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# The New Normal: The Effect of the Global Financial Crisis on Private and Family-Owned Enterprises

10-12 April 2011 Sofitel Chicago Water Tower, Chicago, USA

#### **Topics include:**

- Global perspective on the impact of the financial crisis on privately held and family-owned enterprises
- How these enterprises have weathered the crisis including future threats and challenges
- The trends confronted by privately held and family-owned businesses in several key regions relating
  to financing, asset protection and attracting and retaining talent, among other issues
- The impact of the crisis on the sale or acquisition of privately held and family-owned enterprises
- The opportunities created for outside and in-house counsel advising private enterprises

#### Who should attend?

Lawyers in private practice, in-house counsel within private enterprises, business representatives especially of privately held and family-owned businesses, and other professionals seeking to understand the global impact of the financial crisis.

\*As per the Solicitors Regulation Authority of England and Wales. The number of CPD points/hours available may vary for other bar associations and law societies depending on their criteria.

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Accreditation of this programme in Illinois is currently pending. Accreditation has been approved by New York and California. IBA certificates of attendance will be available for lawyers from self-reporting US states.

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# **Programme**

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# Sunday 10 April

1900 – 2100 **Welcome reception** *BIN 36* 

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Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to attend. Only registered delegates and guests may attend. Subject to availability.

# Monday 11 April

0800 - 1700 Registration

0800 - 0900 Welcome coffee

0900 - 0915 Welcome addresses

**Robert Falvey** *Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, Auckland; Chair, IBA Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee* 

Terri L Mascherin Jenner & Block LLP, Chicago, Illinois; President, Chicago Bar Association

Alessandra Tarissi de Jacobis Cocuzza & Associati Studio Legal, Milan; President, AIJA

0915 - 1030 Keynote speech

# Global perspective on the impact of the financial crisis on privately-held and family enterprises

Alan Jones Head, Private Equity Business, Morgan Stanley Investment Management, New York

1030 - 1045 Coffee/tea break

1045 - 1230 PANEL 1

#### Regional perspectives in North America, South America, Europe, Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa

This interactive session will explore in greater depth the themes introduced by the keynote speaker on the effect of the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) on privately-held and family enterprises as it has been experienced in the world's developed and the developing economies.

The 'talk show' format will feature the moderators introducing propositions upon which the panellists, who have considerable experience observing and advising such businesses in their own regions, will compare and contrast the often differing effects of the GFC.

After setting the scene with the 'Before' and 'After' the GFC positions, the panel will then offer their views of what the 'new norm' might mean for the financing, governance and on-going operations of private enterprises in their respective jurisdictions.

Commentary and contributions from conference delegates will be welcomed and encouraged.

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Speakers

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Juan Corona Director of Instituto de Empresa Familiar, Barcelona Koos Pretorius Director, Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs SA, Cape Town Amira Shaker Clyde & Co LLP, Dubai

1230 - 1415 Lunch

#### Keynote speech

# Current trends in financing privately-held and family enterprises

John Brazzale Senior VP and Chief Marketing Officer Corporate Banking Northern Trust, Chicago, Illinois

Patrick M Goy Managing Director, Lincoln International, Chicago, Illinois

#### 1415 - 1530 **PANEL 2**

# Asset protection and the creation of new international standards – protect your net worth

Bold ideas for business owners, directors, officers, owners of real estate, spouses, physicians, and other professionals, who should protect themselves beforehand from lawsuits arising from:

- product liability claims
- shareholder litigation
- environmental claims
- professional malpractice
- divorce

Speakers will discuss the use of US and foreign structures for asset protection.

Session Chair

Jocelyn Margolin Borowsky Duane Morris LLP, Philadelphia

Speakers

William A Ensing Ensing Law Firm, Lake Forrest, Illinois Richard W Nenno Wilmington Trust Company, Wilmington, Delaware Leila Szwarc Relationship Manager, Citco Fund Services (USA) Inc, Geneva

1530 - 1545 **Coffee/tea break** 

#### 1545 - 1700 **PANEL 3**

# Current trends in attracting and retaining executive talent after the crisis

The session will focus on current trends in attracting and retaining executive talent in family and private enterprises, especially highlighting the ramifications of the GFC. Executive search experts as well as employment lawyers – covering four continents – will share their insights. Topics will include the redefining of remuneration packages, revaluation of performance and the retooling of selection criteria and procedures.

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Thomas Kaiser-Stockmann Mannheimer Swartling Advokatbrya AB, Berlin; Vice-Chair IBA Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee

David Rubenstein Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, Chicago, Illinois

Speakers

Don Clark Diversified Search Odgers Berndtson, Chicago, Illinois Bonita Hatchett

Sadiq Jafar Hadef & Partners, Dubai; Vice-Chair, IBA Arab Regional Forum

Ignacio Marseillan Spencer Stuart, Buenos Aires Julia Téllez Gomez-Acebo & Pombo Abogados, Madrid

#### 1900 Conference dinner

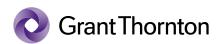
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The Gibson Bar and Steakhouse is a legend in Chicago. It embodies the big city dining experience with big flavour – a traditional steak house with a great atmosphere.

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# Tuesday 12 April

0845 - 1200 Registration

0845 - 0915 Welcome coffee

0915 - 1030 PANEL 4

# Current trends in the sale or acquisition of privately-held and family enterprises

In this interactive panel discussion, experienced M&A practitioners from various regions of the world will provide insight into current trends after the GFC that affect the sale and acquisition of privately-held and family enterprises. The panellists will address transnational trends including issues of risk profile, the acquisition process and deal structure. Specific emphasis will be placed on any changes in such trends resulting from the GFC and emerging recovery. Conference delegates will be encouraged to add their own observations to this lively discussion.

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Stephanie Denkowicz

Jan-Willem van Rooji Loyens & Loeff, Rotterdam

Speakers

Steve Brady National Managing Partner, Grant Thornton LLP, Chicago, Illinois

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Herman Knott Luther, Cologne

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1030 - 1045 Coffee/tea break

1045 - 1200 **PANEL 5** 

#### Opportunities for outside and in-house counsel – looking forward: partnering between inside and outside counsel to improve the delivery of value to corporate clients

Two leaders of the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Corporation Counsel will lead a cutting-edge presentation on the movement to increase the value delivered by private firms to in-house counsel and their companies. Following this thought-provoking presentation, the panel and audience will interact in a Question and Answer format to address key issues under discussion in the 'value community'.

So what are the game changers?

The panel and audience will discuss:

- creating techniques to deliver better value and cost benefit
- suggesting various in-sourcing, outsourcing and off-shoring mechanisms as well as a mix of staff, teams and vendors to best deliver value
- ensuring cost control and predictable budgeting and outcomes
- structuring services and incremental costs toward a strategicallydesired outcome
- creating different fee structures for each stage of a matter
- capturing data and metrics to measure matters, successes, improvements and to facilitate a meaningful post-mortem on projects
- improving project management
- continuously improving evaluation systems, use of technology, collection of data, setup structures and rewards for performance.

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**David G Susler** Associate General Counsel, National Material LP, Chicago, Illinois

Speakers

Bengt Gustafson Chief Counsel, Securitas AB, Stockholm

Daniel R Harper Vice President, Corporate Counsel and Secretary, Océ
North America, a Canon Group Company, Chicago, Illinois
Thomas P Pinansky Barun Law, Seoul

1200 – 1300 Networking lunch

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# **Information**

#### Date

10 - 12 April 2011

#### Venue

Sofitel Chicago Water Tower 20 East Chestnut Street Chicago IL 60611 USA

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#### Language

All working sessions and conference materials will be in English.

#### How to register

Register online by 25 February at www.int-bar.org/conferences/conf347 and make payment by credit card, to avail of the ten per cent online registration discount or complete the attached registration form and return it to Rebecca Morgan at the IBA together with your payment. You should receive e-mailed confirmation of your registration within five days; if you do not then please contact Rebecca Morgan at rebecca.morgan@int-bar.org.

#### Fees

Online registrations received:

	on or before	after
	25 February	25 February
		until 4 April
IBA member	US\$999	US\$1150
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Academics/judges (full time)	US\$755	US\$1375
Public lawyers	US\$755	US\$1375
Corporate counsel	US\$900	US\$1375
Conference dinner	US\$110	US\$110
Guest fee	US\$85	US\$85

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- 1) Password access to certain parts of the IBA website.
- 2) Receipt of *IBA E-news* and access to online versions of *International Bar News*.
- 3) Pay the member rate for any subsequent conference registrations for this calendar year.
- 4) Take advantage of IBA Special Offers.

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Full payment must be received in order to process your registration.

#### Fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Conference materials, including any available speakers' papers submitted to the IBA before 25 March
- Access to the above conference working materials from the IBA website (www.ibanet.org) approximately seven days prior to the conference
- Lunch on 11 and 12 April
- Tea and coffee during breaks
- Reception on 10 April

Please note that registrations are not transferable.

#### **Guest fees include:**

Reception on 10 April

Guests are not entitled to attend the working sessions. No member of the legal profession may be registered as a guest.

#### **List of participants**

In order for your name to appear in the list of participants, which will be distributed at the conference, your registration form must be received by **4 April** at the latest.

#### **Registration confirmation**

All documentation regarding your attendance at the conference can now be obtained from the IBA website. Upon receipt of your payment for the conference a confirmation e-mail will be sent containing instructions on how to download the documents. Registration confirmation will not be distributed by post.

#### **Payment of registration fees**

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Airlines will electronically verify with US Customs and Border Protection that travellers have applied for, and been given authorisation, to travel to the US.

#### **Hotel accommodation**

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the Sofitel Chicago Water Tower for the nights of 10 and 11 April:

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To make your reservation please call the reservation booking line on +1 (877) 813 7700 no later than 11 March. Please quote that you are attending the International Bar Association event. All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first room night deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

Please note that any reservation made after **11 March** will be subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed at the special IBA rate. As a limited number of rooms have been blocked at the hotel, availability cannot be guaranteed once the room block is full.

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If an individual with a guaranteed reservation does not check in or cancels the reservation less than 24 hours prior to arrival, the individual's one night deposit will be forfeited or the credit card on record will be charged for one night. This will also apply to early departures.

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Following the spectacular success of the inaugural Conference of the Americas in Mexico City in 2008, the North American Regional Forum and the Latin American Regional Forum will join together with the International Law Section of the Florida Bar to present the Second Conference of the Americas in Miami. This Second Conference of the Americas will again be the perfect opportunity for legal professionals from North America and South America to network, share information and identify issues, concerns and opportunities across the Americas' legal markets and jurisdictions.

#### **Topics include:**

- the region in the aftermath of the financial crisis
- anti-bribery legislation
- antitrust enforcement
- arbitration
- capital markets and private equity
- energy issues
- international trade issues in the Americas

#### Who should attend?

The conference will be of particular interest to private practitioners and corporate counsel in the Americas and to all lawyers and other international business professionals investing in the regions.



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- Excursion and tours programme













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# **International Bar Association**

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Grouped into two divisions – the **Legal Practice Division** and the **Public and Professional Interest Division** – the IBA covers all practice areas and professional interests, providing members with access to leading experts and up-to-date information. Through the various committees of the divisions, the IBA enables an interchange of information and views among its members as to laws, practices and professional responsibilities relating to the practice of business law around the globe. Additionally, the IBA's high-quality publications and world-class conferences provide unrivalled professional development and network-building opportunities for international legal practitioners and professional associates.

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Other institutions established by the IBA include the **Southern Africa Litigation Centre** and the **International Legal Assistance Consortium**.

#### **Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee**

The mission of the Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee is to address issues of particular interest to start-ups, owner-managed, closely held and family businesses and their legal advisors, and to organisations with ambitions for growth. The committee aims to provide a focus for the different needs of ownership, management and financing of such organisations.

#### **North American Regional Forum**

The North American Forum covers Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the United States, and English-speaking areas of the Caribbean. Launched at the Chicago Annual Conference in 2006, the Forum is the focus for all activities in the region, and organises sessions and a luncheon event at each IBA Annual Conference for education and networking. Future plans include organising conferences in partnership with other IBA Committees and Fora, as well as other bar associations and legal organisations in the region. The Forum is closely affiliated with the Latin American Regional Forum as the regions are geographically proximate and share many issues.

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