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Corporate Governance, Company Regulation and Related Litigation

7th Winter Seminar
February 26 – March 2, 2012

In cooperation with the
ABA, Section of Litigation, International Litigation Committee
ABA, Section of International Law
ABA, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section



Whistler Mountain, Canada



Introduction

This year, the UIA is hosting its 7th Winter Seminar at Whistler, British Columbia from February 26 to March 2, 2012. The seminar is focused on Corporate Governance, Company Regulation and Related Litigation, and of course on everything else a winter resort like Whistler has to offer. The winter seminars provide exceptional networking opportunities ideal for expanding and maintaining international contacts.

The Whistler Seminar is being co-hosted and co-sponsored by the Torts Trial and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association. The UIA is proud that the Section of Litigation and the Section of International Law of the American Bar Association are again co-sponsoring this seminar.

The programmes on offer will provide the audience with the latest developments in corporate governance, company regulation and litigation surrounding these issues, both from a European and a North American perspective. In addition, there will be programmes on offer respecting ethical matters facing corporate management, best practices for managing lawyers' risks and practical guidance on the valuable subject of client development.

As for the ski resort; Whistler Village is consistently ranked as the best ski resort village in North America and for good reason. It is a vibrant happening place, full of restaurants, bars, shopping options, street life and lots of outdoor entertainment throughout the year.

We truly hope that you can join us for what should be an all-round excellent experience.

Sunday, February 26, 2012

7.00 pm **Opening Reception**
Opening Remarks

Bernice DONALD, *United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuits, Memphis, TN, USA*

Monday, February 27, 2012

am Welcome

**Corporate Governance Policies and Procedures –
An Introduction and Comparative Analysis**

Moderator: Winfried F. SCHMITZ, *Schmitz Law Offices, New York, NY, USA*

Ron BOZZER, *Hungerford Tomyrn Lawrenson and Nichols, Vancouver, BC, Canada*

Franz SCHUBIGER, *Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law, Zurich, Switzerland*

pm **Shareholder Activism – Impact on Governance**

Todd HOLLEMANN, *Miller Canfield PLC, Detroit, MI, USA*

Christian FRANZ, *Franz Rechtsanwälte, Düsseldorf, Germany*

Avimukt DAR, *Indus Law, New Delhi, India*

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

am **Regulatory Environment Affecting Corporate Governance**
USA: Continuing Impact of Sarbanes-Oxley – Dodd-Frank;
Europe: Accounting and Auditing Directives / Regulations;
Other Countries' Legislation

Moderator: Bernice DONALD, *United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuits,
Memphis, TN, USA*

Brad SIMON, *Bradley D. Simon, New York, NY, USA*

Daniele DE BENEDETTI, *Studio Benessia Maccagno, Turin, Italy*

pm **Corporate Compliance and Good Governance**

Avimukt DAR, *Indus Law, New Delhi, India*

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

am **Jurisprudence – Impact Cases and Decisions Influencing Governance**

Moderator: Nicholas R. HUGHES, McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Vancouver, BC, Canada

C. Ryan REETZ, DLA Piper LLP, Miami, FL, USA

Nicholas STEWART, Ely Place Chambers, London, UK

Bernice DONALD, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuits, Memphis, TN, USA

pm **Arbitration on Corporate Governance Related Cases**

Alberto PIERGROSSI, Studio legale Piergrossi, Milan, Italy

Francisco RAMOS ROMEU, Ramos Y Arroyo Abogados, Barcelona, Spain

Randy ALIMENT, Williams Kastner, Seattle, WA, USA

Thursday, March 1, 2012

am **Ethical and Other Dilemmas Faced by Corporate Management –
Contradictory Regulations, Reporting Governance Failures, etc.**

Moderator: Bradley RICHARDS, Haynes & Boone LLP, Houston, TX, USA

Bernice DONALD, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuits, Memphis, TN, USA

pm **Best Practices for Lawyers: Practical Tips for Avoiding Risk, Minimizing
Malpractice and Developing a Compliance Culture within a Law Firm**

Steven B. LESSER, Becker & Poliakoff P.A., Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA

Steven WASSERMAN, Chernett Wasserman LLC, Cleveland, OH, USA

Bradley RICHARDS, Haynes & Boone LLP, Houston, TX, USA

Friday, March 2, 2012

am **How to Pitch a Client: Practical Tips for Obtaining Legal Work**

Moderator: Randy ALIMENT, Williams Kastner, Seattle, WA, USA

Mark C. HILGARD, Mayer Brown LLP, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Marcus HIERL, KPMG, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Dale WEPPNER, Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale P.C., St Louis, MO, USA

David L. DEEHL, Deehl & Carlson PA, Miami, FL, USA

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Review of the Seminar, Concluding Remarks

Organizing Committee

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General Information

This seminar, organized by the UIA, with the support of the ABA, Section of Litigation, International Litigation Committee, the ABA, Section of International Law (collectively the "Organizers"), is open to all lawyers, whether or not they are members of the UIA or the ABA. Accompanying persons, children and friends are most welcome to join as well. The Organizers will try to arrange attractive rates with respect to ski passes.

Dress Code: Extremely casual (jeans and even cowboy boots, ski suits etc. allowed). Closing dinner: Coat & tie, evening dress.

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

The Organizers may at any time, with or without giving notice, in their absolute discretion and without giving any reason, cancel or postpone the training session, change its venue or any other published details. The Organizers are not responsible for information, pricing, and related data furnished by the Hotel. Accommodation is to be booked directly with the Hotel indicating the reference: "UIA Winter Seminar". The Organizers are not a tour operator or agent. Note that skiing is a dangerous sport, and accidents causing serious harm or death may happen. The Organizers, their respective officers, representatives and agents are not responsible for death, personal injury, psychological trauma, loss or damage (including property damage) howsoever arising from the participation in or attendance at the event, except to the extent prohibited by law. All participants attend at their own risk and expressly release the Organizers, their respective officers, representatives and agents from any liability.

SEMINAR VENUE

The Fairmont Chateau Whistler Hotel – 4599 Chateau Boulevard – Whistler, BC V0N 1B4, Canada
T +1 800 606 8244 – F +1 604 938 2055 – web: www.fairmont.com/whistler

SEMINAR REGISTRATION FEES

	€ (Euros)		
	Early Bird Before 23/12/2011	Standard from 24/12/2011	Speaker fees
Full Course	599 €	644 €	478 €
Young Lawyers (under 35)*	511 €	555 €	406 €
Accompanying Person**	95 €	110 €	95€
Monday to Wednesday	522 €	560 €	416 €
Young Lawyers (under 35)*	432 €	470 €	344 €
Accompanying Person**	95 €	110 €	95 €
Wednesday to Friday	444 €	472 €	344 €
Young Lawyers (under 35)*	344 €	382 €	262 €
Accompanying Person**	50 €	65 €	50 €

Registration fees include the participation to the seminar, seminar papers on CD Rom, morning breakfast, fruits, juice and coffee in the morning and refreshments in the evening, as well as an opening reception on February 26 (full course and Monday to Wednesday registrations only).

* Please attach proof of age to the registration form.

** Children under 18 are free of charge

VISAS

Any person, who would like to receive a visa invitation letter to attend the seminar, should register and pay their registration fees before December 23, 2011, to ensure there is enough time to obtain a visa. Only then it will be possible to benefit from a reimbursement in case the visa is refused.* - **

Should we only receive your registration after December 23, 2011, only 50% of the registration fees will be reimbursed.

Should your visa be issued after the seminar date, you will not be reimbursed.

* 100% refund of the amount paid minus € 50 (administrative costs).

** We need to receive proof of refusal before we proceed with the reimbursement.

LANGUAGE

The seminar will be in **English**. There will be no simultaneous translation.

ITINERARY

There are several ways to get to Whistler.

- **By car:** however the highway condition in the winter can be a challenge and all vehicles need to have snow tires/chains just in case (the Sea to Sky Highway is a Mountain Highway).
- **By plane:** the closest airports are Vancouver and Seattle (USA).

Shuttle Service Vancouver International Airport (YVR):

- **Pacific Coach Lines – Whistler Skylynx:** Vancouver International Airport to Whistler:(approx. 2 hours drive) <http://www.pacificcoach.com/Bus-Coach-Travel/YVR-Whistler-Skylynx/YVR-to-Whistler>
- <http://www.perimeterbus.com/?qclid=CJH-8JrWzqsCFUVTfAodPFSISw>

Tickets for Pacific Coach Lines (SkyLynx counter) can be purchased in the arrivals hall.

Shuttle Service Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA): -> via (Vancouver Int. Airport):

- **Quick Shuttle:** Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to Vancouver International Airport and then you'll have to take a shuttle service to Whistler (approx. 5 hours drive in total)

- The other options would be **taxi or limousine** which can cost anywhere from \$225.00 - \$400 each way.

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION

A limited number of rooms have been pre-booked, at a preferential rate (per room), at the hotel here below.
Reservations should be made directly **as soon as possible** through the hotel.

At this purpose, please:

The Fairmont Chateau Whistler Hotel (4*) 4599 Chateau Boulevard Whistler BC V0N 1B4 Canada Toll free nr: + 1 800 441 1414 T + 1 800 606 8244 F + 1 604 938 2055 Email: reservations.chateauwhistler@fairmont.com	Single/Double Fairmont room: C\$ 249 Single/Double Deluxe room: C\$ 299 Single/Double Deluxe Slope Side room: C\$ 349 Single/Double One Bedroom Suite room: C\$ 389 The group identifying code is: <u>0312WILL</u> . Deadline room block: Jan. 27, 2012
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This year's seminar is being hosted at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler, which is consistently rated the top ski resort hotel in North America by reader surveys in magazines such as *Condé Nast Traveler*. The Chateau Whistler is truly a top notch hotel in one of the best locations in Whistler. This picturesque hotel is nestled at the base of Blackcomb Mountain, immediately adjacent to the lifts that will take you up to Seventh Heaven or up to the Peak to Peak gondola and over to Whistler Mountain. The hotel is grand in scale and elegant in design, with beautiful restaurants and lounges and one of the best spas in all of Whistler. At the Chateau Whistler, everything for your stay is at your finger tips.

If you are looking for an alternative hotel, please contact UIA Centre

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