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When litigation meets crime

28–30 January 2026

Fairmont Copacabana Hotel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Working programme

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Wednesday 28 January

1830 – 2030 **Opening reception**

Fairmont Copacabana Hotel - Spirit Bar (6th Floor)

All registered delegates, speakers and exhibitors are invited to attend.

address: Av Atlantica 4240 - Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro

Thursday 29 January

All working sessions will take place in Rio de Janeiro II room (4th Floor)

Coffee/tea breaks will take place in the foyer of the Rio de Janeiro II room (4th Floor)

Lunch will take place in the Rio de Janeiro I room (4th Floor)

0800– 1600 **Registration**

Fairmont Copacabana Hotel - foyer of the Rio de Janeiro II room (4th Floor)

0900 – 0930 **Opening remarks**

Jacques Bouyssou *Alerion, Paris; Co-Chair, IBA Litigation Committee*

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

0930 – 1045 **The role of lawyers in ESG and sustainability**

The principle of environmental, social and governance (ESG) is an important concept that companies consider when making decisions. It encompasses a broad range of factors that stakeholders use to assess a corporation's standards, evaluate future financial performance and manage risk. The complex ESG landscape requires a holistic approach, combining an in-depth knowledge of global investigation trends as well as international and national laws relevant to a certain industry. Connected to ESG are several considerations, including reporting and disclosures, corporate governance and due diligence, business and human rights, the climate crisis, environmental issues, the energy transition, sustainable finance and impact investment. Mismanaging ESG considerations can lead to legal issues, reputational harm and financial losses.



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Thursday continued

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Guillermina Ester *Perez-Llorca, Madrid; Website Officer, IBA Litigation Committee*

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

Speakers

Ariela Agosin *Albagli Zaliasnik, Santiago*

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

Daniela Sanchez *Getnet, São Paulo*

Charlotte Tregunna *Peters & Peters Solicitors, London*

1045 – 1115 **Coffee/tea break**

1115 – 1230 **Asset recovery where criminal authorities are involved**

Recovery of assets in a different jurisdiction is always difficult, but an even more complex task is how to recover those assets when criminal authorities are after the same thing. Is speed the driving consideration? Is jurisdiction? Is insolvency? Is witness cooperation? Some of the more innovative answers – splitting the assets, dividing the proceedings and slowing down rather than speeding up – will provide for a dynamic and interesting panel that will focus on cases where clever thinking and fast action have meant that attempted recovery by a government hasn't hindered the client's recovery – or at least, not too much.

Session Co-Chairs

Benoit Mauron *Lalive, Geneva; Regional Representative Western Europe, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

Kate McMahon *Edmonds Marshall McMahon, London; Co-Chair, Asset Recovery Committee*

Speakers

Aurelie Conrad Hari *Bär & Karrer, Geneva*

Henrique Forssell *Duarte Forssell Advogados, São Paulo; Regional Representative Latin America, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

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

Carolina Leung *Kobre & Kim, São Paulo*

1230 – 1345 **Lunch**

1345 – 1500 **Insolvency and crime: the liability of board members**

Board members are often required to make difficult decisions when their companies face financial distress or enter an insolvency zone. In such circumstances, the fiduciary duties of directors are typically under great scrutiny, particularly in bankruptcy proceedings, in the context of which investigations into the potential civil and criminal liability of officers and board members are not uncommon. This panel will explore the intersection of insolvency and the potential criminal liability of board members, with a focus on common pitfalls and practical approaches for board members navigating their companies through financial distress.

Session Co-Chairs

Guilherme Fontes Bechara *Demarest Advogados, São Paulo; Vice Chair, Legislation and Policy Subcommittee, IBA Insolvency Section*

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

Speakers

Carolina Iwamoto *Pinheiro Neto Advogados, São Paulo*

Amit Jajoo *Trilegal, Mumbai*

Emmanuel Moyne *Bougartchev Moyne Associates, Paris; Membership Officer, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Andrea Puccio *Puccio Penalisti Associati, Milan*

1500 – 1530 **Coffee/tea break**

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Thursday continued

1530 – 1645 **Fraud matters: the main differences between common law and civil law remedies**
This panel will explore how fraud is addressed across legal systems, focusing on the contrasting remedies available under common law and civil law traditions. Speakers will examine procedural tools, evidentiary standards and enforcement mechanisms. The discussion will highlight how jurisdictional differences impact asset recovery, injunctive relief and the role of criminal proceedings in civil claims. Attendees will gain insights into strategic considerations when litigating fraud across borders and how legal culture shapes the pursuit of justice.

Session Co-Chairs

Felipe Galea *BMA Advogados, São Paulo*

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

Speakers

Guilherme Carnelos *Rahal Carnelos e Vargas do Amaral Advogados, São Paulo*

Olivier Laude *Laude & Associes, Paris*

1900 – 2200 **Cocktail reception provided by the Host Committee**

late Clube do Rio de Janeiro - Salão Nobre

All registered delegates and speakers are invited to attend.

address: Av Pasteur 333 - Urca, Rio de Janeiro

Shuttle will depart the Fairmont Copacabana Hotel at 1830. Meet up point: ground floor entrance.

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Coffee/tea break will take place in the foyer of the Rio de Janeiro II room (4th Floor)

0900– 1130 **Registration**

Fairmont Copacabana Hotel - foyer of the Rio de Janeiro II room (4th Floor)

0930 – 1045 **Legal privilege at the intersection between civil and criminal disputes**

The boundaries of legal privilege are being tested as never before. Civil litigators, criminal defence counsel, and investigators in white-collar matters all grapple with the question of what communications and materials are protected, and of when disclosure obligations override those protections. In this session, the speakers will explore strategic considerations for lawyers advising clients whose disputes straddle the regulatory, criminal and civil arenas, including strategies for preserving privilege in high stakes matters.

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Cara Cameron *Woods, Montreal, QC; Scholarship Officer, IBA Litigation Committee*

Matt Kaiser *Kaiser, Washington, DC; Co-Chair, IBA Criminal Law Committee*

Speakers

Trevor Mascarenhas *PCB Byrne, London*

Juan Palomino Segura *Perez-Llorca, Madrid; Corporate Counsel Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Business Crime Committee*

Juliana Sa de Miranda *Miranda Arcentales, São Paulo*

Johanna Wirth *Hengeler Mueller, Berlin, Germany*

1045 – 1115 **Coffee/tea break**

1115 – 1230 **Obligations of civil judges discovering a criminal offence in civil proceedings**

This panel will examine the responsibilities of civil judges when evidence of a criminal offence emerges during civil litigation. Key issues include the duty to report, limits of judicial competence, procedural and ethical considerations and how different legal systems address such situations. The discussion aims to clarify best practices while balancing judicial neutrality and the administration of justice.

Session Co-Chairs

Adriana Dantas *Lefosse Advogados, São Paulo*

Rodrigo Garcia *Marval O'Farrell Mairal, Buenos Aires*

Speakers

Judge Monica Maria Costa di Piero *Corte de Justiça do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro*

Marcos Glasman *SBM Offshore, Rio de Janeiro*

Sophie Scemla SC *Gide Loyrette Nouel AARPI, Paris*

1230 – 1245 **Closing remarks**

Andre Abbud *BMA Advogados, São Paulo*

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