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28th Annual Transnational Crime Conference

13–15 May 2026, Hotel Grande Bretagne, Athens, Greece

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Filippo Ferri *Cagnola & Associati Studio Legale, Milan; Co-Chair, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Sabine ten Doesschate *Sjöcrona van Stigt, Rotterdam; Co-Chair, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Wednesday 13 May

1745 – 1830

Newcomers welcome

Attic Urban Rooftop

Ermou 86, Athina 105 54, Greece

An opportunity for those attending the conference for the first time to meet and have a drink before the main reception begins.

1830 – 2030

Welcome reception

Attic Urban Rooftop

Ermou 86, Athina 105 54, Greece

The reception is open to all registered delegates and speakers registered to attend the full conference. One place per registered delegate is permitted. Please note that no transport will be provided.

Thursday 14 May

All sessions will take place in Grand ballroom

All coffee/tea breaks and lunch will take place in the Royal & Athenian rooms

0800 – 1730

Registration

0900 – 0905

Welcome remarks by the Conference Co-Chairs

Filippo Ferri *Cagnola & Associati Studio Legale, Milan; Co-Chair, IBA Business Crime Committee*

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0905 – 0925

Keynote address

The historical significance and the role of Pro-Eurojust in shaping modern judicial cooperation in the European Union

Speaker

Efstratios Papathanassopoulos *Deputy Prosecutor of Areios Pagos (High Court of Greece), Athens*

0925 – 0930

Welcome from the IBA Leadership

Amir Singh Pasrich *International Law Affiliates, New Delhi, Delhi; LPD Secretary-Treasurer / IBA Treasurer*

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0930 – 1100

Gift v bribe: the ultimate fight

Where is the line drawn between a legitimate business courtesy and an improper advantage? The panel brings together legal practitioners with experience in external legal counsel and in-house positions to unpack the grey zone of gifts, hospitality and promotional expenses. Through real-world scenarios, we will explore how multinational companies navigate anti-corruption frameworks, cultural expectations and internal policies. The discussion will address risk-assessment tools, red flags, documentation practices and effective training strategies.

Moderators

Kateryna Gupalo *ARZINGER, Kyiv; Co-Chair, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Riccardo Lucev *Studio Lucev, Milan; Vice-Chair, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Speakers

Ilias Anagnostopoulos *Anagnostopoulos, Athens*

Theodora Christodoulou *Mondelez Europe Services GmbH, Athens,*

Jason Linder *Willkie Farr and Gallagher, Los Angeles, California; Vice-Chair, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Ben Ticehurst *HCR Law, London; Senior Vice-Chair, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Dr Violeta Zeppa-Priedite *Sorainen, Riga*

1100 – 1130

Coffee/tea break

1130 – 1300

The use of AI in criminal investigations and defence

Challenges posed to criminal justice in the age of technology

Exploring contemporary legal frontiers and dilemmas

The panel will address the profound changes brought by technology to the field of criminal law, highlighting both opportunities and unprecedented challenges. Topics to be discussed include the use of artificial intelligence in court proceedings, data protection, collection, and validity of digital evidence, as well as the difficulties in investigating and punishing transnational offences. Specialists from the legal and technology sectors will offer insights into the need for legislative updates, risks to effective criminal defence, balancing security and privacy, and the ethical role of law in the face of disruptive innovation. The goal is to promote critical and plural debate on how criminal law can effectively and fairly adapt to the rapid technological changes that are reshaping contemporary society. This summary has not been prepared with the assistance of AI!

Moderators

Diana Czugler *Peters & Peters, London; Senior Communications Officer, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Isadora Fingermann *TozziniFreire Advogados, São Paulo; Latin American Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Speakers

Andrew George *Doogue + George Defence Lawyers, Melbourne, Victoria; Individual Defence Counsel Officer, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Daniel Koffmann *Quinn Emmanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, New York; North American Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Natalia Lioupi *Harvey, London*

Manavendra Mishra *Khaitan & Co, Mumbai, Maharashtra; Asia Pacific Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Athina Sachoulidou *Assistant Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki*

1300 – 1400

Lunch

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Conference refreshment break sponsor



1400 – 1530

Transnational enforcement in a fragmented world: cooperation, competition or compromised?

The recent tripartite agreement between France's Parquet National Financier (PNF), Switzerland's Office of the Attorney General (OAG), and the UK's Serious Fraud Office (SFO), formalised the creation of the International Anti-Corruption Prosecutorial Taskforce. With the United States' pivot away from the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act the panel will consider the current state of international law enforcement in Europe, the US and the Middle East and to what extent the new Taskforce signifies any real change.

Moderators

Cristián Francos *Lewis Baach Kaufmann Middlemiss, Washington, DC; Member, IBA Business Crime Committee Advisory Board*

Speakers

Nicholas Braganza *Holman Fenwick Willian, Dubai; Arab Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Christopher Houssemayne de Boulay *Hickman & Rose, London*

Jonathan Lopez *Jacobson Lopez, Washington, DC; Member, Anti-Money Laundering and Sanctions Expert Subcommittee, IBA Regulation of Lawyers Committee*

Astrid Mignon Colombet *August Debouzy, Paris*

Simone Nadelhofer *Schellenberg Wittmer, Zurich; Vice-Chair, IBA Business Crime Committee*

1530 – 1600

Coffee/tea break

1600 – 1730

BREAKOUT SESSION ONE

Grand Ballroom

How to prepare a trial: a comparative approach

This session will explore various practical aspects relating to the preparation of a trial. More particularly, the panellists will delve into the differences between civil and common law jurisdictions and address issues such as the preparation of witnesses, the appointment of experts, the importance of oral pleadings, the composition of the court and the cross-examination strategies and techniques of the world.

Moderators

Saverio Lembo *Bär & Karrer, Geneva; Secretary, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Laura Perkins *Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft, Washington, DC; Treasurer, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Speakers

Filippo Ferri *Cagnola & Associati Studio Legale, Milan; Co-Chair, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Kenan Furlong *A&L Goodbody, Dublin*

Felix Ng *Haldanes, Hong Kong; Secretary, IBA Business Crime Committee*

George Pyromallis *George Pyromallis Law Firm, Athens; European Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

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1600 – 1730

BREAKOUT SESSION TWO

Golden Room

Overburdened justice systems and curtailment of defendants' rights

In many places around the world there are complaints about the overburdening of justice systems, quickly leading to calls such as 'We must make criminal proceedings more effective!' Justice systems are allegedly becoming increasingly expensive and complicated. But isn't it rather due to limited budgets and staff shortages? Must we accept that the necessary adjustments go hand in hand with curtailing defence rights? Are there other possibilities? Could AI offer an option?

This panel will address the critical challenges facing modern justice systems, examining how resource constraints and case backlogs impact the fundamental rights of defendants. The discussion will explore practical solutions and best practices for maintaining due process standards while managing overwhelming caseloads.

Moderators

Katarzyna Randzio-Sajkowska *Sołtysiński Kawecki & Szlęzak, Warsaw; European Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Stefanie Schott *Kipper Durth Schott PartGmbH, Darmstadt; Senior Vice-Chair, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Speakers

Alexis Anagnostakis *Anagnostakis Law, Athens*

Miranda Ching *Boutique Law, London; Website Officer, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Stephen Demanovich *Continental, Miami, Florida*

1930 – 2300

Host Committee reception

Island Residence

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0900 – 1300	Registration
0930 – 1100	Will the rest of the world fear the European Public Prosecutor’s Office? A revolution of its kind, the European Public Prosecutor’s Office (EPPO) is the first supranational financial prosecutorial organisation with jurisdiction over individuals and companies accused of offences against the financial interest of the European Union (EU). As an independent body, the EPPO can conduct investigations in one or several of the 24 out of 27 participating EU Member States when offences are committed and can prosecute in the State of its choice. By 31 December 2024, the EPPO had 2,666 active investigations for an estimated damage of over €24.8 billion. Most of the crime reports received by the EPPO have come from private parties. Civil plaintiffs may appear in their proceedings. Companies and individuals worldwide that would engage in unlawful activities when dealing with the EU need to understand that this is an authority to count with. With experts from Europe and beyond, the panel will address the leading role taken by the EPPO in global financial prosecution, its challenges, future and its ever-growing interactions with the rest of the world. <i>Moderators</i> Emmanuel Moyne <i>Bougartchev Moyne Associés, Paris; Membership Officer, IBA Criminal Law Committee</i> Juan Palomino Segura <i>Pérez-Llorca, Madrid; Corporate Counsel Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee</i> <i>Speakers</i> Anke Feenstra <i>Hertoghs advocaten, Breda; Treasurer, IBA Criminal Law Committee</i> Andres O’Farrell <i>Marval O’Farrell Mairal, Buenos Aires</i> Carol Sun <i>JunHe, Shanghai; Scholarship Officer, IBA Criminal Law Committee</i> Alex Swan <i>Greenberg Traurig, London; Membership Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee</i>
1100 – 1130	Coffee/tea break
1130 – 1300	Collateral use of evidence This panel brings together leading practitioners and a judge from the US, UK and continental Europe (France and Greece) to examine one of the most challenging issues in modern criminal law and cross-border investigations: the collateral use of evidence. Drawing on experience from the bar, the bench and law enforcement, the speakers will explore when and how evidence obtained for one purpose should be reused in other or parallel proceedings. <i>Moderators</i> Lukasz Lasek <i>Wardynski I Wspólnicy, Warsaw; Committee Liaison Officer, IBA Criminal Law Committee</i> Helena Prieto <i>J&A Garrigues, Madrid; Anti-Corruption Committee Liaison Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee</i> <i>Speakers</i> Anden Chow <i>MoloLamken, New York</i> Stéphane de Navacelle <i>Navacelle, Paris; Business Crime Committee Liaison Officer, IBA Anti-Corruption Committee</i> Judge Alexandros-Ioannis Kargopoulos <i>Athens Criminal Court of First Instance, Athens</i> Jessica Parker <i>Corker Binning, London</i>
1300 – 1330	Closing remarks and committees open meeting

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