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Former Judge 11th Judicial Circuit Court (FL)	Judge Mary Barzee	Miami, USA
US Attorney, Southern District of Florida	Mark Lapointe	Miami, USA
Council of International Investigators	Steve Kirby	Chicago, USA
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Miami 2024 Agenda

Day 1

Wednesday, 23rd October, 2024

16h00 **Rasco Klock Open House**

18h00


 [Rasco Klock Perez Nieto Offices](#)

Stop by at your own pace for a quick drink during Rasco Klock Perez Nieto open house.

[Rasco Klock Perez Nieto Offices](#) are a short walk from the [Loews Coral Gables Hotel](#).

19h00 **Welcome Cocktail Reception & Dinner**

22h00 *with traditional cigar roller*

 [Loews Coral Gables Hotel](#)
Event Deck – 9th floor

 [Business](#)

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Day 2

Thursday, 24th October, 2024

09h00 **Conference Day**

17h00



[Loews Coral Gables Hotel](#)
Sevilla Ballroom A & B
7th Floor



[Business](#)

Welcome Coffee

09h00 Welcome Remarks

Mark Ruddy, ABL President

Ramon E. Rasco, Host, Rasco Klock Perez Nieto

Vince Lago, Mayor of Coral Gables

09h30 Everything is about to change: How AI will reshape work and life

Alex Goryachev, AI Expert and WSJ Bestselling Author

10h30 Artificial Intelligence Consulting Applied to Law Firms and Lawyers

Kim Garst, Business Consultant

11h15 **Coffee Break at Sevilla C**

Art Exhibition by Angela Gomez Duran

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Thursday, 24th October, 2024

11h30 The Wolves of K Street:
How Corporations Rose to Power in Washington
Brody Mullins, Pulitzer Prize-winning Investigative Reporter

12h30 The Importance of the Legal System in America
Hon. Judge Roy K. Altman, United States Circuit Court Judge

13h30 **Group Photo**
Lunch at Sevilla C

14h30 City National Bank of Florida
Compliance Challenges in International Banking
Cristina Alvarez, Vice-President and International Relationship Manager at
City National Bank of Florida

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Day 2

Thursday, 24th October, 2024

14h45 Venezuela's Humanitarian Crisis – Beyond the Country's Political Turmoil

Nelson Bustamante, Venezuelan producer, TV personality, writer and 21-time Suncoast Emmy award winner

15h30 US Economy – Pre/Post Covid and Presidential Election

Andres Thimann, International Wealth Management Advisor, Senior Vice President Merrill Lynch Wealth Management

David Koh, Managing Director and Senior Investment Strategist, Bank of America Corp

16h30 **Japanese Whiskey Tasting at Sevilla C**
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19h30 **Dinner**

22h30

 [CVI.CHE 105 - Coral Gables](#)

 [Smart-casual](#)

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Day 3

Friday, 25th October, 2024

09h45

Conference Day

14h30



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Sevilla Ballroom A & B - 7th Floor



[Business](#)

09h45

ABL & CII, A Force for the Future

Steve Kirby, Director of Council of International Investigators

10h00

Demystifying Cybersecurity:

Enabling Lawyers and Protecting Our Clients

Paul Caulfield, Partner, Ruddy Gregory LLP & NY|TA Partners, LLC

10h45

ABL Members Sharing Experiences

New Trends in Brazilian Insolvency

Luis Roux Azevedo, Motta Fernandes Advogados, São Paulo, Brazil

Firm and Firm Development Along Trusted Lines

Hans Mathijssen, Willems Schmidt Advocaten & Rechtsanwalte, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Sustainable Development at Law Firms

Emmanuel Moulin, Migueres Moulin, Paris, France

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Day 3

Friday, 25th October, 2024

11h30 **Coffee Break at Sevilla C**

11h45 **New Members Presentations**

Mahesh Madan Bhat, MMB Legal, Bangalore, india

Jon-David Giacomelli, Cambridge LLP, Toronto, Canada

Mirna Wilches, Chapman Wilches, Barranquilla, Colombia

Stefano Candela, Lexsential Studio Legale, Milan, Italy

12h30 **State of ABL**

13h30 **Lunch at Sevilla C**

14h30 **End of Conference Sessions**

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Day 3

Friday, 25th October, 2024

Free Afternoon

Spend your afternoon unwinding by the pool at Loews Coral Gables, getting some work done in a serene setting, or indulging in some shopping at [Merrick Park](#). There's even a free trolley to take you there, check the [brochure map](#) and [other information](#).

19h00

Dinner at Mamey Miami

23h00



[Mamey Miami](#)



[Smart-casual](#)

Mamey Miami is an island-minded concept by Chef Niven Patel, located inside Thesis Hotel Miami. The restaurant is a 10 min drive away from the hotel. Uber and taxis are widely available. The ride shall be around 15 USD. **Meet us there at 19h00.**

Day 4

Saturday, 26th October, 2024

12h00

Beach Party at Joia Beach Club

17h00



[Joia Beach Club](#)



[Casual](#)

Joia is an intimate gathering spot where the sound of the shoreline meets the soft beat of live djs and a chilled glass of wine or champagne are always on hand. Oversized loungers invite guests to repose in the sunshine, indulge in refreshing light bites, and mingle.

Joia Beach Club is a 20 min drive away from the hotel. Uber and taxis are widely available. The ride shall be around 25 USD. **Meet us there at 12h00.**

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Vince C. Lago

Mayor of Coral Gables

Vince C. Lago was elected Mayor of the City of Coral Gables in April 2021 in a decisive victory. Mayor Lago is the youngest elected in the city's history to hold this office. Prior to his election, he served as City Commissioner for eight years holding the post of Vice Mayor from 2019 to 2021.

Throughout the years, the Mayor has dedicated his time to South Florida civic and philanthropic causes where he has held various leadership roles. A former member of the Coral Gables Planning and Zoning Board, he brings a reasonable and creative approach to land use remaining committed to preserving Coral Gables' unique character and history while placing the interests of residents first. During his tenures, Mayor Lago has spearheaded numerous legislative initiatives and has led the City's sustainability efforts. Previously, he served on the Board of Directors of the Coral Gables Community Foundation where he worked to promote and enhance the quality of life for residents. He also assisted in raising funds to help the elderly, youth, and disabled population in the community.

A strong proponent of arts and culture, he has served on the board of Locust Projects for more than 10-years, a non-profit contemporary art organization that supports emerging and mid-career artists. He also served on the City of Miami's Arts and Entertainment Council. Additionally, he is on the Board of Directors of the Coral Gables Museum.

He holds a Master's in Construction Management from the School of Engineering at Florida International University (FIU) as well as a bachelor's in Business Administration.

An advocate of advancing the region's planning and transportation needs and enhancing energy conservation, in 2017 he was appointed to represent Coral Gables on the board of the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization. Since 2019 he has served on the Junior League of Miami Community Advisory Board where he provides insight and expertise on important community advocacy projects.

In December 2021, Mayor Vince Lago was elected Vice Chair of the Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board. The Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board provides advice on the long-term management of Biscayne Bay, health of the marine community, run-off and other effects to water quality, marine debris, education and outreach, and economic development while ensuring the vitality of Biscayne Bay and taking note of how conditions in Biscayne Bay may affect residents and property owners. In 2021, the City Commission appointed Mayor Lago as the City's liaison to the Business Improvement District. He is an executive at a renowned management and design firm focused on commercial construction projects specializing in medical and educational facilities.

He resides in Coral Gables with his wife Olga Mari Saizarbitoria and daughters Mirentxu and Catalin.

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Alex Goryachev

AI Expert and WSJ Bestselling Author

Alex Goryachev is a globally recognized leader in AI and technology-driven business innovation. With a career spanning senior roles at Cisco, IBM, Dell, Napster, Pfizer, and Amgen, Alex has played a key role in guiding companies through digital transformation and strategic growth. He is a top keynote speaker, media contributor, and WSJ bestselling author of *Fearless Innovation: Going Beyond the Buzzword to Continuously Drive Growth, Improve the Bottom Line, and Enact Change*. Alex's expertise spans across emerging technologies, innovation ecosystems, and employee-driven transformation strategies.

He has influenced startups, Fortune 500 companies, and governments worldwide, helping them harness technology for a strategic edge. Alex is particularly known for his focus on practical innovation, simplifying complex topics like AI for broader audiences, and leading organizations through rapid change. He emphasizes reskilling and preparing businesses for the future of work.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Alex continues to be a sought-after thought leader, with contributions to Forbes, Entrepreneur, and Fast Company. His insights and strategic guidance have empowered organizations to not only adapt to technological change but to lead it, ensuring sustained growth in an increasingly digital world.

Alex Goryachev's presentation is titled ***Everything is about to change: How AI will reshape work and life.***

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Kim Garst

AI Consultant | Digital Futurist | Impact Entrepreneur

Over the past 30+ years, Kim has built not just one, but seven 7-figure online businesses, along with several 6-figure ventures. Her journey has been remarkable, establishing her as a go-to authority in online marketing, particularly in AI marketing and social selling.

One of her key takeaways from decades of experience is that authenticity is the cornerstone of successful marketing. Whether in the realm of social selling or through cutting-edge AI-driven strategies, staying true to one's identity is what truly sets brands apart.

Her book, "*Will the Real You Please Stand Up: Show Up, Be Authentic, and Prosper in Social Media*," is an international best seller and a testament to the power of authenticity in marketing. What excites Kim most is the connection between authenticity and AI.

Her mission is to help businesses understand how to train AI to reflect their unique voice and brand message. She envisions an AI that not only works smarter but also resonates with audiences by capturing a brand's genuine voice. By combining authenticity with AI's capabilities, Kim believes businesses can create real connections that drive growth like never before.

For Kim, it's not just about technology; it's about using technology to foster more human and authentic engagements. She is passionate about innovating and making marketing that truly speaks to people.

Kim will be speaking to our audience about ***Artificial Intelligence Consulting Applied to Law Firms and Lawyers.***

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Brody Mullins

Author and Investigative Reporter

Brody Mullins is a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter and author of *The Wolves of K Street: The Secret History of How Big Money Took over Big Government*.

The book, published by Simon & Schuster, is the definitive account of the rise of corporate power and lobbying in Washington. In two decades as an investigative reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*, Mullins wrote scores of ground-breaking stories about the intersection of business and politics, exposing scandals that prompted new laws and regulations for powerful government officials, lobbyists and Wall Street traders.

In addition to the Pulitzer Prize, Mullins won the George Polk Award and was twice awarded the Everett Dirksen Award for best coverage of Congress. *Washingtonian* calls him one of 50 best reporters in politics. He has appeared on Fox News, CNN, MSNBC and his work has appeared in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *Vanity Fair*, *Politico* and *The Atlantic*.

Brody graduated from Northwestern University and now lives in Washington, D.C.

Brody will presenting on ***The Wolves of K Street: How Corporations Rose to Power in Washington***.

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Hon. Judge Roy K. Altman

Judge, United States District Court, Southern District of Florida

The Honorable Roy K. Altman is a distinguished United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. He was appointed to the federal bench in 2019 by President Donald J. Trump, after being confirmed by the Senate with bipartisan support. Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Altman built an impressive career as a trial attorney and partner at the law firm of Podhurst Orseck, P.A., where he focused on complex civil and criminal litigation. During his time in private practice, he successfully argued numerous cases in both state and federal courts, establishing a reputation for his legal acumen and advocacy.

Judge Altman also served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of Florida, where he handled a variety of high-profile cases, including healthcare fraud, narcotics, and public corruption. His experience as a federal prosecutor contributed to his deep understanding of the intricacies of criminal law, which he brings to his role on the bench.

A graduate of Columbia University and Yale Law School, Judge Altman has demonstrated a commitment to legal education. He has been a guest lecturer at various legal institutions and is involved in community outreach efforts, particularly in mentoring the next generation of lawyers.

Judge Altman's wide-ranging experience, from high-stakes litigation to public service, has earned him respect as a fair, knowledgeable, and principled jurist. His dedication to justice and the rule of law continues to shape his contributions to the legal community.

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Cristina Alvarez

Vice-President and International Relationship Manager
[City National Bank of Florida](#)

Cristina Alvarez is an International Banker with City National Bank of Florida, offering clients more than 20 years of comprehensive wealth management and banking experience. She has team approach that brings together specialists in investments, treasury management, credit, estate strategies and corporate banking.

Cristina's expertise is working with international high net-worth families and their businesses to develop solutions for specific needs with a team of specialists. Strategies are customized and client experience is prioritized.

Cristina holds a degree in Finance from The Catholic University of America and an MBA in international Business from the University of Miami.

Cristina Alvarez is presenting the ***City National Bank of Florida and Compliance Challenges in international Banking.***

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Nelson Bustamante

Venezuelan producer, TV personality, writer and 21-time Suncoast Emmy award winner

Social Communicator, graduated from Universidad Catolica Andres Bello, Caracas, Venezuela (Caracas, Venezuela), Nelson was the first UNICEF ambassador in Venezuela.

Nelson has more than 40 years of experience in the media in Latin America and the United States.

He was the presenter and producer for 20 years at Radio Caracas Television (Venezuela) and the host of the television program *Deal or No Deal* in Panama, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Honduras.

Nelson is the image for Latin America of *The History Channel*.

Nelson was awarded with 21 Suncoast EMMY awards in the United the United States for documentaries such as: *Por estos pasillos de RCTV*, *Suenos de libertad*, *RCTV 10 años después*, *Caminos de esperanza*, *Cuanto dura un minuto en la vida de un torturado?*, *Doble exilio*; among others.

Writer of *Jugando a ser Dios* (Amazon Best Seller, Gold Medal at the International Latino Book Awards), *Por estos pasillos de RCTV* and *Gente que Motiva*.

Nelson will be speaking about **Venezuela's Humanitarian Crisis – Beyond the Country's Political Turmoil**.

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Andres Thimann

International Wealth Management Advisor
Senior Vice President Merrill Lynch Wealth Management

Andres began his wealth management career at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management in 2001. Highly credentialed, Andres has come to serve a loyal circle of client families who rely upon him to manage their investment portfolios.

Andres holds the CIMA® designation, awarded by the Investments & Wealth Institute™ (The Institute), taught in conjunction with the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He has also completed several certification programs in the areas of Advanced Investment Strategy and Portfolio Risk Management. Andres graduated from Florida International University with a Bachelor's degree in Finance. Andres enjoys time spent with family and friends – playing golf, wakeboarding, and skiing. He also volunteers in the Miami community.



David Koh

Managing Director and Senior Investment Strategist
Bank of America Corp.

David H. Koh is a Managing Director and a Senior Investment Strategist for the Chief Investment Office (CIO) within Bank of America Corporation. He is involved in CIO investment activities, along with managed portfolio strategy development and initiatives supporting Merrill, the Bank of America Private Bank, as well as Retirement and Personal Wealth Solutions.

Prior to joining Bank of America, Koh was the Head of Third Party Solutions and the Global Investment Group at Deutsche Bank.

He earned his B.S. in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and a J.D. and M.B.A. from Northwestern University. Koh is a member of the New York State Bar Association.

Andres and David will be addressing our audience on ***US Economy – Pre/Post Covid and Presidential Election.***

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Steve Kirby

Steve Kirby, Director of Council of International Investigators

Steve Kirby (despite his youthful looks) has been a licensed investigator since 1975 and became a licensed polygraph examiner in 1976. He is currently licensed in Illinois and Wisconsin. During his career, he has specialized in corporate fraud investigations, complex litigation support, intellectual property matters and criminal defense investigations. He has conducted investigations in over 30 of the United States as well as Canada, Mexico, Brazil, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, and Haiti. Several of his investigations have been featured on Dateline, 20-20, 48 Hours, and Netflix. After semi-retirement in 2013, he became the Executive Director of the Council of International Investigators from 2013 through 2020 and returned to that position this year. He previously served as an officer and director of the CII and was twice awarded International Investigator of the Year as well as their Meritorious Service Award. He has had chapters published in two investigative textbooks and has lectured numerous times, including two ABL conferences; one in Portugal and the second in his home town of Chicago.

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J. Paul Caulfield

Partner, Ruddy Gregory LLP & NY|TA Partners, LLC

J. Paul Caulfield is head of Ruddy Gregory's Financial Regulation and Cybersecurity practices, representing foreign banking organizations (FBOs), large, regional and community banks, investment management firms, and global service providers in the financial and fintech communities.

His work has involved matters throughout Latin America, Israel, China, Hong Kong and India and, increasingly, matters involving large language models (LLMs) and artificial intelligence (AI), data encryption and blockchain technology. Mr. Caulfield is certified in both information systems security (CISSP) and anti-money laundering (CAMS).

Prior to his work at Ruddy Gregory, Mr. Caulfield served in executive positions across law, risk, compliance and cybersecurity, as chief legal officer and COO for a U.K. provider of investment research, chief risk officer, chief compliance officer and BSA officer for Israel's largest overseas financial services subsidiary, and head of compliance for Citibank N.A.'s U.S. Commercial Bank. In these roles, he has worked with and sat on boards of directors, resolved numerous public and private regulatory matters and threatened litigation, and bolstered GRC (governance, risk and compliance) and cybersecurity programs for highly and newly regulated market participants, including establishing enterprise-wide cybersecurity and cross-border data protection programs.

Paul has managed nearly every aspect of regulatory supervision in financial services, including targeted reviews, surprise inspections, full-scope safety-and-soundness examinations, public and non-public supervisory actions and transitions from community to regional bank programs.

Paul has spoken and written extensively on regulatory risk management, financial crimes compliance, financial technology and cybersecurity. He holds a patent in information sharing as allowed by Section 314(b) of the USA PATRIOT Act and is an adjunct professor at Fordham University School of Law, where he teaches a course on effective financial crimes risk management. He began his career in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.

Paul will be speaking to our audience on ***Demystifying Cybersecurity: Enabling Lawyers and Protecting Our Clients.***

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Luís Augusto Roux Azevedo

Motta Fernandes Advogados, São Paulo, Brazil

Luís Augusto Roux Azevedo, is a Brazilian lawyer since 1993. He is partner at Motta Fernandes Advogados. He has a Bachelor of Laws (1992) and a Degree in Public Administration (1993). He has also a LL.M in Commercial Law (2010). His main practice areas are commercial litigation and arbitration, insolvency, insurance, and reinsurance. Luís will be speaking to members about the ***New Trends in Brazilian Insolvency***.



Hans Mathijsen

Willems Schmidt Advocaten & Rechtsanwalte, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Hans Mathijsen (1957) has studied in the Rijksuniversiteit Leiden (University of Leiden) and completed his studies there in Liability in Negotiations. He was sworn-in as an advocate and procurator litis in Amsterdam in 1985. His practice includes the provision of legal services to companies and private individuals, particularly in the field of commercial law; he has an internationally-oriented practice.

Particular areas of attention in this connection are cross-border relations with Belgium and Dutch-German relations. After further studies in Germany, he was admitted in 1998 as an advocate in Germany and member of the Bar in Dusseldorf. In 2004, he was also admitted to the Bar of the Higher Regional Court of North Rhine-Westphalia. He is a member of various lawyers' associations, the Dutch-German Advocates Association, the German Lawyers Association DAV, and the International Union of Advocates. As an active reserve - officer (Military Legal Corps), he is attached to the Ministry of Defence.

Hans is active as arbitrator with the Dutch-German Chamber of Commerce.

Hans presentation is titled ***"Firm and Firm Development Along Trusted Lines"***.

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Emmanuel Moulin

Miguérès Moulin, Paris, France

Emmanuel Moulin is the co-founder and senior partner of Miguérès Moulin, an international law firm based in Paris. Specializing in corporate and private client advisory, Emmanuel's expertise spans international matters, strategic M&A, cross-border transactions, trademarks, and tax issues. With extensive experience in France, the U.S., Mexico, Spain, Italy, Japan, and Vietnam, he leads domestic and international projects.

In his corporate practice, Emmanuel advises on complex M&A transactions, primarily supporting entrepreneurs. In private practice, he works with family offices, sports professionals, and entertainers to protect and expand their interests. Emmanuel also handles litigation and arbitration before international bodies such as the ICC and ICSID.

Emmanuel is the former president of the ABL (2010-2020). Emmanuel is admitted to the Paris Bar and holds an MBA from the Institut Supérieur de Gestion.



Mohamed Benkhalifa

Benkhalifa Cabinet (MBC) Inc, Montreal, Canada

Mohamed Benkhalifa, PhD, is a lawyer admitted to the Bars of Paris and Quebec. Holding a Doctorate in Political Science, he has been an expert in Sustainable Development and Responsible Business Strategies (CSR) for over 25 years, with international recognition, notably from the United Nations. He specializes in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A Master Certified Coach (MCC) by the International Coaching Federation and an accredited mediator with the Quebec Bar, he provides guidance to managers and executives in change management. As the President of Benkhalifa Cabinet (MBC) Inc., he is the author of numerous publications on Issues nternational Environmental Law.

Emmanuel and Mohamed will be addressing the ABL audience on ***Sustainable Development at Law Firms.***

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Read McCaffrey

Rasco Klock Perez & Nieto, LLC Miami, United States

Read McCaffrey is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and for more than forty years has been involved in Commercial Dispute Resolution as first chair of bench and jury trials in Federal and State courts throughout the United States as well as lead or co-lead Arbitration counsel before international tribunals in Paris and The Hague and, more often, in negotiations or mediations involving international parties striving to amicably resolve business disputes.

He was a Senior Litigation partner at Patton Boggs LLP and, prior to their merger with Squire Sanders, chaired their Commercial Litigation practice group.

In 2017 he was again declared a Pre-eminent A/V rated attorney by Martindale Hubble, the highest peer rating available for legal abilities and ethical standards.

His practice continues to focus on International Dispute Resolution, Risk Assessment and Asset Recovery.

Read is participating on the ABL Sharing Experiences speaking on *Pan Am Flight 103*.

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Mahesh Madan Bhat

MMB Legal, Bangalore, India

Mahesh heads MMB Legal and focuses on venture capital & private equity transactions, sports, media and entertainment matters, project finance and infrastructure projects.

Mahesh also drives the firm's initiatives in the education, hospitality and healthcare sectors. Some of Mahesh's landmark achievements include working on India's first Greenfield Airport Development Project and advising India's leading celebrities/their management agencies.

Mahesh has been a speaker/panelist and shares his experiences in the sports/gaming, media/entertainment, estate planning/family businesses and automotive/EV sectors at various national and international conferences and seminars.

MMB Legal is a full services law firm in India. MMB Legal practice areas include venture capital & private equity, mergers & acquisitions, real estate, labour/employment, foreign investment and corporate & commercial laws.

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Jon-David Giacomelli

Cambridge LLP, Toronto, Canada

Jon-David Giacomelli was one of the three founding partners of Cambridge LLP and the Chair of the Cross-Border and Business Litigation Groups. His practice has encompassed a wide range of complex cross-border litigation and alternative dispute resolution, with an emphasis on private international law, conflict of laws, jurisdictional disputes, enforcement of foreign orders, shareholders' rights and injunctive relief. Jon-David has represented clients from around the world and is recognized in Canada, the U.S. and abroad as a leading practitioner in the area of cross-border litigation and arbitration.

Jon-David has been a frequent speaker and writer on issues related to business litigation, private international law and in particular, cross-border litigation, dispute resolution and conflict of laws. He has spoken and lectured widely at city, provincial, state, national and specialty bar associations in Canada, the United States, South American and Europe.

Cambridge LLP is a pre-eminent law firm with a focus on litigation, cross-border litigation, business litigation, estates, trusts & wealth planning, immigration, defamation, and debt collection law. Cambridge LLP's commitment and mission is to find ingenious solutions and relentlessly pursue our clients' interests.

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Mirna Wilches

Chapman Wilches, Barranquilla, Colombia

Mirna Wilches has more than 21 years of experience providing legal advice to national and international companies, as well as to public entities in Colombia. She leads the firm's practice areas related to individual and collective labor law, as well as constitutional and contentious actions related to labor law.

She has broad knowledge and extensive experience in the management of administrative labor proceedings with handling of this type of cases from a double perspective: Administrative Law and Labor Law. This is an important skill for the best defense or advice to clients, given that it is not common to integrate both disciplines in favor of the defense and comprehensive defense and integral management of the matters entrusted by our clients.

At the international level, she is a member of the International Bar Association, The Women Law Network. In the year 2016 and 2019, she was appointed by the National Government to be part of the employers' delegation to the respective International Labor Conferences in Geneva, Switzerland. She is also part of the International Organization of Employers - GFMD Business Mechanism. In July 2016, she participated with a presentation at the Global Forum on Migration and Development Global Forum of the International Organization of Employers, which took place at the UN headquarters in New York.

Chapman Wilches has a strong reputation for providing innovative and cutting-edge legal solutions in collective labour law and social security matters accurately for more than 15 years. Chapman Wilches offers comprehensive legal services and assistance throughout the country. Legal 500 values Chapman Wilches' ability to analyse the risks and realities of the environment to deliver *different proposals*.

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Stefano Candela

Lexsential Studio Legale, Milan, Italy

Stefano assists domestic and foreign clients in the areas of commercial, corporate and international law, addressing issues in both extrajudicial and judicial contexts. Among other things, he is an expert in negotiating and drafting commercial contracts and contracts necessary for internationalisation processes, extraordinary corporate transactions, restructuring and liquidation processes and liability profiles of directors and auditors.

In the area of civil liability, Stefano deals with damage from banking and financial intermediation, product liability, contractual and extra-contractual liability.

As a board member, he holds positions on the governing bodies of innovative start-ups. He was a member, for many years, of the Ethics Committee of a major hospital group.

He is one of the founders of an international association established in 2021, “Global Sports Law Group”, which comprises a number of international law firms specialised in corporate sports law, with offices in Argentina, Brazil, France, Portugal, Mexico, Spain, the United States and Uruguay. Stefano is also vice president of the charity “Alessandra per le Donne”.

Lexsential Studio Legale is a law firm with offices in Milan, London and Madrid, and a desk dedicated to the Polish market. It counts eleven partners and over twenty associates.

Founded in 2021 on the desire of a group of professionals, who all possess an international background and significant experience in top-level law firms at both Italian and international level, Lexsential has been continuously enriched by the arrival of new lawyers with a wealth of experience and prestige who have integrated their skills and international visibility.

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Founded in 1985, Rasco Klock Perez & Nieto is a boutique law firm with offices in Miami and New York that handles major, complex litigation, including international arbitration, commercial dispute resolution, and probate administration and estate planning.



The firm is dedicated to providing its clients with high quality, prompt and efficient legal services. Rasco Klock's attorneys were trained in major law firms or by attorneys trained in major law firms. The firm services the needs of domestic and international clients, including public and private companies, financial institutions, entrepreneurs and high net worth individuals in a wide range of practice areas, which include: Administrative Law, Banking, Bankruptcy, Business & Corporate, Environmental, Immigration, Intellectual Property, International Arbitration and Litigation, Litigation in U.S. Federal and State Courts, Taxation (US and International) Trust & Estate Planning Law, Real Estate and Sports, Arts & Entertainment law.

Rasco Klock is proud to have the highest rating (AV) awarded by the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, and its attorneys have received numerous recognitions and awards, including Chambers, Best Lawyers, Legal Elite and others.

Since 2014, the Firm has been an active member of the Alliance of Business Lawyers. Rasco Klock Perez & Nieto is now hosting its second ABL conference, with the first having taken place in Miami in November 2016.

Andres E. Bazó, member of Rasco Klock, currently serves as Member of the ABL Board of Directors of ABL since 2020.

ABL is proud to return to Miami, hosted once again by **Rasco Klock Perez & Nieto**, and extends its gratitude to our gracious hosts.





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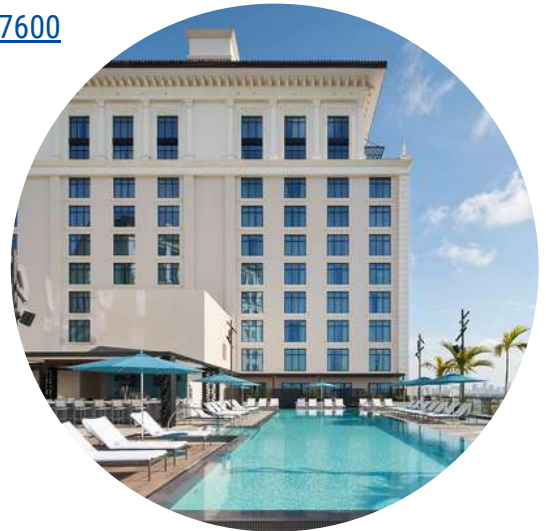
Loews Coral Gables Hotel

Our **conference** will be held at Loews Coral Gables Hotel.

[2950 Coconut Grove Dr, Coral Gables, FL 33134, United States](#)
Tel: [+1 786-772-7600](#)

Located in the heart of The Plaza Coral Gables, Loews Coral Gables Hotel offers a new level of hospitality just four blocks from the Gables' iconic Miracle Mile.

Choose from 242 guestrooms with an elegant, modern design. Enjoy luxury amenities, a spa, a fitness center, and a rooftop pool featuring spectacular city views. Savor locally curated flavors in four restaurants and lounges. Experience the culinary, cultural, and entertainment offerings of Coral Gables with easy access to the best of the city.



Located just four blocks south of the iconic Miracle Mile, Loews Coral Gables Hotel is part of a mixed-use new development - The Plaza Coral Gables.

In addition to its expertly appointed guestrooms, refined amenities, and expansive indoor and outdoor meeting space, The Plaza Coral Gables is home to new office space, residential units, high-end retail, and a public collection of curated international art.

If you want to know more about the hotel, visit the [hotel's official webpage](#).



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CVI.CHE 105

Dinner on Thursday will be at restaurant [CVI.CHE 105 - Coral Gables](#).

111 Palermo Ave #108, Coral Gables



15-year award winning Peruvian restaurant by Juan Chipoco. Juan Chipoco is the most renowned Peruvian chef in the United States. An immigrant who through hard work, determination and an impressive vision not only contributed through his cooking to the expansion and positioning of the Peru brand throughout the world, but this vision allowed him to become one of the most successful and influential Latinos in the country appearing in countless media coverings from Fox to ABC and definitive reference of the renaissance of Latin cuisine in the Miami.

Born and raised in Lima, chef Juan Chipoco has marked an influence in South Florida's hispanic community not only for his distinguished cuisine but also for his motivating story that continues to inspire many people who follow his steps. With Peru always in his heart, chef Juan Chipoco continues to lead Miami's gastronomic revolution with new culinary additions throughout South Florida and the U.S

With nine restaurants and three more in development, Juan has built a culinary empire. Its main restaurant Cvi.che 105 convenes close to 6,000 diners a day, and has been awarded as one of the best restaurants in Miami for more than 10 consecutive years; Becoming an essential destination for tourists and locals alike.

The restaurant is across the street from the hotel. Meet us there at 19h00.

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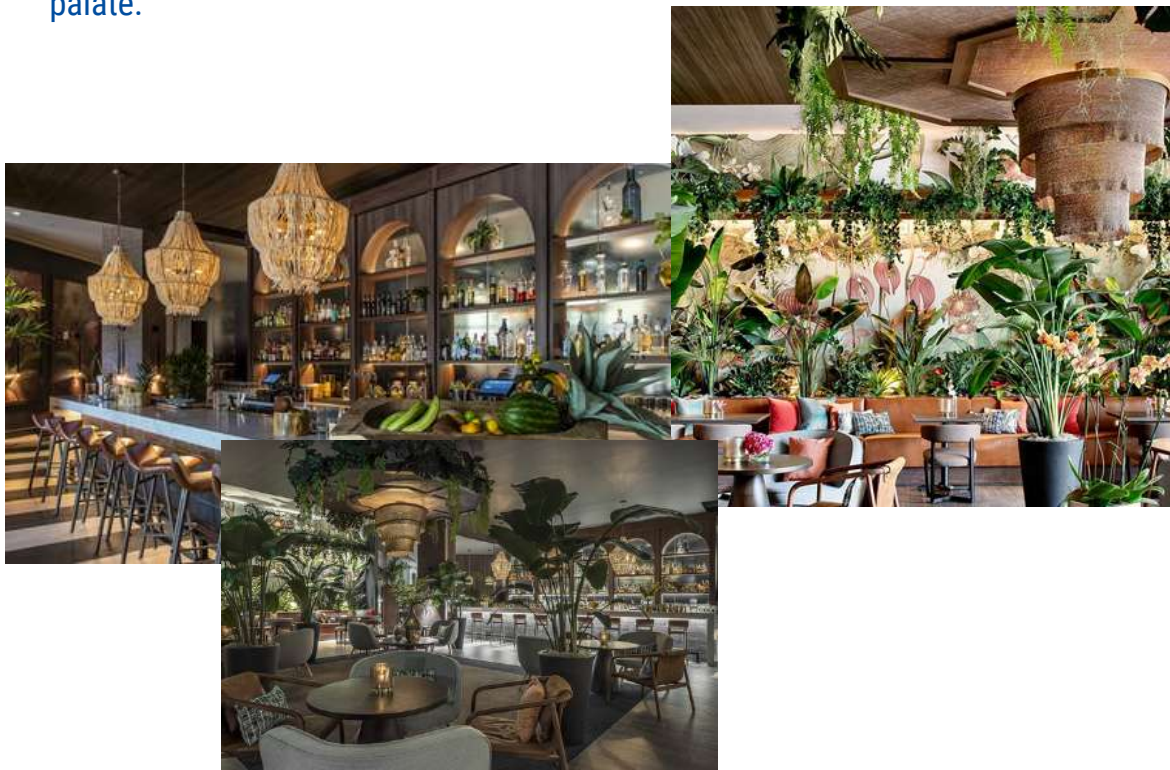
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Mamey Miami

Dinner on Friday will be at [Mamey Miami](#).

1350 S Dixie Hwy, Coral Gables

Mamey is a culinary destination inspired by global flavors and ingredients. The menu is a fusion of world cuisines, drawing inspiration from Latin America, Asia, and beyond. Each dish is carefully crafted, blending traditional flavors with innovative preparation techniques for a unique dining experience. Whether you're in the mood for vibrant flavors or soothing comfort food, Mamey offers a diverse selection sure to satisfy any palate.



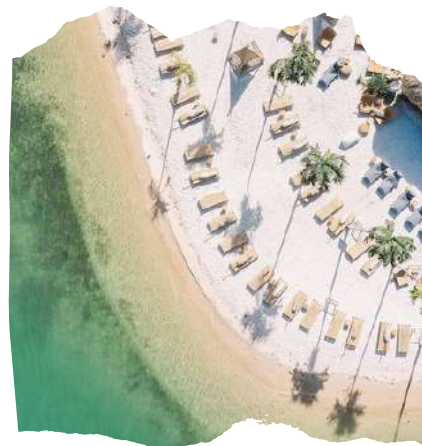
The restaurant is a 10 min drive away from the hotel. Uber and taxis are widely available. The ride shall be around 15 USD. **Meet us there at 19h30.**



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Joia Beach Club

Joia is an intimate gathering spot where the sound of the shoreline meets the soft beat of live djs and a chilled glass of wine or champagne are always on hand. Oversized loungers invite guests to repose in the sunshine, indulge in refreshing light bites, and mingle.



*Joia Beach Club is a 20 min drive away from the hotel. Uber and taxis are widely available. The ride shall be around 25 USD. **Meet us there at 12h00.***

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Dress Code



Business

This is a professional and conservative type of dress code, usually expected in the conference sessions and other corporate events. It usually requires men to wear a suit and tie, and women to wear a suit, a cocktail dress or a skirt.



Smart-casual

This is a relaxed but neat type of dress code, suitable for occasions such as casual dinners. It usually requires men to wear a blazer or a sweater with trousers, and women to wear a dress or a skirt with a cardigan or a jacket.



Casual

This is the most informal and comfortable type of dress code, ideal for sight-seeing activities. It usually allows people to wear anything they like, such as t-shirts, jeans, shorts, or sneakers.

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Getting Around

The best way to get around Miami is by Uber or Taxis.

From the *Miami International Airport to Loews Coral Gables Hotel you can take a Taxi or Uber.* There are taxis available at the airport and the ride will take approximately 25 minutes. The ride shall be between 15 – 25 USD.

Communication

Please download the [Glue Up App](#) for [Android](#) and for [IOS](#) and use it for communication purposes.

If you have WhatsApp, there is also a **WhatsApp group** where information about the various events will be posted. [Click here to join the group.](#)

Anything you need, please ask Ana Sousa Amorim, at ana@ablglobal.net and [+351 919 816 668](tel:+351919816668). Ana Sousa Amorim is ABL's Coordinator and will be onsite from 21st until the 27th of October.

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Useful information

- **Location:** Miami is a vibrant city located in southeastern Florida, United States, along the Atlantic coast.
- **Time Zone:** Miami operates on Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), UTC-4, during late October, as Daylight Saving Time ends on the first Sunday in November.
- **Currency:** The official currency of the United States is the US Dollar (USD). Credit cards are widely accepted, but it's advisable to carry some cash for small purchases.
- **Language:** The official language is English. Spanish is also widely spoken and understood, reflecting Miami's diverse cultural makeup.
- **Electricity:** The United States uses Type A and Type B electrical plugs, with a voltage of 120V and a frequency of 60Hz. Travelers from countries with different plug types will need a plug adapter.
- **Weather:** Late October in Miami typically offers warm and pleasant weather, with average temperatures ranging from 22°C to 28°C (72°F to 82°F). While the weather is generally warm, it's advisable to bring light clothing, sunscreen, and a light jacket or sweater for cooler evenings or air-conditioned indoor settings.
- **Safety:** Miami is generally a safe destination for travelers, but it's advisable to take standard precautions against petty theft and to be aware of your surroundings, especially in crowded tourist areas. Emergency services can be reached by dialing 911.
- **Healthcare:** Miami has a high standard of healthcare, with both public and private hospitals available. Travelers should ensure they have adequate travel insurance covering medical expenses, as healthcare in the United States can be expensive.
- **Tipping:** Tipping is customary in Miami. It's typical to leave a tip of around 15-20% for good service in restaurants and cafes. Some establishments may include a service charge in the bill, so it's worth checking before tipping. Tipping is also expected for services such as taxis, hotel staff, and others.

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