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# ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

## BORDEAUX 19 & 20 September

### at Ibis Bordeaux Centre Mériadeck

35 Cours Maréchal Juin, Bordeaux

The European Circuit is being welcomed to the wine capital of the world by the Bar of Bordeaux. As usual conference will include high-quality discussions around a broad range of topics of interest to practitioners across Europe including legal issues relating to sports, arts and culture and modern challenges in dispute resolution. We will return to further aspects of AI, building on our discussions at last year's conference in Prague, and will also look at challenging cross-border issues in family law and recent elections in France, UK and EU and their impact. Registration is at 1.30pm on Thursday 19 September and the event concludes with a Gala Dinner on Friday 20 September.

**THE EVENT WILL BE OPENED BY THIBAUT SAINT-MARTIN ON BEHALF OF THE BÂTONNIER OF THE BAR OF BORDEAUX, WHO WILL THEN JOIN BARBARA MILLS KC, VICE CHAIR OF THE BAR OF ENGLAND AND WALES, DARREN LEHANE SC, VICE CHAIR OF THE BAR OF IRELAND, AND ROBERT NĚMEC, PRESIDENT OF THE CZECH BAR ASSOCIATION, IN A BAR LEADERS DISCUSSION PANEL.**

### SPEAKERS & CHAIRS

**Nii Anteson** Sheridans, London | **Francoise Bonnaille-Valmorin** FBV Family Law | **Giuseppe Calabi** CBM & Partners, Milan | **David Casserly SC** Bar of Ireland | **Michael M Collins SC** Bar of Ireland | **Jean-Noël Couraud** Dénovo, Paris | **Aoife Farrelly BL** Bar of Ireland | **Evanna Fruithof** General Council of the Bar of England and Wales, Brussels Office | **Margaret Gray KC SC** Brick Court and Bar of Ireland | **Daniel Jones** DLA Piper | **Darren Lehane SC** Vice Chair of the Bar of Ireland | **Lisa McClory** D2 Legal Technology | **Philip Mead** 12 King's Bench Walk | **Hugh Mercer KC** Essex Court Chambers | **Barbara Mills KC** Vice Chair of the Bar of England and Wales | **Anne Sophie Nardon** Borghese Associés and Alphalex Avocats, Paris | **Robert Němec** President of the Czech Bar Association | **HHJ Richard Pearce** Circuit Commercial Court, Manchester | **James Onalaja** 187 Chambers | **Thibault Saint-Martin** Bar of Bordeaux | **Amy Scollan** Hunters Law LLP | **Professor Oana Stefan** King's College London | **Mark Stiebel** Hunters Law LLP | **Alastair Sutton** Brick Court Chambers | **Carlos Villacorta** BCVLex, Madrid and Bordeaux | **Dr Maria Wright** Hunters Law LLP

**THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES: A DRINKS RECEPTION AT THE LATITUDE 20, CITÉ DU VIN & GALA DINNER ON THE BANKS OF THE GIRONDE AT L'ESTACADE & A VISIT TO THE STUNNING PALAIS DE JUSTICE**

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## THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

1.30pm – 2pm

2pm – 2.05pm

*Registration at the Ibis Bordeaux Centre Mériadeck*

Welcome from Michael Bowsher KC, Leader of the Circuit and

Thibault Saint-Martin, Bar of Bordeaux

**2.05PM – 2.30PM**

### **BAR LEADERS PANEL**

Thibault Saint-Martin, Bar of Bordeaux

Barbara Mills KC, Vice Chair of the Bar of England and Wales

Robert Němec, President of the Czech Bar Association

Darren Lehane SC Vice Chair of the Bar of Ireland

**2.30PM – 3.30PM**

### **AI AND TECHNOLOGY: THE QUESTION OF LIABILITY**

Philip Mead, 12 King's Bench Walk (Chair)

Lisa McClory, Digital Technologies Lead, D2 Legal Technology

Professor Oana Stefan, King's College London

Carlos Villacorta, BCVLex Madrid

3.30pm – 4pm

*Coffee break*

**4PM – 5PM**

### **COMPARATIVE APPROACHES TO EVIDENCE**

HHJ Richard Pearce, Circuit Commercial Court in Manchester (Chair)

Michael M Collins SC, Bar of Ireland

Margaret Gray KC SC, Brick Court and Bar of Ireland

7pm – 10.30pm

*Drinks reception at Latitude 20, Cité du Vin (dress code: smart casual)*

## FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

9am – 11am

*Visit to the Palais de Justice before returning to the Ibis for coffee*

**11.30AM – 12.30PM**

### **LITIGATING CROSS-BORDER CONTRACTS: AN ART MARKET PERSPECTIVE**

Hugh Mercer KC, Essex Court Chambers (Chair)

Anne-Sophie Nardon, Borghese Associés & Alphalex Avocats, Paris

Giuseppe Calabi, CBM & Partners, Milan

Mark Stiebel, Hunters Law LLP, London

**12.30PM – 1.30PM**

### **SPORT DISPUTES IN AN OLYMPIC YEAR**

Jean-Noël Couraud, Dénovo

Nii Anteson, Sheridans

Aoife Farrelly BL, Bar of Ireland

David Casserly SC, Bar of Ireland

1.30pm – 3pm

*Lunch at the Ibis*

**3PM – 4PM**

### **ORDERS WITHOUT BORDERS IN FAMILY LAW**

Barbara Mills KC, Vice Chair of the Bar of England and Wales (Chair)

Francoise Bonnaillie-Valmorin, FBV Family Law

Amy Scollan, Hunters Law LLP

Dr Maria Wright, Hunters Law LLP

4pm – 4.30pm

*Coffee break*

**4.30PM – 5.30PM**

### **RECENT ELECTIONS IN FRANCE, UK AND THE EU AND THEIR IMPACT ON LAW**

Evanna Fruithof, General Council of the Bar of England & Wales, Brussels

James Onalaja, 187 Chambers

Daniel Jones, DLA Piper

Alastair Sutton, Brick Court Chambers

**5.30PM – 6PM**

### **CIRCUIT AGM**

7.30pm – late

*Gala Dinner at L'Estacade (dress code: smart casual)*

# WELCOME FROM MICHAEL BOWSER KC LEADER OF THE EUROPEAN CIRCUIT

**Welcome to the 2024 Conference of the European Circuit in the beautiful city of Bordeaux. We are holding this conference in association with and with the support of the Barreau de Bordeaux and we particularly thank the Bâtonnier and Vice-Bâtonnier for their support and Thibault Saint-Martin for agreeing to speak at the event itself on their behalf.**



It is a great privilege to be able to meet colleagues and friends again for another first-rate conference. This event has always had a distinct quality of covering a range of cross-border and comparative topics that should be of interest to the whole legal profession in today's world, though the Circuit's particular focus has always been on disputes and dispute resolution. As in the past, we have a terrific line-up of speakers joining us in Bordeaux and I expect that we are going to have an enjoyable, but also educational, two days.

The Circuit is an English-language forum open to all lawyers across Europe. We are delighted that friends we have made in previous years are able to join us again. It is particularly important that we use these opportunities to maintain dialogue in times of change. Part of the programme is therefore the social events and we look forward to building new friendships at the events on Thursday and Friday evenings. Details are set out in our programme.

These events rely on a huge amount of work from members of the Circuit, and in particular members of the committee and our administrator, Laura Hartman. We are particularly fortunate that Eva Indruchova who worked with us in Prague last year has moved to Bordeaux and has been able to provide support in Bordeaux. Both she and Polly Atkins have borne much of the burden in getting the Conference up and running and setting up the arrangements for accommodation and social events. Erik Lagerlöf has again been at the hub of putting together the academic programme.

I hope that you will all enjoy yourselves over the next few days and that new bonds will be forged that last for years.

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## WELCOME TO BORDEAUX

We are delighted to be being hosted by the Bar of Bordeaux for this year's Annual Conference. Our hosts have kindly provided some information about the city and the role of the Bar within that. We are grateful to Madame le Bâtonnier Caroline Laveissiere, Monsieur le Vice-Bâtonnier Jérôme Delas and member of the Bar Council Thibault Saint-Martin for their contributions.

### ABOUT BORDEAUX AS A LEGAL CENTRE

Bordeaux is an important legal centre for a number of reasons. Historically, Bordeaux's long-established law university has played an undeniable role in the training of many leaders, providing specific support to some of them in matters of constitutional law. Bordeaux is also the seat of the Court of Appeal and the Administrative Court of Appeal for a wider region, hearing cases at second instance from places beyond Bordeaux. The city is a major economic centre in western France, renowned for its wine-growing and tourism industries, as well as for its defence and aeronautical industries. Its location close to Spain and a short train ride to Paris also makes it attractive to businesses. People also value the quality of life in the city. The resulting population density means that Bordeaux's courts have to deal with a high volume of cases. The École Nationale de la Magistrature, which trains French magistrates, is also based here, as is the École Régionale de Formation des Avocats.

### ABOUT THE BAR OF BORDEAUX

The Bordeaux Bar Association, founded in 1492, has 2,100 lawyers, 64% of whom are women. It is the fifth largest bar in France and is dynamic and active in all areas of practice. Its challenges are to maintain the strong bond, despite its size, between its lawyers (thanks to training courses, sporting and cultural events, collegiate exchanges), to promote wellbeing within the profession (crèche, childcare), to continue to innovate through projects that are useful to those subject to the law (e.g. victim assistance scheme, support for businesses, winegrower's guide) and to connect with the local and international legal ecosystem (UIA, CIB). The Bar organises regular events around themes linked to public rights and freedoms, supporting in-house legal services, and assisting those subject to criminal law, family law and immigration law. Internationally, the Bar of Bordeaux has a number of twinning arrangements, not only with European countries but also with African countries, with the aim of sharing experience and developing business around these partnerships.

### BORDEAUX AS A PLACE TO VISIT

Bordeaux is known for its wine-growing culture, its proximity to the Atlantic coast and its direct access to the Périgord countryside. There are many sites to visit, including the Cité du Vin, the Place de la Bourse, the Grand Théâtre, the Place des Quinconces, the Base Sous Marine and the Bassin des Lumières. Strolls along the river, on both the Left and Right banks, are a must – as is a stroll through the Chartrons district, starting at the Girondins fountain in the Place des Quinconces. Visiting Bordeaux is a bit like visiting an architectural museum; history is present around every corner. To see another side to the city, head to the Darwin or Bassins à Flot districts, which bear witness to the city's growing modernity.

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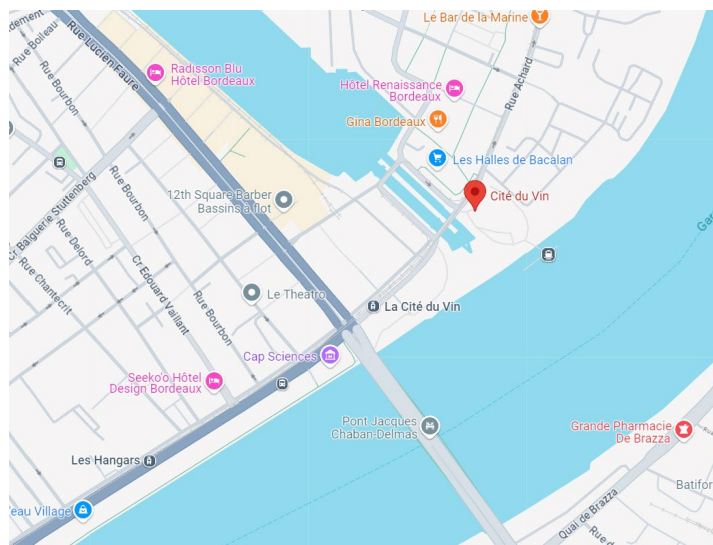
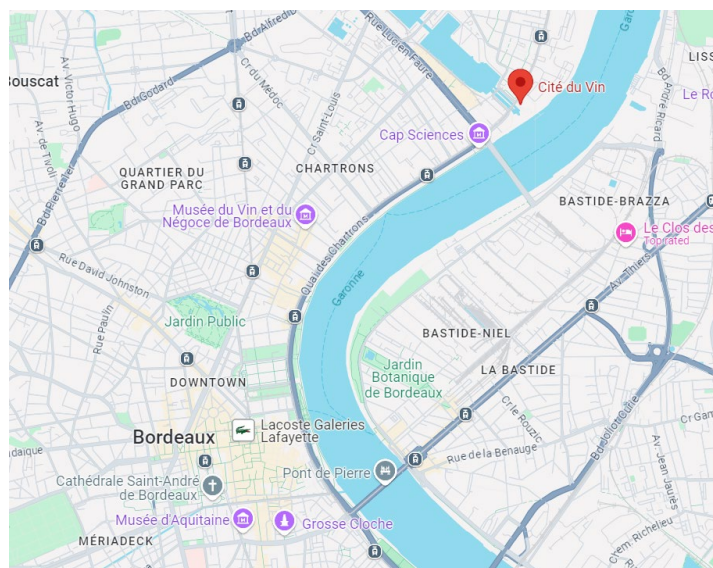
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## DRINKS RECEPTION AT CITÉ DU VIN THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER, 7PM

On Thursday evening, we look forward to seeing you at the drinks reception at the Latitude 20 bar in the world-famous Cité du Vin, 134 quai de Bacalan ([here](#) or see maps below). Dress code: smart casual.



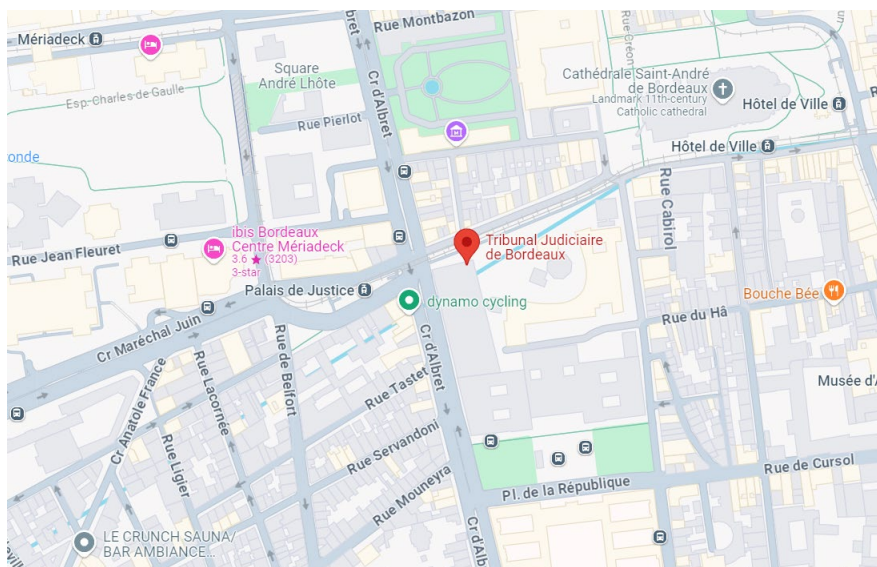
## VISIT TO THE PALAIS DE JUSTICE FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER, 8.50AM TO 11AM

### THE VISIT

This year's court visit is to the spectacular Palais de Justice designed by Sir Richard Rogers and his team, which houses the Tribunal Judiciaire de Bordeaux. The visit will involve both a tour of the building itself and a meeting with a representative of the court.

### PRACTICAL DETAILS

Please meet at the Palais de Justice at **8.50am** on Friday with an ID document. The address is 30 rue des Frères Bonie and the precise location can be viewed [here](#) or please see the map below:



After the visit has concluded, we will return to the Ibis for coffee. The next panel session will then commence at 11.30am.

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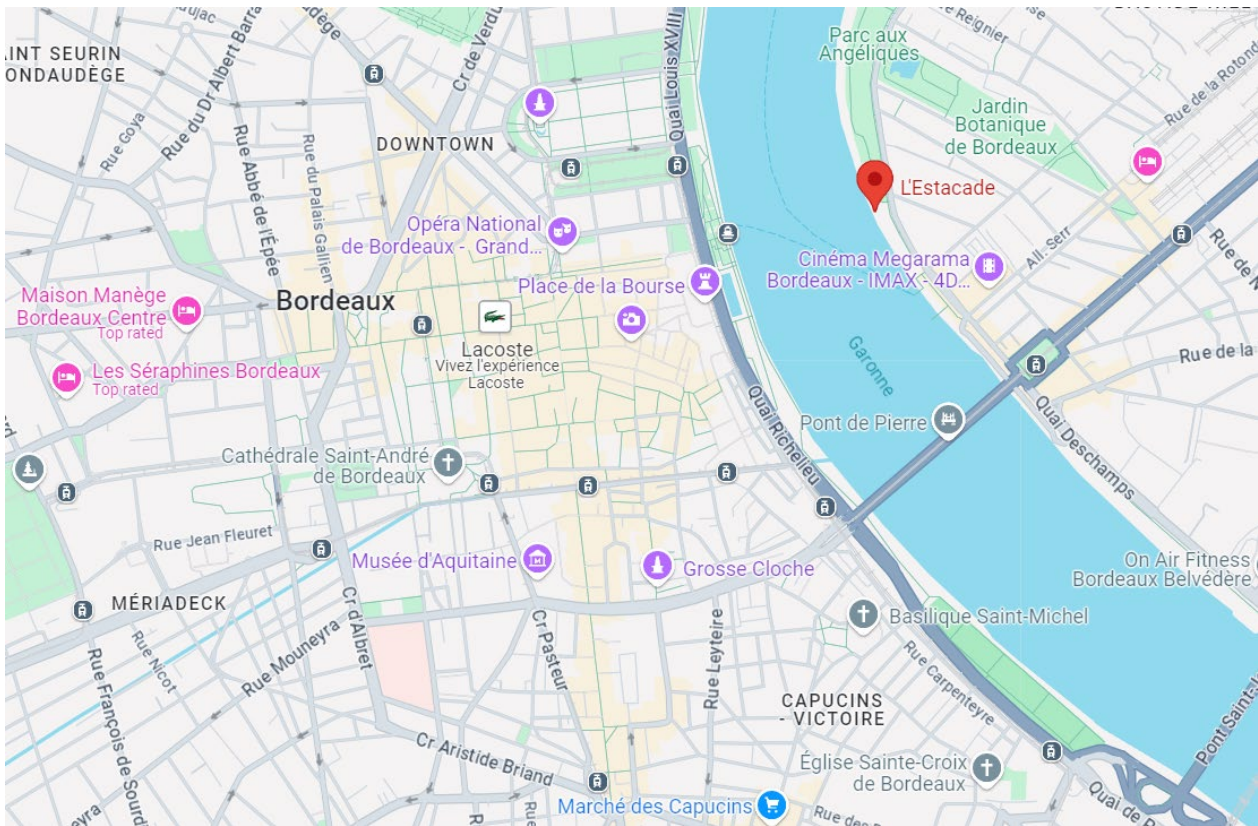
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## GALA DINNER AT RESTAURANT L'ESTACADE FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM

This year's Gala Dinner takes place at the stunning Restaurant L'Estacade, Quai de Queyries ([here](#) or see map below), from 7.30pm until late. Dress code: smart casual. We look forward to celebrating another successful conference with you!



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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES: BAR LEADERS PANEL



### **THIBAUT SAINT-MARTIN, BAR OF BOARDEAUX**

Thibault Saint-Martin is Avocat Associé at Hope Avocats and a member of the Conseil de l'Ordre du Barreau de Bordeaux. He is a specialist in the area of immigration, nationality and citizenship law, and also practises more generally in administrative and public law, international law and European Union law.



### **BARBARA MILLS KC, VICE CHAIR OF THE BAR OF ENGLAND AND WALES (CHAIR)**

Barbara Mills KC has been a member of 4 Paper Buildings (now 4PB) since her pupillage in 1990–1991. She holds an LLB Hons from the University of Hull and completed the Bar Vocational course at the Inns of Court School of Law. Barbara has acted as mediator, recorder, arbitrator (children) and Deputy High Court Judge. Specialising in complex cases involving children, she is known for handling high-conflict situations with sensitivity, particularly cases with serious abuse allegations and parental alienation. Barbara is dedicated to non-court solutions and has built a successful mediation and arbitration practice. Her expertise is recognised through accolades such as winning junior barrister of the year at the Lexis Nexus Family Law Awards in 2019 and being ranked in tier/band 1 in Legal 500. She has also been shortlisted for awards such as family KC of the year and outstanding contribution to diversity and inclusion. Barbara has acted as Joint Head of Chambers at 4PB, and a governing bencher at Inner Temple. In addition to her legal practice, Barbara is actively involved in various legal associations such as the Family Law Bar Association and the association of lawyers for children. She is a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers and an Affiliate Member of Resolution. Barbara's commitment to diversity and inclusivity is evident through her writings and speaking engagements on topics like improving diversity in the legal profession, equality, and inclusion. her contributions extend to articles in reputable publications, reports, and keynote speaking engagements at conferences and events, showcasing her dedication to advancing the legal field and promoting positive change.







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## **DARREN LEHANE SC VICE CHAIR OF THE BAR OF IRELAND**



Darren Lehane SC is Vice-Chair of the Council of the Bar of Ireland. He was called to the Bar in 2004 and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2020. He was called to the Bar of England & Wales in 2015 and is a MCI Arb. He practises in commercial and public law. He specialises in maritime, constitutional and inquiry law. He has represented core participants before, or in connection with, the Moriarty Tribunal, the Planning Tribunal, the Smithwick Tribunal, the Disclosures Tribunal and the IBRC Commission of Investigation. He is currently Lead Counsel to the NAMA Commission of Investigation and is Counsel to the Defence Forces at the Defence Forces Tribunal of Inquiry. Darren is President of the Irish Maritime Law Association. He is a member of the Board of the Charities Regulatory Authority and a non-executive director of the Galway Port Company. He is a member of the International Working Group on Limitation of Liability of the Comité Maritime International. He is Chair of the Appeals Panel for the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the use of Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme. Darren is a member of the Advanced Advocacy Committee of the Bar of Ireland and is currently Vice-Chair of the Committee. He was a member of faculty at the South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation Tim Dutton CBE KC Advanced International Advocacy Course held at Keble College, Oxford in 2022, 2023 and 2024.

## **ROBERT NĚMEC, PRESIDENT OF THE CZECH BAR ASSOCIATION**



Robert Němec is a partner at PRK Partners specialising in commercial litigation & arbitration, banking, mergers & acquisitions, insolvency & restructuring. Robert is an attorney at law & President of the Czech Bar Association. He is an arbitrator of the Arbitration Court attached to the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic & Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic. He has also been named an arbitrator of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC). He is a member of the International Bar Association. Robert is consistently ranked among leading practitioners in the areas of banking & finance & dispute resolution by respected legal directories, such as IFLR1000, the European Legal 500 & Chambers Europe & Chambers Global. In addition, Best Lawyers named him Banking & Finance Lawyer of the Year 2012. Robert is also listed & recommended in the areas of banking & finance, dispute resolution, mergers & acquisitions, corporate law & TMT in various other directories & publications, including Chambers Europe, Expert Guides & Legal Experts.

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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES:

### AI & TECHNOLOGY: THE QUESTION OF LIABILITY

#### LISA MCCLORY, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES LEAD, D2 LEGAL TECHNOLOGY



Lisa McClory is a specialist consultant at the award-winning, global legal data and systems consultancy D2 Legal Technology. With 17+ years experience, Lisa works at the intersection of law and technology, and has delivered successful outcomes for businesses on a broad range of large-scale innovation and digitalisation projects in different sectors, including financial services, consumer goods, professional services, industrial manufacturing and more. She is a qualified solicitor in England and Wales (non-practising) and a member of the UK Law Society Technology and Law Committee, where she is part of the Artificial Intelligence and Digital Assets Sub-committees and the 21st Century Justice Project. She is also a co-organiser of the Manchester Blockchain Alliance, a member of the Sustainability and ESG Committee of the Society for Computers and Law and an Honorary Reader in the School of Law at Queen Mary University of London, where she focuses on the impact of emerging technology on the legal profession.

#### PHILIP MEAD, 12 KING'S BENCH WALK (CHAIR)



Philip Mead is a barrister at 12 King's Bench Walk, London (mead@12kbw.co.uk). Philip practises in the field of foreign accidents and the application of EU law to personal injury law. He is a member of the Bar Council European Committee and Former General Board Member for England and Wales of the Pan-European Organisation of Personal Injury Lawyers (PEOPI). Philip has also appeared before the European Parliament as an expert on cross-border personal injury claims.

#### PROFESSOR OANA STEFAN, KING'S COLLEGE LONDON



Professor Oana Stefan is Reader in Law and Associate Dean for Research Innovation and Impact at King's College London, which she joined in 2013. Previously, she was Assistant Professor within the legal department of HEC Paris (a leading business school), after having taught EU law at the College of Europe and University College Dublin. Professor Stefan has acted as advisor for European integration for the Romanian Ministry of Justice, and has held visiting positions in ESSEC Business School (Paris), Bocconi (Milan), HEC Paris, West University (Timisoara) and Nanterre (Paris). In 2022 she held the Vincent Wright Chair at Sciences Po Paris. She specialises in EU law, in particular energy law, competition and state aid, constitutional and administrative law. She is an expert on EU soft law, having co-led the Jean Monnet European Network on Soft Law Research, and having published extensively on the topic including two monographs (*Soft Law in Court*, Kluwer, 2013; *EU Soft Law in the Member States*, Hart, 2021). Professor Stefan's research impact on EU policy-making has been recognised as having international significance by UK's research funding bodies.





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## CARLOS VILLACORTA, MANAGING PARTNER, BCVLEX MADRID

Carlos Villacorta Salís is a Spanish lawyer specialising in international law, comparative law, personal injury and consumer law. In the aviation field his firm has represented over 3,000 clients, family members of nearly 1,000 passengers affected by more than 30 accidents. Over his career, he has focused on defective products litigation, in cases such as the BAL/DHL midair collision over Lake Konstanz (Germany). His work also covers other areas of cross-border personal injury litigation. In the area of consumer law, he is one of the leading litigators in the “dieselgate” cases, where he currently co-represents more than 7.000 clients in judicial actions in Germany and Spain. He is a member of the AAJ (Governor), Peopil, Global Justice Network Ltd (Board member) and Legal Abroad (Partner). He is also member of the Board of the Civil Liability & Insurance Section of the Madrid Bar Association (ICAM), former Vice-president of AEDAE (Spanish Association of Air and Space Law) and member of the Board of Directors of ANAVA-RC. Carlos also teaches on the Advanced Course in Aviation and Space Law at the Universidad Pontificia de Comillas (ICADE), and often collaborates with other universities such as McGill University, the University of Alicante, Universidad Carlos III, among others. He is also an altruistic Mentor in the mentoring program of the University of Nebrija (Madrid). He has recently participated in the Peopil's tort reform group, who has developed an extensive position paper in relation to the new European Product Liability Directive, as well as the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Regulation.



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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES: COMPARATIVE APPROACHES TO EVIDENCE



### **HHJ RICHARD PEARCE, CIRCUIT COMMERCIAL COURT IN MANCHESTER (CHAIR)**

His Honour Judge Richard Pearce was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1985. He practised in the sphere of common law in Manchester, specialising in clinical negligence and personal injury work, as well as medical regulation and professional negligence. He has been a full time Judge since 2015, sitting initially in Chester and Liverpool and more recently in Manchester as a Specialist Circuit Judge in the Business and Property Courts. He is the Judge in charge of the Circuit Commercial Court in Manchester and also regularly sits in the Chancery Division, King's Bench Division (Technology and Construction Court, Administrative Court and the general list) and the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber).

### **MICHAEL M COLLINS SC, BAR OF IRELAND**

Michael M Collins SC is Senior Counsel in Ireland and is also a member of the Bars of England, Northern Ireland and New York. He is a door tenant at Monckton Chambers, London. He practises in the fields of international and domestic arbitration, commercial litigation, competition law, EU law, constitutional law, and judicial review. Michael appears regularly before the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Ireland and the Court of Justice of the EU. He is a graduate of University College Dublin with first class honours master's degrees in both economics and law. He graduated with an LLM from the University of Pennsylvania before joining the New York law firm of Shearman and Sterling as an associate. He returned to Ireland in 1981 to commence practice at the Irish Bar. Michael frequently acts as an arbitrator in domestic and ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, ICSID and ad hoc arbitrations. He is one of Ireland's representatives on the ICC Commission on Arbitration; a member of the ICDR Panel of Arbitrators; an appointed member of the roster of arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association; the inaugural President of Arbitration Ireland; the current Chairman of the Irish Sport Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel; and is one of five arbitrators from the EU appointed to the Panel of Arbitrators for the International Arbitration Centre in Astana, Kazakhstan. Michael is a Bencher of King's Inns, Dublin, and the Middle Temple, London. He is a Fellow and Director of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers in the United States. He was Chairman of the Bar Council of Ireland 2008–2010 and was a member of the Judicial Appointments Board for that period. He has been a Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Economics at Maynooth University. He is currently Adjunct Professor of Law at the UCD Sutherland Law School, Dublin. In the more interesting parts of his life he has held various positions with the Dublin Theatre Festival, the Wexford Opera Festival, the Irish Film Institute and is a director of the Seamus Heaney estate.



### **MARGARET GRAY KC SC, BRICK COURT AND BAR OF IRELAND**

Margaret Gray SC KC specialises in administrative, commercial, regulatory and European Union law litigation. She appears before the domestic and EU courts, and has represented Ireland, the UK and the European Commission. Margaret practises as a Senior Counsel from the Law Library, Dublin, and as a King's Counsel from Brick Court Chambers, London, and from the Bar Library, Belfast. She is a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.



## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES:

# LITIGATING CROSS-BORDER CONTRACTS: AN ART MARKET PERSPECTIVE

### **GIUSEPPE CALABI, CBM & PARTNERS, MILAN**



Giuseppe Calabi is senior partner at CBM & Partners, based in Milan. After graduating in Law at the University of Milan, he earned in 1990 a Master of Laws at Harvard University. He has successfully developed the art law practice in which his firm is widely recognised as a leader both nationwide and internationally. He is a member of a government-appointed Board on the international circulation of artworks. He is also an expert member of the European Commission Sub-Group "Dialogue with the Art Market", on behalf of the stakeholder association Gruppo Apollo. He regularly assists Italian and international art market operators among which important private collectors, artists, auction houses, dealers, art galleries, artist estates, national and international museums, cultural foundations and associations. He is the past Co-Chair of the Art, Cultural Institutions and Heritage Law Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA). He is also a member of the Harvard Law School Leadership Council of Europe. In May 2023, he received the Top Legal Industry Award as best professional of the year for the category Art and Cultural Property.

### **HUGH MERCER KC, ESSEX COURT CHAMBERS, LONDON (CHAIR)**



Hugh Mercer KC specialises in private and public international law, EU and human rights law before courts and arbitral tribunals both in the UK and in other jurisdictions working with local lawyers. He was instructed by the UK as lead advocate in its dispute with the EU under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement over British access to EU science programmes (Horizon Europe). He is a member of the Bars of England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Brussels (where he is a Belgian Avocat). He is a Bencher of Middle Temple and a Deputy High Court Judge of England and Wales. He also sits as an arbitrator and ADR Group mediator. He handles cases in both English and French and has a good working knowledge of German, Spanish and Italian. He chairs the International Committee BCEW and the UK Delegation to the CCBE.





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## **ANNE-SOPHIE NARDON, BORGHESE ASSOCIÉS & ALPHALEX AVOCATS, PARIS**



Anne-Sophie Nardon is a Paris-based lawyer and managing partner of Borghese Associés, which she co-founded in 2009. She specialises in litigation concerning art-related disputes and represents collectors and art dealers in high profile criminal cases of theft and illicit trafficking. Her work also includes representing and advising auction houses, heirs, dealers, galleries and collectors in national or international private law matters. In 2019, she founded the Art Law and Cultural Heritage Committee of the Paris Bar and is part of the teaching team for two Masters in Art Law at Paris II University and Paris-Dauphine University. She regularly speaks at symposiums and training events. Anne-Sophie is also a mediator, trained at the Centre of Mediation and Arbitration in Paris and the School of Mediation of the Paris Bar. She holds a Master's in Private Law from Paris II Assas University and a Master's in Anglo-American Civilisation from Paris X Nanterre University.

## **MARK STIEBEL, HUNTERS LAW LLP, LONDON**



Mark Stiebel is a trusted advisor to HNW and UHNW individuals and families. Mark's unique practice is grounded in his wide range of expertise, facilitating a holistic approach to his clients' legal needs, advising them on all of their legal needs, often coordinating advisors in several jurisdictions and across several disciplines. Mark is familiar with a variety of governance structures including trusts (onshore and offshore), private trust company structures and family offices. Working for private client families and creating bespoke legal solutions lies at the heart of his practice. Mark has helped mediate many intra-family disputes finding confidential and effective solutions. Mark is also an established family lawyer advising clients on the range of legal issues arising on relationship inception and breakdown. Mark is equally adept in advising families on wealth protection, governance and reputational management, and he is instructed by his longstanding clients on commercial, employment and personal matters. Mark also has a particular interest in art law. Mark emphasises the importance of strategic planning and is always committed to identifying the best solution for a client, either through careful negotiation or in some cases bold litigation. Originally from South Africa, Mark is qualified in both South Africa and England and Wales, and has also practised in Singapore; many of his clients are based abroad. Mark joined Hunters as a partner in 2021 from boutique Mayfair firm Charles Mia, where he had practised since 2004. Mark is a member of Resolution. His interests are sailing, photography, travel and wildlife and he especially enjoys watching the Springboks win at Twickenham.

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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES: SPORT DISPUTES IN AN OLYMPIC YEAR

### **NII ANTESON, SHERIDANS**

Nii Anteson is a Partner in the Sport Group at Sheridans. He advises a broad range of clients within the sports, esports and wider entertainment industries on disputes and investigations. Nii has significant experience of acting for clients in the High Court and Court of Appeal, as well as in proceedings before sporting arbitral bodies including the Court of Arbitration for Sports, before which he has appeared as an advocate. Nii trained at a leading international law firm, qualifying into its litigation team where, over a period of four years, Nii acted on a number of complex and high-profile litigations and investigations. Nii joined Sheridans in 2021 following a two-year stint at a boutique sports law firm, during which time he acted for athletes, sports teams and organisations, and governing bodies on a broad scope of contentious matters.



### **DAVID CASSERLY SC, BAR OF IRELAND**

David Casserly SC is a barrister specialised in the areas of sports law and international arbitration. He is particularly recognised for his expertise and experience as an advocate before the international Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne. He also acts as both arbitrator and mediator in commercial and sports-related disputes.



### **JEAN-NOËL COURAUD, DÉNOVO**

Jean Noël Couraud was admitted to the Paris Bar in 1990 and currently serves as a partner at DÉNOVO, a law firm specialising in commercial and sports law. He has notable experience in sports law, having served on disciplinary panels for various governing bodies including the French National Rugby League, World Rugby, Six Nations, and the European Professional Club Rugby. Jean-Noël is also a member of the Sport Arbitration Chamber of French National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSF).




### **AOIFE FARRELLY BL, BAR OF IRELAND**

Aoife Farrelly BL has practised as a barrister in Ireland for twenty years, covering all areas of law, with a specialisation in sports law, mediation and arbitration. She is Chair of the Sports Law Bar Association of the Bar of Ireland. In 2021, she was appointed for a three-year term to the Central Hearings Committee (CHC) of the Gaelic Athletic Association. This is the national body for regulation of Gaelic Games and the hearing committee of first instance for all disciplinary matters at national level. Prior to that she served as Arbitrator for fourteen years with the Association. She is on the panel of Arbitrators for Sports Dispute Solutions Ireland and has arbitrated and mediated a number of sporting disputes in that capacity.




## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES: ORDERS WITHOUT BORDERS IN FAMILY LAW

### **BARBARA MILLS KC, VICE CHAIR OF THE BAR OF ENGLAND AND WALES (CHAIR)**



Barbara Mills KC has been a member of 4 Paper Buildings (now 4PB) since her pupillage in 1990–1991. She holds an LLB Hons from the University of Hull and completed the Bar Vocational Course at the Inns of Court School of Law. Barbara has acted as Mediator, Recorder, Arbitrator (children) and Deputy High Court Judge. Specialising in complex cases involving children, she is known for handling high-conflict situations with sensitivity, particularly cases with serious abuse allegations and parental alienation. Barbara is dedicated to non-court solutions and has built a successful mediation and arbitration practice. Her expertise is recognised through accolades such as winning Junior Barrister of the Year at the Lexis Nexus Family Law Awards in 2019 and being ranked in Tier/band 1 in Legal 500. She has also been shortlisted for awards such as Family KC of the Year and Outstanding Contribution to Diversity and Inclusion. Barbara has acted as Joint Head of Chambers at 4PB, and a Governing Bencher at Inner Temple. In addition to her legal practice, Barbara is actively involved in various legal associations such as the Family Law Bar Association and the Association of Lawyers for Children. She is a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers and an Affiliate Member of Resolution. Barbara's commitment to diversity and inclusivity is evident through her writings and speaking engagements on topics like improving diversity in the legal profession, equality, and inclusion. Her contributions extend to articles in reputable publications, reports, and keynote speaking engagements at conferences and events, showcasing her dedication to advancing the legal field and promoting positive change.

### **FRANCOISE BONNAILLIE-VALMORIN, FBV FAMILY LAW**



Françoise Bonnaillie-Valmorin holds qualifications in both France and England and specialises in family law, with expertise in areas such as marital breakdown, finance, children, pre-marital agreements, PACS, and surrogacy. Her professional experience includes serving as a consultant solicitor for various law firms in London, as well as gaining experience in family law in both France and England. She has also received mediation and collaborative law training and has been involved in delivering lectures and participating in conferences on family law matters.







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## AMY SCOLLAN, HUNTERS LAW LLP

Amy Scollan deals with all aspects of family law and has particular expertise in divorce and finance cases which often involve complex trust and company arrangements with an international dimension. Amy has represented many high-profile clients in exceptionally high-value and complicated litigation. However, complexity is the theme of her practice rather than the value of the cases she works on. Amy attracts clients from all over the country, and internationally, who seek her out to find a solution to the most difficult legal issues concerning finances, cross-border disputes and children matters. Many of Amy's clients are the result of referrals from other lawyers who know her to be an exceptional problem solver and a talented litigator. The majority of Amy's time is spent dealing with cases in court proceedings but she also has an active practice of drafting pre- and post-nuptial agreements and conducts professional negligence claims with a family law element. Chambers and Partners describe Amy as "an incredible lawyer with forensic attention to detail and solid interpersonal skills". Legal 500 say that her "attention to detail and research capabilities are outstanding. Amy is a first-class lawyer and leaves no stone unturned." Amy was also listed in the 2019 Spear's 500 guide. Amy is a committee member of the European Circuit, an organisation of lawyers who specialise in cross-border litigation. She has a Masters (Distinction) in International Law from the University of Nottingham and has a general interest in both public and private International law.



## DR MARIA WRIGHT, HUNTERS LAW LLP

Dr Maria Wright is a Senior Associate in the family department at Hunters, specialising in children's law, with a particular interest in international children's law and child protection issues in both a domestic and international context. She joined Hunters with a background working in private practice, specialising in public and private children's law, international child abduction, jurisdictional disputes, wardship and cases involving issues of honour-based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM). In 2023, Maria was awarded her doctorate from the University of Bristol for her empirical doctoral research on child protection issues in an international context, and the operation of private international law, particularly the 1996 Hague Convention. Her doctoral research will be published in Bloomsbury's *Studies in Private International Law* series in the near future. She has published widely on international children's law in practitioner texts and academic journals and is the co-author of *International Issues in Family Law: The 1996 Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Brussels IIa* (2015, Jordans). Maria previously worked as the Senior Legal Advisor to Children and Families Across Borders (CFAB) the UK Branch of the International Social Service network. During this time, she developed a legal advice service, and delivered training for a broad range of stakeholders and local authorities on international issues in a child protection context.



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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES: RECENT ELECTIONS IN FRANCE, UK AND THE EU AND THEIR IMPACT ON LAW

### **EVANNA FRUITHOF, GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR OF ENGLAND & WALES, BRUSSELS**



Evanna Fruithof was called to the Bar in 1985. She practised from chambers in 6 Pump Court, London, until her 1990 move to Brussels. During 1990 and 1991 she worked in DG Competition, European Commission, for most of that time within its then newly created Merger Task Force. From 1992 to 1994, Evanna worked as a Competition lawyer for Freshfields Solicitors, in both their London and Brussels offices. Evanna also spent a couple of years as Events Manager and Deputy Director of a Brussels-based EU political think-tank. She was appointed to establish the Bar Council's Brussels Office in 1999, from which date she has held her current position as its Consultant Director, providing this service through her own consultancy company. She is the eyes, ears and mouthpiece of the Bar in Brussels, organising, attending and on occasion, speaking at meetings and events on its behalf, and giving evidence to external inquiries. Evanna has run the Bar's EU Law Committee since its founding in 2003 and is a member of the Bar's Future Relationship (formerly Brexit Working) Group, the Bar European Group and the European Circuit. Evanna is regularly invited to speak at events organised by these and other SBAs. She develops the Bar's Brussels office newsletter, Brussels News, and is an occasional contributor to other Bar publications. Evanna was made a Bencher of the Middle Temple in 2015.

### **JAMES ONALAJA, 187 CHAMBERS**



James Onalaja is a criminal and regulatory barrister practising from 187 Chambers, Temple, London. His practise focuses on: serious, complex and violent crimes including matters with transnational, international criminal law and human rights complexities. He is admitted to the lists of counsel of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (KSC). He recently completed a posting in The Hague with the ICC's Office of Public Counsel for the Defence, assisting with its duties of representing, protecting and promoting the interests of the defence and providing representation for unrepresented suspects. He conducts international trial monitoring and reporting on behalf of EuroMed Rights and the Bar Human Rights Committee. He is a member of the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA) Legal Advisory Committee and the former Chair of its Amicus Committee.





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## **DANIEL JONES, DLA PIPER**

Daniel Jones is a Senior Associate in DLA Piper's Trade & Government Affairs team based in London. He advises sovereigns, international organisations and corporate clients on a wide range of international trade/WTO and public international law matters. Prior to the recent UK General Election, Daniel was seconded to the Official Opposition, where he provided policy and legislative advice to shadow ministers. He sits on the executive committee of the Society of Labour Lawyers, a think tank and affiliated socialist society to the UK Labour Party.



## **ALASTAIR SUTTON, BRICK COURT CHAMBERS**

Alastair Sutton has worked on the law of European integration and international trade law for 57 years, first as an academic at University College London (1967–1973), then as an official of the European Commission (1973–1989) and finally as a practitioner in Brussels and London from 1989 until now. He advised the UK Government (in the Civil Service College) during the UK's accession to the (then) EC (1970–1973). Since 2016, he has advised clients on the UK's process of withdrawal from the EU, on the international trade law implications of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA), as well as the UK's renewed (independent) membership of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). Since 1967, he has also taught and practised international trade law. As a Commission official from 1973 until 1985, Alastair was Commission negotiator for the GATT Multifibres Arrangement (1974) and related bilateral agreements with exporting countries in Asia, South America and Central Europe. He was the lead negotiator in the first bilateral agreements concluded by the EC with Poland, Hungary and Romania. He was also a Commission negotiator for the anti-dumping, subsidy-countervailing duties and safeguards agreements in the GATT Tokyo Round. Since leaving the Commission in 1989, Alastair has advised clients on WTO law, including international trade in services. Between 1979 and 1985, Alastair Sutton was the legal adviser to the Vice President of the European Commission (Lord Cockfield), dealing with the internal and external aspects of the Single Market. Subsequently, he was Head of Division for Insurance under Vice President Sir Leon Brittan. Alastair's practice over the last 33 years, as an English barrister and Belgian avocat, has reflected his broad-ranging experience as an EU official, focusing largely on internal market and international trade issues. In 2022, Alastair was awarded recognising his 50 years' work as a barrister/avocat since his Call by the Middle Temple in 1972 and his contribution, as a European official, academic and lawyer, to the post-War reconstruction of Europe.

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## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CIRCUIT?

We hope very much that you enjoy this year's Annual Conference and warmly invite you to consider joining the Circuit.

### ABOUT THE EUROPEAN CIRCUIT

The European Circuit has evolved from its beginnings as a formal Circuit of the Bar of England and Wales to become an association of legal professionals across a broad definition of Europe, including the EU and all Council of Europe Member States. Members generally practise in the areas of dispute resolution and advocacy and share a common interest in European legal issues and cross-border practice. We now have active members in at least a dozen European countries and have cordial relations with the bar associations of many others.

The European Circuit holds regular seminars and round tables – mostly in English – in different jurisdictions, dealing with matters of relevance to its members. We also hold an annual conference in cooperation with local bar associations. In recent years we have been warmly welcomed by the bars in Prague, Lisbon, Rome, Madrid and Brussels, among others. We have also held dedicated events on topics including competition and commercial law, population movement, navigating sanctions, advocacy before the European courts (the Court of Justice of the EU, the European Court of Human Rights and others), and the UK/EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

The Circuit provides a forum for its members to:

- Seek solutions to common problems in cross-border practice;
- Exchange knowledge and experience of European legal issues and practical aspects of cross-border work;
- Offer a point of liaison with the local bar in jurisdictions where members wish to operate in collaboration with other practitioners; and
- Promote more widely the services of barristers and other specialist advocates and dispute-resolution practitioners to the wider European legal profession and other potential clients.

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## **European Circuit of the Bar**

### **NOTICE OF AGM 2024**

September 2024

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the European Circuit of the Bar will take place on Friday 20 September 2024 at 5.30pm at the Ibis Bordeaux Centre Mériadeck, at the conclusion of the Circuit's Annual Conference.

The Agenda of the Meeting will be as follows:

1. Report from the Circuit's Leader, Michael Bowsher KC;
2. Report from Circuit's Treasurer, Abigail Holt;
3. Election of officers;
4. Any other business.

**Hannah Godfrey**  
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# Journées européennes du patrimoine 2024

L'équipe de l'Office du tourisme a sélectionné pour vous quelques monuments *sans réservation* et exceptionnellement ouverts les 21 et 22 Septembre.

## Bordeaux Centre

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### **Chambre régionale des comptes p.18**

3 place du Chapelet – Samedi et dimanche de 10h à 18h (visite guidée sur file d'attente)

### **Hôtel du Quartier Général p.20**

29 rue Vital Carles - Dimanche de 10h-18h00 (visite libre)

### **Hôtel de Ragueneau p.20**

71 rue du Loup – Samedi et dimanche 10h-19h (exposition)

### **Palais de Justice - Tribunal judiciaire p.21**

30 rue des Frères Bonie - Samedi 10h-18h (visite libre et animations)

### **Ecole nationale de la Magistrature p.21**

10, rue des frères Bonnie - Samedi 9h00-18h30 (visite libre)

### **Palais Rohan, Hôtel de ville p.22**

Place Pey-Berland - Samedi 14h-18h et dimanche 10h-12h/14h-18h (visite guidée sur file d'attente)

### **Grosse Cloche p.22**

53 rue Saint-James – Samedi et dimanche 9h-12h et 13h-19h (visite guidée sur file d'attente, 5 personnes par groupe)

### **Basilique Saint Seurin p.24 (visite libre ou guidée)**

Places des Martyrs de la Résistance – Samedi de 9h30 à 12h30 et de 14h00 à 18h00 et dimanche de 14h à 18h00

### **Cimetière romain p.24 (visite sur file d'attente)**

Places des Martyrs de la Résistance – Samedi et dimanche de 10h à 12h et 13h à 19h

### **Hôtel Frugès p.24**

63 Pl. des Martyrs de la résistance – Samedi 14h-17h30 et dimanche 10h-12h et 14h- 17h (visite sur file d'attente)

### **Palais Gallien p.24**

Rue du Colisée - Samedi 14h-18h et dimanche de 10h à 12h et de 14h à 18h (visite libre)

## Bordeaux Maritime

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### **ArtFlo – Cité des savoir-faire p.8**

Cité bleue Bat G entrée 190 rue Achard – Samedi 10h-19h

## Chartrons

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### **Atelier Faubourg des Arts p.12**

Rue du Faubourg des Arts - Samedi 10h à 18h (rencontres, démonstrations, savoir-faire)

### **Atelier Fer Emeraude - Ferronnerie d'Art p.12**

26, rue de Cantemerle - Samedi et dimanche 10h-12h et -14h-17h (rencontres, démonstrations, savoir-faire)

### **Hôtel des Sociétés Savantes p.13**

1 place Bardineau – Samedi et dimanche 10h-18h

### **Archives départementales de la Gironde p.14**

72 cours Balguerier-Stuttenberg – Samedi et dimanche de 14h à 18h

## Saint Augustin

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### **Cimetière de la Chartreuse p.25**

Rue François de Sourdis - Samedi et dimanche de 9h à 17h (visite libre)

## Nansouty /St Genès

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### **Ancien Solar Espagnol p.26**

124 rue Dubourdiou - Samedi 10h-12h et dimanche 14h-17h (visite)

**Maison Saint-Louis Beaulieu p.26**

145 rue de Saint Genès – Samedi 10h-18h et dimanche 13h-18h (exposition, visite libre)

**Cimetière israélite p.26**

176 cours de l'Yser – Dimanche 10h à 17h (visite libre)

**Bordeaux Sud**

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**Musée de l'ethnographie p.27**

Université de Bordeaux, 6 rue Elie Gintrac – Samedi 14h-18h et dimanche 10h-16h

**Musée des Compagnons du Tour de France Bordeaux p.27**

112 rue Malbec – Samedi et dimanche 10h-16h (visite libre)

**Cloître et chapelle du CROUS p.29**

18, rue du Hamel - Samedi et dimanche de 10h à 17h (visite libre)

**Ancien couvent de l'annonciade p.29**

54 rue Magendie - Samedi 14h-18h (visite libre ou guidée, départ toutes les 30 min)

**Grande Synagogue de Bordeaux p.29**

6 rue du Grand Rabbin Joseph Cohen – Dimanche 9h30-17h (visite libre)

**Centre Bouddhiste Tibétin Kadam Tcheu Ling p.29**

30-34 rue de la Mothe – Dimanche 14h-18h (visite libre)

**Crédit municipal (Hôtel Leberthon) p.30**

29 rue du Mirail - Samedi 10h-17h30 (visite libre)

**Abbatiale Sainte-Croix p.30**

Place Renaudel – Samedi 10h-18h et dimanche 13h-18h (visite libre ou guidée)

**Bibliothèque Universitaire des Sciences de l'Homme p.30**

3 ter place de la Victoire – Samedi 14h-17h45 (visite libre ou guidée)

**La Bastide, Rive droite**

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**Archives de Bordeaux Métropole p.33**

Parvis des Archives - Samedi et dimanche de 14h à 19h (expositions, visites et animations)

**Le 308 - Maison de l'Architecture p.33**

308 Avenue Thiers – Samedi et dimanche 13h-17h (visite libre)

**Caudéran**

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**Jardin Ecole de Bordeaux p.34**

23 rue de l'Eglise – Samedi et dimanche 9h-12h et 14h-18h (visite libre)

**Eglise Saint-Amand p.34**

Avenue Louis Barthou – Samedi et dimanche 14h30-17h30 (visite toutes les 30 min)

**Les Glacières de la Banlieue p.34**

121 avenue Alsace-Lorraine – Samedi et dimanche 11h-18h (exposition, visite)

**CONCERTS ET ANIMATIONS**

- Cité Bleue en fête (176 rue Achard) – Samedi 10h à 19h p.8
- Fresque numérique (Hotel Renaissance 16 rue de Gironde) – Samedi de 21h30 à minuit p.8
- Concert de l'Orchestre d'Harmonie de Bordeaux (Parc Rivière, Maison du Jardinier) – Samedi à 16h30 p.11
- Concert d'orgue Eglise St Louis (Place Langalerie) – Dimanche à 15h p.13
- Village associatif (Cour Mably) – Samedi 14h-minuit et dimanche 14h-20h p.18 + spectacle « Reste à ta place » Dim à 15h
- Village des métiers du patrimoine (Place Pey Berland) – Samedi et dimanche 10h-17h p.18
- Concert Temple du Hâ (32 rue du Hâ) – Dimanche à 15h p.21
- Restauration de tableaux (22 rue des Piliers de Tutelle) – Samedi et dimanche 11h-18h p.22
- Danse du Second empire (Place de la Comédie) Samedi et dimanche à 14h30 et 17h p.23
- Bus vintage (Place des Quinconces) – Samedi et dimanche 13h30-18h30 p.24
- Concert Synagogue de Bordeaux (6 rue du Grand Rabbin Joseph Cohen) – Samedi à 21h30 p.29
- Concert Mosquée des Douves (50 rue Jules Guesde) – Dimanche à 16h30 p.29