

#### Keynote and Opening Speakers

#### Professor David Kershaw

Dean of LSE Law School



Professor David Kershaw is Dean of LSE Law School. He is also a member of the LSE Council, the Governing Body of LSE, and an Associate Tenant at Cornerstone Barristers. He is a former General Editor of the Modern Law Review.

He joined the LSE in 2006. Prior to joining the LSE he was a Lecturer in Law at the University of Warwick between 2003-2006. He is admitted to the New York Bar and is a qualified UK solicitor. Prior to his academic career, he qualified as a Solicitor at Herbert Smith, London and practised corporate law in the Mergers & Acquisitions Group of Shearman & Sterling in New York and London. He holds a LLM and SJD from Harvard Law School and a LLB from the University of Warwick.

#### Indy Johar

Executive Director, Dark Matter Labs



Indy is co-founder of Dark Matter Labs and of the RIBA award winning architecture and urban practice Architecture00. He is focused on the strategic design of new super scale civic assets for transition - specifically at the intersection of financing, contracting and governance for deeply democratic futures.

Indy is a non-executive international Director of the BloxHub, the Nordic Hub for sustainable urbanization. He is on the advisory board for the Future Observatory and is part of the committee for the London Festival of Architecture. He is also a fellow of the London Interdisciplinary School.

Indy was 2016-17 Graham Willis Visiting Professorship at Sheffield University. He was Studio Master at the Architectural Association - 2019-2020, UNDP Innovation Facility Advisory Board Member 2016-20 and RIBA Trustee 2017-20. He has taught & lectured at various institutions from the University of Bath, TU-Berlin; University College London, Princeton, Harvard, MIT and New School and is currently a Professor at RMIT University. He was awarded the London Design Medal for Innovation in 2022 and an MBE for Services to Architecture in 2023.

## **Aunnie Patton Power**

**Associate Fellow, University of Oxford's Saïd Business School and Author, Adventure Finance**



Aunnie Patton Power is an Academic, Advisor, Author and Angel Investor with a focus on directing innovative financing to organisations that create positive social and environmental impact.

She is an Associate Fellow at the University of Oxford's Saïd Business School, a visiting fellow at the London School of Economics' Marshall Institute, an Impact Fellow at The ImPact and the Academic Director for the BEAM Network.

Aunnie works with funders globally to design innovative financing instruments and deploy capital, sitting on the investment committees of Sanlam Investments and Nyala Venture and the social and ethics board committee at JUMO. She also founded Impact Finance Pro, a careers platform and is a founding member of the Dazzle Angels, a female angel investing group. Her first book, Adventure Finance, was published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2021 and she is working on her second book.

A reformed M&A investment banker, Aunnie began her impact investing career in 2010 with Unitus Capital in Bangalore and has since worked with start-ups, intermediaries, funds, family offices, foundations, corporates and governments across Africa, Asia, Europe and North America. Aunnie's work has been published throughout the world, including by the Oxford University Press, the Stanford Social Innovation Review (SSIR), the World Economic Forum, Impact Investing Policy Collaboration and as Massive Open Online Courses on Coursera and GetSmarter.

## **Prof. Elizabeth Robinson**

**Director, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, LSE**



Professor Elizabeth Robinson joined the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, as its Director, in September 2021.

Elizabeth is an environmental economist with over twenty five years' experience undertaking research particularly in lower-income countries, including six while living in Tanzania and Ghana. Her research addresses the design of policies and institutions to reduce climate change emissions, protect the environment, and improve the livelihoods of resource-dependent communities. She works on climate change and systemic risk; and tracking the co-benefits of climate change mitigation and health, oriented particularly around food security and food systems.

From 2004-09 she was coordinating lead author for the International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development, sub-Saharan Africa. She was on the UK Defra Economic Advisory Panel for five years; and in 2019-20, Specialist Advisor to the UK House of Lords Select Committee on Food, Poverty, Health, and Environment. She is Working Group 1 lead for the Lancet Countdown, that addresses climate change impacts, exposures, and vulnerability.

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## 22 April 2024, Practical Seminar - Day 1 Speakers

### Keya Advani

Director of Programmes and Policy, Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers



Keya is the Director of the Programmes and Policy of the Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers and Co-Founder of Sistren Legal Collective. Keya was previously a practising solicitor at Bates Wells, the first UK law firm to become a B Corp. As part of the firm's Impact Economy practice, she advised charities & non-profits, businesses, financial institutions, NGOs, social enterprises, B Corps and impact investors on a range of legal issues.

Prior to this, she qualified and worked for five years as a banking & finance lawyer at Linklaters LLP in London and has worked and seconded with a range of organisations in the private and non-profit sectors internationally, including in India, USA, UK and Jamaica. She is also a Trustee of The Chancery Lane Project. She has a BA in Comparative Literature from Hamilton College (USA), an LLB from the University of Cambridge (UK) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Human Rights Law from the National Law School of India University (India). She is committed to using the law as a tool to create positive change and is interested in collaborative, transnational ways to address global, systemic problems.

### Ranajoy Basu

Partner, McDermott Will & Emery

Ranajoy Basu heads McDermott, Will & Emery's impact finance practice having extensive experience in debt capital markets and impact finance transactions. Ranajoy is recognised as one of the world's leading lawyers in cross-border climate change and impact finance structures, including social and development impact bonds, renewable energy and "green"



structured finance transactions as well as being a legal expert in adaptive and sustainable finance. He advised on the very first impact bond and has since advised on some of the most innovative financial inclusion structures around the world targeting both environmental and social sustainability. Ranajoy's key clients include supranationals, multilateral development banks, NGOs, not-for-profit entities, impact funds, industry bodies, regional authorities, banks and corporates on structuring social impact finance solutions. He is a regular speaker on climate change, social sustainability and innovative finance.

## **Christina Bartholemew**

**Co-Founder, Stories Evolved**



London-based since 2007 and a member of the Texas Bar since 1998, Christina is a non-practising attorney who advised law firms and businesses how to drive and scale sustainable impact. She believes that the fiduciary duties of lawyers oblige them to promote the long-term sustainability of the enterprises they advise and shepherd. This means action and ambition in tackling the environmental and social issues we confront.

As a thought leader in this space, Christina has scholarly and commercial publishing credits, as well as speaking appearances at global sustainability leadership conferences including Legal ESG Summits in London and New York, the American Bar Association's Corporate Counsel Seminar, the Federal Bar Association, University College London, Fordham Law School, and numerous law firms in the UK and Africa.

A citizen of the UK, EU and US, Christina sees sustainability through a global lens which has added urgency to her work. She believes that lawyers, who impact every business sector and jurisdiction on the planet, are a lynchpin for this agenda.

## **Kathryn Beck**

**Head of Legal, TrustLaw**



Kathryn Beck is an international lawyer who has spent over a decade working to achieve positive social change through the law and pro bono. Kathryn is the Head of Legal for TrustLaw – the global legal pro bono programme of the Thomson Reuters Foundation – where she works with law firms and corporate counsel around the world to facilitate free legal support for NGOs and social enterprises, and to develop strategic resources and skill-building opportunities around pro bono, human rights,

inclusive economies and media freedom. Prior to her current role, Kathryn worked in private practice and in an in-house role for the Foundation.

## **NanaAma Botchway**

**Founder, n.dowuona & company**



NanaAma Botchway is internationally ranked and recognized as a tier 1, band 1 market leader in M&A, banking, finance, and infrastructure projects. In addition to her top level rankings by Chambers and the IFLR1000, NanaAma is the only lawyer in Ghana to be named an “Elite Leading Individual” for corporate and M&A by The Legal 500.

Some of her representations include the USD 1 billion Ghana National Identification Card PPP; the USD 200 million sale of Fan Milk International; the acquisition, development and divestment of the USD 100 million Movenpick Ambassador Hotel; and Leapfrog Strategic African Investment’s USD 180 million investment in the Enterprise Insurance Group.

NanaAma has served on numerous boards of directors in Ghana and other parts of Africa. She is an independent NED, chairman of the social, ethics and sustainability committee and minority shareholder representative on the board of MTN Ghana. As founder and managing partner, NanaAma has led her firm to top-rankings in Corporate & M&A, Infrastructure Projects and Banking and Finance. The firm was named Law Firm of the Year (2023) by Chambers & Partners at Chambers Africa Awards and was shortlisted for Law Firm of the Year West Africa by the African Legal Awards (2023).

## **Jessica Blumenthal**

**Director, Banking & Finance, ENS**



Jessica Blumenthal is an Executive at ENSafrica in the Banking and Finance practice, specialising in ESG and sustainable finance, structured finance, restructuring, financial services regulation and alternative investment strategies. She has deep expertise in fund formation and regulatory advisory work for private equity, venture capital and other alternative investment funds and as part of this practice area Jessica advises impact funders, start-ups and fintech clients in respect of appropriate funding instruments.

Jessica represents institutional clients both in South Africa and internationally, including banks, asset managers, funds and insurers and is considered a trusted advisor to corporate clients, high net worth individuals and family offices.

Jessica's experience includes designing and negotiating funding and security structures, undertaking solvent and distressed restructuring, establishing alternative investment structures (such as hedge funds, offshore unlisted funds and private equity funds) and providing regulatory advice in relation to South African financial services legislation and the South African regulatory environment, particularly in relation to financial services, collective investment schemes, investment management and company law. Currently Jessica's focus is working with her financial services clients to navigate the reforming regulatory landscape in gearing up for the Conduct of Financial Institutions Bill (COFI) and the related harmonisation project underway by National Treasury and the Financial Sector Conduct Authority.

## **Martin Bunch**

**Managing Partner, Bates Wells**



Martin Bunch is the managing partner of Bates Wells, a purpose-driven City law firm. Martin is a practising employment lawyer who has been leading Bates Wells as managing partner since 2013. In this time, he has overseen Bates Wells' certification as a B Corp and has spearheaded a number of firmwide initiatives to further advance a responsible and sustainable agenda. Under Martin's leadership, Bates Wells is not only committed to sustainability across its own operations but is dedicated to helping clients to achieve positive impact - whether that's through climate-friendly clauses in contracts, advising on impact investment strategies, or working with partners to achieve legislative change through vehicles like the Better Business Act.

## **Bruno Camargo**

**Partner and Head of Latin America, Liance Legal**



Bruno Camargo is qualified to practice law in Brazil and the European Union and a longtime member of the global legal network of Ethics, Compliance and Anticorruption. Bruno has been instrumental in integrating ethics and ESG principles into business strategies, enhancing stakeholder trust, fostering long-term sustainability and regenerative practices through robust programs, having participated in numerous high-profile leniency agreements and remediation teams of corruption and cartel cases. He

also is actively involved in supporting indigenous communities, designing nature-based governance strategies in supply chains and helping companies build their Human Rights programs across Latin America & beyond. Bruno is also the founder and steward-of-the-land of Paková Katu ([www.pakova.com.br](http://www.pakova.com.br)), an entrepreneurial hands-on regenerative project in the highlands of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest.

## Philomena Cleobury

### Senior Legal Officer, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency



Philomena Cleobury is a Senior Legal Officer in the Legal Affairs Service of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), based in Geneva. Philomena advises on matters of international law in the context of providing legal support to UNHCR's operations, including on innovative finance matters; matters related to the implementation of UNHCR's climate strategy; the delivery of cash assistance to refugees and forcibly displaced people, and financial inclusion; issues related to sanctions; and UNHCR engagement with the private sector and with other international organisations.

Throughout 2023 Philomena was seconded to the UNICEF Legal Office as Chief of the Partnerships, Programmes and Innovation Section. Prior to joining UNHCR, Philomena worked for the UN Office of the Legal Counsel where she advised on a broad range of matters of international law, including related to international and UN-assisted criminal tribunals; new accountability mechanisms; peacekeeping operations; international humanitarian law; privileges and immunities and host country agreements. Before joining the UN, Philomena specialised in international arbitration with global law firm, Linklaters LLP. Philomena holds an LLM with distinction in Public International Law from UCL, and a BA (Hons) in Jurisprudence with European Law from Corpus Christi College, Oxford and the University of Leiden, Netherlands.

## Claire Donse

### Partner, International Head of Pro Bono, DLA Piper

Claire Donse leads the firm's pro bono practice, through which DLA Piper provides more than 220,000 hours of free legal services annually. She is the co-director of New Perimeter, DLA Piper's non-profit affiliate, oversees the firm's Global Scholarships Programme, and is responsible for the development and leadership of our partnership with UNHCR.



Claire's practice is focused in the areas of rule of law, international development and climate and biodiversity. Claire works with governments, academic institutions, commercial and pro bono clients to establish high impact, cross-sector projects that support access to justice and create social, economic and environmental value around the globe. Claire also supports commercial clients in the establishment of their pro bono practice and advises on reputational issues.

Claire has worked in law firms in Australia, China, France, the United Kingdom and the United States.

## **Sarah Dobson James**

**Executive Director, Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers**



Sarah is the Executive Director of the Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers, a community of legal leaders who are using their careers to have a positive impact on people and the planet, and to accelerate the just transition.

Sarah runs GAIL from the offices of Bates Wells, the first UK law firm to become a B Corp, where she was previously Impact Economy Manager. Sarah is a Fellow of On Purpose, the profit with purpose leadership programme. Her career has spanned impact investment at Big Society Capital, as well as improving access to justice in the UK as Head of Trusts at Support Through Court, and in Kenya and Uganda at African Prisons Project. She has been called to the Bar of England and Wales and holds qualifications in Law and English. Outside work, Sarah is chair of trustees of KDC Theatre, a central London arts charity.

## **Magdalena Enei**

**Founding Director, La Siembra SpA**



Magdalena is specialized in sustainability and is motivated by the desire to make a positive impact through the legal profession. She values the importance of sharing knowledge within the legal community, aiming to encourage more lawyers to explore the field of impact law. Magdalena believes that providing fellow lawyers with the necessary tools and insights, she can help amplify the positive changes they can collectively bring about. To this end, Magdalena has been involved in organizing workshops and seminar on sustainability issues. These sessions are



designed to offer practical insights demonstrating how lawyers can contribute to positive societal changes.

Additionally, she has taken part as speaker and panelist at various legal conferences, where she discusses the relevance of impact law and shares her experiences from working in this area. Magdalena also recognizes the value of collaboration and has focused to build connections in Chile with organizations that share similar goals to those of GAIL. Through these efforts, she hopes to contribute to a broader movement towards sustainable development and legal practices that prioritize social and environmental impact.

## **David Frydinger**

**Partner, Cirio Law Firm**



David is a member of Cirios' Specialist group. He has extensive experience of drafting and negotiating IT agreements, including outsourcing, cloud computing, software development and similar contracts. He is also an expert in data privacy and information security.

David is responsible for Vested and relational contracting at Cirio. He is a Certified Deal Architect in Vested and a lecturer in Collaborative Contracting at the University of Tennessee.

David is responsible for Cirio's operations in sustainable business activities and advises companies on issues such as sustainability reporting, including CSRD and EU taxonomy, sustainable supply chains, and sustainability matters in acquisitions.

## **Richard Gerrard**

**Senior Legal Counsel, AgDevCo**



Richard is currently Senior Legal Counsel at AgDevCo, a specialist impact investor in African agribusinesses with ESG at its core. AgDevCo makes debt and equity investments to grow sustainable agribusinesses, in-order to achieve long-term development impact and food security, which benefits both people and the planet. Richard was previously a solicitor at Michelmores LLP.

## Alessia Gianoncelli

Director of Knowledge and Programs, Impact Europe



As part of her long journey at Impact Europe, the investing for impact network (formerly EVPA), since 2014 Alessia has contributed to build the European impact investing market. In her capacity as Director of Knowledge and Programs, she does so (i) by supporting impact investors and all impact stakeholders in connecting, learning from each other, and providing them with research, data insights and capacity building opportunities; and (ii) by building partnerships with other networks, sharing good practices, breaking silos, and facilitating the creation and the exchange of knowledge. In parallel, since 2022, Alessia independently works with Gianluca Gaggiotti, under the brand IMPACTips, to provide impact measurement and management consultancy and support the structuring of impact finance instruments. Alessia is senior advisor to Torino Social Impact for the finance area and a member of the Scientific Committee of Social Impact Agenda per l'Italia - Global Steering Group for Impact Investment Italy NAB.

## Emiliano Giovine

Senior Associate, RPLT – RP Legalitax



Emiliano is head of the ESG & Legal Impact team at RPLT – RP Legalitax and Chair of GAIL Europe. He mainly deals with purpose-driven companies, non-profit entities, social enterprises, NGOs and international organisations. He advises these entities in the phases of incorporation, reorganisation, extraordinary transactions and adjustments and in the implementation of their sustainability and impact strategy throughout their value chains.

He also provides support on ESG matters to leading national and international companies. More specifically, he deals with the adoption and implementation of sustainability models, corporate policies and ethical codes, the acquisition of the Benefit Corporation status and the B Corp certification, as well as ESG/human rights due diligence, non-financial reporting and impact measurement.

Emiliano has more than years of experience in the impact economy sector. In particular, he has been involved for years in several international cooperation projects and policy-making activities, led by NGOs and by the

United Nations, focused on the integration of migrants and refugees through entrepreneurial initiatives and humanitarian law.

## Frances Holliday

General Counsel, LeapFrog Investments



As General Counsel, Frances is responsible for all aspects of LeapFrog's legal functions across its 8 offices and 21 portfolio companies, and led all legal aspects of our strategic commitment with Temasek. Frances is also a member of the African Private Equity and Venture Capital Association's Legal and Regulatory Committee. Frances has more than 20 years of diverse high-level legal experience, as an asset manager focused on emerging markets, and a specialist mergers and acquisitions leader.

Frances holds a BA in Oriental Studies from Oxford University, where she was also awarded a travelling fellowship to the United Nations Sub-Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, and a Post-graduate diploma in Law and Legal Practice from Nottingham Law School.

## Noreen Kidunduhu

Founding Principal, Noreen & Co



Noreen is a Common Law qualified lawyer who offers governments, energy/mining/infra companies, businesses, investors and financial institutions in Africa, practical legal, technical and commercial solutions to power, renewable energy, infrastructure and natural resources projects.

## Elizabeth Lange

Partner, Faegre Drinker

Elizabeth Lange represents public and private clients, including Fortune 50 and startup companies, in mergers and acquisitions, governance, and other corporate and securities matters. Recognized for her involvement in



social enterprise and impact finance law, Lizzie has written extensively on legal and regulatory issues relating to social enterprise legal forms. Experienced in complex transactions, Lizzie has represented clients in transactions with deal sizes ranging from several million dollars to over \$1 billion. Lizzie works with companies in a variety of industries and focuses her practice on mergers and acquisitions, venture capital/corporate venture capital and emerging companies, corporate restructurings, private securities offerings, divestitures and general corporate matters. Lizzie also represents various benefit corporations and emerging venture-backed companies. Lizzie co-leads the firm's full-service ESG practice. She draws on more than a decade of experience helping clients in the social impact space, and served on the Faegre Drinker team that created the benefit corporation legal form that has been adopted in more than 35 states. Lizzie regularly advises companies on ESG matters including ESG strategy, policies, disclosure and reporting, frameworks and standards, and compliance. From start-ups to well established organizations, companies trust Lizzie to guide them on benefit corporation and B Corp matters.

## **Melissa Manzo**

**General Counsel, AgDevCo & Global Board Secretary, GAIL**



Melissa is General Counsel at AgDevCo, an impact investor focussing on investments in agribusiness in Sub-Saharan Africa, and whose vision is a thriving commercial agriculture sector that benefits both people and planet. In addition to her work leading on the legal side of transactions entered into by AgDevCo, Melissa is also interested in finding ways that impact investors can add value to portfolio companies, and chairs AgDevCo's technical assistance committee. Melissa is currently Secretary of the GAIL international board of directors as well as GAIL's regional UK board. She is keen to find ways of connecting lawyers working in impact investing / development finance in order to share ideas and find innovative ways to improve sustainable and ethical investment practices.

## **Dr Ammara Farooq Malik**

**Principal Attorney & Group CEO, AFMalik Law & Seplaa Group**

Dr. Ammara Farooq Malik is a Pakistani corporate and impact lawyer, international social entrepreneur and international development expert with over 24 years of professional experience across various



transdisciplinary areas such as law, business and international development. She is Founder of the Seplaa Group (CEO of Seplaa Consultants Canada Inc. and Seplaa Enterprises-Pakistan) and AFMalik Law.

As Founder Principal Attorney of AFMalik Law- Attorneys & International Development Consultants, she is also the first impact lawyer of Pakistan focusing on the integration of ESG (Environment, Sustainability & Governance) clauses in companies' legal compliance documents and has created the 5 Cog Wheels for Sustainable Business Strategy Tool for impact law, impact investing and policy integration in impact businesses for a transdisciplinary holistic approach towards development.

She has presented as a legal, gender, climate change and social enterprise expert at international conferences at UNESCO (Kazakhstan), CGA New York University (USA), University of Kent (UK), International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development-ICIMOD (Nepal), Asia Pacific Adaptation Network's Climate Change Adaptation Forum (Colombo and Manila), Hollings Centre for International Development (Maldives & Turkey) and the Asian Development Bank (Singapore).

## Patrick Miller

### Founding Attorney, Impact Advocates



Patrick is an international lawyer concentrating on cross-border commercial issues, with an emphasis on arbitration, mediation and litigation, particularly for Social Impact companies. He has worked in the US, Europe and Asia — spending nearly a decade in South-East Asia focusing on commercial disputes with a large international law firm. He is a strong advocate for social businesses and passionate about assisting these companies when they encounter commercial disputes. He has also advised several social impact startups doing business internationally, providing advice on both legal and business issues.

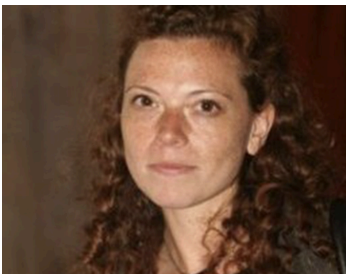
Patrick is involved in the business & human rights legal community primarily through his work with the ABA Business Law Section Working Group that has developed a comprehensive set of contractual provisions to address potential human rights violations in international supply chains. He can advise companies on establishing responsible supply chain frameworks in compliance with emerging regulatory challenges. He's also active in the Environmental, Social and Governance space, particularly through his work hosting a YouTube show called ESG-in-Law for the California Lawyers Association ESG Committee where he interviews

professionals who work on issues involving the convergence of ESG and law.

Given his experience abroad, his involvement in the social business movement and his commercial background, he is able to provide strategic guidance that addresses his clients' legal and business objectives—while also focusing on their responsible business commitments. He likes to say that multi-bottom-line companies need multi-bottom-line advice.

## **Gila Norich**

### **Head of Knowledge Development, GSG**



Gila joins the GSG after four years as Director of Social Finance Israel's Impact Advisory Practice. Underpinning her work, Gila brings a particular interest in innovative financing mechanisms and a keen desire to apply her client advisory, impact measurement, and product management work to foster more effective and rapid scaling of the impact investment market worldwide.

Prior to joining SFI, Gila worked as Product Manager in the Impact Research and Innovation team at ClearlySo, where she co-developed an award-winning proprietary impact and ESG tool for private equity and venture capital investors. Earlier, as an analyst with the Asset Owners Disclosure Project (AODP), she assessed the climate risk of global pension funds. Gila started her career in health and human rights. She holds an MBA (London Business School) and an M.A. in Near Eastern Studies (NYU). Originally from the US, Gila has lived in New York City, Paris, Cairo, and Tel Aviv. She currently resides in London.

## **Peter M. Phleger**

### **Partner, Morgan Lewis**



Peter M. Phleger advises sponsors and institutional investors, including corporate strategic investors, on private investment fund formation, including venture and private equity funds, fund-of-funds, secondary funds, and captive corporate funds. He counsels on fund structure, formation, governance, and investing activities, including both primary investments and secondary transactions. His work encompasses fund structuring, partnership agreement terms and conditions, securities law compliance, investor relations, and general partner separations.

Peter's clients include fund sponsors of multibillion dollar partnerships and early-stage venture capital firms; strategic corporate investors such as

pharmaceutical companies partnering with early-stage life science focused funds and energy companies partnering with renewable energy funds; and institutional investors such as public pension plans, insurance companies, fund-of-funds, family offices, and sovereign wealth funds. He also counsels both secondary buyers and sellers of portfolios of fund interests.

## Eliud Ogutu

### Founding Principal, Ogutu & Associates



Eliud is a senior lawyer with over 20 years' experience advising developers, international banks, private equity funds and development finance institutions in complex, cross-border finance transactions. He is also interested in private equity and impact investment and has acted for sponsors and institutional investors on a wide range of transactions, including acquisitions, venture capital investments, disposals and other corporate matters.

Eliud is a founding partner of Ogutu and Associates, a boutique law firm in Nairobi which focuses on advising a wide range of clients in corporate and commercial law and banking and finance law. He has previously worked as a consultant legal counsel with the International Finance Corporation's (IFC) Legal Department where he offered transactional legal services to IFC on its investments in Africa across the Infrastructure, Manufacturing, Agribusiness, Services, Funds and Financial Institutions Practice Groups. He has also worked with Stanbic Bank Kenya Limited (a member of the Standard Bank of South Africa) where, as the Head of Legal, he led the legal team for Kenya and South Sudan.

## Alissa M. Pelatan

### Managing Partner, AMP Avocats



Alissa Pelatan is member of the Paris, California and Washington DC Bars, and a partner and founder of AMP AVOCATS, a boutique Paris-based law firm. She is also President and co-founder of the Collective Impact Lawyers, a legal network for positive impact lawyers in France. Passionate about social enterprise law, she advises companies on the creation and management of social and solidarity companies (classic and/or hybrid) as well as mission-led companies (société à mission, b-corp...). She helps companies in their cross-border transactions and counsels clients with all issues relating to commercial law, company law,

association law and cooperative law in France as well as comparative law/private international law.

Alissa Pelatan is also a founding board member for B-Lab France; founding board member of ESELA (now GAIL); Previous member of the EVPA Policy Committee. She is also visiting professor in several universities and in particular Science Po Paris, University of Paris 2 (Assas), Catholic University of Lille, and Paris Descartes.

## **Karyn Polak**

**Founder, Shift the Prism Advisory and former serial General Counsel**



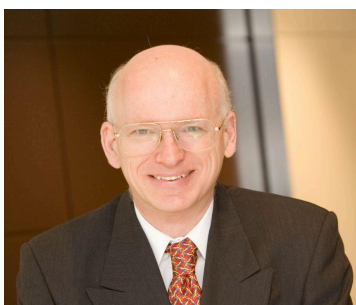
Karyn founded Shift the Prism Advisory to support changes in mindsets, systems, and approaches to capital and development – sparking engagement and collaboration from the hyperlocal to the national and international level within public, private, non-profit, and community spaces.

She previously served as a senior counsel, trusted advisor, and C-suite executive in her various roles at Citigroup, PNC Bank, and Transamerica — from her first senior position as General Counsel for Citi Private Bank to her most recent as Chief Legal Officer for Transamerica. She also has over a decade of experience advising global financial institutions, multinational corporations, and family businesses in corporate finance, securities, and mergers and acquisitions at three top-100 U.S. law firms.

Throughout her career, Karyn has consistently sought to reduce inequities and increase inclusion through concrete contributions as a business executive, board member, mentor, and community convener and connector. She serves on several non-profit boards and advisory committees and is an impact investor herself.

## **Michael Ryland**

**Director, Centre for Social Finance Law**



Michael Ryland is the principal and founding director of the Centre for Social Finance Law. He has over 35 years of broad ranging experience in corporate finance, investment funds and commercial law, including 20 years as a partner at global law firms Ashurst and Herbert Smith Freehills. He has worked in Australia, Japan and Indonesia, and has spent two years as a full time Commissioner of the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC).



Michael has particular experience in the law relating to social investment, working with a range of for-purpose and for-profit clients on social impact projects, both domestic and cross-border. This has included work on social investment fund structures, social impact bonds and other financial instruments, social infrastructure projects, social and affordable housing, disability services and accommodation, and community initiatives and projects.

## Zvia Schoenberg

**Executive Director, Grunin Center for Law and Social Entrepreneurship, NYU School of Law**



Zvia started her career as a corporate lawyer with Fried Frank, then shifted to Education Law and joined the NYC Department of Education and Edison Schools. After practicing law for 15 years, she took on a variety of management roles with several growth-stage organizations in the Education sector.

Her most recent role was President of Enactus United States, a global organization that supports social entrepreneurship on college campuses. Previously, she served as CEO for A-List Education, an education services company that serves schools and families. During her tenure, the company migrated its services to a virtual environment due to Covid; acquired and integrated an adaptive learning company; and expanded its college advising services. Other career highlights include serving on the legal team of the first charter school to open in New York State – the Sisulu-Walker Charter School; operating entrepreneurship programs and competitions for high school students; and teaching Entrepreneurship at The Borough of Manhattan Community College.

## Aline Gonçalves de Souza

**Partner, Szazi, Bechara, Storto, Reicher and Figueiredo Lopes Advogados**



Aline is a PhD student in Public Administration and Government at EAESP/FGV and specialist in Corporate Law at Insper. Partner of Innovation, Impact Business and ESG at SBSA Advogados. She advises ICTs, impact business accelerators, community projects, organisations and companies that seek legal structures that contribute to the generation of socio-environmental initiatives with a positive impact. Previously, Aline has been a lawyer for several years in the area of infrastructure, antitrust and regulatory law, with emphasis on her advice to a consortium that won the first airport auction in the country, management of a portfolio of

processes involving port and rail logistics, as well as support for the execution of leniency agreement in case investigated by Operation Lava Jato.

Aline has been a researcher at the Coordination of Applied Legal Research at FGV Direito SP since 2015, where she coordinates the Civil Society Organizations Group. Her work at FGV has already earned Aline the Civil Society Policy Impact Research Award (2020) from the ISTR, as well as being highlighted by the FGV Applied Research Network due to the executive coordination of the CSO Economic Sustainability project, supported by the European Union and executed in a partnership between FGV, GIFE and IPEA. Through this project, Aline coordinated the preparation of 7 books belonging to the Economic Sustainability Collection of CSOs, being a co-author in some of them, as well as organizing several events and actions that influenced public policies.

## Vivien Teu

### Partner, Head of Asset Management & ESG, Dentons Hong Kong



Vivien is a partner and head of Asset Management & ESG at Dentons Hong Kong. She has more than 20 years' experience with a deep and broad focus in the areas of asset management, diverse forms of investment funds across asset classes and structures, retail funds and privately placed funds, investments in public markets, private equity, real estate and alternative investments. Vivien also has extensive corporate and commercial experience in the financial institutions and financial services sectors, having advised on numerous strategic joint ventures, inbound and outbound mergers & acquisitions, and related legal and regulatory matters for cross-border financial markets access, investments and platform building.

In recent years, Vivien is market-leading in having developed a unique focus in her practice on corporate and regulatory issues around environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG), sustainable finance, responsible investment, impact investing and social finance. Throughout her career, Vivien has been involved in many pioneering transactions and projects. Most recently, Vivien was named Thought Leader of the Year, North Asia at the ALB Women in Law Awards 2021. She has also received commendations by Asialaw profiles for three consecutive years (2018 to 2020) as a leading lawyer for the practice areas of investment funds and corporate M&A, and is listed by China Business Law Journal in the 2020 and 2021 A-List Elite 100 foreign lawyers for China practice. Prior to joining Dentons, Vivien was founder

and managing partner of Vivien Teu & Co LLP, a Hong Kong firm with established reputation and accolades in the areas of investment funds, banking & finance, financial services, regulatory, private equity, private equity funds, private client and wealth management.

## John White

Legal Counsel, Big Society Capital



John provides legal support for Big Society Capital and its investments.

Previously, John was a trainee solicitor at DLA Piper where he assisted with various debt and equity investments and corporate transactions in a range of industry sectors. Whilst at DLA Piper, John delivered training on legal structures for UK businesses for young entrepreneurs receiving support from The Prince's Trust and also undertook a part-time secondment to the legal team at Amnesty International.

## Bryony Widdup

Partner, Hogan Lovells



Known for her dedication to clients, Bryony is skilled in transaction structuring, in finance for funds, broader lending platforms (including blockchain-based offerings) and digital assets including token structuring and issuance. She is passionate about sustainable finance and investment solutions, including green, social and sustainability-linked instruments, transition finance and impact investing.

A core team member of Hogan Lovells' Digital Assets and Blockchain practice, Bryony also supports clients in using novel structures, involving digital assets, to take advantage of the multiple efficiencies and flexibilities available.

Combining her experience and passion in both areas, Bryony has a strong focus on the integration of ESG with digital assets, including in climate and broader sustainability related projects and the scaled impact investing space.

## Francesco Zatelli

Head of Pro Bono, The Good Lobby



Francesco Zatelli (he/him) is a public interest lawyer with experience in private practice and public advocacy, working to equalise access to power by providing the legal & public affairs advice civil society actors need to advance their missions.

He does so by leading the pro bono publico initiative connecting civil society organizations with a network of professionals - including law firms, public affairs consultancies and companies - willing to volunteer their advice in consideration of the social value of such activities.

This free-matchmaking activity is supported by quadrimestral Pro Bono Roundtables gathering Brussel's legal community, and legal clinics involving different European universities; furthermore a Pro Bono Summer Academy is in the making!

Before starting Pro Bono Europe he practised as a corporate and investment counsellor for international projects across Europe, being a graduate cum laude of the Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna and having studied International and European Tax Law at King's College London, Law and Business at the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos de Madrid and at the Institute for Sustainability Leadership of the University of Cambridge.

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### Sophia Adams-Bhatti

Global Head of Purpose and Impact, Simmons & Simmons, Participant in Transformational Governance Think Lab

Sophia is a policy expert with over 25 years experience across both the public and private sector. Her expertise covers a broad range spanning sustainability, AI ethics, legal policy, and economic regulation. A published author and NED to a number of organisations including Amnesty International UK and Lawtech UK. She is currently chairing a programme in collaboration with the Justice the human rights and rule of law organisation, considering the impacts of AI on the justice sector.



Most recently Sophia was the Global Head of Purpose and Impact at the international law firm Simmons & Simmons, prior to which she was the Director of Policy at the Law Society of England and Wales, where she spearheaded the public policy commission on the use of AI in the criminal justice system. Prior to this Sophia has held senior roles at the FCA, CMA, OFT and GMC. Very recently she was also announced as a Labour Parliamentary Candidate for the forthcoming UK General Election.

## **Prof. Rosemary Addis** Managing Partner, Mondiale Impact



Rosemary Addis is serious about impact. She has spent two decades driving positive social and environmental outcomes through strategy, policy and markets. As Founding Managing Partner of Mondiale Impact she is putting impact on the Boardroom agenda and leads the partnership's engagement with other directors and decision-makers around the world.

Her contributions to practice have also resulted in appointments as an Enterprise Professor in impact, sustainability and innovation at the University of Melbourne and an Industry Professor at University College London and is a Global Ambassador for the Global Steering Group for Impact Investment.

Rosemary's unique combination of commercial acumen, strategic insight and transformational leadership has made her a go-to principal for breakthrough solutions to complex issues. She is globally recognised as a director and strategist at the forefront of innovation and investment for sustainability and impact. After 20 years at Board tables, her current portfolio of directorships focuses mainly on Chairing roles.

## **Keya Advani** Director of Programmes and Policy, Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers

Keya is the Director of the Programmes and Policy of the Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers and Co-Founder of Sistren Legal Collective. Keya was previously a practising solicitor at Bates Wells, the first UK law firm to become a B Corp. As part of the firm's Impact Economy practice, she



**Natasha Ahmed**  
Partner, Orrick

advised charities & non-profits, businesses, financial institutions, NGOs, social enterprises, B Corps and impact investors on a range of legal issues.

Prior to this, she qualified and worked for five years as a banking & finance lawyer at Linklaters LLP in London and has worked and seconded with a range of organisations in the private and non-profit sectors internationally, including in India, USA, UK and Jamaica. She is also a Trustee of The Chancery Lane Project. She has a BA in Comparative Literature from Hamilton College (USA), an LLB from the University of Cambridge (UK) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Human Rights Law from the National Law School of India University (India). She is committed to using the law as a tool to create positive change and is interested in collaborative, transnational ways to address global, systemic problems.



Natasha Ahmed advises clients on cross-border transactions and domestic matters, providing general commercial, intellectual property, IT and data privacy advice across a broad range of sectors including technology, telecommunications, energy, and retail.

Before moving into private practice, Natasha spent five years in the in-house legal team of a global brand management company.

**Telha Arshad,**  
Counsel Global Regulatory, Hogan Lovells



Telha advises on all stages of government decision making, from initial policy development through to judicial review challenges. His practice has a particular focus on the tech sector and he works with innovative businesses facing novel and emerging regulatory issues, such as online harms and AI.

Telha helps clients navigate complex regulatory environments, engage effectively with government and shape the policy and regulation that affects them. He provides a unique combined legal and public policy perspective, having guided clients through complex regulatory litigation, such as judicial review proceedings and regulatory appeals, as well as

high profile parliamentary and public inquiry processes and business-critical policy change.

## **Nikesh Arya**

**Corporate Associate, Herbert Smith Freehills**



Nikesh is a corporate associate with a particular focus on private equity, impact investment and growth capital transactions. Nikesh has a range of experience acting for financial sponsors, institutional investors, portfolio companies and management teams on a broad range of transactions, including acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, venture and growth capital investments, disposals and other corporate matters.

Nikesh is also a member of the Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers, the Global Impact Investing Network, Invest Europe's working group and the Impact Investing Institute's legal working group. Nikesh holds a MSci in Natural Sciences (first class) from University College London. He completed the Graduate Diploma in Law and the Legal Practice Course at BPP Law School (London). He is qualified in England and Wales and joined Herbert Smith Freehills in 2023.

During his training contract with an international firm, Nikesh spent six months on secondment in its Singapore office.

## **Dr. Marcia Balisciano**

**Chief Sustainability Officer, Global Head of Corporate Responsibility and ESG, RELX,  
Board Member, UN Global Compact Foundation**



Márcia is founding Chief Sustainability Officer and Global Head of Corporate Responsibility at RELX, a global provider of information-based analytics, decision tools and events with 36,500+ people and operations in 40 countries.

Engaging colleagues throughout the business, she works to ensure RELX's extra-financial performance furthers competitive advantage and stakeholder confidence. Driving practice that ensures recognition for RELX as a sustainability leader, the company is currently 2nd in Sustainalytics' ranking of the media sector among 297 global sector peers; holds a AAA ESG rating for an eighth consecutive year with MSCI; and is 5th in the Responsibility100 Index which ranks the FTSE 100 on sustainability.

She is a board member of the Foundation for the (UN) Global Compact and a founding board member of the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens. She is also founding director of London museum and educational facility Benjamin Franklin House.

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, she holds an MA in International Relations from the University of Chicago, and a PHD in Economic History from the London School of Economics. She is a Member of the British Empire (MBE), an honour presented to her by the King, and lives in London with her husband and two sons.

## Molly Beck

### Associate Legal Counsel, Google DeepMind



Molly advises the Google DeepMind Institute (GDI) which builds on Google DeepMind's technology and expertise to create solutions that unlock AI's potential to solve some of humanity's greatest challenges.

Some of the key projects Molly has advised on include GDI's work to: put protein structure predictions from Google DeepMind's AlphaFold into the hands of over 1.6 million scientists - accelerating research in nearly every field of biology; develop a diverse pipeline of tech talent by supporting AI scholarships, fellowships and undergraduate research programmes and co-creating with Raspberry Pi Foundation educational resources to introduce 11 - 14 year olds to AI; address the critical data gaps in AI for climate, alongside Climate Change AI; and release a catalogue of genetic mutations classified by Google DeepMind's "AlphaMissense" to help researchers understand genetic disease and decide which genes to develop treatments for.

## Katharina Bottenberg

### Legal Counsel, Tony's Chocolonely



After 9 years of working as an attorney-at-law at corporate law firms, assisting fast growing scale-ups, Katharina joined Tony's Chocolonely eager to contribute to our impact in cocoa. Responsible for all things legal, securing and preserving Tony's assets, brands, reputation and integrity, she spends most of her days conducting negotiations and providing legal advice on whatever comes up – or might come up. She's basically a chocolate-loving, EU-focused, law-driven fortune teller. But others might describe her as Tony's kick-ass Legal Counsel. She'll accept both. From assessing risks to taking 'em, Katharina likes to swap lawsuits for a wet suit whenever she can, making waves inside Tony's and out.



## NanaAma Botchway

Founder, n.dowuona & company



NanaAma Botchway is internationally ranked and recognized as a tier 1, band 1 market leader in M&A, banking, finance, and infrastructure projects. In addition to her top level rankings by Chambers and the IFLR1000, NanaAma is the only lawyer in Ghana to be named an “Elite Leading Individual” for corporate and M&A by The Legal 500.

Some of her representations include the USD 1 billion Ghana National Identification Card PPP; the USD 200 million sale of Fan Milk International; the acquisition, development and divestment of the USD 100 million Movenpick Ambassador Hotel; and Leapfrog Strategic African Investment’s USD 180 million investment in the Enterprise Insurance Group.

NanaAma has served on numerous boards of directors in Ghana and other parts of Africa. She is an independent NED, chairman of the social, ethics and sustainability committee and minority shareholder representative on the board of MTN Ghana. As founder and managing partner, NanaAma has led her firm to top-rankings in Corporate & M&A, Infrastructure Projects and Banking and Finance. The firm was named Law Firm of the Year (2023) by Chambers & Partners at Chambers Africa Awards and was shortlisted for Law Firm of the Year West Africa by the African Legal Awards (2023).

## Michelle Breslauer

Transformational Governance Lead, UN Global Compact



Michelle Breslauer leads the governance and peace portfolio at the United Nations Global Compact, the world’s largest corporate sustainability initiative that brings together over 15,000 companies in 160 countries and 69 local networks to align their operations and strategies with Ten Principles in the areas of human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. In this role, she develops programs to engage businesses in advancing peaceful, just and inclusive societies (Sustainable Development Goal 16).

Previously, Michelle spent eight years directing strategic partnerships and programs for the Institute for Economics and Peace, a global think tank that uses data to understand and communicate the drivers of peace. Michelle has spoken extensively on a range of issues related to peace, security, global governance and development in high-level intergovernmental fora at the United Nations and the World Bank, as well as numerous conferences and events at leading universities and think-tanks.

Michelle has significant experience managing complex communication strategies on an international scale, including a five-year tenure at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center, and with New York City's bid for the 2012 Olympic Games. She holds a master's degree in urban studies from the London School of Economics and a bachelor's degree in international affairs from the American University of Paris.

## **Dr. Isabella Bunn** **International Lawyer and Policy Advisor**



Isabella is an international lawyer and policy advisor, with a transatlantic background as corporate counsel, trade and investment director, and endowed professor of business ethics. Based at the University of Oxford, she is Research Fellow in Governance and Global Ethics at Regent's Park College and a Trustee of the Oxford Peace Research Trust.

Isabella serves on the International Advisory Council of Oxford Analytica, a geopolitical consulting firm, and as Senior Advisor to its Foundation. She is the Distinguished Fellow in Corporate Social Responsibility at the Washington Institute for Business, Government and Society, a Fellow of the Caux Round Table for Moral Capitalism, and a member of the British Academy Corporate Advisory Group for the Future of the Corporation.

Isabella has a long-standing involvement with the UN Global Compact, including through its Steering Group on Business and the Rule of Law and other initiatives related to the role of the private sector in advancing human rights and sustainable development. Throughout her career Isabella has held leadership appointments within the global legal profession, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative.

**Prof. Mario Calderini**  
Founding Partner, Mondiale Impact



Mario Calderini is a pioneer and international leader in social impact and purpose driven innovation.

He is a full Professor at Politecnico di Milano, School of Management, where he teaches Management for Sustainability and Impact, while also directing Tiresia, the School's Research Centre for Impact Finance and Innovation. Mario has been the Director of Alta Scuola Politecnica and Executive Vice President of Fondazione Politecnico. He has a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Manchester.

In 2021, Apolitical named Mario one of the World's Most Influential Academics in Government. Over the past 10 years Mario has served successive Italian governments as Senior Scientific Advisor. Most recently, he advised the Minister of Innovation Vittorio Colao and was a member of the Sustainable Finance for Infrastructure Commission established by Minister Enrico Giovannini. He was also the Government's Sherpa for the G7 Italian Presidency in 2017.

Mario's current work focuses on the new innovation paradigm; social innovation in a world with scarce resources and tight constraints. He explores how innovation enables organisations to act on their purpose and deliver meaningful impact ahead of the big societal challenges the world will confront. He is widely published in the field of innovation and social impact finance.

**Bruno Camargo**  
Partner at Liance Legal



Bruno is a lifelong learner and steward of the voice of nature, traditional wisdom and medicines. Lawyer by education and international practice for 30 years, former General Counsel, Compliance Officer, Anticorruption, Antitrust and ESG subject matter expert, Bruno Camargo is qualified to practice law in Brazil and the European Union. Bruno has been instrumental in integrating ethics and ESG principles into business strategies, enhancing stakeholder trust, and fostering long-term sustainability and regenerative practices through robust programs, having participated in numerous high-profile remediation teams of corruption and cartel cases. Bruno is the founder and steward of the land of Paková Katu ([www.pakova.com.br](http://www.pakova.com.br)), an entrepreneurial hands-on (ESG) environmental, social and regenerative project in the Brazilian Atlantic Forest, and partner

and head of Latin America for Amsterdam-based law firm Liance Legal ([www.liance.legal](http://www.liance.legal)).

## **Jon Cheung** Partner at Prolegis Lawyers



Jon is an Australian lawyer at Prolegis Lawyers, a legal practice that advises charities, not-for-profits, and philanthropists across governance and operational areas. He provides advice to program managers, senior executives, CEOs and boards. As Managing Partner, Jon also oversees the strategic direction of Prolegis Lawyers which works exclusively in the not-for-profit sector. With a special interest in cross-cultural issues, Jon previously worked in an aid and development organisation in Mpumalanga, South Africa operating in communities across the region in response to issues arising from the effects of AIDS/HIV.

Jon holds a Bachelor of Medical Science and Bachelor of Law from the University of Technology, Sydney and a Master of Law from the University of Sydney. He is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and completed courses for executives at Harvard Business School and the London School of Economics and Political Science. Jon has held governance roles in international development, education, the arts and philanthropy.

## **Dr. Joseph Chun** Environmental Lawyer, Shook Lin & Bok LLP



Joseph is an environmental lawyer and leads the Environmental, Social and Governance practice at Shook Lin & Bok. He is concurrently an adjunct associate professor and a member of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law at the Law Faculty in the National University of Singapore, where he teaches environmental law.

Joseph volunteers as a member of the Singapore Venture Capital and Private Equity Association's (SVCA) ESG Committee, the Asia Pacific regional board of the Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers (GAIL), the International Union for Conservation of Nature's World Commission on Environmental Law, and the Mandai Wildlife Group's Animal Welfare and Ethics Committee. He also regularly works with local green civil society groups on advocacy projects and reports.

## Megan Clay

Lead Accountable Finance, ClientEarth



Megan leads ClientEarth's Accountable Finance team. She works on a broad range of legal strategies and interventions to push for a more sustainable financial system, including driving greater integration and disclosure and of climate- and nature-related financial risks into investment decision-making.

Prior to joining ClientEarth in December 2016, Megan was an associate at international law firm Hogan Lovells, where she specialised in commercial litigation, acting for a wide range of financial institutions and corporates on complex disputes. During 2021, Megan was seconded to the UK's Department for Work and Pensions, where she developed proposals for pension schemes to report on their alignment with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and worked on the Government's Green Finance Roadmap. Megan holds a Graduate Diploma in Law from BPP Law School and an MA in Archaeology and Anthropology from the University of Cambridge. She is qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales and holds Higher Rights of Audience.

## Tamara Cizeika

Counsel, Allen & Overy



Tamara is a regulatory lawyer at Allen & Overy LLP specialising in ESG and financial services. She is an active contributor to industry issues, sitting on a number of committees and working groups, including the City of London ESG committee, the IRSG working group on the UK taxonomy, and committees and working groups within EFAMA and AIMA. Tamara began her career at a regulator, working for the general counsel of the financial services regulator in Australia.

## Constanza Connolly

Co-Founder, Keidos Impacto Legal and President, GAIL

Constanza Connolly is an attorney at law from the Universidad de Buenos Aires and she obtained her Masters in Corporate Law from Universidad Austral.



She specializes in corporate law, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions. She has vast experience in business seeking social and environmental positive impact. She advises on the design and development of impact funds aimed at boosting sustainable finance and focusing on ESG (environmental social governance). She specialised in sustainable value chains and complex structures for the creation of solutions for non-traditional figures, including organisations with non-profit and for-profit “hybrid-structures”.

She co-founded Keidos Legal Impact, a consultancy focused on generating, facilitating and/or escalating the impact of organisations seeking to make sustainability central to their DNA. building the impact market in Latin America, and developing public policies for the new impact economy. She co-founded the “Latin American Impact Lawyers Network” to boost impact businesses in the region and she is a member of its Board. She has been appointed as Vice President of GAIL Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers. She is also a board member of Argentina NAB – GSG Impact Investment Task Force. She actively participates in the “Latin America Payment by Result Network.

## **Chiara Del Prete**

### **Chair, EFRAG Sustainability Reporting TEG Chair**



On 1 February 2023 Chiara Del Prete was appointed EFRAG Sustainability Reporting (SR) TEG Chair. She was already serving this role since May 2022 as Acting Chair. In her current role she leads all EFRAG's SR technical activities, including support to the EFRAG SR Board.

Chiara is currently chairing also the International Forum of Accounting Standard Setters (term expires in January 24, with option to postpone to 25). She joined the EFRAG management team as EFRAG FR TEG Chairwoman in April 2019, a position that she covered until the end of January 2023.

From October 2016 to March 2019, Chiara was a partner at Mazars. From October 2011 to September 2016 Chiara was Head of accounting principles at UniCredit Group and in charge of the external reporting disclosure. She started her career at financial statements Audit in KPMG Italy and PwC Italy. She has been a member of ESMA Corporate Reporting Standing Committee from 2017 to 2019.

## Sarah Dobson James

Executive Director, Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers



Sarah is the Executive Director of the Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers, a community of legal leaders who are using their careers to have a positive impact on people and the planet, and to accelerate the just transition.

Sarah runs GAIL from the offices of Bates Wells, the first UK law firm to become a B Corp, where she was previously Impact Economy Manager. Sarah is a Fellow of On Purpose, the profit with purpose leadership programme. Her career has spanned impact investment at Big Society Capital, as well as improving access to justice in the UK as Head of Trusts at Support Through Court, and in Kenya and Uganda at African Prisons Project. She has been called to the Bar of England and Wales and holds qualifications in Law and English. Outside work, Sarah is chair of trustees of KDC Theatre, a central London arts charity.

## Sarah Ellington

Partner, Watson Farley & Williams



Sarah is a dispute resolution and ESG lawyer. Her practice combines experience acting in complex and high-profile group litigation and non-judicial complaints under international 'voluntary' or 'soft-law' standards, with advising on the ESG aspects of energy and infrastructure projects, and putting in place policies and procedures (including due diligence procedures and grievance redress mechanisms) designed to manage ESG risks.

## Paola Fonseca

General Counsel, VIVA Idea

Paola Fonseca is VIVA Idea's General Counsel, and Public Policy Director. VIVA Idea is a Latin- American organisation dedicated to strengthening sustainable development across the Global South through Action Research projects; it offers solutions to enhance collective impact strategies focused on social inclusion and sustainability.



She is a lawyer with more than 18 years of experience in international corporate law and governance; she has an MBA and a Post-MBA from INCAE Business School and is developing her PhD (focused on how to design a public policy that promotes Impact Investment) at the United Nations University for Peace and alumni of the University of Oxford's Social Impact Program. She also teaches MBA courses on incorporating the in-house lawyer perspective into the decision-making process, focused on ESG compliance.

After a long career in the for-profit sector, where she held the roles of Regional In-House Counsel for the Americas and Head of Governance for Iberia-America (Spain, Portugal, Brazil, Spanish Speaking Latam and North America) at TMF Group, a global corporate compliance services company, she moved to the non-profit sector to promote public policies that foster Impact Investment, where she leads, among others, important regional projects such as the GSGII Latin American NABs strategic alignment processes and the implementation of the Central American governments impact investment program for SMEs.

## Kaylyn Fraser

**Principal of Blended Finance, EBRD**



Kaylyn leads the EBRD's blended finance function, where she is responsible for promoting the best practice and well governed use of blended finance across the Bank's operations. She has been in this role since 2021 and has supported EBRD operations across all of the Bank's regions and sectors. Kaylyn's work also involves representing the EBRD in the DFI Working Group on Blended Concessional Finance, and in the Steering Group of the Blended Finance Community of Practice - launched in 2023 with peer blended finance practitioners.

Prior to joining the EBRD, Kaylyn led the technical assistance facility at impact investor AgDevCo - a specialist African agriculture investor. There, Kaylyn worked on a range of technical assistance programmes designed to complement AgDevCo's investment work by supporting agribusinesses to develop and scale equitable and sustainable smallholder farming schemes. Prior to this, Kaylyn worked in a boutique economics and finance consultancy working on issues of development finance and transaction advisory for a range of clients including governments, DFIs, impact investors, donor and philanthropies. There, she worked on pioneering blended finance programmes as the topic was first gaining



momentum with the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda.

## **Elise Groulx-Diggs**

**International Human Rights Barrister and Mediator, Door Tenant, 9BR Chamber**



Elise Groulx Diggs practices international human rights law and international criminal law, with wide experience advising public and private sector clients. She is also an accredited mediator since 2010 and certified in France (2016) and by IMI (The International Mediation Institute) in The Hague, since January 2017. She created two international NGOs, one which she led for 15 years. She advises corporations on human rights risks in their strategic and big footprint projects and supply chains.

Elise is a recognized expert in business and human rights where she has focused amongst others in assessing the legal risks of operating in fragile states and conflict zones. She advises corporations, law firms, organisations and international NGOs in the United States, Canada, France and the United Kingdom with a focus on the UNGPs, the OECD guidelines for Multinational, the Equator principles and the SDGs. Elise is a thought leader and a convener of the international legal profession and has been recognized and ranked internationally among the top 10 lawyers in the field of Business and Human Rights (Chambers & Partners Global Guide, London,) 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 and in February 2021 when she was ranked at the very top (Band One) and received the title “Global Market Elite Leader”

## **Safia Gulamani**

**Chief Operating Officer, Convergence**



Safia Gulamani joined Convergence Blended Finance in 2017 and is currently the Chief Operating Officer. She brings 10+ years of experience in finance, impact investing, and philanthropy and currently sits on the Investment Committee of Prospera International Network of Women’s Funds. Prior to Convergence, Safia was a consultant at Arabella Advisors in the firm’s Washington, DC and New York offices.

At Arabella, Safia specialized in impact investing and worked with a range of clients including institutional, family, and corporate foundations to provide education on impact investing, source and structure deals, and conduct due diligence. Safia also brings international experience from roles held with Accion International, United Nations Capital Development

Fund, and the Clinton Foundation to her work at Convergence. Safia began her career working at Matson Driscoll & Damico, an international forensic accounting firm in Toronto. She holds a master's degree in public administration from New York University's Robert F. Wagner's Graduate School of Public Service and is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA).

## Clare Hierons

### Head of Finance and Capital Markets Programme, Laudes Foundation



Clare Hierons is Head of the Finance and Capital Markets Programme at Laudes Foundation. She leads Laudes' work to transform the finance system and mobilise investment in pursuit of a just transition in industry. Clare began her not-for-profit career at the Carbon Trust culminating in the role of Head of Networks before becoming CEO of Carbon Leapfrog – a not-for-profit supporting the development of community energy.

Clare then set up a charitable foundation for the Energy Saving Trust before translating her experience at the project level into the broader topic of sustainable finance. This included time as COO of both Accounting for Sustainability and ShareAction as well as consultancy engagements with Carbon Tracker and the Finance Dialogue. Clare has a degree in Engineering from Brunel University, an MBA from Cranfield School of Management and is on the board of Energy Local CIC and well as the Advisory Council for the Investor Alliance for Human Rights.

## Rutherford Hubbard

### Manager Legal, FMO - Dutch Entrepreneurial Development Bank



Rutherford Hubbard serves as Manager Legal for Private Equity and Structured Finance for FMO, the Dutch Development Bank. FMO is a global leader in development and impact finance. With an investment portfolio of over EUR 14 billion and more than 50 years of experience, FMO is on the forefront of the development finance space, with particular expertise in blended finance and innovative debt and equity structures.

Rutherford leads a diverse team of lawyers overseeing a portfolio of equity, blended finance and renewable energy, with annual investments in excess of EUR 1 billion. With a focus on legal innovation for fragile state investments and groundbreaking concessional finance instruments Rutherford is a frontrunner in development finance law. A member of the New York Bar, he holds a Juris Doctor cum laude and a master's degree in

corruption in post-conflict markets, from the University of Michigan; he is also a recipient of the Bates Fellowship in international law.

## Jonathan Hutchins

**General Counsel & COO, MedAccess Guarantee Ltd**



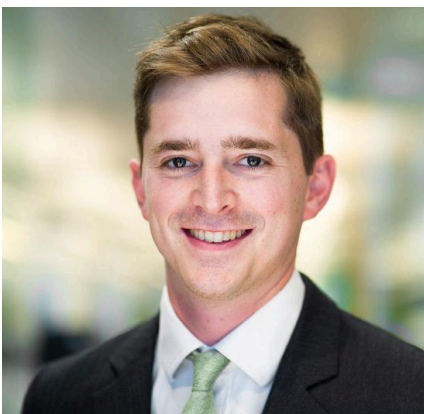
Jonathan Hutchins is an international finance lawyer and investment professional with three decades of experience across the international development sector. He has extensive experience of development finance and commercial deal structuring, and has worked with a wide range of international institutions and organisations, predominantly focused in low- and middle-income countries.

Jonathan is passionate about advancing innovative approaches to development challenges, deploying his specialist skills in financial law, private equity investment, debt, and risk capital to create innovative tools and approaches that deliver impact. He has deep experience establishing and growing impact-driven businesses, building new teams from scratch, and providing support to development finance and infrastructure investors and facilitators in emerging markets.

Jonathan is MedAccess' General Counsel and Chief Operating Officer, and serves as Company Secretary. He is responsible for overseeing the organisation's legal function, financial and market-shaping transactions, and operational activities.

## Oliver Hunt

**Partner, Bates Wells**



Oliver Hunt is a partner at Bates Wells, where he advises charities, social enterprises and impact driven businesses on a wide range of legal issues, including establishment, governance and financing. His work includes forming and registering new charities and social enterprises, including CIOs, CICs, and community benefit societies. He particularly enjoys helping clients to structure new projects, and bringing together commercial and non-profit enterprises, whether that be corporation foundations, new trading ventures, impact investment, or community finance projects.

**Ryan (Ra) James**  
Co-founder, (re)purpose law



Ryan synthesises traditional wisdom, regenerative business and cross-cultural experience that enables the emergence of diverse futures in a pluriversal world. He is a TEDx speaker, the founder of (re)Biz and the staffholder of education for The Fountain Earth, a non-profit led by Original People's elders from around the globe focused on integrating Indigenous wisdom into the economy. In 2023, he co-founded (re)purpose law course to enable lawyers to understand the need for wider systems changes in the legal profession. He is a regenerative business evolutionary that focuses on revitalising people and organisations globally through restoring right-relationship, reciprocity and purpose.

Over the last 13 years, Ryan has traveled and worked in over fifty-five countries on six continents. While on this journey, he has consulted with the Prime Ministers of certain countries while simultaneously being mentored by elders from Original People's who shared with him their varied wisdoms of seeing and being in the world. He is also presenter & partner of the Well Being Economy Alliance as well as the International Alliance for Localization.

**Milana Jevic Gledovic**  
SVP Legal and Public Affairs, Ahold Delhaize Group



Milana Jević Gledović is a Vice President of Legal Affairs and Asset Protection, as well as a member of the Executive Board of Delhaize Serbia. With a Master degree in Law, she pursued a career in Germany and Serbia, and gained her LLM degree at the prestigious Humbolt University in Berlin on competition and commercial law. She began her career at the largest retail chain in the country eight years ago, where she has been part of a strategic team that strives to create a positive business climate, as well as an environment that will stimulate all businesses in the country.

Delhaize Serbia is one of the largest employers in Serbia, which, by operating sustainably and responsibly, brings high standards of business to the Serbian market every day. Milana Jević Gledović is in charge of legal affairs, asset protection, product quality and integrity, sustainable business, and corporate communications.

## Navine Karim

### General Counsel and Head of Impact, Guayakí Yerba Mate



Navine Karim is an attorney and international development executive with experience in both publicly and privately held companies, including public benefit companies, in consumer products, media and technology as well as non-governmental and policy-making initiatives.

Navine is currently Head of Impact, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary for Guayaki Yerba Mate, S.P.C., a privately-owned Social Purpose Corporation, a proud B Corp, and the holding company of entities operating in the United States, Canada, Paraguay, Brazil and Argentina committed to share yerba mate loose leaf, cans and bottles in North and South America through a personal, social, ecological and cultural regenerative vision.

Navine oversees a team of sustainability and legal professionals committed to furthering the purpose and mission of Guayaki's global business. In his dual roles, Navine works closely with Guayaki's management team, board of directors, CEO, investors and other stakeholders to provide operational, legal and strategic counsel related to Guayaki's growth as an emerging high-growth consumer product company and a purpose-driven business.

## Steve Kenzie

### Executive Director, UN Global Compact UK Network



Steve has managed the Secretariat of the UN Global Compact Network UK since 2007, connecting UK companies and other organisations in a global movement dedicated to driving corporate sustainability and the Sustainable Development Goals. He has been Chair of the UN Global Compact's Global Network Council and was a member of the UN Global Compact Board.

He was previously a Programme Director at the International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF) leading projects across a wide range of responsible business issue areas. Prior to joining IBLF, Steve was the founder and Managing Director of a successful retail sports equipment business in Canada.

He has a B.Comm from the University of British Columbia and an MSc in Business & Environment from Imperial College London.

## Alison Looman

### Senior Investment Counsel, Ford Foundation



Alison Looman serves as senior investment counsel for the Ford Foundation. She is responsible for the legal aspects of the foundation's investment, endowment, and finance activities, in particular its \$1 billion mission-related investment endowment, and supports the foundation's investment, finance, and mission-related investment committees. Alison also provides legal support to the foundation's China office and to operations staff, including those responsible for managing the foundation's New York landmark office building.

Representative activity includes advising the foundation in its precedent-setting \$1 billion social bond issuance; participating in an investor consortium acquisition of a Delaware benefit corporation; leading LP-side negotiations for numerous private equity, venture capital, and hedge fund investments; reviewing and negotiating technology contracts covering the foundation's investment and finance infrastructure; managing tax and legal compliance issues applicable to U.S. private foundations; and advising on policy and governance issues related to securities laws, digital assets, and investment activity and operations.

Prior to joining the foundation in 2019, Alison was a director and senior legal counsel at Cambridge Associates, where she provided advice to endowment, foundation, pension plan, and high net worth discretionary accounts investing in private equity, venture capital, hedge funds, impact investments, and separately managed accounts. Prior to that, Alison was an asset management associate at Sidley Austin LLP, where she worked on private equity and hedge fund transactions while providing advice on the Advisers Act and commodities issues.

## Dr Karl Mackie CBE

### Founder President, CEDR



Karl is one of the best-known names in commercial mediation practice and brings both professional commitment and legal and business psychology training to his core practice. He has worked on some of the most complex civil and commercial cases to go through the English legal system, including the first substantial Court of Appeal mediation (NRG), Maxwell Pension Trusts, BCCI, Atlantic Computers, Alder Hey retained organs litigation. Equally, at home in lower value or highly personal employment cases as in complex commercial cases, advisers comment regularly on his

ability to make everyone feel at ease even in difficult negotiations while getting results.

As Chief Executive of CEDR, and since 2017 as CEDR's Founder President, Karl has been actively engaged with numerous multinational corporations, Governments, public bodies, charities and celebrity clients, in Europe, the US, the Middle East and the Far East, South America and Australia. He has also held two Visiting Professorships in ADR and has qualifications in law (barrister), psychology, education and management.

Karl began his working life as a business psychologist, before working for many years in university continuing education and as a negotiation and business strategy consultant. During this time, he qualified as a barrister specialising in dispute resolution and employment law. He became CEDR's first Chief Executive in 1990, helping create its international standing as a lead executive and chief mediator. In 2010 he became the only mediator ever to be given an honour by the state, Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE), for services to mediation, both developing and delivering it. He is probably the best known commercial mediator in the UK.

## **Robert McCorquodale**

### **Barrister, Brick Court Chambers/UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights**



Robert McCorquodale is a member of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights, a five-member group of independent experts. He is also Emeritus Professor of International Law and Human Rights at the University of Nottingham, UK, and a barrister and mediator at Brick Court Chambers, London.

Robert has 30 years of experience working in business and human rights. He published widely in this area, including by empirical research, and his most recent book is *Business and Human Rights* (OUP, 2024). He has advised business of all sizes and assisted governments around the world, and has been involved with civil society, industry sectors and other organisations in drafting legal changes and in litigation. His work has included capacity building, legislative proposals and training, as well as interviewing and qualitative research. He has appeared as an advocate before the International Court of Justice and the United Kingdom Supreme Court.

## **Oliver Morriss**

**Macro Stewardship Analyst, Aviva Investors**



Oliver is an analyst within the Aviva Investors Sustainable Finance Centre for Excellence, supporting the delivery of our sustainability strategy, including progress towards our net zero target for 2040. He's also responsible for helping to systematise and embed our macro-stewardship and market reform work into the rest of the business and investment processes. The team aim to address material market failures and bring about a more sustainable financial system through engaging with policy makers and other change markers.

## **Elsa Mikaelian**

**Associate, Mishcon de Reya**



Elsa is a 3PQE Associate at Mishcon de Reya.

She specialises in advising charities, impact ventures and impact funders on a wide range of legal issues, including establishment, governance, cross-sector projects and impact finance transactions.

Elsa is a reformed corporate lawyer, having initially qualified into Herbert Smith Freehills' Private Equity and Growth Capital team before moving to her current role at Mishcon.

## **Juan Diego Mujica Filippi**

**Evolution Guide, Nativa**



Juan Diego is a lawyer and academic with a particular expertise in purpose-driven companies, social entrepreneurship and philanthropy. He currently works as an Evolution Guide at NATIVA, advising corporations on how to use business as a force for good and to achieve measurable economic, social and environmental impact to achieve a radical evolution and accelerate the transition towards regenerative paradigms.

In the recent past, Juan Diego has led a 3-year international research project sponsored by the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB), the UN Development Program (UNDP) and Canada's International

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Development Research Centre (IDRC). The project aims to inform legislators and policymakers on purpose-driven companies law, mainly, the Benefit Corporation legal model. So far, 6 Ibero-American countries have passed and implemented laws and regulations on the matter, using its academic resources.

Juan Diego also has significant experience in organisational and corporate law. He has provided legal advice to a wide array of clients from different jurisdictions, advising individuals, corporations and non-profit organisations.

## **Jeremy Nicholls**

**Advisor, Social Value International**



Jeremy Nicholls is an advisor to Social Value International (SVI) on the relationship between financial and sustainability reporting and also the Assurance Framework lead for the UNDP SDG Impact Standards. He is an honorary senior fellow in accounting at the University of Liverpool and a member of A4S's expert panel and of GRI's due process oversight committee. He originally qualified as a chartered accountant.

## **Casey Oetgen**

**Counsel, Morgan Lewis**



Catherine (Casey) Oetgen serves as counsel to tax-exempt organizations on a broad range of tax-exempt and nonprofit corporate and tax matters under federal and state law, with a special focus on impact investing. Casey regularly advises leading private foundations, public charities, and other social impact investors on their charitable investment endeavors, including program-related and mission-related investments. She works with clients on investment structuring (including debt, equity, and venture capital fund investments), charity, and compliance issues to achieve their philanthropic goals.

In addition to her impact investing practice, Casey represents charitable and social welfare organizations on a wide variety of matters, including nonprofit formation, obtaining and maintaining tax exemption, governance, tax and regulatory issues, policy and advocacy, lobbying and political campaign activities, fundraising and solicitation, domestic and international grantmaking, and affiliate/subsidiary structuring and compliance. She also supports clients undertaking major corporate transactions, including asset sales/transfers and dissolutions.

The mission-driven clients Casey serves work domestically and internationally across a variety of fields, including financial inclusion, renewable energy and climate, social justice, scientific research, women's health, arts and culture, and civic engagement.

### **Tze-Wei Ng** **Solicitor, Stephenson Harwood**



Tze-wei advises clients across the impact spectrum: from charities and philanthropists, to purpose-driven companies and ESG & impact investors. She regularly advises charities and social enterprises in relation to structuring, tax exemption status, and governance. She advises both family and corporate foundations in structuring complex giving arrangements. She was involved in the setting up of some of Hong Kong's earliest social finance platforms and vehicles, and is active in B Corp and purpose-driven business discussions in Hong Kong.

Tze-wei co-authored the inaugural chapter on "Impact & ESG Investing" on Hong Kong (2021) for Lexology GTDT. She is committed to pro bono work, and remains active as board director and advisor to various charities in Hong Kong, working on issues from social inclusion to women empowerment. She was a member of the founding team of Sustainable Finance Initiative, which aims at building a community of private investors in Asia active in impact investing.

### **Camilla Omollo** **Legal Counsel, Mirova**



Camilla is a Kenyan-qualified Advocate with 5+ years experience, primarily in the energy and infrastructure space. She is currently Legal Counsel at Mirova SunFunder, a private debt financing firm scaling clean energy and climate investments in Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia. Prior to that, she was an associate in the Projects and Infrastructure Department at ALN Kenya where she advised on all aspects of energy, utility, and infrastructure projects. She holds an LLB degree from

University College London and an MSc in Development Studies with Distinction from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

## **Chintan Panchal**

**Founder, RPCK**



Chintan is a Founding Partner at RPCK and head of the firm's New York office where he focuses on corporate and finance transactions, with an emphasis on impact finance, private investment funds, and family offices.

As a corporate advisor, entrepreneur, and sustainability professional, Chintan brings a unique perspective to his practice, counseling private equity, foundation, family office and growth company clients on corporate merger & acquisition, finance, and dispute resolution matters.

Under Chintan's direction, RPCK has developed a dedicated impact investing practice, advising both mission-aligned investors and social enterprises. The firm works closely with clients to execute capital investments in both emerging and developed markets that generate social and environmental impact alongside market rate and risk-adjusted financial returns. Drawing upon deep commercial lending, private equity and industry specific experience, RPCK helps clients analyze opportunities and structure transactions that achieve long term, measurable results.

With a diversity of experience building impact-focused concepts into commercial transactions, Chintan has become a thought leader on how finance can be harnessed to address social and environmental targets. He has represented clients in many of the leading impact-focused private investment funds and advisors including Imprint Capital, Align Impact and Fresh Source Capital, and family offices such as the Blue Haven Initiative, Zoma Capital, and the Open Society Foundations.

## **Raluca Radu**

**Founder & Managing Director, LegallySaid and Co-Founder, LISI**

Raluca is an experienced general counsel with over 16 years of international expertise in the private and public sectors, working at the intersection of sustainability, business, policy and law in climate innovation, ESG, impact investments, and sustainable entrepreneurship. She is currently based in Amsterdam.



In 2022 Raluca was included in the Benelux General Counsel Power List published by Legal 500, recognising the top 100 in-house counsels in the region. She worked as Counsel for the European Commission and as a lawyer in the public and private domains, with large companies, start-ups, and scale-ups. Raluca studied law, sustainability, business, and finance in four languages and has an international career spanning four European countries and two other continents. She is General Counsel at The Impact Facility, a platform organisation directing capital and resources to mining communities to create sustainable supply chains of minerals, supporting the tech industry and the energy transition. The Impact Facility is headquartered in the UK and has operations in four major African countries. Before that, she was General Counsel at Fairphone, a Dutch award-winning tech company, including the UN COP 21 Momentum for Change award and Time Magazine's Best Inventions list.

Raluca co-founded the Legal Initiative for Sustainable Investments (LISI) Foundation, a co-creation and dialogue platform bringing together legal and investment professionals aiming to make the law more accessible, approachable, and appealing to all investment stakeholders. The LISI Impact Term Sheet, an open-source legal tool for more impactful equity investments was launched in November 2022.

## **Roberto Randazzo**

**Partner, Legance - Avvocati Associati**



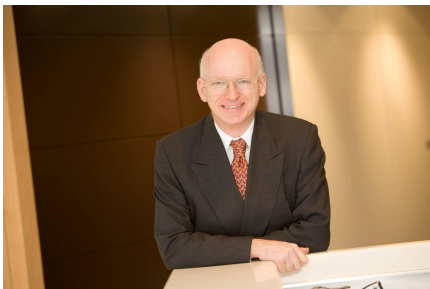
Roberto Randazzo is responsible for the ESG and Impact industry at Legance. With a background in commercial and corporate law, he has developed transversal expertise in sustainability, ESG criteria, impact finance, and social innovation, assisting investment funds, benefit corporations, B-Corps, and companies interested in generating positive and measurable impacts. For more than twenty years Roberto has also been involved in non-profit organisations, strategic philanthropy and social entrepreneurship, dealing with projects both nationally and internationally, with focus on emerging markets, and in particular those in Sub-Saharan Africa. He has always combined professional and academic activities, and is currently an Adjunct Professor at Tiresia – Politecnico di Milano and a member of the Extended faculty of MIP – Politecnico di Milano.

Roberto acted as president of esela – The legal network for social impact now transitioned to the Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers (GAIL), is Emeritus Director of GAIL and board member of GAIL Europe. Roberto is

also Officer of the Business Human Rights Committee of the International Bar Association, Advisor of OECD, member of the Social Impact Agenda, the Italian NAB of the GSG. Roberto has been Honorary Consul of the Republic of Uganda in Milan and Northern Italy since 2012.

## **Michael Ryland**

**Director, Centre for Social Finance Law & Vice President, GAIL**



Michael Ryland is the principal and founding director of the Centre for Social Finance Law. He has over 35 years of broad ranging experience in corporate finance, investment funds and commercial law, including 20 years as a partner at global law firms Ashurst and Herbert Smith Freehills. He has worked in Australia, Japan and Indonesia, and has spent two years as a full time Commissioner of the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC).

Michael has particular experience in the law relating to social investment, working with a range of for-purpose and for-profit clients on social impact projects, both domestic and cross-border. This has included work on social investment fund structures, social impact bonds and other financial instruments, social infrastructure projects, social and affordable housing, disability services and accommodation, and community initiatives and projects.

## **Naomi Sander**

**Senior Consultant Lawyer of Sustainable Finance, Bank of America**



Naomi is an experienced sustainable finance lawyer advising Borrowers, Lenders, Funds and Intermediaries on sustainable loans, green finance, social finance and impact investing. She is currently a consultant lawyer advising the Bank of America Sustainable Finance Group on transactions across EMEA.

Naomi previously worked as the debt finance lawyer for a sub-Saharan African renewable energy company, and in private practice as a project finance (renewable energy/sustainable infrastructure) lawyer. Throughout her career Naomi has advised clients not just on debt finance deal terms, but also on the sustainability issues of impact finance, ranging from E&S and impact management and measurement to global human rights reporting frameworks. Naomi has sat on all sides of the table advising on impact finance, with experience advising investment funds, commercial banks, development finance institutes, large scale developers and social enterprises. Naomi works to always incorporate impact beneficiary voices

in her work and sits as a Reference Group member for the Equalising Deal Terms project of the Equality Impact Investing Project.

Naomi supplemented her professional experience with an LLM Law and Development, SOAS, where she researched the scope and effectiveness of regulation applicable to impact investing, exposing deficiencies and suggesting alternative approaches for public policy with regards to transparency and accountability for impact. As part of this, she spent 6 months at the Global Steering Group for Impact Investment. As a UK Board Member for the Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers, Naomi engages in regular discussions on impact investing and sustainable finance policy, discussing challenges, setbacks and opportunities for our sector.

### **Prof. Dr. Anne Sanders**

**Chair of Civil Law, Business Law, the Law of Family Businesses and Judicial Studies, Universität Bielefeld**



Prof. Dr. Anne Sanders holds the chair for Civil law, Company law, the law of Family Businesses and Judicial Studies at the University of Bielefeld, Germany. She is co-director of the Institute for Family Businesses at the University of Bielefeld (IFUn) and co-head of the interdisciplinary Bachelor program “Law and Management” at the University of Bielefeld. Anne Sanders has been a part-time judge at the Higher Regional Court of Hamm, Germany (2019-2021) and is a Professor II of the faculty of law of the University of Bergen, Norway.

She is a member of the Advisory Board of the Stiftung Verantwortungseigentum e.V. and of the supervisory board of the Purpose Evergreen Capital GmbH & Co KGaA, which finances sustainable steward-owned businesses. In 2016, 2017 and 2018, she received teaching awards of the University of Bonn and Bielefeld. For her habilitation thesis, she has received the award of the German Notary Association (Deutsche Notarrechtliche Vereinigung) 2018. Since 2021, she has served as an official mentor (Vertrauensdozentin) of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes.

### **Annika Schneider**

**Lead International Partnerships, PURPOSE Foundation**

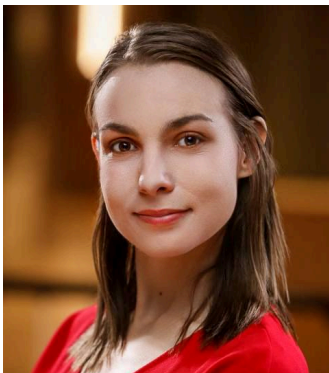
As a business graduate, Annika experienced again and again an economic system that prioritizes profits above all else. A system in which



employees are regarded as interchangeable resources and founders are only successful if they reach astronomical wealth through an exit. Weary of this one-dimensional narrative and willing to commit to an economy that works for people and planet, Annika joined PURPOSE in 2019. She leads Purpose's international partnerships, engaging with entrepreneurs across the globe. Annika is deeply passionate about the transformative power of steward-ownership to address systemic issues and fill workplaces with renewed energy and proactivity worldwide.

## Zaneta Sedilekova

Director of Planet Law Lab and Co-Founder, (re)purpose law



Zaneta is a qualified lawyer and the director of climate and biodiversity risk consultancy firm Planet Law Lab, where she provides strategic advice to her clients on how climate change and biodiversity loss pose a material risk to their business and wider stakeholders. Zaneta also works as a lawyer in private practice, where she focuses on advising clients on climate and biodiversity liability risk and its mitigation strategies.

In 2023, she co-founded (re)purpose law course to enable lawyers to understand the need for wider systems changes in the legal profession. Her legal expertise covers a wider variety of corporate and environmental issues, many of which sit at the intersection with Indigenous rights. She has co-authored several reports on climate change and biodiversity loss, including Addressing biodiversity loss – revolution or evolution of English law? and Climate change risk – the future of law as we know it? published by The Law Society of England and Wales in June 2022 and February 2021 respectively, and Biodiversity Risk: Legal Implications for Companies and their Directors published by the Commonwealth Climate and Law Initiative in December 2022. She regularly speaks at conferences and webinars.

## Binti Shah

Partner, ENS

Binti Shah is a Partner at ENS in Kenya. She specialises in banking, project finance and infrastructure, capital markets, energy, ESG, climate finance, and structured finance. She is qualified as a Kenyan Advocate and an English Solicitor.



Her area of expertise are; Agribusiness; Banking and Finance; Debt Capital Markets; Energy; Project Development and Project Finance

Qualifications; LLB (Honours) (Reading University, England); Advocate of the High Court of Kenya; English Solicitor of the High Court of England & Wales; Notary Public; Commissioner of Oaths.

## Laurie Spengler

**Founding Partner, Mondiale Impact**



Laurie understands that the power of boards is not in what they say but what they do. She believes boards will be judged not on what they are supposed to do but on the decisions they take or avoid taking. Actions speak louder than words.

Laurie J. Spengler is an impact investment banker, board member and active contributor to the impact investing industry. Among current board engagements, Laurie serves as a non-executive director of British International Investment (formerly known as CDC) (the UK DFI), Lendable, a global fintech lender and BRAC Uganda Bank Limited. She is an Impact Advisor to the Future Fund of private equity firm EQT and a founding partner of Mondiale Impact which puts impact at the heart of 21st century governance. Laurie serves as Global Ambassador to the Global Steering Group on Impact Investing, is a member of the Advisory Council of the UK Impact Investing Institute and was a long-standing member of the Gender Smart Advisory Council. She is a Senior Fellow and Advisory Council member of Casei3 at the Fuqua Business School. Laurie is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Laurie is CEO of Courageous Capital Advisors, LLC, an impact investing advisory firm dedicated to generating outsized positive impact by providing targeted strategy, transaction and governance services. The investment strategies that Laurie advances have a particular focus on un(der)served markets, communities and individuals. Laurie has been advancing gender lens investing for many years as an ally, advisor and field builder.

## Brian Tang

**Founding Executive Director, LITE Lab at Hong Kong University**





Brian W Tang is an innovator, ecosystem builder and educator at the confluence of law, technology, finance and social impact who has held senior leadership roles across three continents in global investment banking, international law firms and now a leading university. Brian is founding executive director of LITE Lab@HKU, an award-winning interdisciplinary and experiential programme that fosters law, innovation, technology and entrepreneurship (LITE) at University of Hong Kong. LITE Lab's students have co-designed techlaw4good projects with NGOs and social entrepreneurs, won international competitions (Georgetown Law's Iron Tech Lawyer Invitational; Baker McKenzie Boost Legal Innovation) and published white papers (Our Changing Climate: Applying Regtech to Green Finance).

Brian is co-chair of Asia-Pacific Legal Innovation and Technology Association (ALITA) and board member and founding Regtech Committee co-chair of Fintech Association of Hong Kong, co-leads EDM Council's APAC ESG Working Group and organized Hong Kong's first legal hackathon (Global Legal Hackathon Access to Justice Winner). Brian spent nearly 20 years at Credit Suisse (Hong Kong), Sullivan & Cromwell (New York) and Mallesons (Perth), where he advised on some of the world's largest and first-ever capital markets and M&A deals, and project and micro financings, and co-chaired Credit Suisse's Hong Kong Charity Committee.

## **Agnes Wairegi-Regeru**

**Global Legal Manager, TrustLaw**



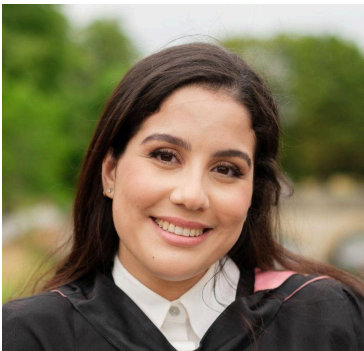
Agnes joined the Thomson Reuters Foundation in 2017 and is responsible for managing relationships with TrustLaw's network of NGOs and social enterprises in Sub-Saharan Africa. She supports various research programmes on regional and cross-border issues such as land rights, human trafficking and legal reform. She has a special focus on Women's Rights and Social Enterprise.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Agnes worked as an Associate at Deloitte, where she advised clients on corporate governance and commercial matters. Before this, Agnes gained experience in the non-profit sector working as a Legal Associate at Acumen, East Africa. She also previously worked in private practice as a lawyer at Walker Kontos Advocates, a leading law firm in Kenya, where she advised clients on various property and corporate matters. Agnes is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya.

She received a first class Master's Degree in Business Management from the University of Bristol and also holds a Law & Business Administration Degree from Keele University.

## **Yomna Zentani**

### **Trainee Solicitor, McDermott Will & Emery**



Yomna is a trainee solicitor at McDermott, Will & Emery. At 16, her education was significantly disrupted due to instability and conflict in her country, which forced her to flee her home. She then went on to pursue a law degree and secure two fully funded scholarships to the University of Cambridge. Given her background, she is passionate about creating opportunities in higher education for displaced students and normalizing the less traditional routes that lead to the legal profession. As part of the Cambridge alumni network, she actively assists in campaigns with the university and affiliate partners in scaling existing and future funding opportunities.

At McDermott, her experience in Impact Finance as part of the firm's structured finance team allows her to merge her professional interests with her personal values.

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