



The CSR Lawyer: Corporate social responsibility as an emerging field of the legal profession

18–19 September 2014

Holborn Bars, London, England

A conference presented by the IBA Corporate Social Responsibility Committee, in cooperation with the IBA Corporate Counsel Forum

The scope of laws affecting corporate social responsibility (CSR) is increasing – as is the importance of lawyers in advising companies on such issues. Lawyers routinely counsel their clients on CSR topics including business and human rights, anti-corruption, ethical sourcing and lending, privacy, and non-judicial grievance mechanisms. This conference will take stock of the ‘state of play’ and emerging trends in this field, assessing the role of lawyers among other CSR professionals.

Topics and discussion include:

- Overview: The legal landscape of CSR
- Spheres of legal liability for CSR issues, focusing on human rights
- The CSR lawyer as counsellor: due diligence and M&A
- In-house counsel forum
- Sector-specific discussions
 - Natural resources
 - IT/telecommunications

Keynote Speakers will be:

Peter Herbel *former Senior Vice-President and General Counsel of Total SA*

Cherie Blair QC, CBE *Chair of Omnia Strategy, will be speaking on ‘How lawyers can advance the case for business and human rights’*

Who should attend?

The conference will be relevant to both in-house counsel and private practitioners as well as company directors, executives and CSR professionals and is open to all IBA members and non-members.



Programme

Conference Co-Chairs

Stéphane Brabant *Herbert Smith Freehills, Paris; Co-Chair, IBA Corporate Social Responsibility Committee*
Peter J Stern *Facebook, Menlo Park, California; Co-Chair, IBA Corporate Social Responsibility Committee*

Thursday 18 September

1900 **Welcome Reception and Dinner**

The Crypt, Bleeding Heart Yard, Off Greville Street, London EC1N 8SJ

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Friday 19 September

0730 – 1700 **Registration**

Holborn Bars

0830 – 0845 **Welcome address**

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0845 – 0915

Overview

Speaker

Professor Jan Eijbouts *Maastricht University, formerly Group General Counsel and Corporate Director of Legal Affairs of Akzo Nobel*

0915 – 0945 **Remarks**

How lawyers can advance the cause of business and human rights

Cherie Blair QC CBE *Chair of Omnia Strategy, London*

0945 – 1205 **The CSR lawyer: Key themes and issues**

0945 – 1045

Spheres of legal liability for CSR issues, focusing on human rights

A group of experienced panel members will discuss the potential liabilities that can arise in connection with CSR issues focusing on human rights aspects. Topics to be covered will include legal liability standards, issues arising from implementation of the OECD guidelines, and the challenge of state/business collaboration in responsible sourcing.

Moderator

Stéphane Brabant

Speakers

Professor Hans Petter Graver *University of Oslo, Oslo*

Elise Groulx Diggs *Attorney at Law (Paris and Quebec Bars) and Convenor of the Advisory Board of the Project on Business and Human Rights of the ABA Center for Human Rights, Washington DC, USA*

Professor Robert McCorquodale *British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London*

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1045 – 1105 **Coffee/tea break**

1105 – 1205

The CSR lawyer as counsellor: due diligence and M&A

Attorneys are increasingly incorporating CSR considerations, including concerns with regard to human rights impacts, into traditional corporate due diligence processes. This panel will explore the role of the attorney in ensuring that social and environmental risks are considered in connection with agreements with potential business partners, evaluations of future and current projects, and assessments of corporate supply chains.

Moderator

Sarah Altschuller *Foley Hoag, Washington DC*

Speakers

Jeffery S Collins *Senior Counsel, Chevron, San Ramon, California; Secretary, IBA Corporate Social Responsibility Committee*

Nina Cronstedt *General Counsel Strategic Business Units & Centres of Expertise, Nestlé, Geneva*

Marcus Dowding *Senior Counsel, Rio Tinto Plc, London*

1205 – 1245 **Keynote address**

Peter Herbel *Total, Paris*

1245 – 1345 **Lunch**

1345 – 1445

In-house counsel forum

In-house counsel are often asked what issues keep them awake at night. At a time when corporations are concerned just as much with reputational as with legal risk, in-house counsel's list of worries might increasingly include matters clustered under a CSR banner. This panel of current and former in-house counsel will discuss the emergence of CSR as a subject of concern for in-house corporate lawyers and in particular for the in-house counsel as they advise the company.

Moderator

Rae Lindsay *Clifford Chance, London*

Speakers

Professor Jan Eijsbouts

Carine Smith Ihenacho *Vice President Legal, Statoil, Oslo*

Speakers from a global mining company and from a major financial institution have been invited

1445 – 1645 **Sector-specific discussions**

1445 – 1545

Natural resources

The business model of major extractive companies requires them to 'go where the resources are', which often means conducting operations in areas that have experienced significant human rights and rule of law problems. Today, as many extractive projects become ever more complex, so too do legal CSR issues confronting extractive companies. Panellists will discuss the progression of extractive companies' legal practices on CSR; current issues companies are grappling with; where CSR-law is heading in the extractives sector; and how state-owned and non-OECD companies have responded to CSR trends.

Moderator

Jeffrey S Collins

Speakers

David Fairman *Consensus Building Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts*

Jurriaan Jongsma *Legal Corporate Counsel, Shell, Amsterdam*

Kevin O'Callaghan *Fasken Martineau, Vancouver; Regional Representative North America, IBA Corporate Social Responsibility Committee*

1545 – 1645

IT/telecommunications

Core issues of CSR for lawyers representing IT/telecom companies include privacy, free expression, and potential loss of user trust. Our panel of lawyers from industry and academia will explore current trends, including the role of multi-stakeholder groups such as the Global Network Initiative, policies on transparency and responding to government requests for information, and the function of human rights impact reports in this sector.

Moderator

Peter Stern

Speakers

Stephen Deadman *Vodafone, London*

Professor James Harrison *University of Warwick, Coventry*

Ebele Okobi *Yahoo!, Sunnyvale, California*

1645 – 1700 **Final remarks**

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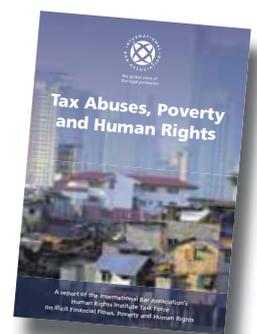
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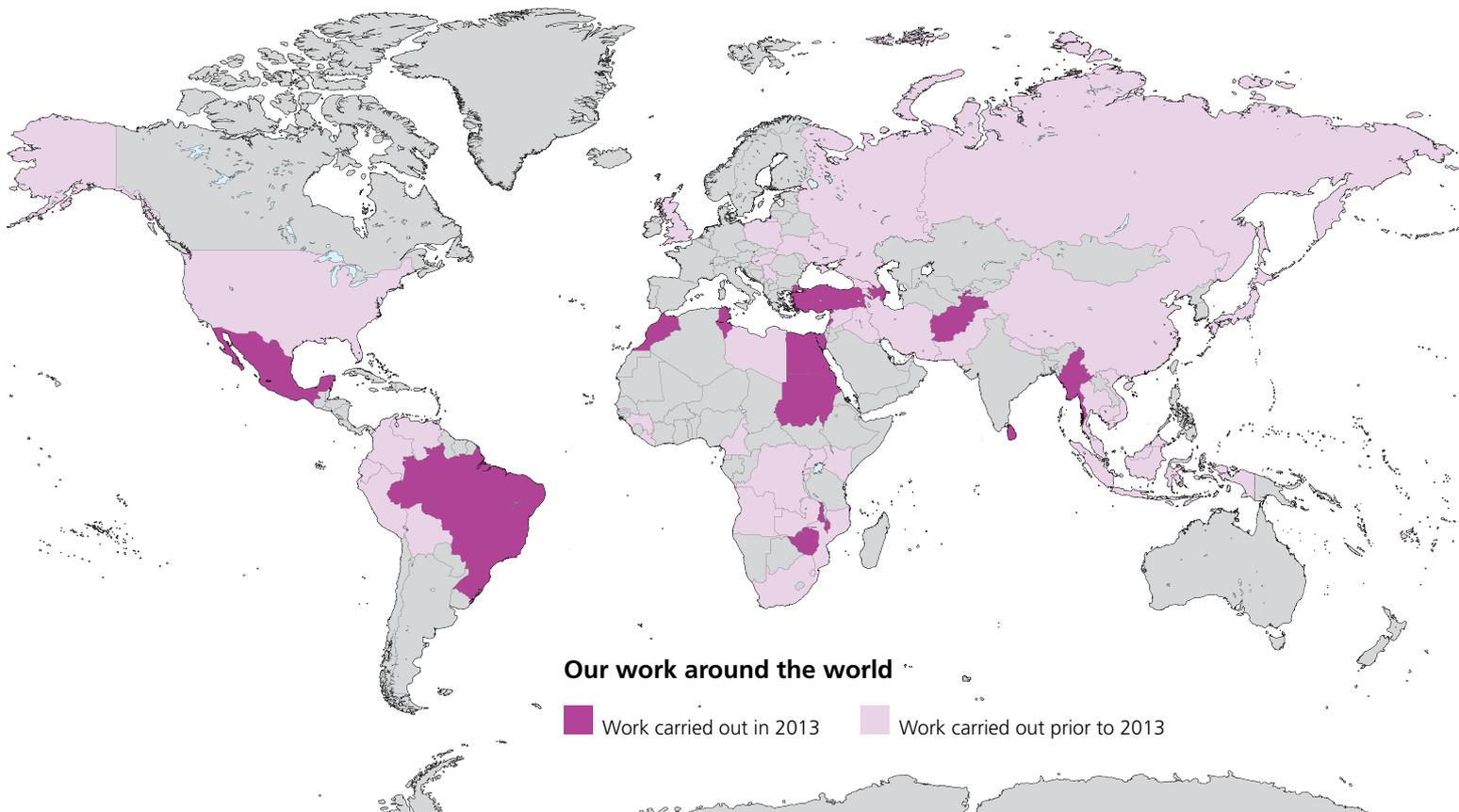


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Corporate social responsibility (CSR) is variously defined but is generally accepted to denote responsibly grounded business decision-making that considers its impact on people, communities and the environment. The increasing emphasis on CSR has particular importance for lawyers both as advisers to their clients and, in the case of law firms, as enterprises in their own right.

The IBA Corporate Social Responsibility Committee has as its mission: To promote the development of legal skills required to advise on subjects of corporate social responsibility, sustainable development and social performance, and to facilitate education and dialogue among lawyers who practice in this emerging area of the law; To support the legal profession in developing CSR strategies for their internal organisation and their engagement in communities and the world; and To champion the improved understanding and practical implementation of CSR principles in business, government and civil society.

European Regional Forum overview

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constituencies of the IBA to increase their presence in the different subregions of Europe, including parts of North Africa and the Middle East. The goals of the forum include addressing current and long-term needs of professional organisations and individual members within the geographical reach of the forum, as well as increasing membership and participation in the IBA and integrating them within the organisation.

The forum will also facilitate cross-border activity between lawyers and bars in different European countries. The forum has a particular focus on cross-disciplinary activities.

The forum seeks to facilitate relevant networking and information/experience sharing opportunities and encompasses the social and collegial interests of both members and potential members with other regional fora, the Corporate Counsel Forum and the Young Lawyers Committee and all LPD committees in general. At present the forum has 7,700 members and its numbers continue to increase as it becomes one of the most integrated and dynamic fora of the IBA.

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A smiling woman in a white lab coat stands behind a market stall. She is holding several pieces of fresh produce, including green leafy vegetables and purple eggplants. The stall is filled with various fruits and vegetables, including green mangoes, yellow mangoes, and colorful bell peppers. A wooden basket filled with tomatoes sits on the stall. In the background, there are lush green plants and a wooden structure. A large wooden sign on the left side of the stall reads "STRONGER ECONOMIES BENEFIT EVERYONE." in white capital letters, with red horizontal lines underlining "STRONGER" and "ECONOMIES".

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