



2022 FRENCH PRESIDENCY OF THE
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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2022

LAWYERS: KEY PLAYERS IN ENSURING EFFECTIVE LEGAL PROTECTION IN EUROPE

PARIS, GLOBAL HUB FOR EUROPEAN LAW AND LEGALTECHS

A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF NOVEL EU LEGAL TOOLS PROVIDES FOR BETTER PROTECTION OF CITIZENS

PLENARY SESSIONS (8:45 AM-12:30 PM) - MAISON DU BARREAU - 2 RUE DE HARLAY 75001 PARIS

Accessible online or in-person - Simultaneous translation in French and English

8:45-9:15 am RECEPTION IN THE LOBBY AT THE MAISON DU BARREAU

9:15-9:45 am OPENING - INAUGURAL SPEECH (*auditorium*)

- **Julie Couturier**, President of the Paris Bar Association
- **Eric Dupond-Moretti**, Minister of Justice
- **James MacGuill**, President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)
- **Laurent Pettiti**, President of the French Bars Delegation (DBF)

9:45-11:00 am THE EU PROTECTING THE INDEPENDENCE OF LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (*auditorium*)

Sharing witness accounts and experiences: what guarantees does EU law offer to protect litigants and legal practitioners from the infringement of their rights?

Moderator :

- **Vincent Nioré**, Vice-President of the Paris Bar Association

Speakers :

- **Ingrid Derveaux**, Judge, Deputy Director and Head of the International Department of the National School for the Judiciary (ENM)
- **Pawel Juszczyzyn**, Judge of Olsztynie Regional Court (Poland)
- **Aleksander Krysztofowicz**, Vice-Dean of the Warsaw Bar Association
- **Filipe Marques**, President of the European Magistrates for Democracy and Freedom Association (MEDEL)
- **Ignas Vėgėlė**, President of the Lithuanian Bar Association

11:00 am-12:15 pm PERSPECTIVES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND ANTI-TERRORIST FINANCING REGULATIONS (*auditorium*)

Anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing obligations for lawyers, the DAC 6, the EU anti-money laundering package, and compliance rules for law firms: what is at stake for professional confidentiality? Are there any preventative measures? Can the CARPA serve as a model for the rest of Europe?

Moderator :

- **Louis Degos**, lawyer (Paris Bar), member of the French delegation to the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), former member of the Paris Bar Council

Speakers :

- **Constance Desauettes**, Policy Officer, Financial Crime Unit, Directorate General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (European Commission)
- **Valérie Dupong**, President of the Luxembourg Bar Association
- **Jean-Charles Krebs**, Lawyer (Paris Bar), Secretary General of the Paris CARPA
- **David Lévy**, Lawyer (Paris Bar), member of the Conseil national des barreaux
- **Raluca Pruna**, Head of the Financial Crime Unit, Directorate General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (European Commission)

12:15-12:30pm CLOSING - PLENARY SESSIONS (*auditorium*)

- **Clément Beaune**, Secretary of State for European Affairs (video speech)



WORKSHOPS – ALTERNATIVE SESSIONS (2:00 PM-5:00 PM) MAISON DU BARREAU, 2 RUE DE HARLAY, 75001 PARIS

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2:00-3:30 pm **WORKSHOP 1: THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTION OFFICE – FIRST STEPS, BIG PROGRESS?** (*auditorium*)

What are the French bodies within the EU's centralised and independent public prosecution? How do they interact with their French counterparts? What are the limits to their powers and what does it mean to commit fraud against the EU budget? How can the European Public Prosecution's effective independence be guaranteed? How do European Prosecutors carry out their investigations?

Moderator :

- **Camille Potier**, Lawyer (Paris Bar), member of the French delegation to the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), former member of the Paris Bar Council

Speakers :

- **Vincent Asselineau**, Lawyer (Paris Bar), President of the European Criminal Bar Association
- **Frédéric Baab**, European Prosecutor
- **Isabelle Lemaire**, Pre-trial Detention Judge (JLD)
- **Cécile Soriano**, European Delegated Prosecutor

2:00-3:30 pm **WORKSHOP 2: FOCUS ON EUROPEAN REGULATIONS ON INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS** (*Room Gaston Monnerville*)

The transposition of the EU Restructuring Directive into French law introduced new concepts derived from common law jurisdictions : the consolidation of creditors into estates according to shared economic interests, the absolute priority rule, the best interest test, etc. Beyond the application of the text, questions over the butterfly effect of these new measures on preventive and insolvency proceedings should be raised.

Moderator :

- **Antoine Diesbecq**, Lawyer (Paris Bar), former member of the Bar Council, President of the National Union of CARPA

Speakers :

- **Patrick Coupeaud**, Judge at the Safeguard Chamber of the Paris Commercial Court, General Delegate for the Insolvency Procédures
- **Reinhard Dammann**, Lawyer (Paris Bar), Affiliate Professor at Sciences Po
- **Jean-Luc Vallens**, Honorary Judge, former Associate Professor at the Strasbourg University, Head of Education at the National School of the Judiciary (ENM)

3:30-5:00 pm **WORKSHOP 3: EUROPEAN CIVIL PROCEDURE INSTRUMENTS** (*auditorium*)

This workshop seeks to introduce different European civil procedure instruments that legal practitioners can use to resolve a range of transborder issues.

Moderator :

- **Catherine Rumeau**, Deputy Head of Office - International Law and Civil Cooperation Unit, Department of Civil Assistance, Private International and European Law (French Ministry of Justice), national referent to the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters

Speakers :

- **Soraya Amrani Mekki**, Professor at Université Paris Nanterre, Vice-President of the French Consultative Commission on Human Rights, Director of L'axe justice judiciaire, amiable et numérique (CEDCACE)
- **Olivier Saumon**, Lawyer (Paris Bar), Member of the Board of Directors of the Droit et Procédure Association
- **Elodie Valette**, Lawyer (Paris Bar), Member of the Board of Directors of the Droit et Procédure Association
- **Marie Vautravers**, Legislative Officer, Civil Justice Unit, DG JUST, European Commission, Secretary of the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters

3:30-5:00 pm **WORKSHOP 4: REQUESTS FOR PRELIMINARY RULINGS IN EUROPEAN LAW**

(Room Gaston Monnerville)

What are some reasons for lawyers to raise requests for preliminary rulings under European law? This workshop will introduce the different kinds of requests for preliminary rulings, the prerequisites for admissibility, as well as their projected impact on the resolution of the case at hand.

Moderator :

- **Fabrice Picod**, Professor at the University of Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, Director of the European Law Center

Speakers :

- **Jose A. Gutierrez-Fons**, Legal Secretary, Court of Justice of the European Union
- **Eric Barbier de la Serre**, Lawyer (Paris, Brussels, New York Bars)
- **Florence Merloz**, Judge-Referee, Head of the International Relations Department of the Court of Cassation
- **Laurent Jacques**, Counsellor at the Third Civil Chamber, Court of Cassation, former Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Union

EUROPEAN LEGALTECH NIGHT (6:45 PM - 10:00 PM) COWORKING - MORNING 4, RUE ROYALE 75008 PARIS (HOTEL DE LA MARINE)

« Paris, the legaltech hub at the heart of Europe »

6:45-7:00 pm **OPENING**

7:00-7:10 pm **BROADCAST OF A FILM ON LEGALTECHS IN EUROPE**

7:10-8:00 pm **PITCH SESSION FROM EUROPEAN AND FRENCH LEGALTECHS**

Jus Mundi, You Sign, Councilbox... and many others

8:00-8:30 pm **ROUNDTABLE: PARIS, HUB OF EUROPEAN LEGALTECHS**

During this roundtable, we will focus on the situation in France and the construction of Paris, Place de Droit... et d'Innovation! (Paris, the Hub of Law and Innovation)

Moderator :

- **Juliette Halbout**, Lawyer (Paris Bar), member of the Incubator

Speakers :

- **Thierry Wickers**, Vice-President of the Council of European Bars and Law Societies (CCBE)
- **Lara Rouyres**, President French Tech Grand Paris
- **Soledad Atienza**, Dean of the IE Law School (Spain)
- **Grégoire Kopp**, GRK Impact & Comms, former spokesperson of Uber France, former chief of staff of OVH
- **Emmanuelle Hoffman**, Lawyer (Paris and Quebec Bars), specialised in tech & digital

8:30-8:45 pm **CLOSING**

- **Denis Musson**, President of the Digital Commission of Paris Place de Droit

8:45-10:00 pm **COCKTAIL / NETWORKING**

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