



BALKAN LEGAL FORUM 2002

The Role of the Legal Profession for the Stability and Economic Growth

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Sofia, Bulgaria

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Programme

SEPTEMBER 25, 2002, WEDNESDAY TRAINING COURSE

8.30 - 18.00 - Registration

9.00 - 12.30 - Management of
Law Firms and Individual Law
Practices

Session Chair

George L. Savvides

George L. Savvides & Co., Limassol, Nicosia

Speakers

Edward O. DeLaney

Barnes & Thornburg, Indianapolis

Essam Al Tamimi

Al Tamimi & Company, Dubai

George L. Savvides

George L. Savvides & Co., Limassol

Michael Simmons

Finers Stephens Innocent, London

This session will address issues of management for individual practitioners, management of medium-sized law firms, including an examination of law firm structures, and the functioning of law firms. Pertinent questions of marketing, partner remuneration and globalisation will also be covered.

14.00 - 15.20 - Introduction to
International Capital Markets

Speaker

James Scoville

Debevoise & Plimpton, London

The session will discuss techniques in conducting global equity offerings, including those registered under the U.S. Securities Act and those intended to be conducted outside the United States; practical pointers in representing issuers and underwriters; and recent developments in the global capital markets.

15.20 - 15.40 - coffee break

15.40 - 17.00 - Introduction to
Technology Law

Speaker

Prof. Dr. Isabel Hernando

Universidad del Pais Vasco, San Sebastian

The purpose of this session is to outline the essential concepts applicable to information technology („IT“) in order to provide participants with a basic legal understanding of the sector. The legal protection of the different components of IT and e-commerce will be discussed.

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20.00 - 22.00 - Welcome Reception hosted by
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory and the
Bulgarian Bar Association

Address by **Traian Markovsky** - Chairman of the
Supreme Bar Council of Bulgaria

SEPTEMBER 26, 2002, THURSDAY

8.30 - 15.00 - Registration

9.00 - 9.30 - Official Opening of the Forum

Opening remarks of **Borislav T. Boyanov**, Borislav
Boyanov & Co., Sofia, Forum Chairperson

Address by **H.E. Simeon Saxe-Coburg Gotha**, Prime
Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria
(to be confirmed)

Address by **H.E. Prof. Ognyan Gerdjikov**, Chair-
man of the National Assembly of the Republic Bul-
garia

9.30 - 12.30 - The Rule of Law
- Role of lawyers

Session Chair

Heinz H. Löber

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Vienna

Speakers

Erhard Busek

*EU Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for
South Eastern Europe*

Rt Hon. Lord Slynn of Hadley

*Lord of Appeal and former Advocate General and
Judge of the European Court of Justice, member of
the House of Lords*

H.E. Anton Stankov

Minister of Justice of the Republic of Bulgaria

Calin Andrei Zamfirescu

President, Union of Romanian Lawyers

The session will discuss the importance of the rule of law for the development of democratic, economically strong and stable countries in South Eastern Europe. In this context it will review the legal regimes for the practice of law and the new regulations for the legal profession in the countries of this region of Europe. Furthermore, the status of the judicial reforms will be investigated as they relate to business stability, attracting foreign investments and the legal profession.

12.30 - 14.00 - lunch

Luncheon Speaker

His Hon. George Dobry CBE QC

Admission by ticket

14.00 - 17.00 - *Solid Banking
System - A Vehicle for Economic
Growth*

Session Co - Chairs

Klaus Requat

Member of the Group Management Board and
Managing Director - Creditanstalt, HVB Group

Tibor Fabian

Binder Grösswang Rechtsanwälte, Vienna

Speakers

Adriana Gaspar

Nestor Nestor Diculescu Kingston Petersen,
Bucharest

Heinrich Pecina

Chairman, Vienna Capital Partners

Kamen Zahariev

Senior Counsel, EBRD, London

Luigi Lovaglio

Deputy Chairman of the Management Board
and Chief Operating Officer, Bulbank AD, Sofia

Richard Lock

Köves Clifford Chance Pünder, Budapest

The session will address the importance of the banking institutions for economic growth and stability in South Eastern Europe. It will discuss regional aspects of changing ownership of banking institutions, privatisation and post-privatisation processes; lessons to be learned from crises of the banking industries in the region and the demands on the legal framework for new financing techniques like securitisation and derivatives.

19.00 - 21.00 - *Reception hosted by Bulgarian
law firms*

SEPTEMBER 27, 2002, FRIDAY

9.00 - 12.00 - *Registration*

9.00 - 12.30 - *Litigation and ADR
for Development of Market
Economy in South Eastern Europe*

Session Chair

Tim Reynolds

Constant & Constant, London

Speakers

Hazel Genn

Professor, University College London

Ioannis Chardalias

IKRP Law Firm, Athens

Phillippe de Coulon

Lenz & Staehelin, Geneva

Silvy Chernev

President of the Arbitration Court at the Bulgarian
Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sofia

Sidika Baysal

Baysal & Aka Law Office, Ankara

Even with the best drafted contract disputes may arise; how should they be resolved? There is a growing concern with the traditional means of resolving disputes that arise under contracts of international trade and investment. Both litigation and, to a lesser degree, arbitration are increasingly attacked by the business world. Is this a temporary situation or permanent? What could be done to improve litigation or arbitration for the business community? The idea of this session is to examine the advantages and disadvantages of the various ways of dispute resolution in the South Eastern Europe region and what can be learned from western experiences and shortcomings.

12.30 - 14.00 - lunch break

14.00 - 17.00 - *Unfair Competition
and Consumer Protection*

Session Chair

Tomasz Wardynski CBE

Wardynski & Partners, Warsaw

Speakers

Christos Chrissanthis

IKRP Law Firm, Athens

Daniel Greif

Trademark Counsel, The Coca Cola Company,
Vienna

Damien Simeonov

Borislav Boyanov & Co., Sofia

Jürgen Brandstätter

Foglar - Deinhardstein & Brandstätter, Vienna

This session will review the historical development of trademark laws and trademark protection against infringement within a broad context of the legal system, aimed at combating unfair competition. Parallel import and advertising activities in the light of European law standards will be also discussed.

Closing remarks of the Forum Chairperson

20.00 - 24.00 h - *Gala Dinner at Panorama
Restaurant, Kempinski Hotel Zografski, Sofia*
Admission by ticket

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Information

Dates: September 25-27, 2002

Venue:

Sheraton Sofia Hotel Balkan
5, St. Nedelya Square
1000 Sofia, Bulgaria
Tel.: (+359 2) 981 65 41
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Official Language:

The official language of the conference will be English. Simultaneous translation service from English into Bulgarian will be available at all sessions.

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Registration

Please fill in the enclosed Registration Form and return it by fax or e-mail to:

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Fees*

Fees received:	
Before August 30, 2002	USD 180
After August 30, 2002	USD 210
Accompanying person:	USD 40
Bulgarian young lawyers (below 35 years of age)	USD 90
Training Course	USD 30

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The organisers reserve the right to reject a payment if both banking charges are not paid.

Fees include

Participation in all sessions*
Conference package and materials*
Coffee breaks*
Attendance at the Welcome Cocktail on September 25, 2002
Attendance at the Reception hosted by Bulgarian law firms at September 26, 2002

***Not applicable to accompanying persons**

Participants registered only for the Training Course are not entitled to participation in the Forum

Hotel Accommodation and Social Events

The official travel agency of the Forum - YOMEX Ltd., has ensured a limited number of rooms at preferential rates:

Sheraton Sofia Balkan Hotel *****	
Single	USD 130
Double	USD 165

Rila Hotel ***

Single	USD 55
Double	USD 80

The above preferential rates are available and bookings shall be made conditional upon receiving the Registration Form and full payment by August 30, 2002. Thereafter accommodation assistance will be provided based on prices and conditions available at that moment.

Social Events

Participation in social events, not included in the registration fee, requires additional payment as follows:

Lunch at Sheraton Sofia Hotel (Sept 26)	USD 20
Gala Dinner (Sept 27)	USD 40
Batchkovo Monastery and Plovdiv Tour (Sept 28)	USD 48
Sofia Walking Tour (Sept 25)	USD 15
Museum Tour (Sept 26)	USD 30
Koprivshtitsa Tour (Sept 27)	USD 43
Rila Monastery Tour (Sept 27)	USD 43

Booking

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Payment. Cancellations

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Cancellation of registration, hotel accommodation and social events booking should be received at the registration address not later than August 30, 2002. The organisers reserve the right to deduct up to 50% of the amounts paid. We regret that no refund is possible if cancellation is made after August 30, 2002.

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