

2025  
INTERNATIONAL  
CORPORATE  
COUNSEL  
COLLEGE



**October 9 - 10**  
*The Law Society*  
*London, United Kingdom*



# 2025 International Corporate Counsel College

The International Corporate Counsel College brings together in-house counsel and their law firm counterparts for education and discussion on the latest legal issues affecting global companies. The event is modeled on the highly successful IADC Corporate Counsel College that is held each year in the United States. This distinctive meeting format creates an intimate environment, providing the opportunity for in-house counsel and their advisors to gain knowledge together and spend time with others who face similar issues. The IADC is pleased to invite you to the annual International Corporate Counsel College in London on 9 - 10 October 2025.

## *Who may attend?*

The event is designed primarily for in-house counsel, corporate compliance officers, and senior executives of corporations. Outside counsel also are welcome, and are encouraged to invite one or more in-house counsel.

## Registration and Fees

### REGISTRATION

Registration is available online. To register for the International Corporate Counsel College: [www.iadclaw.org/events/2025-international-corporate-counsel-college](http://www.iadclaw.org/events/2025-international-corporate-counsel-college)

### FEES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Every attendee of the International Corporate Counsel College is responsible for registering themselves – outside counsel or in-house counsel.

Outside Counsel: Register at the outside counsel rate of \$2,125 USD. You are strongly encouraged to invite in-house counsel clients and guests to register and attend.

In-House Counsel: Register yourself complimentary.

Spouse/Guest (Non-Business Related): \$175 USD

### QUESTIONS?

For questions on registration, email Leeza Abramovich, Meetings Coordinator, at [labramovich@iadclaw.org](mailto:labramovich@iadclaw.org). For all other meeting questions, email Melisa Maisel Vanis, Director of Meetings and Professional Development, at [mmaisel@iadclaw.org](mailto:mmaisel@iadclaw.org).

# Schedule at a Glance

## 7 OCTOBER, TUESDAY

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Joint British Institute of International and Comparative Law Conference and Reception

## 8 OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. IADC Regional Welcome Reception

## 9 OCTOBER, THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration  
9:30 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. Welcome and Introductions  
9:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker Robin Weyell  
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Companies in the Crosshairs: When Criminal Offenses and Civil Liability Intersect  
11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Networking Coffee Break  
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. How to Keep Your Head, Uphold Ethical Standards, and Act as an Effective Lawyer and Business Leader When Senior Stakeholders Are Under Pressure (AKA Keep Calm, Carry On, Do Not Fail)  
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and Networking  
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. The Rule of Law in Uncertain Times: Maneuvering Your Company Through Changing U.S. Policies  
2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Networking Coffee Break  
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Misinformation, Disinformation, and the AI Revolution  
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6:00 p.m. Dinner

## 10 OCTOBER, FRIDAY

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11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



# *Ethical Dangers and the Roles and Responsibilities of an In-House Lawyer*

The Post Office scandal is the largest miscarriage of justice in UK history, in which more than 900 sub postmasters were wrongfully convicted of theft, fraud, and false accounting. This led to a statutory public inquiry, which concluded in December 2024. The inquiry revealed failures of governance, decision making, culture and ethics, including failures in the conduct of the lawyers.

The scandal prompted wide-ranging debate about ethical compliance and how to uphold the values of the legal profession. This conference explores the range of pressures faced by in-house lawyers, such as criminal risks and liabilities, stressed stakeholders, unexpected events, a changed information environment, political pressures, and the evolution of risk for an in-house team.

## Schedule

### 7 OCTOBER, TUESDAY

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### **JOINT BRITISH INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW CONFERENCE AND RECEPTION**

The IADC and BIICL have a long history of collaboration. Please join fellow IADC members, their guests, and BIICL colleagues at this event with thoughtful programming and a networking reception. *This conference is open to members of IADC, BIICL, and invited guests. Separate [registration](#) is required.*

### 8 OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### **IADC REGIONAL WELCOME RECEPTION**

### 9 OCTOBER, THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

#### **REGISTRATION**

9:30 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

#### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

*J. Dominic Campodonico, IADC President, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP, San Francisco, CA USA*

*Anna Cook, International Corporate Counsel College Director, Bristows LLP, London, United Kingdom*



9:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER ROBIN WEYELL**

Robin has been with the Crown Prosecution Service since 2019, first as a Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor in the East of England then, from January 2023, as Head

of International before moving to his current role within Organised Crime and Serious Fraud. His team's caseload includes some of the CPS most complex and challenging cases involving corporate criminality, bribery, corruption, fraud, and money laundering.

He has a 26-year career in the civil service across several government agencies focusing primarily on organized crime, drug trafficking, and police corruption. He was Head of Covert and International law at the National Crime Agency before being appointed as the first legal adviser to the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office (IPCO) where he supported the Commissioner overseeing the covert work of the UK's intelligence agencies. Before joining the civil service, he was a defence solicitor.

**Speaker:** Robin Weyell, *Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor, SEOCID, London, United Kingdom*

10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

## **Companies in the Crosshairs: When Criminal Offenses and Civil Liability Intersect**

The rapid growth in legislation imposing criminal penalties on corporations is a concern for GCs everywhere.

*It's 9pm and you receive a call from The Guardian that your company is going to be front page news tomorrow. The editor says it is in the public interest for the bribery allegations about your dealings with your international resellers to be publicly aired; and it is an open secret that the Serious Fraud Office is going to lay criminal charges imminently. What do you do?*

In this session we will explore:

- Does your company co-operate with the SFO – or not?
- And what about other regulators with an interest – how should they be dealt with?
- Several employees are in the crosshairs too: does your company pay their legal fees in defending themselves from the charges? And leave them in post meanwhile, or suspend them, pending the conclusion of investigations?
- What works in mitigation of any decision to prosecute, and what doesn't? Is a voluntary redress scheme for affected individuals a good thing for the company proactively to pursue?

**Moderator:** Marc Dautlich, *Bristows LLP, London, United Kingdom*

**Speakers:** Matthew Barton, *General Counsel, ZIGUP, Ashby St Ledgers, United Kingdom;* Peter Binning, *Corker Binning, London, United Kingdom;* Alexander de Swart, *Wladimiroff Advocaten, The Hague, Netherlands*

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## **How to Keep Your Head, Uphold Ethical Standards, and Act as an Effective Lawyer and Business Leader When Senior Stakeholders Are Under Pressure (AKA Keep Calm, Carry On, Do Not Fail)**

This panel explores how in-house lawyers can maintain composure, uphold ethical standards, and act decisively and ethically when senior stakeholders are under pressure, including ways in which external advisors can provide critical support in fostering strategic resilience. Drawing lessons from the Post Office scandal in the UK, presenters will highlight the consequences of leadership failure, the importance of ethical decision-making, and the need for transparency, accountability, and courage in challenging times.

**Moderator:** Damien Devot, *Meyer Fabre Avocats, Paris, France*

**Speakers:** Patrick Baeten, *Secretary General, BESIX Group, Brussels, Belgium*; John Beckett, *Hunter Douglas, Rotterdam, Netherlands*; Nigel Paterson, *Currys plc, London, United Kingdom*

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### **LUNCHEON AND NETWORKING**

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### **The Rule of Law in Uncertain Times: Maneuvering Your Company Through Changing U.S. Policies**

In our new global economy, changing U.S. policies on a variety of topics ranging from travel restrictions to tariffs and everything in between can make it hard for both in-house and outside counsel to properly advise their corporate clients. This panel will address how to best advise your clients to adjust to the known status and potential changes in status, including:

1. the impact on personnel and the workforce;
2. internal policies and international harmonization; and
3. managing pricing changes, stakeholder relationships and international contracts.

**Moderator:** Mark Behrens, *Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP, Washington, DC USA*

**Speakers:** Nicole M. Brunson, *Vice President, Litigation, Domtar, Huntersville, NC USA*; Atoyia Harris, *Proskauer Rose, New Orleans, LA USA*; Christian Murad, *Legal Director, Lucid Motors, Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

### **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

### **Misinformation, Disinformation, and the AI Revolution**

What is the impact of mis- and disinformation on trust and how does it affect the rule of law, companies, and democracy. As the technological revolution accelerates, what will be the impact of Artificial Intelligence on our information environment - its challenges and opportunities?

In this session, the panelists will discuss the following issues:

1. How healthy is our information environment?
2. What is fact checking?
3. How are companies affected by bad information? How does bad information cross borders?
4. What is the international picture and how are different governments legislating in respect of online safety?
5. What happens when institutions become politicized (the judiciary or statistical organizations)? How does this affect trust and independence?
6. Is AI the answer?
7. How to establish trust and maintain high standards? Why is it important that Full Fact is a charity?

**Moderator:** Anna Cook, *Bristows LLP, Trustee at Full Fact, London, United Kingdom*

**Speakers:** Andrew Dudfield, *Head of AI, Full Fact, London, United Kingdom*; Chris Morris, *Chief Executive, Full Fact, London, United Kingdom*

3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### **Caught in the Web: What Do You Do When Your Company Becomes The Focus of Online Media Attention**

This panel will consider strategies to respond to negative publicity and campaigns in social media, including in connection with litigation, and the role of in-house counsel in such situations.

**Moderator:** Gregory Williams, *Clayton Utz, Sydney, Australia*

**Speakers:** Vikki Kosmalska, *H/Advisors, London, United Kingdom*; Kirsten Sowade, *Senior Counsel Litigation, Bayer, Leverkusen, Germany*; Jason Wright, *K2 Integrity, London, United Kingdom*

6:00 p.m.

### **DINNER**

## **10 OCTOBER, FRIDAY**

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

### **Future-Proofing Legal: Cultivating Legal Teams for Tomorrow's Risks**

In an era of accelerating change, legal leaders are expected not only to manage risk but to anticipate it. This panel brings together experienced general counsel to explore how to build and lead high-performing legal teams that are equipped to handle emerging issues—from geopolitical shocks and regulatory shifts to ESG scrutiny and AI disruption – including how best to leverage the support of external counsel in a cost-effective way.

Panelists will share practical strategies for:

- Embedding horizon scanning into legal operations and governance
- Cultivating a team culture that is agile, commercially attuned, and future-focused
- Leveraging cross-functional insights and external partnerships to stay ahead of material developments
- Balancing responsiveness with long-term strategic foresight

**Moderator:** Brittany F. Boykin, *Brit Insurance, London, United Kingdom*

**Speakers:** Stephanie Bennett, *Head of Legal, Boehringer, London, United Kingdom*; Kevin L'Heveder, *Vertiv, Paris, France*; Priscilla McCalley, *General Counsel, Markel, London, United Kingdom*

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

### **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

### **If I Knew Then....An In-House Perspective on the Practice of Law in 2025 and Training Up a New Generation of Lawyers**

The practice of law has changed significantly over the years, particularly with the advances of technology and globalization. At the same time, the more some things have changed the more others have stayed the same. Our panel of esteemed in-house counsel will re-visit their younger

selves before they went to law school and consider the advice they would have given to themselves knowing now what they did not know then. They will also ponder how we train up the next generation of lawyers to continue to support the rule of law in today's world, as well as the particular challenges facing in-house counsel and those they see outside counsel facing.

**Moderator:** Döne Yalçın, *CMS Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey*

**Speakers:** George Pickering, *VP, Legal, GSK, London, United Kingdom*; Oya Sehirlioglu, *The Magnum Ice Cream Company, Istanbul, Turkey*; Katie Whang, *Legal Counsel, Johnson & Johnson, Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

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# General Information



## LOCATION

The Law Society  
113 Chancery Lane  
London, United Kingdom  
<https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/en>

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The IADC will not be hosting a room block during this meeting. All attendees will be responsible for booking their hotel reservations at their preferred London hotel. The meeting address is 113 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1PL UK if you would like to search for properties close by. For a list of nearby hotel options and special rates, please see the [2025 International Corporate Counsel College event calendar page](#).

## TRANSPORTATION

London Heathrow Airport (LHR) is London's main airport and offers the most overseas flights. It is located 17 miles (27 km) west of central London. Depending on the time of day and traffic, the travel time can be between 1 to 2 hours. There are a number of public transportation options as well, including the Heathrow Express, the London Underground, and the Elizabeth line.

London-Gatwick Airport (LGW) is the secondary international airport serving London and is 29 miles (47 km) south of central London.

Taxi cabs are readily available at both airports.

## CLIMATE AND DRESS

Business attire is appropriate for this meeting. When packing for your trip, please note that average temperatures in London this time of year range from a high 15° C/60° F to a low of 8° C/47° F.

Please check the weather forecast as the meeting gets closer.

## CLE CREDITS

Approximately 7.5 hours of general CLE credit in 60-minute states and 9.0 hours of general CLE credit in 50-minute states will be requested for accreditation from all mandatory continuing legal education jurisdictions where registered attendees are licensed.

## CPD CREDIT (CANADA)

The IADC is a Pre-Approved Provider of CPD Credit with the Law Society of British Columbia. The Quebec CPD Committee recognizes courses approved by other Canadian bars as approved in Quebec. For those in attendance at the International Corporate Counsel College, 7.5 CPD credits are available.

## SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have any special needs during the meeting (i.e. diet or accessibility), please email Melisa Maisel Vanis, Director of Meetings and Professional Development, at [mmaisel@iadclaw.org](mailto:mmaisel@iadclaw.org) in advance of the meeting.

## DATA PRIVACY AND COLLECTION

Data is collected on attendees through registration for the purposes of executing the meeting and communicating with attendees about the meeting. Meeting sponsors have access to the registration list provided to all attendees. If any attendee has questions on data use and privacy, please contact Mary Beth Kurzak, Executive Director and CEO, at [mkurzak@iadclaw.org](mailto:mkurzak@iadclaw.org).

## CANCELLATION POLICY

A CASH REFUND, less a \$150 processing fee, will be made if a written notice of cancellation is received by the IADC office more than thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the meeting. No reason for the cancellation need be provided for a timely notice of cancellation. NO CASH REFUND will be made if notice of cancellation is received by the IADC office thirty (30) days or less prior to the first day of the meeting. However, if special circumstances arise before the meeting which prevent attendance, a member may request a future meeting credit. The request needs to be in writing and submitted to the IADC office. It should be directed to the Finance Committee's attention and note the special circumstances which caused cancellation. The credit request can only apply to meeting registration fees (not air, hotel, activity, tour, or special event fees) and, if approved, will be valid for use toward any IADC meeting for one (1) year from the date of the meeting for which credit is requested. A \$150 processing fee will be deducted from the total future meeting credit.

All future meeting credit requests will be considered by the Finance Committee and the decision of that Committee will be final.

Spouse/Guest Fee: Notice of cancellation must be received by the IADC in writing no later than 8 September 2025 in order to receive a full refund. No refunds or credits will be issued for cancellation requests received after 8 September.

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Thank you to the members of the International Corporate Counsel College Planning Committee for their work to make this meeting possible.

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