



TALKING AMONG LAWYERS IN THE HEART OF THE DOLOMITES

Advanced English Skills for Legal Professionals

Pinzolo, 7-9 June 2024

FRIDAY 7 JUNE

16:00 - 16:30 Welcome & Introductions: conference overview and introductions of key attendees

16.30 - 18:00 Lawyering in a World of Multiple Legal Orders : Understanding the Landscape
Jean-Yves Gontier

18:00 - 18:30 Coffee break - networking

18:30 - 19:30 Lawyering in a World of Multiple Legal Orders : Strategies for Effective Advocacy - Jean-Yves Gontier

19:30 - 20:00 Panel discussion

20:15 Dinner

SATURDAY 8 JUNE

8:00 - 9:15 Breakfast

9:30 - 11:00 Aligning an investment with ESG “Environmental Social and Governance” principles - Myriam Carius and Elizabeth Uwaifo

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break - networking

11:30 - 13:00 Case study: the main contractual arrangements in the natural resources sector (Mining sector and oil & gas sector) - interactive session - **Myriam Carius and Elizabeth Uwaifo**

13:00 - 15:00 Lunch break in Pinzolo
(not included)

15:00 - 16:30 Introduction to English financial law - providing an overview of key principles, regulations and legal frameworks governing finance in England (I) - **Myriam Carius and Elizabeth Uwaifo**

16:30 - 17:00 coffee break

17:00 - 18:00 Introduction to English financial law - providing an overview of key principles, regulations and legal frameworks governing finance in England (II) - **Myriam Carius and Elizabeth Uwaifo**

18:00 - 19:00 Panel discussion

19:30 dinner

21:00 English cinema

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast

9:00-11:00 “CROSSBORDER TRANSACTION”: what tools are available for an Italian lawyer to be effective - **Myriam Carius**

11:00 Final greetings

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel Corona Pinzolo Wellness Dolomite & Family 3*superior

<https://www.hotelcoronapinzolo.it>



MYRIAM CARIUS

Myriam Carius is a solicitor of England and Wales, a registered lawyer with the Paris Bar Association and a licensed legal counsel in Ivory Coast. Myriam is the founder of Carius and Partners. As part of her commitment to contributing to the economic transformation of Africa, Myriam advised the African Development Bank on financial transactions across Africa.

Myriam also advised African Sovereigns through her role as a consultant at the Africa Legal Support Facility. Prior to Carius and Partners, Myriam started her career in the banking and finance department of Clifford Chance in Paris where she focused on cross-border banking and finance transactions across Europe and project finance transactions in Europe, Africa, and other emerging markets. Myriam later joined the oil & gas, energy, infrastructures, and project finance departments of Mayer Brown and then Ashurst in London. In London, Myriam practised her skills in banking and finance particularly in the natural resources sector.

Additionally, Myriam is the Ambassador for Côte d'Ivoire of the Women Entrepreneurship Day Organisation which is a global not-for-profit organisation that celebrates, supports, and uplifts women entrepreneurs worldwide. As a person of influence in the legal industry, Myriam also launched a mentoring programme dedicated to women students of the law faculty of the University Felix Houphouet Boigny of Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

In 2023, Myriam was a keynote speaker at the Conference for Global Transformation where she shared her commitment to uplift women entrepreneurs in Africa. Myriam also received the Women Leadership Achievement Award at the World Women Leadership & Award 2015 ("WWLA") in Mumbai, India. The Women Leadership Achievement Award is awarded to "Outstanding Women Professionals / Leaders who have the vision, flair, acumen and professionalism to demonstrate excellent leadership and managing skills in an organisation, making changes and achieving results". With over 15 years of experience as a banking and finance lawyer, as a consultant for Development Finance Institutions and as a leader in her community, Myriam is well-equipped to assist, to support and to empower businesses, financial institutions, and organisations to fulfil their visions.



ELIZABETH UWAIFO

Elizabeth Uwaifo founded **Radix Legal and Consulting Ltd** in 2014 to provide sophisticated first-class legal advice that simplifies complex structures and delivers creative solutions to clients.

Elizabeth has leveraged her over **30 years' experience** advising banks, financial institutions, and corporates on a wide variety of finance, regulatory, corporate and commercial arrangements to support African institutions and investors in Africa in structuring and documenting transactions.

Elizabeth is passionate about using her expertise to support institutions in building robust and sustainable businesses that facilitate **economic development in Africa**.

Education

- LL.B. Law, 1985, First Class honours, University College London
- B.C.L. Law, 1987, **Oxford University** (postgraduate degree)

Current Positions

In addition to being the Managing Partner of Radix Legal and Consulting Ltd, Elizabeth holds the following positions:

- Member of the Advisory Board of the University of East London Centre for Fintech
- Independent Non-executive Director, Asset & Resource Management Holding Company (ARM) Limited (June 2021 to date)

Professional Qualifications

- Called to the bar of Middle Temple, 1989
- Re-qualified as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales, 1992
- CIPP/E (Certified Information Privacy Professional Europe), 2020



JEAN-YVES GONTIER

Jean-Yves Gontier is a **respected figure in international business law and dispute resolution**, renowned for his integrity and ability to navigate complex legal landscapes worldwide. With nearly **two decades of experience** at the Paris Bar, he handles legal cases both in France and internationally, providing cross-border expertise.

Gontier has worked for over 15 years at prestigious law firms such as Gide Loyrette Nouel, Latham & Watkins, and Lext Avocats, as well as renowned institutions like Sciences Po and the French Council of State.

Internationally recognized, he specializes in providing legal counsel to both public and private entities, skillfully navigating the intersection of business law, international politics, and diplomatic influence.

Gontier's commitment to international practice is evident through his **significant presence in Africa, the Maghreb, and the Middle East**, where he offers strategic advice on various legal matters, including international project financing, contract negotiation, and cross-border risk management.

He excels in providing **legal and strategic guidance to companies, executives, and investors in complex operations**, showcasing expertise in conflict resolution, particularly in national and international arbitration procedures, commercial litigation, and economic and financial criminal proceedings.

His expertise in international arbitration and conflict resolution stems from extensive experience gained in North America, where he conducted arbitration proceedings before the ICDR, the international branch of the American Arbitration Association, a leading institution in international dispute resolution.

His proficiency in this field is further strengthened by a **professional qualification in international arbitration** obtained at **Columbia University Law School** in 2015, under the supervision of Professor George Bermann.

Bilingual in French and English, with Canadian and French nationalities and international education, Gontier effectively engages with international clients and navigates local administrations' complexities.

He collaborates with major institutions globally to promote dispute prevention, good governance, arbitration, and mediation as alternatives to conflict resolution.

Throughout his career, Gontier has demonstrated a capacity to offer pragmatic advice and vigorously defend the interests of businesses and states.

Furthermore, Gontier's academic qualifications, including a doctoral thesis in public law focusing on legal diplomacy and continental law from the University Paris Saclay, complement his expertise in international mediation and arbitration.

Civically engaged, Gontier also serves as municipal councilor and has contributed to local development and public management.

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Solo alla ricezione del pagamento verrà inviata conferma di avvenuta iscrizione.

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L'evento è in corso di accreditamento.