

SOBAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



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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 - 14.10HS

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

PANEL DISCUSSIONS 1 & 2 14.10 - 16.10HS

Legal AI Tech panel: Transforming the Legal Landscape in Argentina and Britain

Federico Cincotta, Vice chairman **SOBAL** will be discussing with:

Sebastian Ceria, founder and President of **Fundar** "Artificial Intelligence and Development: Challenges and Opportunities"

Juan Jose Lopez Murphy, head Data & AI, **Globant**, "AI-Powered Legal Professional: Jumpstart Guide"

Karolina Lukoszova, Co-Head of Legal & Product, **RobinAI**, UK, "Legal Tech Innovation".

Dr Horacio Granero - founder, **EIDial.com**, Argentina "Future implications and opportunities in legal AI" – online

Dr Mariano Cervellini, President, **Governeo** and **AI law specialist** - Argentina "The future ready lawyer's profile" - online

Chris Eastham, partner, **Fieldfisher** "Emerging trends and challenges in AI and law"

Luciana Gasser, Founder & CEO, **Cheers Contracts**, UK, "Navigating the promise and Pitfalls of AI in LegalTech" Q&A

16.10 - 16.45HS

Energy panel: Shaping the Future of Energy: Legal Perspectives from Patagonia to Albion

Ian Burton, Director **SOBAL** will be discussing with:

Juan Aguirre, Senior Consultant, **Gas Strategies**. "The challenges of developing Vaca Muerta in the context of the global energy transition".

Horacio Manzitti, Argentine Manager, **Hive Energy**, "Energizing Tomorrow: Thoughts on the Future of Renewable Energy in Argentina"

Q&A

BREAK 16.45 - 17.05HS

Coffee & Tea

PANEL DISCUSSIONS 3 & 4 17.05 - 18.00HS

BACC panel: Regulatory Framework for Movement of Capital and Exchange Rate Regime

Javier Alvarez, chairman **BACC** will be discussing with:

Carlos Alfaro, managing partner, **Alfaro Abogados**, Argentina, New York and Beijing, "USA - China foreign policy: competition or constructive engagement?"

Gonzalo Javier Ochoa, senior associate, **Beccar Varela**, Argentina "The winding road to hedging" - online

Colin Maltby - Director, **Maltby Capital**, UK "Utilising the UK company as an umbrella organisation for capital raising"

Q&A

18.00 - 19.25HS

International Disputes panel: Harmonising Investment, Climate, and Energy: Cross-Border Dispute Resolution

Peter Taylor, Chairman **SOBAL** will be discussing with:

Philippe Freund, Barrister, partner, **Fieldfisher**, UK, "A tale of two policies: the misuse of Investor - State Dispute Settlement against climate change policies and Challenging BEPS Pillar Two UTPR policy under Bilateral Investment Treaties."

Luciana Teresa Ricart, partner, **Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP**, UK, "The effect of investment arbitration on States' obligations to combat climate change."

Jean Paul Dechamps, partner **Dechamps International Law**, Argentina and UK, "What are the challenges faced by Investment Arbitration in the Age of Climate Change."

Agustin Spotorno, associate, **Winston & Strawn LLP**, UK "Recent Trends and Developments in the Dispute Resolution Mechanisms used for Cross-border Energy Disputes in Argentina and LATAM".

Ezequiel Vetulli, **Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP**, Argentine Lawyers Association representative.

Q&A

FINAL REMARKS 19.25 - 19.30HS

Federico Cincotta, Vice chairman **SOBAL**

NETWORKING DRINKS 19.30 - 20.30HS

You are cordially invited to join us for some empanadas, a glass of wine and networking.



**AMBASSADOR
EXTRAORDINARY AND
PLENIPOTENTIARY OF
THE ARGENTINE
EMBASSY IN THE UNITED
KINGDOM.**

JAVIER FIGUEROA



1987: Law, University of Buenos Aires.

1987-1992: Professional career as a lawyer.

1993-1995: Foreign Service Institute, Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship.

1995-1997: Malvinas and South Atlantic Islands Department, Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship.

1998-2005: Embassy of Argentina in London.

2005-2010: Legal Affairs Department, Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship.

2010-2011: Embassy of Argentina in Cuba, Head of Cultural Department and Press.

2011-2012: Embassy of Argentina in Cuba, Head of Argentine Foreign Office.

2012-2013: Malvinas and South Atlantic Islands Department. Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship (Director).

2013-2015: Deputy Secretary for Affairs Relating to the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands and Surrounding Maritime Areas in the South Atlantic. Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship.

2016 -2018: Argentine Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

2017- 2018: Argentine Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia.

2017-2018: Argentine Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana.

2018 -2020: Argentine Ambassador to the Republic of Cuba.

**CHAIRMAN OF SOBAL AND
PARTNER AT GIBBONS
TAYLOR, UK.**

PETER TAYLOR



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.

**VICE CHAIRMAN OF
SOBAL AND FOUNDER OF
CINCOTTA
INTERNATIONAL
ADVISORY FIRM,
UK - ARGENTINA**

FEDERICO M. A. CINCOTTA



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 Gide 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.

DIRECTOR SOBAL AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, IAN BURTON LEGAL, UK

IAN BURTON



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.

DIRECTOR SOBAL AND PARTNER AT PEREZ MARIVIGLIA & HORTON ABOGADOS, ARGENTINA

DIEGO HORTON



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

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR SOBAL AND DIRECTOR OF SUCCEED IN LANGUAGES

LIZ MERCHANT



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.

DIRECTOR SOBAL AND LITIGATION CONSULTANT SIMMONS & SIMMONS, UK

GUILLERMO GRÜNING



Guillermo, a litigation lawyer at Simmons & Simmons, specialises in cross-border cases involving commercial and competition matters. Prior to this, he gained valuable experience at Hausfeld & Co and Arbitration Chambers, focusing on complex multijurisdictional cases spanning sectors such as oil and gas, pharmaceuticals, and financial services.

In Argentina, Guillermo worked at Marval, O'Farrell & Mairal with a focus on intellectual property, and at an international energy firm involved in oil and gas projects throughout Latin America. He is a graduate of the Law School at the University of Buenos Aires and holds an LLM in Commercial and Corporate Law from Queen Mary University of London.

DIRECTOR SOBAL, ARGENTINE LAWYER AND LECTURER IN LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT, UK

MAURO PUCHETA



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,

FIRST PANEL

LEGAL AI TECH PANEL: TRANSFORMING THE LEGAL LANDSCAPE IN ARGENTINE AND UK

PRESIDENT, FUNDAR

SEBASTIÁN CERIA



Sebastián Ceria is an Argentinian mathematician who holds a BS from the University of Buenos Aires and a PhD in applied mathematics from Carnegie Mellon University. He lives in the United States and is CEO of the technology company Qontigo. He was formerly CEO of Axioma, a company he founded in 1998. Before becoming an entrepreneur, he was a professor at Columbia Business School. He has authored numerous articles for industry and academic publications.

He created Fundar in late 2019

GLOBAL HEAD OF AI AND DATA SCIENCE, GLOBANT

JUAN JOSÉ LÓPEZ MURPHY



Juan José López Murphy is Globant's Global Head of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, leading digital transformation and driving reinvention as a subject matter expert. With over 20 years of experience in data science and AI, he has led over 120 global experts in using AI to transform top-tier clients in various industries, including finance, healthcare, logistics, education, demand sensing, workforce

planning, entertainment, and more.

In addition to his impressive track record in the corporate world, Juan is also an advisor for the Master in Management and Analytics program at ITBA, where he creates and delivers AI training courses for universities and companies. He is also a non-executive board advisor for Data and AI for a social-impact gaming scale-up in Latin America, demonstrating his commitment to leveraging AI for social good.

"Data and AI are about knowing and making decisions at an unprecedented scale while freeing up resources for creativity and strategic thinking"

An in-demand keynote speaker and thought leader within the AI space, Juan often participates in global tech events such as Converge working to close the gap between technology and human capabilities and stressing the importance of defining what 'intelligence' means in an AI project. Also a prolific writer, he has authored numerous articles and papers on AI and data science. In 2018 Juan published the highly acclaimed book, 'Embracing the Power of AI,' which has been widely recognized as a must-read for anyone seeking to understand the transformative potential of AI. His expertise and thought leadership have been featured in several leading publications, including Forbes and The Telegraph. With his extensive experience and exceptional track record in the field of AI, Juan José López Murphy continues to be a highly sought-after thought leader, driving innovation and transformation across various industries.



**FOUNDER OF
ELDIAL.COM, ARGENTINA**

**DR HORACIO ROBERTO
GRANERO**



Lawyer graduated in 1969 in Buenos Aires, at the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of the Argentine Catholic University (UCA). Universidad Católica Argentina (UCA) and Doctor in Legal Sciences (UCA 2001) (summa cum laudae). He is self-employed as senior partner of Estudio Jurídico Granero Abogados. From 1995 until December 2009 he was a partner of the law firm Allende & Brea, where he joined in 1986.

He has specialised in new technologies law, advising national and foreign companies on issues related to technology contracts, protection of personal data, corporate liability for technological damages among others, assuming the legal defence in cases where litigation existed.

He was part of the Judiciary as Secretary in the National Civil Court for ten years.

University Activities:

- Ordinary university professor from 1970 to date.
- Academic Secretary of the Faculty of Law (UCA) in 1977, Director of the of the Postgraduate Department of the same Faculty in 1997; and
- Founder and current Director of the Postgraduate Course of Specialised Lawyer in High Technology Law (UCA).

Related activities:

- In March 2000, he was appointed member of the Drafting Commission of the Draft Law of Digital Signature by the National Ministry of Justice, and in August 2001, member of the Drafting Commission of the Regulatory Decree;
- Since 2003 he has been a member of the Technology and Law Committee of the Argentine-British Chamber of Commerce;
- During 2005 he was Chairman of the Information Society Committee of the Argentine-American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham);
- In 2008 he advised the Chamber of Deputies on the drafting of Law 26.388 on the modification of the Criminal Code on Computer Crimes.

In 2009 he was appointed:

- President of the High Technology Law Commission of the Bar Association of the City of Buenos Aires; and

- Expert for the European Union in the SENASA Modernisation Plan to implement the digital certificate.

Since 2010 he is member of the Arbitration Court of the Bar Association of the City of Buenos Aires.

He has published numerous university texts and articles on topics of his speciality and lectured in Argentina and abroad for the last 25 years.

He is President of Albremática S.A., publisher of eIDial.com, where he is Director of the Supplement of High Technology Law, which is published monthly in this electronic newspaper.

**CO-HEAD OF LEGAL &
PRODUCT – ROBINAI**

KAROLINA LUKOSZOVA



Karolina is an experienced legal professional with over six years of experience in the corporate and private equity space. She is a founding employee at Robin AI - a venture backed legal AI company - and the first legal hire into the team. As the Co-Head of Legal and Product team at Robin AI, she has supported a rapid growth and expansion of the legal team in the UK and the USA and she has been responsible for the delivery of managed services to the company's key clients, including some of the largest private equity funds. Karolina is currently driving the company's efforts to leverage the power of Generative AI and Large Language Models within Robin AI's product offering.



**PRESIDENT OF
GOVERNEO AND AI
SPECIALIST**

DR MARIANO CERVELLINI



Dedicated to the study, research and development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) solutions applied to public administration and law.

Attorney and Lawyer from the National University of La Plata (UNLP), graduated as Master in Administrative Law from the Universidad Austral (2004-2005) and as a Specialist in Computer Law from the Universidad in Computer Law from the University of Buenos Aires (2018-2019). He has studies of Postgraduate studies in Artificial Intelligence and Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires (2020).

He holds certifications such as Legal Project Practitioner issued by the International Institute of Legal Project Management, Python 3 Legal Project Management, Python 3 Advanced Level from the UTN BA, #Se Programar del Argentina Program, Artificial Intelligence and Education - Health and Artificial Intelligence - Governance in Artificial Intelligence- Data Governance of the IALAB of the UBA, and in Behavioural Economics for Better Public Policies BID.

He has worked at the General Counsel's Office of the Government of the Province of Buenos Aires from 1998 to 2007.

During the period 2007-2015 he was Legal and Technical Undersecretary of the Province of Buenos Aires, Secretary General of the Government of the Province of Buenos Aires, and Secretary General of the Government of the Province of Buenos Aires (interim), and Legal and Technical Secretary of the Province.

He was Deputy State Prosecutor of the State Prosecutor of the Province of Buenos Aires between 2015 and 2021, and currently serves as Legal Secretary in charge of the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory of this Agency.

He is President of GOVERNEO, a civil association created to collaborate with the construction of a new public administration through research and scientific training in legal, political and public management matters.

He has been a lecturer in Administrative Law I at the Catholic

University of La Plata and in Procedural Law II at the Catholic University of La Plata.

Procedural Law II at the National University of La Plata. He has been invited to participate in professional and academic forums to speak on administrative law, contracting and public works in the province of public works in the province of Buenos Aires. Since 2019 to date, he has been an adhonorem in the Software Project Chair at the Faculty of Computer Science of the UNLP.

Since its creation, he has been a member of the Technology Group of the Observatory of Clear Language at the UBA Law School, of which he is currently its Coordinator.

PARTNER, FIELDFISHER

CHRIS EASTHAM



A partner in Fieldfisher's Technology and Data group, and with over a decade of experience, Chris is an expert in supporting clients to achieve their strategic goals—whether harnessing new technology and data or delivering business or digital transformation programmes. He's skilled at structuring and negotiating complex and strategic commercial contracts, especially for business-critical systems and functions, and has substantial experience in helping clients to navigate complex regulatory environments. He acts for suppliers and customers across all sectors and is particularly active in the tech and telecoms sectors.

Chris has a real passion for working with those at the leading edge and has in-depth experience advising on artificial intelligence (AI); distributed ledger technology (DLT); extended reality (AR/VR/MR); quantum and high-performance computing; and other emerging technologies.

He leads Fieldfisher's international cross-practice working group on AI and emerging technologies.



FOUNDER & CEO OF CHEERS CONTRACTS

LUCIANA GASSER



Luciana Gasser, Founder & CEO of Cheers Contracts, is a visionary leader based in London, transforming the legal landscape for SMEs. With expertise in contract law and a passion for technological innovation, Luciana drives Cheers' mission to simplify, secure, and enhance contract management. Her entrepreneurial journey from lawyer to tech innovator reflects her dedication to revolutionising business contracts as strategic assets. As a mentor and speaker, Luciana shares her insights on leveraging AI to streamline legal processes, empowering decision-makers in diverse industries. Her work at Cheers exemplifies the fusion of law and technology, making complex contracts accessible and efficient for businesses worldwide.

ENERGY PANEL

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF ENERGY: LEGAL PERSPECTIVES FROM PATAGONIA TO ALBION

SENIOR CONSULTANT, GAS STRATEGIES, UK

JUAN AGUIRRE



He has supported clients on energy infrastructure projects, with a specific focus on LNG.

A lawyer by training, Juan assists clients regarding the LNG system reform in Spain in 2020, and advises European clients on LNG contract portfolio strategy.

Before joining Gas Strategies, he worked for Enel, Sinopec and PAGBAM in Argentina. He has been involved in the development of upstream projects in Neuquén and Chubut, including the negotiation of a Memorandum of Understanding between Sinopec and YPF.

Juan has an LLM from Queen Mary University of London, with a Chevening Scholarship.

HIVE ENERGY, GENERAL MANAGER LATIN AMERICA

HORACIO MANZITTI



Horacio is the General Manager Latin America at Hive Energy. With over seven years at Hive, he has played a pivotal role in the company's growth in the Latin American market. His expertise spans, among other things, initiating and guiding Hive's energy operations, cultivating strategic relationships, negotiating contracts, and managing the entire lifecycle of solar power projects.

A graduate in Industrial Engineering from Universidad Austral, Buenos Aires, he brings a robust academic foundation to his extensive practical experience. With an additional academic achievement of an MBA from IE Business School, Spain, Horacio offers a unique blend of strategic insight and hands-on knowledge.



THIRD PANEL

BACC - REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR MOVEMENT OF CAPITAL AND EXCHANGE RATE REGIME

**MANAGING PARTNER
ALFARO ABOGADOS,
ARGENTINA, NEW YORK
AND BEIJING.**

CARLOS ALFARO



Carlos E. Alfaro has a long standing career representing national and multinational corporations, lending institutions and banks and in the financing of large infrastructure projects, from gas and oil pipelines, electric utilities, steel mill plants, ferroalloys, ferrous and steel furnaces, real estate developments, export finance, hydro electrical projects, mining projects and road toll projects.

His experience represents twenty-five years of legal practice in different economic and legal environments in which risk allocation and protection require legal, economic and political expertise. In this sense, he has accumulated invaluable knowledge that contributes to its proficiency and capability in this area.

Currently, he is the chairman of the Argentine-American Chamber of Commerce in New York and also a member of the Executive Committee of the Section of International Law and Practice of the New York State Bar Association, Vice President of the American Foreign Law Association and active member of the International Bar Association.

He has been involved in numerous investments and transactions. Oil and Gas: Sinopec acquisition of Occidental Petroleum 23 concessions in Santa Cruz, Mining: Integra Lithium investments in Jujuy and Catamarca. Aviation: Bell Helicopter, Austral. Private Equity: GEM, Hicks Muse, The Exxel Group, Integra Capital. Clean Energy: Soltec Spain. Global industrial gases and engineering: Linde/Praxair. Infrastructure: CCA (China Construction América), Bechtel. Wineries: Salentein, El Portillo and Calia.

He has written and lectured extensively on a variety of legal issues arising out of his public and private activities. He has also been a professor of Administrative Law, specializing in government concessions and contracts at the State and Catholic University of Buenos Aires.

**SENIOR ASSOCIATE,
BECCAR VARELA**

GONZALO JAVIER OCHOA



Mergers & Acquisitions – Corporate, Banking & Financial Institutions

Gonzalo Ochoa is a senior associate at Beccar Varela, having joined the firm in 2013.

His practice areas include corporate advice, banks and financial institutions, distribution law, and private international law.

Gonzalo obtained his Law degree from Universidad Nacional de Córdoba (2008), and his LL. M. in International Law from Heidelberg University (Germany) and Universidad de Chile (Master of Laws in International Law, Investments, Trade and Arbitration, double grade, LL.M., 2012).

He is a member of the Buenos Aires Bar Association and the International Bar Association.

Gonzalo has been recognized by The Legal 500.

He speaks Spanish and English.

Juan has an LLM from Queen Mary University of London, with a Chevening Scholarship.



**DIRECTOR, MALTBY
CAPITAL ADVISORY, UK**

COLIN MALTBY



Colin is a lawyer and banker with over 25 years' experience. He qualified with Theodore Goddard and is the Founder of MCA, as well as previously First Sentinel Advisory, and prior to that, On Demand Lawyers. He brings expertise from both the legal and financial arenas, having previously worked in-house at Coutts & Co. and UBS. Colin specialises in international investment structuring, corporate/ commercial and corporate finance work for family offices, SMEs and listed companies. He also spent many years working in the creative industry as a lighting designer for theatre and dance and has a particular specialism in advising creative clients.

CHAIRMAN, BACC

JAVIER ALVAREZ



Javier Alvarez is an Agricultural Engineer (Universidad Nacional del Litoral Argentina) and has an MA in Environmental Politics and Globalization (King's College UK) with more than 28 years' experience in project development with an important proven track on natural resources projects in Latin America, Africa and Europe working with international organizations, national and local governments and corporations (from sectors such as Oil & Gas, agribusiness and public services).

Javier co-founded in 1992 Fundación Habitat & Desarrollo which became a large national NGO dealing with biodiversity conservation and CSR projects, he was the CEO of the Foundation, member of the IUCN – The World Conservation Union – for more than a decade. He later worked for an international Foundation based in London with a special focus on Africa.

FOURTH PANEL

INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES: HARMONISING INVESTMENT, CLIMATE AND ENERGY: CROSS-BORDER DISPUTE RESOLUTION

**BARRISTER, PARTNER,
FIELDFISHER**

PHILIPPE FREUND



I am a barrister and Partner in the Tax and Structuring team specialising in contentious tax and cross-border litigation matters.

I have advised on domestic and international tax disputes for clients for more than 17 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.

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 both German and French.



I advise on all areas of corporate and personal tax and regularly act for corporates as well as high-net-worth and ultra-high-net-worth individuals, including in relation to HMRC inquiries (COP 8, COP 9).

I have particular expertise in cross-border litigation and investigations (including criminal tax investigations) and regularly lead large international teams of lawyers on such matters, advising on UK and European tax law issues as well as providing strategic leadership in multi-jurisdictional dispute.

**PARTNER DECHAMPS
INTERNATIONAL LAW**

JEAN PAUL DECHAMPS



Jean Paul is the firm's global head and has close to 20 years' experience representing private investors, States and State agencies in investment and commercial disputes all over the world. He has been recognized by Who's Who Legal 2021 and 2022 as a "Global Leader" in international arbitration and has been ranked in the "International Arbitration – International Counsel" section of the Chambers Latin America Guide 2023.

Educated in the civil law and common law systems, Jean Paul has been involved as arbitrator and counsel in over 40 international arbitrations under the rules of the ICC, ICSID, UNCITRAL, LCIA and CEMA, with a particular focus in the mining, electricity and hydrocarbon sectors.

He started his career in 2002 in the disputes group of a full-service firm in Buenos Aires. In 2005 and 2006 he worked in the litigation department of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, in London. Between 2007 and 2017, he worked in the international arbitration group of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, spending time in the Paris, Washington D.C. and London offices. He left Freshfields in 2017 to set up Dechamps International Law.

Jean Paul maintains an active academic activity in the field of international arbitration. He currently teaches, together with Constantine Partasides (Three Crowns LLP) the Seminar on International Arbitration to the students of the Master of Law at the London School of Economics.

He is also a visiting professor at the Austral University (Buenos Aires) where he teaches a Practical Seminar on International Arbitration. Jean Paul also delivers the Workshop on Examination of Witnesses for the Degree in Law & Bachelor in Global Governance students at ESADE University in Barcelona. He is a member of the Editorial Committee of the Latin American Journal of International Commercial Law, edited by the Faculty of Law of the Autonomous National University of Mexico (UNAM).

**ASSOCIATE, WINSTON &
STRAWN LLP**

AGUSTIN SPOTORNO



Agustin is an international lawyer trained and experienced in civil law and common law. As a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England & Wales and an Attorney in Argentina, an Associate Attorney at a leading law firm, Winston & Strawn LLP, Agustin focuses his work on a variety of sectors with a cross-border element whether in the energy and natural resources, renewables, real estate, pharmaceuticals, and technology sectors.

He is frequently involved in some of the largest and most complex high-stakes cases, including those state-to-state, investor-state and commercial disputes involving public international law, English law, Argentine law, as well as other foreign laws.

He has experience advising local and multinational companies and high-net-worth individuals on international cross-border commercial and investment issues in Latin America, Europe, North America, Middle East and Asia.



**SENIOR ASSOCIATE
FRESHFIELDS
BRUCKHAUS DERINGER
US LLP, ARGENTINE
LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
REPRESENTATIVE**

EZEQUIEL VETULLI



Ezequiel is a senior associate in Freshfields' international arbitration group, based in New York. He has been listed by Who's Who Legal as one of the world's 25 Thought Leaders under 45, in International Arbitration.

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Ezequiel joined Freshfields in 2016, spending two years in their London office. Prior to that, he worked in the arbitration and energy group of a GAR100 law firm, and a commercial court in Buenos Aires.

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