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Traditional and Non Traditional Careers for Foreign Lawyers in NY

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Our panel of dual foreign and US-trained legal practitioners will share their personal experience and will address many questions foreign law students, and LL.M students in particular, have when contemplating a career the United States:

How to best position myself in order to maximize my chances of obtaining a job or an internship?
Which professional paths are available to me, law firms, other?
Can I obtain a job without passing the bar exam?
How can I network effectively in the NY legal market?
What legal jobs are in demand in the NY market at the moment?

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 6:30pm
Presentation: 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Networking: 8:00pm – 9:00pm

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Vanderbilt Hall, Room 218, 40 Washington Square South, New York, NY, 10012

Panelists:
Carolina Cardenas Soto, International Senior Case Counsel, International Center for Dispute Resolution (ICDR)
Valentina Cassata, M&A Counsel, American Express
Amanda Doueihi, Legal Manager, American Express
Brigitte Gambini, Solo Practitioner and Representative of the Paris Bar in NY
Hon. Gerald Lebovits, Judge, NYC Civil Court & Adjunct Law Professor, Columbia, Fordham & NYU

Moderator:
Stephan Grynwajc, Owner, Law Office of S. Grynwajc, PLLC
US Representative, European Company Lawyers Association (ECLA)

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Valentina Cassata is a M&A Counsel with American Express. She has a wealth of experience in areas such as mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate governance and securities laws. Her practice has included a varied representation of public and private corporations in connection with strategic transactions, takeover defense, restructurings and financings. In addition, Valentina has developed a strong expertise in cross-border transactions in both Europe and Asia, including structuring deals and negotiating in the context of different legal systems. Prior to joining American Express, she spent several years in the corporate department of Wachtell Lipton (NY). Before that she worked in the Milan, Italy office of Cleary Gottlieb. Valentina earned a Master in Laws (LL.M.) at Stanford Law School and her J.D. at the University of Milan (Università degli Studi di Milano), Milan, Italy. She was also the recipient of a EU scholarship to study at the University of Brussels (ULB Université Libre de Brussel), where she focused on international private law and comparative commercial law. Valentina is admitted to the NY Bar as well as to the Italian Bar.

Amanda Doueili is a Legal Manager with the General Counsel’s Office at American Express. Amanda began her professional career as a journalist, before deciding to practice law and joining first the American Express Operations team in 2008, and then the legal department in Sydney, Australia. In 2010, Amanda moved to NY and sat for the NY Bar exam. She was selected for an internship with the Center for Constitutional Rights, supporting the International Human Rights docket. At the end of her internship, Amanda was recruited to work with a start-up technology company, managing all legal and compliance aspects of the company’s 3D technology business. Following this, Amanda re-joined American Express as part of the Global Business Travel Contracts Team, supporting strategic negotiations with some of Amex’s largest customers. In April of 2014 Amanda moved to the legal department in NY as support to the Global Merchant Financing business, as well as to the Chief Privacy Counsel of American Express. Amanda received both a Bachelor of Communications (Journalism) and a Bachelor of Laws (JD) from the University of Western Sydney. She is admitted to both the New York Bar and the Supreme Court of NSW, Australia.

Brigitte R. Gambini has her own law firm. She practices in the area of corporate, finance and commercial law with a focus on cross-border transactions. She represents multinational corporations and high-net-worth individuals, in their inbound and outbound investments, both within the E.U. and between the E.U. and the U.S. With extensive experience acquired on both sides of the Atlantic, including in major U.S. law firms (Mudge Rose, Paris and New York; Orrick, New York; Sullivan & Worcester, New York; Duane Morris, New York), in-house at the European headquarters of major US international consortiums (Deputy General Counsel, EuroDisney; Outside General Counsel, Sara Lee Europe), and as Resident Partner in the New York office of one of the most prestigious French independent law firms (Jeantet Associés), she combines acute business awareness with an in-depth understanding of diverse corporate cultures and legal systems. Brigitte R. Gambini is the Representative (Référént) of the Paris Bar in New York and the Co-Chair of the Foreign Legal Consultant Committee of the American Bar Association, Section of International Law. She received her Master of Comparative Jurisprudence from New York University School of Law, where she was a Fulbright Scholar. Prior to that, Ms. Gambini earned her LL.M., summa cum laude, in Comparative Law from Lyon III University in France, where she also earned her LL.M., cum laude, in Private Law and her J.D., cum laude. She is admitted to practice in Paris, France, and is licensed as a legal consultant in New York.

Gerald Lebovits has been a New York State judge since 2001. Previously in Criminal Court and Housing Court, he now serves in Civil Court. Judge Lebovits is also an adjunct professor at Columbia, Fordham, and NYU. A Canadian, he graduated from the University of Ottawa law school, where he studied in French. He then graduated from the Tulane Law School with an MCL and from NYU law school with an LL.M. (in Criminal Justice).
**Moderator:**

Stephan Grynwajc has his own law firm. His practice focuses on advising incubating companies, entrepreneurs and start-ups of the technology sector in their operations between Europe and the US, with particular emphasis on cyberlaw, internet law, computer, e-commerce, IP and IT law, as well as social media law, privacy and data security law, under French, UK and US law. He is a graduate from the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne School of Law, the American University of Paris, and the New York University School of Law. He also holds a business degree from ESCP Europe. Stephan started his career as an M&A associate with the law firm of Shearman & Sterling in Paris, and as a Litigation associate with the law firm of Anderson, Kill & Olick in NY, before transitioning in 1997 to an in-house career and occupying a number of senior positions with US blue chip technology corporations, including Schlumberger, Intel and Symantec. He is a member of the Paris Bar, the Law Society of England and Wales and of the New York Bar. A long-time bar association membership advocate, he is a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, as well as of the American Bar Association's Foreign Legal Consultant Committee. His close connections to the Europe legal community have led him to take on the role of US representative of the French Corporate Counsel Association (AFJE), the European Company Lawyers Association (ECLA), and to act as an ABA Liaison to both organizations.

**Organizer:**

ECLA is the umbrella organization for 21 national company lawyer associations in Europe. In the 30 years of its existence, ECLA has gained recognition as the leading representative of European company lawyers associations and their individual members. In this unrivaled position, ECLA has established itself as a platform to respond to and influence the European in-house corporate counsel network, European organizations and policy-making bodies. ECLA's primary goals are (i) to enhance the acceptance and demand for an active role of company lawyers; (ii) to identify, seize and exploit regulatory opportunities suitable to enhance the position of in-house lawyers; and (iii) to identify and eliminate regulatory threats to the position or practice of company lawyers. In order to achieve these goals, ECLA is active in: (i) monitoring the position of company lawyers in members' jurisdictions; (ii) discussing and lobbying on freedom of choice of counsel for all European companies; (iii) liaising with other associations of lawyers and international organizations; (iv) sharing best practices of company lawyers; (v) creating networking opportunities for its members; and (vi) providing a number of benefits to its members. For more information visit www.ecla.org.