

# **David J. Bederman Symposium 2026**

*Access to Global Justice:*

*National Justice Systems as Engines of International Law*

## **Keynote Speakers, Moderators and Panelists**

**Keynote Speakers:**

**Laila Medina, Advocate General, European Court of Justice**



Laila Medina serves as an Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union, where she is responsible for delivering independent, impartial, and reasoned opinions in cases brought before the Court. Her work contributes to the development and coherence of European Union law across a broad range of fields, including internal market regulation, fundamental rights, and external relations.

Advocate General Medina brings to the Court extensive experience in European and international law. Prior to her appointment, she held senior academic and governmental positions, where she specialized in EU constitutional law, comparative public law, and transnational legal processes. She has advised national and European institutions on complex legal and policy issues and has represented her country in proceedings involving EU law.

She earned her law degree with highest honors and completed advanced postgraduate studies in European law at leading universities in Europe. Throughout her career, she has published widely in the fields of EU law and international legal theory, and she is a frequent speaker at international conferences and academic forums.

At the Court, Advocate General Medina is known for her rigorous legal analysis, clarity of reasoning, and commitment to the rule of law. Her opinions are recognized for engaging deeply with both the doctrinal foundations and practical implications of EU law, often addressing questions of institutional balance, judicial protection, and the evolving role of the Union in the global legal order.

**Lee H. Rosenthal (S.D. Texas), Senior United States District Judge**



Judge Rosenthal has a B.A., from University of Chicago, 1974; and a J.D., from University of Chicago Law School, 1977. Private practice, Houston, Texas, 1978-1992; Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, 1992- present; Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, 2016-2022. Judge Rosenthal served on, and then chaired, the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, then the Standing Committee on the Rules of Practice and Procedure. She is the first Vice-President of the American Law Institute and has served as an adviser for the Transnational Rules of Civil Procedure Project, the Restatement of Employment Law, the revision to the Model Penal Code on Sexual Assault, and the Restatement on the Conflict of Laws. She is the 2012 recipient of the Lewis F. Powell Jr. Award for Professionalism and Ethics given by the American Inns of Court, and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She has been recognized several times as the Trial Judge of the Year by the Texas Trial and Appellate Specialists. She is on the Board of the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, and has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Rice University in Houston, Texas.

**Panel Moderators:**

**PANEL 1:**

**Magdalena Tulibacka, Emory Law School**



Magdalena Tulibacka is a legal scholar specializing in European Union law, international law, comparative law, civil justice systems, and international business transactions. She serves as Director of the Center for International and Comparative Law and as a Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor at Emory University School of Law.

Professor Tulibacka's academic work focuses on the intersection of international law and private law, with particular emphasis on consumer protection and product liability law, collective redress, and the evolving role of transnational legal frameworks. Her scholarship explores how legal systems adapt to globalization, regulatory integration, and cross-border disputes, and she has published extensively in these areas.

Before joining Emory, Professor Tulibacka held academic and research positions in Europe, contributing to teaching and curriculum development in international and comparative law. She has also been actively involved in international legal initiatives, conferences, and collaborations that bring together scholars and practitioners from diverse jurisdictions.

In her teaching, Professor Tulibacka offers courses in European Union law, comparative law, international law, and international business transactions, emphasizing practical skills, comparative perspectives, and the real-world application of legal principles. She is committed to mentoring students interested in global legal careers and fostering engagement with complex transnational legal issues.

## PANEL 2:

### Stacie Strong, Emory Law School



S.I. Strong is the K.H. Gyr Professor of Private International Law, specializing in private international law, international commercial arbitration, international commercial mediation and comparative procedural law. Strong has taught at law schools around the world and has acted as a dual-qualified (England-US) practitioner with major international law firms in the UK and the US. She has also written over 130 books, articles, and other works and has acted as an expert consultant to a variety of governmental, non-governmental, and intergovernmental organizations. Prior to joining Emory, Strong taught at the University of Sydney Law School, where she was Professor of Comparative and Private International Law; The University of Missouri School of Law, where she was the Manley O. Hudson Professor of Law; and at the University of Cambridge and the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. She has acted as a visiting professor at the University of Tokyo, the Graduate Institute at the University of Geneva and the University of Medellín in Colombia, and holds an adjunct professorship at the University of Georgetown in Washington, DC.

Strong has served as a US Supreme Court Fellow and as the Henry G. Schermers Fellow at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences. She has also held visiting fellowships at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law in London, the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg, and the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law in Cambridge. Strong has won numerous national and international awards for her scholarship, including the 2022 American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section's Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work for career contributions to research in dispute resolution and Academic of the Year (2021) in the Australian ADR Awards. Before entering the legal academy, she practiced as a US-qualified lawyer and English solicitor with Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in London and New York and as Counsel with Baker & McKenzie LLP in Chicago. During her years in practice, Strong handled complex commercial disputes involving both private parties and state and other public entities in US and English courts. She also represented clients in bilateral and multilateral arbitrations seated in a wide variety of jurisdictions and proceeding under the auspices of the PCA, the ICC, the ICDR, the LCIA, the AAA and the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

Strong currently serves as an arbitrator, mediator, and expert witness in complex commercial disputes. She has handled dozens of cases as sole, presiding or party-appointed neutral, including high-value (multi-

million dollar) and multi-party matters, and has testified as an expert witness in foreign courts and international arbitral proceedings. She also provides expert advice to various governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental bodies, including the US State Department, the Federal Judicial Center, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, and the European Union Intellectual Property Office. Among other achievements, Strong was instrumental in assisting the US State Department in developing the proposal that eventually led to the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (the Singapore Convention on Mediation).

### **PANEL 3:**

#### **Stefaan Voet (Catholic University of Leuven)**



Stefaan Voet studied law at Ghent University (2001). In 2011 he wrote his PhD thesis about complex litigation in Belgium, for which he received in 2014 the Triannual Price of Civil Procedure awarded by the vzw Algemene Modellenverzameling voor de Rechtspraak. Since 2015 he is a professor of civil procedure at KU Leuven and a host professor at the University of Hasselt. Stefaan was a visiting scholar at the University of Houston (2009) and Stanford Law School (2014). He was a visiting lecturer/professor at the University of Houston, SMU Dedman School of Law in Dallas, University of Tennessee, Syracuse University, China-EU School of Law in Beijing, University of Pavia, University of Pretoria, University of Texas at Austin and EMARF (Escola da Magistratura Regional Federal da 2ª Região) in Rio de Janeiro. In 2016-2017 he held the TPR (Tijdschrift voor Privaatrecht) Chair at the University of Utrecht (Molengraaff Institute for Private Law). In 2020 he was an external scientific fellow at the (former) Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law. He is a member of different working groups of the European Law Institute. Stefaan is also a substitute appellate judge in the Court of Appeal Ghent and a member of the board of directors of Ombudsfin. In 2025 he was appointed (as 'Kwartiermaker') by the Dutch Minister of Justice and the Minister of Legal Protection to advise them on reforming the mediation landscape in the Netherlands.

## **PANELISTS (In Alphabetical Order):**

### **Maria José Azar-Baud (Paris-Saclay University)**



Maria José Azar-Baud is an Associate Professor at Paris-Saclay University and an internationally recognised expert in collective redress. A dual-qualified lawyer at the Paris and Buenos Aires Bars, she advises European institutions, NGOs, litigation funders and claims administrators on complex mass litigation and comparative procedural frameworks.

In 2017, she founded the Observatory of Group Actions and other forms of Collective Redress, an international platform dedicated to the dissemination and analysis of collective litigation mechanisms. She has held prominent governance roles, including as President of Ius Omnibus (Portugal), a designated Qualified Entity under EU law, and currently serves as Board Director of the Diesel Emissions Justice Foundation (Netherlands).

Holding a double PhD from Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University and the University of Buenos Aires, she is the author of over 150 publications in French, English and Spanish on class actions, representative actions, and group litigation across multiple substantive fields. She actively contributes to European Commission projects relating to the Representative Actions Directive (namely as its Senior Legal Advisor) and has been heard by national and international institutions, including the French Parliament and Senate. She regularly provides advanced training to judges, lawyers, and qualified entities at both national and European levels.

### **András Bethlendi**



András Bethlendi is a Hungarian lawyer, researcher, and human rights advocate from Romania specializing in minority rights and the equal treatment of minorities. He earned his PhD *summa cum laude* in 2023, with

a dissertation on the legal-theoretical challenges of non-discrimination as applied to national minorities. He is currently a Visiting Scholar at Duke University School of Law. Previously, he taught minority rights and public international law at the Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania (Romania). He has published extensively in Hungarian, Romanian, and English.

**Theo Broodryk (Stellenbosch University, South Africa)**



Professor Theo Broodryk is a Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law, Stellenbosch University. He currently serves as the Acting Vice Dean: Research and Internationalisation and is the Head of the Stellenbosch University Law Clinic. He holds BA, LLB, and LLD degrees from Stellenbosch University and is an admitted attorney of the High Court of South Africa.

Professor Broodryk is a Y1 NRF-rated researcher and the author of several notable publications, including *Eckard's Principles of Civil Procedure in the Magistrates' Court* and *Fundamental Principles of Civil Procedure*. He is a Beaufort (Colenso) Fellow at St John's College, Cambridge, and has been a Visiting Scholar at Stanford Law School. In 2020, he was awarded the Georg Forster Fellowship by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany. In 2024, he was awarded the University's Chancellor's Award. He has, since 2022, served as a member of the South African Rules Board for Courts of Law. In this capacity, he led the drafting of the landmark Uniform Rule 11A for the certification of class actions in the High Court, which represents a significant advancement in South Africa's collective litigation framework. His scholarly work has contributed to shaping the landscape of collective litigation in South Africa, with his research cited by practitioners and courts in complex representative actions.

**Peter Cashman (Third Floor Wentworth Chambers, Sydney, Australia)**



Dr Peter Cashman is a practicing barrister in Sydney, Australia. Until recently he was Professor of Law (Social Justice) at the University of Sydney. He is presently Adjunct Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law & Justice at the University of New South Wales. He was formerly: Commissioner in charge of the civil justice review with the Victorian Law Reform Commission; Commissioner jointly in charge (with Justice John Basten) of the reference on class actions with the Australian Law Reform Commission; founding Director of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre; founder and senior partner of the firm Cashman & Partners which merged with the Melbourne firm Maurice Blackburn & Co to form the national firm Maurice Blackburn Cashman (now Maurice Blackburn Pty Ltd); Governor of the American Trial Lawyers' Association (now the American Association for Justice) and National President of the Australian Plaintiff Lawyers' Association (now the Australian Lawyers Alliance). He has practised law in the United Kingdom, the United States and Australia and is the author of numerous publications including *Class Action Law & Practice*, The Federation Press (2007). He is and has been the lead counsel acting for the applicants/plaintiffs in numerous landmark class actions.

**Nikki Chamberlain (University of Auckland, New Zealand)**



Nikki Chamberlain is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Auckland Law School. Before joining the University of Auckland, Nikki lectured Legal Writing at Vanderbilt University Law School in the United States. She received her LL.M. degree from Vanderbilt University. She made the Dean's List for Academic Excellence in both the Fall and Spring Semesters. She was also awarded the Scholastic Excellence Award for Introduction to Legal Research, Writing and Analysis in the United States. She received her B.A./LL.B. (Hons) degree from the University of Auckland. She received a Senior Prize in her B.A. degree.

Prior to lecturing, Nikki practiced eight years as a Commercial Litigator at a large commercial law firm in Auckland, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts. She was a Senior Associate and practiced in a number of commercial law areas including contract law, tort law, company law, family law, insolvency law, trust litigation and estate litigation. Her clients included Bank of New Zealand, Goldman Sachs, GE Money, Bank of Scotland, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Westpac New Zealand Limited, ASB Bank Limited, HSBC, New Zealand Racing Board, New Zealand Crane Group, Dun & Bradstreet (NZ) Limited and Mona Dotcom. She represented a number of high net-worth individuals in their relationship property disputes. She appeared as counsel in the New Zealand Court of Appeal, the High Court, the District Court and the Family Court. Nikki has expertise in a number of areas, including Torts, the Law of Family Property and Complex Litigation including Class Actions and Litigation Funding.

**Adrian Cordina (Erasmus Law School, Rotterdam)**



Adrian Cordina is a junior research fellow at the European Civil Justice Centre at Erasmus University Rotterdam. In 2018, he obtained his joint LLM in European Law and Economics (EMLE) at the University of Bologna, Erasmus University Rotterdam and the University of Hamburg. Between 2020 and 2025, he completed his PhD

research on third-party litigation funding at Erasmus School of Law. His research was part of a broader project led by Professor Xandra Kramer and funded by the Dutch Research Council (NWO), titled ‘Affordable Access to Justice: towards sustainable cost and funding mechanisms for civil litigation in Europe’. In the spring of 2023, he was a visiting researcher at UCL Faculty of Laws as part of his doctoral studies. Since 2019, he has been admitted to the Bar of Malta and has practiced as an advocate in Malta.

**Nick Diamand (Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, New York)**



Nicholas Diamand is a partner in the New York City office of Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP ([www.lieffcabraser.com](http://www.lieffcabraser.com)), among the leading plaintiffs’ class action law firms in the United States.

Nick has represented or currently represents shareholders in derivative actions involving Fox Corp., Tyson Foods, Boeing and Wells Fargo (the latter two resulting in record-setting settlements), and in securities and

financial fraud litigation against AIG, Bank of America, Facebook, and Bank of New York Mellon. Nick successfully acted for consumers in digital privacy litigation against Google, Facebook, and LinkedIn, and on behalf of children and their parents against Disney, Viacom and other online game and app producers (leading to industry-wide changes to child-directed tech). Internationally, Nick's work includes proceedings against Danske, Facebook, Google, Petrofac, Steinhoff and Volkswagen, as well as Lieff Cabraser's representation of over 1500 hemophiliacs worldwide, or their survivors, who contracted HIV and/or HCV from contaminated and defective blood factor produced by American pharmaceutical companies (which reached a global settlement in 2009).

Nick is a qualified English solicitor, and, prior to joining Lieff Cabraser, practiced at Herbert Smith's London and Hong Kong offices. He clerked for the Honorable Judge Edward R. Korman of the Eastern District of New York, and is a graduate of Columbia Law School (LLM '02, Stone Scholar), the College of Law (CPE, LPC '97, Commendation), and Columbia University (B.A. '92, Magna Cum Laude). He has recently presented papers or spoken on academic panels relating to international class action litigation in England, the Netherlands, and Israel. Nick is on the Advisory Board of the Civil Justice Research Institute at the University of California, Berkeley; and is on the board of and a regular volunteer at his local food pantry.

### **Chris Hodges OBE (UK government; Oxford University)**



Christopher Hodges OBE MA (Oxon) PhD FSALS FRSA is Emeritus Professor of Justice Systems at Oxford University and Supernumerary Fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford.

His expertise is regulatory and dispute resolution systems, on which he advises governments, regulators, judiciary, ombudsmen, and businesses around the globe. He is Chair of the Regulatory Horizons Council, which advises UK Government on regulation of innovative science and technologies; and is a founding member of the International Network for Delivery of Regulation (INDR). He is also: Chair of the Government's Advisory Board on compensation schemes for Post Office staff arising from the Horizon IT disaster; Chair of the Housing and Property Redress Group, which aims to modernise the dispute resolution system in England and Wales. He has been: a member of the Civil Justice Council's Working Group on Third Party Litigation Funding; and a member of the Government's Regulation of Property Agents Committee and Commonhold Council.

His many books include Regulation That Works (2026), Outcome-Based Cooperation in Communities, Organisations, Regulation and Dispute Resolution (2023), Ethical Business Practice and Regulation (with Ruth Steinholtz 2017); Law and Corporate Behaviour (2015); Delivering Dispute Resolution (2019); Regulatory Delivery (with Graham Russell, 2019).

He has held a Professorship at Erasmus University, Rotterdam, and Honorary/Visiting Chairs at the China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing; Wuhan University; KU Leuven University; and ANU Canberra; and he has been a Fellow of the European Law Institute.

**Eric Ini (Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy)**



Eric Ini is originally from Cameroon and has studied, worked, and lived across four continents. He holds a J.D. from an American-style law school in South Korea and an LL.M. in Environmental and Natural Resources Law and Policy from Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon.

Eric has worked with marginalized and Indigenous communities globally. He served as a senior campaigner at Greenpeace, helping protect the Congo Basin Forest from deforestation and land grabbing. He later worked as Environmental Justice Director at Michigan United. Eric currently serves as Partnerships and Equity Officer at Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy.

**Xandra Kramer (Erasmus University, Netherlands)**



Xandra Kramer is Professor of Private Law at Erasmus University Rotterdam (profile) and Professor of Private International Law at Utrecht University, the Netherlands. Her research focuses on access to justice

and justice innovation, the functioning of civil justice systems, cross-border complex litigation, e-justice, collective actions and costs and funding of litigation. She is an elected member of the Dutch Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), the Institut de Droit International (IDI) and currently serves on the Council of the European Law Institute (ELI). She has obtained numerous research grants, including an ERC consolidator grant for an access to justice project, see [www.euciviljustice.eu](http://www.euciviljustice.eu). She has been a project leader and has participated in numerous studies for the Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice, the European Parliament, and the European Commission. In 2025, she established the European Civil Justice Centre.

**Judy Perry Martinez (World Justice Project, and Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn, New Orleans)**



Judy Perry Martinez is President of the World Justice Project, and she is past president of the American Bar Association. She is Of Counsel at Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn where previously she served from 1982 to 2003 as a member of the governing committee. Judy joined Northrop Grumman in 2003, where she was assistant general counsel for litigation before becoming Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer. Judy retired from Northrop Grumman in 2015 to become a Fellow at the Advanced Leadership Initiative at Harvard, where she spent a year in residence. Following her time at Harvard, she returned to New Orleans to pursue a career in public service.

Judy has served as ABA lead representative to the United Nations, chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary, Young Lawyers Division, Presidential Commission on the Future of Legal Services, and Commission on Domestic Violence. She served as a member of the executive committee of the ABA Board of Governors, special advisor to the Center for Innovation and as a member of the Task Force on Building Public Trust in the American Justice System, Commission on Women in the Profession, Task Force on Attorney Client Privilege and Center for Diversity. She is a member of the American Law Institute and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and Louisiana Bar Foundation.

Judy earned her BS from the University of New Orleans and her Juris Doctor with honors from Tulane University Law School where she sits as an emeritus member of the Dean's Advisory Board and teaches a Corporate In-House Counsel Externship class each fall.

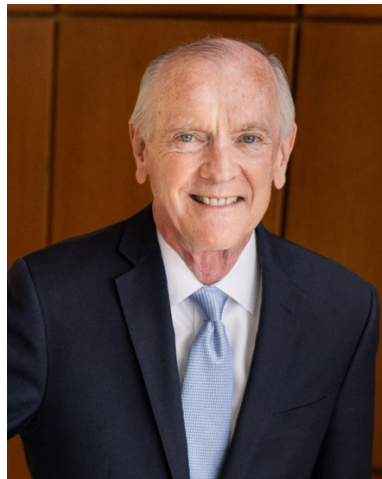
**Jagna Mucha (University of Warsaw)**



Jagna Mucha is an Assistant Professor at the Chair of Transnational Law, Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw, where she also serves as the Dean's Proxy for International Programmes. She has been a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School, Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, and the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford.

Her academic work focuses on Polish, international, comparative, and European consumer law, as well as various forms of dispute resolution. She conducted empirical research projects on consumer collective redress (class actions) and consumer law enforcement, funded by the Polish National Science Centre. Her broader research interests include access to justice and alternative dispute resolution (ADR), particularly in the consumer law context. She is the author of the book *Consumer Collective Redress in EU Law: Lessons from the Polish Legal System* (Routledge, 2025).

**James Sandman (University of Pennsylvania)**



Jim Sandman is Distinguished Lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, where he teaches a course on generative artificial intelligence and access to justice. He is President Emeritus of the

Legal Services Corporation, the United States' largest funder of civil legal aid. He chairs the National Leadership Council of and is Senior Advisor to Frontline Justice.

Jim is Vice Chair of the District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission. He practiced law with Arnold & Porter for 30 years and served as the firm's Managing Partner for a decade. He was General Counsel of the District of Columbia Public Schools and is a past President of the District of Columbia Bar. He is a recipient of the American Lawyer Lifetime Achievement Award, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, and a member of the American Law Institute.

**Anthony Sebok (Cardozo Law School)**



Professor Sebok is an expert on legal ethics, litigation finance, tort law, and insurance law. Before coming to Cardozo in 2007, he was the Centennial Professor of Law and the Associate Dean for Research at Brooklyn Law School where he taught for 15 years. Professor Sebok's casebook, *Tort Law: Responsibilities and Redress* (Aspen Legal Publishing), which he coauthored with John Goldberg and Benjamin Zipursky, is used at several leading law schools. Prof. Sebok's casebook on the law of third party funding of litigation was published with Aspen Legal Publishing in 2024. Professor Sebok has served as an expert witness concerning issues of litigation finance and is the Ethics Consultant to Burford Capital. He is an MPRE Subject Matter Expert for the National Conference of Bar Examiners; a member of the American Law Institute and the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Standards of Attorney Conduct ("COSAC"). Prof. Sebok is a graduate of Cornell University, Oxford University, and Yale Law School, and received a Ph.D. in Politics from Princeton University. Following law school, he clerked for Chief Judge Edward N. Cahn of the US District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

**Magdalena Skibińska (University of Zielona Góra, Poland)**



Dr. Magdalena Skibińska is an Assistant Professor in the Chair of Labour Law and Civil Procedure at the Institute of Legal Sciences, University of Zielona Góra, Poland. In 2008, she completed her judicial apprenticeship at the District Court in Wrocław. She subsequently pursued doctoral studies at the Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics at the University of Wrocław, where she earned her PhD with a dissertation entitled "*Mediation Proceedings in Family Cases.*"

Her academic interests focus on civil procedure, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods, and comparative private law.

**John Sorabji (University College London)**



John Sorabji is a barrister. He also lectures on civil justice and ADR at University College London, and has been a visiting professor at Paris-II. He is General Editor of *The White Book* and has published widely on civil justice, including *English Civil Justice after Woolf and Jackson*, and, as a contributing author, *Foskett on Compromise* and *Civil Litigation in a Comparative Context* and *Zuckerman on Civil Procedure*. He was a member of the ELI-UNIDROIT project, that developed model rules of European Civil Procedure. Formerly he was the Principal Legal Adviser to the Lord Chief Justice and Master of the Rolls.

**Ianika Tzankova (Rubikon Impact & Litigation; Tilburg University)**



Professor Ianika Tzankova is a distinguished Full Professor of Global Dispute Resolution and Mass Claims at Tilburg University and a pioneering expert in collective redress. Based in the Netherlands, she holds the

first European chair in mass claim dispute resolution and merges her academic career with practical legal work as a co-founder of Rubikon Impact & Litigation, focusing on complex, cross-border, and ESG-related litigation.

**Alan Uzelac (University of Zagreb, Croatia)**



Professor Dr. Alan Uzelac is a Full Professor of Law and Head of the Department of Civil Procedure at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb. His academic focus has been in national and comparative civil procedure, procedural human rights, evidence, judicial efficiency, arbitration and ADR. He has been a visiting researcher and guest lecturer at numerous universities worldwide, including Harvard Law School (as a Fulbright scholar), as well as universities in Vienna, Maastricht, Paris, Oslo, Uppsala, Pretoria, Stellenbosch, Milan, Pavia, Ljubljana, Budapest, Santiago, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Beijing, and others. He has published over one hundred scholarly articles and is the author or editor of more than twenty books with leading international publishers. He is an active member of major academic networks, including the International Association of Procedural Law and the German Association for International Procedural Law, where he has served on senior advisory bodies. He was among the founders of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) of the Council of Europe and served in several key roles, including as a Bureau member and President of the Task Force on Timeframes of Proceedings. As an international expert, he has advised on civil-justice reforms and judicial management projects across Europe and neighbouring regions. Alongside his academic career, Professor Uzelac has longstanding experience in arbitration and dispute resolution. Earlier in his career he served as Secretary General of the Permanent Arbitration Court at the Croatian Chamber of Commerce and has since acted as arbitrator or expert in international proceedings under various institutional rules. He is a co-author of the leading commentary on Croatian arbitration law.

**Leanne Webster (Rule of Law Program, Carter Center, Atlanta)**



After receiving her law degree and practicing litigation for several years, Leanne Webster joined the international development community in 2010 as a democracy and governance officer with the United States Agency for International Development. Her first overseas assignment with USAID was in El Salvador. She was subsequently posted in Afghanistan and Paraguay. Since then, Webster has worked on U.S. government-funded projects globally with implementing partners, supporting efforts to consolidate the rule of law, strengthen civil society organizations, broaden opportunity for marginalized youth, and fortify respect for human rights. Her roles have included senior leadership responsibilities in both overseas and U.S. positions.

Webster received her Juris Doctor from the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah and her Master of Public Administration from the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University.

**Tadeusz Zembrzuski (University of Warsaw)**



Tadeusz Zembrzuski is Professor of Law at the University of Warsaw's Department of Civil Procedure; Doctor habilitatus of legal sciences, and Attorney-at-law. He is a member of the Supreme Court Research

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