, solicitor-advocate – Hausfeld, UK.

Santiago Graffigna – Senior Associate solicitor, Aglionby ADR.

Moderator: Guillermo A. Grüning, international lawyer admitted in Argentina, Hausfeld, UK.

17.00 – 17.55 hs Tax Law

Philippe Freund, Barrister, Partner Fieldfisher, UK – online.

Robert Waterson, Partner, RPC, UK.

Marcos Gutman, Partner, Marcos Gabriel Gutman & Asoc, Argentina – Online.

Christopher Kientzler, Senior Associate (Barrister), Fieldfisher, UK

Moderator: Ian Burton, Managing Director, Ian Burton Legal, UK.

FINAL REMARKS

17.55 – 18.00 hs

Federico Cincotta, Vice Chairman, SOBAL, UK.

NETWORKING DRINKS

18.00 – 19.00 hs

You are cordially invited to join us for a drink and networking.

RSVP

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to info@sobal.org.uk Attendance is offered to you at no cost but places are limited.

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SPEAKERS

Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Argentine Embassy in the United Kingdom, Javier Figueroa.



SOBAL BOARD

Peter Taylor, Chairman of SOBAL, UK and Partner at Gibbons Taylor, UK

Peter qualified as a solicitor in 1976 and started his career in the City of London, before spending 3 years working for a firm of solicitors in Hong Kong. On his return to the UK, he continued to develop his practice in commercial, employment and private client work in London, before relocating to Hampshire in 1993, where he has continued to work on both regional and international matters.

He is fluent in Spanish, having been born and brought up in Central America from parents of Argentine and Chilean descent, and maintains close connections with a number of Latin American groups within the UK.



Peter joined Tim as a Partner in May 2021 and is based in the Warminster office, which he set up with his previous practice several years ago. He is also available by appointment at the Alresford office.

Federico M. A. Cincotta, Vice chairman of SOBAL, UK and founder of Cincotta International Advisory Firm, UK – Argentina

Federico has over 20 year's legal experience between Argentina and the UK.

He is the Managing Director and founder of Cincotta International Advisory Firm, an international and reputable law firm and consultancy firm, with offices in London and Argentina. He practices law in Argentina and in the UK.

He regularly advice governments, companies and private clients on different matters, ranging from: state immunity, family law, employment law, immigration, tax and company incorporation, amongst others.



Federico's recent cases:

- recently retrieved the identity card of an ex-combat soldier of the Malvinas (Falklands) war
- advised a state in relation to state immunity.
- advised on the renewal of a lease of an Embassy.
- regularly advise on matters of family law (Argentina and UK) generally with an international perspective (recently advised on a divorce and financial settlement with assets worth £6million)

Federico started his career in 1999 working for the Court of Appeal, in Argentina. In 2003 he graduated from the National University of La Plata and was then admitted to the Argentine courts. Between 2006 and 2008 he studied his GDL and LPC at BPP Law School, London. Between 2008 and 2011 he worked for Clifford Chance, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, Linklaters, Freshfields and Gyde Lorette Nouel, UK. Between 2011 and 2013 he trained as a solicitor at Dorsey & Whitney (Band 1 Tax Litigation) and later he joined as an associate Joseph Hage Aaronson (Band 1 Tax Litigation), UK.

Between 2014 and 2018 Federico was Counsel for the Legal and Technical Affairs of the Governor of Buenos Aires, Director of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of the Economy of Buenos Aires, province and Director of Legal Affairs of the Honourable Accounts Tribunal of Buenos Aires, province. Since 2018 Federico has been managing his own boutique firm.

Furthermore, Federico is Vice chairman of the Anglo Argentine Society (AAS), UK, member of board of directors of the British Argentine Chamber of Commerce (BACC), UK, and a professor at the National University of La Plata, Argentina in the Postgraduate course lecturing on Legal English. He speaks Spanish and English and he is a member of the Law Society of England & Wales, Colegio Público de Abogados de la Capital Federal and Colegio de Abogados de La Plata, Argentina.

Ian Burton, Company Secretary of SOBAL and Managing Director, Ian Burton Legal, UK

Ian Burton is a qualified solicitor in England and Wales, with over 25 years' experience in corporate and commercial transactions. Ian is also an attorney admitted to the bar in the State of New York. Ian is a graduate of University College London, from which he holds a Bachelor of Laws.

His legal career started in 1992 with Nicholson, Graham & Jones (now part of K&L Gates), and subsequently saw him work at Nabarro (now part of CMS), leading U.S. firm Paul Hastings, and City boutique practice Starr & Partners, which he helped found in 2004.



Andrew Johnson, Treasurer of SOBAL and Notary Public and Spanish law, UK

Andrew Johnson is an experienced lawyer, a qualified Mediator, a Notary Public and a member of the Council of the Notaries Society of England and Wales. As bilingual English Spanish speaker has dedicated his professional life to the provision of Anglo-Spanish legal services to both private clients and commercial organisations alike.

With over 30 years' experience in the field of Spanish Law Andrew M Johnson Spanish Law offers a wide range of cross-border bi-lingual legal services to local national and international clients. Based in the



city of Canterbury for over 12 years Andrew Johnson provides Notary Public services in respect of documents to be used anywhere in the world.

Liz Merchant, Membership Director SOBAL and Director of Succeed in Languages

Liz Merchant was born and raised in Argentina and has lived in London for 30 years. Liz set up her own corporate language training business, Succeed in Languages, in 1996, which she continues to run today. With a group of twenty teachers, the company is currently offering courses in more than 20 companies around the UK.

Liz worked as Executive Director of the British Argentine Chamber of Commerce for 7 years and is now member of the Board of

Directors. She is also director of the Society of British and Argentine Lawyers. Liz took over the ownership of Living English in January 2020. Living English specialises in presentation skills workshops and storytelling for business and academics.

In 2020, together with Daniel Cristiano, Liz founded and developed Cerel.online (Certificado de español legal). An advanced legal Spanish exam for lawyers who want to develop their legal Spanish language and vocabulary.

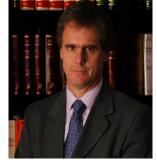
Liz is a Trustee of the Anglo-Argentine Society.

FAMILY LAW PANEL

Diego Horton, Partner Perez Mariviglia & Horton Abogados, Argentina

Dr. Diego Horton is a graduate of the National University of Buenos Aires and specializes in Civil, Commercial, Insurance, Family Law and Medical Liability.

He was born in Buenos Aires, May 13, 1964, and attended St. Andrew's Scots School in Olivos, Argentina. He completed Advanced Level English Exams in Cambridge, London and attended specialized courses in English Grammar in Warnborough College, Oxford, UK, in 1981.



He worked as an Insurance Broker from 1983 to 1988 and completed postgraduate courses in "Insurance Law" at the Universidad Católica Argentina, 1989. He also completed a Postgraduate Course on Medical Liability, October 1996. Diego served as a delegate to the Assembly of the Bar Association Federal Capital from 1994-1996.

He is a Member of the International Bar Association, London since 1995. Vice-Chairman of Pergo Argentina SA in 2000 and 2001; Kalpakian Brothers SACI trustee since 2006; and Vice-President of Pulitzer Hotel, Buenos Aires, since 2007. He is also the Argentine representative of the following; Hotel Baires SL, Pielcolor SL and ERCO Lighting SL (all based in Barcelona, Spain) and Stahl Netherlands, Netherlands-based. Active member of the International Academy of Family Lawyers.



Carolina Marín Pedreño, Partner, Dawson Cornwell

Carolina is Head of the Children Department; the only firm/department in the country to be awarded the highest ranking as Band 1 by Chambers & Partners for Children: Cross Border Disputes.

Described by sources as "*absolutely superb*", Carolina is an award winning "*International Lawyer of the Year*" and The Times "*Lawyer of the Week*". Consistently ranked by Chambers & Partners and The Legal 500, she is highly sought after as "*one of the foremost international children lawyers*", acting for high net worth individuals and the publicly funded alike.



Her specialisms include child abduction, registration and enforcement of foreign contact orders, leave to remove, residence, contact and public law cases. She is a Resolution Accredited Specialist in Child Abduction and Children Law - disputes between parents or relatives. She also has experience in the law relating to surrogacy (both domestic and international), family formation and assisted reproduction rights.

Carolina is the elected Vice President of the International Academy of Family Lawyers, President of the Human Rights Commission of the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA), Vice President of the UIA's Family Commission, Vice President of AIJUDEFA, the Association of Spanish speaking family lawyers based in Chile and the former President of the Westminster & Holborn Law Society. She is a member of the International Committee of Resolution and co-chair of the European Family Justice Observatory.

As a dual qualified Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales and Spanish Abogado, she is also Head of the firm's Spanish Desk. She is the elected Executive member for international affairs of the Bar Association of Murcia and Founder and Secretary of the Spanish Association of Collaborative Lawyers. In 2016, she participated, at the request of the Spanish Judicial Council, in the training of the Spanish Judiciary in international family law.

Carolina has a degree in law from the University of Murcia, Spain and studied international family law at the Università degli Studi Magna Græcia, Italy on a European Commission "Erasmus" scholarship. She joined Dawson Cornwell in 2003 having won a second European Commission scholarship and qualified as a European Lawyer in this jurisdiction in 2004.

Carolina is a frequent lecturer and author on family law and has been interviewed by the press on many occasions. She has acted in many of the leading cases in the field of international children law, including cases in the Supreme Court and the European Court of Human Rights.

Carolina's first language is Spanish. She also speaks fluent Italian.

Michael Allum, Partner, IFLG, UK

Michael Allum is a Partner at The International Family Law Group LLP.

Michael specialises in financial issues which arise on relationship breakdown including financial provision on divorce or separation, financial provision for the benefit of children (Sch 1) and financial provision after an overseas divorce (Part III).

Michael's practice covers both national and international cases. His international work includes the recognition of overseas marriages and



divorces, the enforcement of financial orders and sharing English pensions after overseas

divorces. He is regularly instructed to advise and act in relation to jurisdiction and/or forum disputes to secure proceedings in another country.

Michael has extensive experience of taking cases through the court system, he will do his best to find an amicable settlement where possible. Michael's pragmatic and conciliatory approach often results in many of his cases being settled out of court.

Michael is one of the leading family lawyers specialising on enforcing English pensions following an overseas divorce. He is regularly asked to provide second opinions to clients. Michael has been instructed to provide expert evidence for overseas courts in relation to English law.

Michael is a member of the editorial board of the Financial Remedies Journal.

Michael is frequently asked to write articles for leading publications and give lectures/seminars to the legal profession on international family law issues. Michael is also committed to family law reform and is a regular contributor to the Government's Consultation papers.

'Michael Allum – an emerging star. One of the most knowledgeable practitioners on Part III claims (financial claims after foreign divorce). Understated but hugely effective and great to work with. **The Legal 500 UK 2022**.

EMPLOYMENT LAW PANEL

Dr. Mauro Pucheta, Argentine lawyer and Lecturer in Law at the University of Kent, UK.

Mauro is a Lecturer in Law at the University of Kent where he researches labour and employment law from a comparative and a Global South perspective. His research interests centre around four areas:

- Labour regulations and regional integration processes with a particular interest in Latin America and the EU;
- Labour rights and human rights, especially in the Inter-American System of Human Rights;
- The intersection between labour rights and climate change, specifically workers' rights and just transition;
- Digital platforms and workers' rights in Latin America.



He is a former Lecturer at Kingston University London and the University of Gloucestershire where he lectured on Employment law, Company Law, EU Law and Commercial Law. He was a teaching assistant (Chargé de Travaux Dirigés) in EU Labour law at the Université Paris 1-Sorbonne (2012). He is a former teaching assistant in Argentine Labour Law at the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina (2007-2009). He completed his PhD at the University of Nottingham (2019), where he explored how regional trade blocs, specifically Mercosur and the EU, regulate labour relationships at the supranational level. He was a Visiting Researcher at the Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard University (2016-2017).

Luis Denuble, founder of Denuble Law PLLC

In 1995, after working in the Argentine Judiciary, Luis joined Noetinger & Armando, a top-tier law firm in Buenos Aires, where he developed his professional career over sixteen years in the fields of Intellectual Property, Product Liability, Consumer Law, Contracts and Complex Litigation.

Luis Denuble was an active member of the Association Internationale des Jeunes Avocats (AIJA) and has authored several Country Reports for the Republic of Argentina on Intellectual Property, Litigation and Arbitration, among others. He has been a panelist and speaker at many conferences and symposia in Argentina and abroad, including the Annual Conferences of AIJA in Toronto, and Budapest.



Being a recognized scholar, Luis was appointed professor of Civil Procedure and Consumer Law at both the University of Buenos Aires and Universidad de Ciencias Empresariales y Sociales (UCES). Luis moved to New York in 2013 to join Melchionna & Associates P.C. as a Foreign Legal Consultant. He was admitted to the New York Bar Association in 2014 and headed the Gandolfo LLC's New York Office from 2015, until he founded Denuble Law PLLC. Co-founder and current President of the Argentine Lawyers Association of New York.

Universidad Católica Argentina, Buenos Aires

Juris Doctor (Abogado) 1995

Boston University School of Law, Boston

Master in Laws (LLM) in American Law 2003

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PANEL

Mariana Lozza, National Director of the Treasury of the Argentine Republic

Since January 2021, Mariana is the National Director National of the Directorate of International Affairs and Disputes of the Treasury Attorney-General's Office of the Argentine Republic, where she served as legal advisor in the period 2007-2013 and as its deputy director until 2017, representing the Argentine Republic in international investment disputes and actively participating in the negotiation of international investment agreements on behalf of Argentina and in the current discussions at the UNCITRAL working groups. Before rejoining the Argentine legal team, she was a partner at DLA Piper (Buenos Aires). Mariana is also a professor of international public law at the University of Buenos Aires.



Richard Kidell, Partner, Joseph Hage Aaronson LLP

Richard joined JHA from a top 10 global law firm, and has over 20 years of experience of handling complex, high-value international disputes.

Richard has represented clients in numerous institutional and ad hoc commercial arbitration proceedings, including under the LCIA, ICC, SIAC, DIFC-LCIA, CRCICA and SCC Rules, and has experience of investment treaty arbitration under the ICSID Rules, including annulment proceedings. He has also represented clients

in commercial litigation matters at all levels of the English Courts, including in relation to the challenge to, or enforcement of, arbitration awards, and is familiar with the courts of a number of other jurisdictions. Richard has particular knowledge and experience of Russian and CIS disputes, including sanctions related matters, and those emanating from the Middle East, Africa and India - prior to joining JHA, Richard spent three years on secondment in Dubai from where he led his previous firm's MENA and India regional disputes team.

Richard's clients, which include large corporations, state entities and private individuals, come from a variety of sectors including automotive, aviation, banking, defence, construction, energy and natural resources, telecoms and technology.

Fernando Manuel Alemany, Partner, Marval O'Farrell Mairal, Argentina

Fernando Alemany has recently been named partner of the firm Marval O'Farrell Mairal, where he has been working for 15 years. He is experienced in complex litigation and arbitration, both domestic and international. He has broad practice across a variety of sectors, with a particular focus in commercial, oil & gas and technology disputes. He graduated with honours from the Universidad de Buenos Aires and was an exchange student at New York University. His academic background includes a master's degree in Corporate Law at the Universidad de San Andrés, which he completed in 2019 exploring the economic analysis of settlements in Argentina. He also has a recent postgraduate degree in Artificial Intelligence and Law at the

Universidad de Buenos Aires, in which he explored the use of new technologies to improve the efficiency of dispute resolution proceedings.

Eduardo Bereterbide, Lawyer admitted in New York and Buenos Aires

Professional Experience

Shearman & Sterling (2010-2020 Paris) | Dewey Ballantine (2007-2008 New York) | Hope Duggan & Silva (2003-2006 Buenos Aires) | and Bennett Jones (2003 - Toronto)

Expertise

International Disputes and Arbitration, Contracts and Commercial Law.

Education

Columbia University (LLM 2007) Austral University (Bachelor in Law - Summa Cum Laude - 2003)

Languages

English, Spanish and French.







International Arbitrations on which Eduardo Bérèterbide has worked include the representation of:

A leading European energy group

Claimant in a UNCITRAL arbitration against the Kingdom of Spain under the Energy Charter Treaty. The dispute relates to measures taken by Spain in the renewable energy sector.

A Latin American aviation consultancy firm

Claimant in two ICC arbitrations against European aircraft manufacturers. The disputes relate to unpaid invoices and the damages arising from the termination of agency contracts.

A group of shareholders of a holding company

Claimants in an ICC arbitration in Paris against two shareholders in the same company. The dispute concerned the interpretation of a put option price provision contained in a Shareholders' Agreement. The law of the Netherlands applied. Over \$1 billion was at stake.

Duran Ross, solicitor-advocate, Hausfeld, UK.

Duran Ross, a solicitor-advocate, is an experienced commercial disputes practitioner specialising in complex multinational litigation and arbitration.

He has a broad practice, but retains a particular focus on technology and insolvency disputes. Duran has been the lead senior associate on a number of Hausfeld's most high-profile commercial cases.

He currently acts on several arbitrations including a number of interconnected multi-million pound LCIA arbitrations in the aviation sector on behalf of a listed company against a state owned entity, and on behalf of a global sportwear company against a major European football club in an ICC arbitration.

Santiago Graffigna, Senior Associate solicitor, Aglionby ADR.

Santiago is a senior associate at Aglionby ADR and has experience in many large and complex arbitration across a variety of sectors, with a particular focus on energy construction and mining.

Prior to his current role he held positions in the international arbitrations departments of Freshfields, Three Crowns and BLM (now Clyde & Co) in London.

Santiago is dual-qualified in Argentina and England & Wales and

benefits from understanding both civil and common law systems. He holds a JD from Universidad Nacional de Cuyo in Argentina. He is a member of the International Bar Association and the Society of Construction Law. He is also a young member of the ICCA, LCIA, ICDR and the Argentina Lawyers Association of New York.





Guillermo Grüning, lawyer admitted in Argentina, Hausfeld, UK.

Guillermo Grüning is a lawyer qualified in Argentina working on commercial litigation and competition matters. Prior to this, he was a Tribunal Secretary and Assistant to a leading international arbitrator in London, focusing on multijurisdictional commercial and investment arbitrations in the oil and gas, pharmaceuticals and financial services sectors.

He has also previously worked at the largest law firm in Argentina, focusing on intellectual property, and at an international energy firm in relation to oil and gas projects developed throughout Latin America.



TAX PANEL

Philippe Freund, Barrister, Partner, Fieldfisher

I am a barrister and Partner in the Tax and Structuring team specialising in contentious tax. I have advised on domestic and international tax disputes for clients for more than 15 years, including advising on cases ranging from the Tax Tribunals and the High Court to the Supreme Court and the Court of Justice of the European Union.

I have worked on domestic and international tax disputes for clients over the last 12 years, on cases ranging from the High Court and Supreme Court to the European Court of Justice.



Having read law in both Germany and France before qualifying as an English Barrister, I regularly advise clients on domestic and cross-border tax issues in German and French.

I advise on all areas of corporate and personal tax and regularly act for corporates, high-networth individuals and ultra-high-net-worth individuals and Revenue inquiries (COP 8, COP 9).

I have particular expertise in cross- border litigation and investigations and regularly lead large international teams of lawyers on such matters. Speaking French and German fluently.

I specialise in European law and UK tax law relating to contentious UK income and capital taxes, especially in relation to trusts and non-domiciled individuals. I also advise on VAT and customs duty matters. I regularly provide cross-border strategic advice to corporates, trusts and private clients.

I am also a member of Fieldfisher's specialist IR35 team.

Robert Waterson, Partner, RPC

Robert is a highly experienced regulatory disputes lawyer specialising in tax disputes, regulatory investigations and public law challenges. He acts for a broad range of clients from FTSE100 companies and HNW individuals to SMEs and not-for-profit organisations.

Practice Areas:

- Multi-jurisdictional tax investigations and enquiries
- Group Litigation (High Court and Tribunals)
- Administrative Law / Judicial Review (claimant and defendant)
- Anti-Dumping Duty and Customs Disputes
- VAT and Direct Tax Disputes
- Tax Related Criminal investigations / Prosecutions
- Anti-Money Laundering
- Sanctions
- Alternative Dispute Resolution / Mediation

Robert has litigated at all levels of the UK courts and tribunals and the Court of Justice of the European Union.

Marcos Gutman, Partner of Marcos Gabriel Gutman & Asoc.

Marcos graduated from Buenos Aires University in 1991, and he is the founding partner of Marcos Gabriel Gutman & Asoc. Marcos is an experienced tax lawyer. Previously he worked at DGI (Argentinian HMRC). He regularly speaks at conferences and is author of many publications.

Christopher Kientzler, Senior Associate (Barrister), Fieldfisher

Christopher is an employed barrister specialising in contentious tax, in the Tax and Structuring Team at Fieldfisher.

As a native-level German speaker, he primarily works on matters with a significant cross-border angle including private-client tax disputes, Mutual Assistance requests for corporates, commercial disputes with a tax angle, and complex litigation within several jurisdictions in the European Union. He regularly advises clients to help them prevent and resolve disputes with tax authorities as quickly and efficiently as possible. He commonly acts and advises on matters involving employment tax, corporate tax, customs duty and Brexit issues. These may involve both litigation and disclosure and negotiation with tax authorities.

Unusually for a tax specialist, he has experience in state-investor arbitration, having acted in UNCITRAL, SCC and LCIA including applications for emergency relief against a state.

His free time is often spent playing the cello, painting and going for walks.





