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08:00 - 09:00 **Registration & Breakfast**
Le Comptoir de Beaulieu

09:00 - 09:15 **Welcome Address**

Martina Spreitzer-Kropiunik
WISLaw President

Andrea Sherpa-Zimmermann
Counsel, Court of Arbitration for Sport

Dr. Elisabeth Steiner
Vice President, International Council of Arbitration for Sport

09:15 - 09:30 **Honouring Friends of WISLaw**

Michael B. Lenard, OLY
Acting President, International Council of Arbitration for Sport

Matthieu Reeb
Director General, Court of Arbitration for Sport

Presented by:
Martina Spreitzer-Kropiunik & Annett Rombach

09:30 - 10:00 **In conversation with Laura Villars**

Laura Villars
Swiss-French GT racing driver

Presented by:
Marine Montejo

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10:00 - 11:00 **David vs. Goliath - Safeguarding Athletes' Effective Judicial Representation**

The Hon. Dr. Annabelle Bennett
Barrister, 5 Wentworth & CAS Arbitrator

Julia Lowis
Senior Legal Counsel, International Tennis Integrity Agency

Maria Laura Guardamagna
Attorney-at-law, GeALex - Guardamagna e Associati

Dr. Rafael Brägger
Attorney-at-law, Sequoia Legal & Advisory

Moderators
Annett Rombach
Attorney-at-law, Rombach Lawyers, CAS & BAT Arbitrator

Dr. Tanja Haug
Attorney-at-law, SportsLawyer & Arbitrator

11:00 - 12:00 **Bridging the gap between European law and sports arbitration**

Brianna Quinn
Attorney-at-law, Bird & Bird

Dr. Despina Mavromati
Attorney-at-law, SportLegis

Dr. Laura Melusine Baudenbacher
Attorney-at-law, Baudenbacher Law AG

Judge Suzanne Kingston
Judge, Court of Justice of the European Union & President, Ninth Chamber of the EU General Court

Moderators
Christelle Elonvenamaye-N'Zondo
Associate, Elvinger Hoss Prussen

Marine Montejo
Attorney-at-law, Paris & Brussels Bars

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12:00 - 13:30 **LUNCH BREAK**
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13:30 - 14:30 **The Athlete's Seat at the Table - or in the Courtroom?**

Alexandra Gómez-Bruinewoud
Legal Director, FIFPRO

Emma Terho, OLY
Member, EOC Executive Committee

Joëlle Monlouis
Attorney-at-law, Monlouis Avocat & Secretary General, Fédération Française de Football

Sarah Lewis, OBE OLY
Managing Director, Sarah Lewis Global Sports Leader

Moderators
Emily Anne Williams
Trainee Solicitor, Lombardi Associates

Kajri Roy
International Sports Lawyer & Board Member, International Sport Lawyers Association

14:30 - 14:40 **Gender Equality Championship Award Announcement**

Presented by:
Martina Spreitzer-Kropiunik
WISLaw President

Christelle Elonvenamaye-N'Zondo
Associate, Elvinger Hoss Prussen

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14:40 - 15:40 **The Value Shift: Why Women's Sport Is the Next Big Bet**

Doris Keller

Director, European Championships 2030

Claire Bloomfield

Managing Director, Ayresome International

Lindsay Brandon

Director of Safeguarding & Integrity, WTA Tennis

Moderator

Axelle Adjanooun

Attorney-at-law, Paris Bar

15:40 - 16:00 **Closing Remarks**

Martina Spreitzer-Kropiunik

WISLaw President

16:00 - 18:00 **10th Anniversary Cocktail**

Le Comptoir de Beaulieu



ANDREA SHERPA-ZIMMERMANN

COUNSEL, COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

Andrea is an international sports lawyer and global leadership expert whose career spans dispute resolution at the Court of Arbitration for Sport, high-altitude mountaineering, and executive leadership consulting. She notably co-founded WILD YAK and Mountain Path Switzerland, guiding executives through mountain-inspired leadership experiences.



LAURA VILLARS

SWISS-FRENCH GT RACING DRIVER

Laura is a Swiss-French GT racing driver and Formula 1 commentator for RTBF. In 2025, she became the first woman and the youngest candidate ever to run for the FIA presidency. She presides the Fondation Laura Villars, a Swiss public-interest foundation based in Dully, working on talent development through sport, road safety education, mobility innovation and athlete welfare, and leads its "The Road Is Not a Racetrack" campaign. She is also an entrepreneur, heading Immo Swiss Riviera SA.



MARTINA SPREITZER-KROPIUNIK

WISLAW PRESIDENT

Martina studied law in Vienna and was appointed an investigating judge at the Vienna Regional Court for Criminal Matters in 1995, becoming presiding judge in 2002. From 2020 to 2025, she served as Vice President of that court, overseeing its civil servants, security, and courthouse renovation. Since September 2025, she has been President of the St. Pölten Regional Court, which also has jurisdiction over ten subordinate district courts, while continuing to dedicate part of her time to judicial work. She is also involved internationally in sports law.



MATTHIEU REEB

DIRECTOR GENERAL, COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

Matthieu is an attorney-at-law specialising in international private law and sports law. He joined the Court of Arbitration for Sport in 1995 and has served as CAS Secretary General since 2000, overseeing the Court's arbitration and mediation proceedings and its ad hoc Divisions at events such as the Olympic Games. In 1998, he was awarded the René Cassin Prize after editing the first Digest of CAS Awards and is a regular author and lecturer on CAS-related matters.



MICHAEL B. LENARD OLY

ACTING PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

Michael holds a BBA in Accounting and Finance and a Doctor of Law, and is a former Partner at Latham & Watkins. Michael played for the United States Olympic Team of Handball in the 1984 Games. Within the United States Olympic Committee, he notably served as Vice-President and head of its Athletes Performance Group. He also sat on the Board of Directors of the Organizing Committee for the 1996 Games and on the Board of Directors for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games.



THE HON. DR. ANNABELLE BENNETT

BARRISTER, 5 WENTWORTH & CAS ARBITRATOR

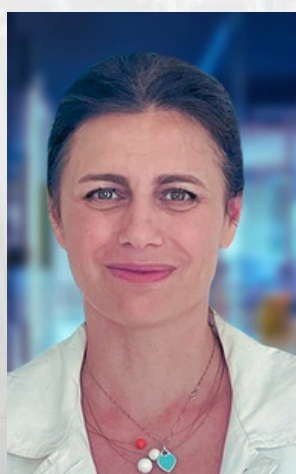
Annabelle holds a PhD in Cell Biology and practised as a Barrister and Senior Counsel specialising in Intellectual Property. As an arbitrator with the Court of Arbitration for Sport, she has sat on numerous panels, including the CAS ad hoc Divisions at the Olympic Games from Sochi 2014 to Paris 2024. She retired as a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia in March 2016. She chairs the International Cricket Council Disputes Committee, is a member of WISLaw, and currently acts as a mediator and arbitrator.



JULIA LEWIS

SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL, INTERNATIONAL TENNIS INTEGRITY AGENCY

Julia is a barrister and in-house Senior Legal Counsel at the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA), the independent body responsible for safeguarding integrity in professional tennis, including administering the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme and the Tennis Anti-Corruption Programme. The ITIA investigates potential breaches and brings cases before independent first-instance tribunals, with a right of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. A former junior national-level tennis player and Oxford University athlete, Julia was a member of Safe Sport International's Athlete Voice for Safe Sport advisory group from 2023 to 2026.



MARIA LAURA GUARDAMAGNA

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, GEALEX - GUARDAMAGNA E ASSOCIATI

Maria Laura is an attorney-at-law admitted to the Milan Bar and qualified to appear before the Italian Supreme Court, with a primary focus on sports law and international sports litigation. She is a member of the Milan Bar Council and Coordinator of the Milan Bar Commission on Events and Sports Law. Maria Laura has extensive experience representing athletes, clubs, and sports organisations in contractual, regulatory, and disciplinary matters. She is also a member of the Arbitral Board and of the Disciplinary Commission of the Union Cycliste Internationale.



DR. RAFAEL BRÄGGER

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, SEQUOIA LEGAL & ADVISORY

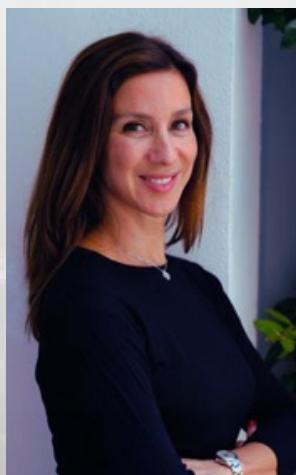
Rafael is an attorney-at-law who studied and completed his doctorate at the University of Zurich. After qualifying as a lawyer in 2014, he worked for law firms specialising in sports law, first in Meilen and then in Zurich, and since 2023 has been a Partner at SEQUOIA Legal & Advisory GmbH in Zurich. He has been a member of the Disciplinary Commission of Swiss Unihockey since 2018 and, since 2021, he is the sole adjudicator for club transfers and other non-disciplinary matters at the Swiss Ice Hockey Federation. He also lectures in Roman Private Law at the University of Zurich and sits on the editorial board of the sports law journal Causa Sport.



BRIANNA QUINN

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, BIRD & BIRD

Brianna is a partner in Bird & Bird's Sydney office. She provides specialist advice and represents sports clients in a wide range of matters such as regulatory, integrity, governance, and contractual affairs. Brianna worked for over 10 years at a leading arbitration firm in Geneva, where she advised numerous sports governing bodies and individuals. She regularly appears before the CAS as well as other international sports tribunals. Brianna also sits as a permanent arbitrator at the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal and is the Chairperson of the FIFA Agents Chamber.



DR. DESPINA MAVROMATI

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW & CAS ARBITRATOR

Despina is an attorney-at-law with wide experience in contractual, disciplinary, and governance matters related to sport. She has experience as counsel, arbitrator, or expert witness in high-profile arbitral and state court proceedings. Her legal practice is shaped by a longstanding, in-depth knowledge of sports dispute resolution, including her former role as Managing Counsel at the Court of Arbitration for Sport and her current roles as a CAS arbitrator and UEFA CFCB Appeals Chamber Member.



LAURA MELUSINE BAUDENBACHER

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, BAUDENBACHER LAW AG

Laura is the President of the Competition Commission and a partner at Baudenbacher Law AG. She specialises in Swiss business law and EU and bilateral Swiss-EU law, in particular civil enforcement proceedings, administrative law, and fundamental rights law, representing clients before national and European courts as a lawyer admitted in Switzerland and Belgium. She has worked in international British and U.S. law firms in Brussels and Cologne, and since 2021 has been an adjunct lecturer in European competition law at the University of Luxembourg. She received her doctorate, summa cum laude, from the University of Zurich in 2015, with a thesis on the European prohibition of abuse of rights.



JUDGE SUZANNE KINGSTON

JUDGE, COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Suzanne graduated in law from Oxford University in 1998 before obtaining a master's degree and doctorate in law from Universiteit Leiden. Called to the Bar at Gray's Inn, London, in 1998, she practised law at an international law firm's Brussels office before serving as legal secretary to Advocate General Leendert Geelhoed at the Court of Justice of the European Union from 2004 to 2006. Admitted to the Bar of Ireland in 2007, she practised as a Barrister before becoming a professor teaching law at University College Dublin, also lecturing at institutions including Columbia and Cambridge. She was appointed as a Judge at the General Court in 2022 and has served as President of the Ninth Chamber since her election in September 2025.



ALEXANDRA GÓMEZ-BRUINEWOUD

LEGAL DIRECTOR, FIFPRO

Alexandra studied at the Universidad de la República in Uruguay. She holds an LLM in International Commercial Law from Erasmus University and graduated from the Oxford Women's Leadership Development Programme at Oxford University. As a lawyer, she joined FIFPRO in 2013 and has been leading support for Player Associations and professional footballers worldwide, including the successful promotion of parental rights for players. In 2017, Alexandra became the first woman to hold a position as a Judge of the FIFA Dispute Resolution Chamber.



EMMA TERHO

MEMBER, EOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Emma is a former ice hockey player who represented Finland at five Olympic Games as team captain, won two Olympic medals, and was inducted into The Ohio State University Hall of Fame. She served on the International Olympic Committee Athletes' Commission from 2018 to 2026, including five years as its Chair and as a member of the IOC Executive Board, and on the World Anti-Doping Agency Athlete Committee and Foundation Board over the same period. She holds a BBA from The Ohio State University and a Master's degree from Aalto University, with Finance as the major subject in both degrees. She currently works in banking.



JOËLLE MONLOUIS

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, MONLOUIS AVOCAT

Joëlle is an international sports lawyer with nearly 20 years of experience, advising and representing athletes, clubs, national federations and other sports stakeholders, particularly in international football. She regularly acts in sports arbitration proceedings, including before the Court of Arbitration for Sport, and also serves as an arbitrator with Sport Resolutions. Alongside her legal practice, she is the elected Secretary General of the French Football Federation.



SARAH LEWIS OBE OLY

MANAGING DIRECTOR, SARAH LEWIS GLOBAL SPORTS LEADER

Sarah is a highly respected international sports leader with an extensive global network across the Olympic Movement. A former Alpine Skiing Olympian who represented Great Britain at Calgary 1988. She served as Secretary General of the International Ski and Snowboard Federation from 1998 to 2020 and of the Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations from 2014 to 2020. She chairs the GB Olympians Association Committee. In 2018, Sarah was awarded the Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for her services to sport, having helped secure hosting rights for the London 2012 Olympic Games.



CLAIRE BLOOMFIELD

MANAGING DIRECTOR, AYRESOME INTERNATIONAL

Claire is an award-winning expert in women's football globally, with almost 20 years of experience, recently recognised as a Leader in Sport Under 40 and winner of the Women's Leadership Award at the 2026 World Football Summit. She is Managing Director of Ayresome International, a Zurich-based advisory practice specialising in women's football, advising investors, clubs and competitions on market entry, governance and club professionalisation. She previously spent five years as the European Club Association's first Head of Women's Football, driving governance reform and helping shape competitions including the Europa Cup and FIFA Women's Club World Cup.



DORIS KELLER

DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2030

Doris has more than 25 years of experience in international football, organizing matches, tournaments and major events for governing bodies including UEFA, FIFA and the South American confederation CONMEBOL. In 2023, she was appointed Tournament Director of UEFA Women's EURO 2025 in Switzerland, leading Europe's largest women's sporting event to widespread acclaim. Since early 2026, she has served as Director of the European Championships Switzerland Bid Association, leading Switzerland's bid to host the multi-sport European Championships.



LINDSAY BRANDON

DIRECTOR OF SAFEGUARDING & INTEGRITY, WTA

Lindsay is the first-ever Director of Safeguarding & Integrity for the Women's Tennis Association. Lindsay previously represented athletes and coaches in sports arbitration matters concerning notably anti-doping, safeguarding, and team selection disputes. She has advocated for several clients before the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Lindsay received her B.A. from Claremont McKenna College, her J.D. from Seattle University School of Law, and her LL.M. in International Sports Law from St. John's University School of Law. She is admitted to practice in California and Washington State. Lindsay has served on the WISLaw Board since being elected in October 2023 and is an inaugural member.



ANNETT ROMBACH

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, CAS & BAT ARBITRATOR

Annett is the founder of Rombach Lawyers. She has more than 15 years of experience as counsel and as an arbitrator in sports and commercial arbitrations. She has notably represented the German Football League in major commercial arbitrations regarding the TV rights for the German Bundesliga. Annett sits on the Court of Arbitration for Sport and the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal, having handled more than 300 arbitrations, including a landmark decision on maternity protection in professional football. In 2026, she served on the CAS ad hoc Division at the Milano Cortina Olympic Winter Games, and is a board member of WISLaw.



AXELLE ADJANOHOUN

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, PARIS BAR

Axelle is a lawyer with nearly 10 years of experience in commercial litigation, international arbitration, and sports law. She advises French and international clients on complex commercial and sports-related matters, with particular experience working across European and African markets. Axelle regularly assists football clubs, players, coaches, agents, and sports governing bodies in contractual, regulatory, disciplinary, governance, and dispute resolution matters. Axelle also serves on the Legal Commission of the Ligue de Football Professionnel and is a member of the Sport Resolutions Pro Bono Legal Advice Service.



CHRISTELLE ELONVENAMAYE-N'ZONDO

ASSOCIATE, ELVINGER HOSS PRUSSEN

Christelle is an associate at Elvinger Hoss Prussen, admitted to the Luxembourg Bar (List II) and specialising in corporate M&A and financing. Since 2021, she has led the Sports Arbitration Moot as Director of Operations and Partnerships. In 2022 and 2023, she graduated with honours with a dual degree in French and English law and a Master's in Private International Law from the University of Leicester and the University of Strasbourg. Before moving to Luxembourg, she worked at a London sports law boutique firm on high-profile disputes and began her qualification as a solicitor of England and Wales.



EMILY ANNE WILLIAMS

TRAINEE SOLICITOR, LOMBARDI ASSOCIATES

Emily is a trainee solicitor with Lombardi Associates, a specialist football regulatory consultancy advising stakeholders across the global game, and is currently taking the Solicitors Qualifying Examination to qualify as a solicitor in England and Wales. She holds an LLB in Law with Criminology from the University of Leicester and a Master's degree in International Sports Law from Escuela Universitaria Real Madrid (Universidad Europea), graduating in July 2024. Her work with Lombardi Associates focuses on international football regulations, governance, international player transfers, and dispute resolution before FIFA and the Court of Arbitration for Sport.



KAJRI ROY

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS LAWYER & BOARD MEMBER - ISLA

Kajri is an international sports lawyer based in New Delhi with 8 years' experience in dispute resolution and sports law and governance. She is legal advisor to the Board of Control for Cricket in India and an alumna of ISDE Madrid. She began her career at one of South Asia's leading law firms, Khaitan & Co., and served on the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports committee drafting India's National Sports Bill, 2025. She is a Board Member of the International Sport Lawyers Association (Zurich) and Indian Brand Ambassador for ITTI Sports Institute (Barcelona), alongside adjunct faculty roles at several Indian law schools.



MARINE MONTEJO

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, PARIS & BRUSSELS BARS

Marine is an EU lawyer qualified in Brussels and Paris, based in Brussels, working in antitrust and competition law. She specialises in the application of EU and competition law to sports regulation and the commercialisation of sports rights across Europe, and acts in some of the sector's most significant institutional and market-shaping cases before the Court of Justice of the European Union, the European Court of Human Rights, and national courts across the EU. She also advises on EU law in CAS proceedings.



DR. TANJA HAUG

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, SPORTSLAWYER & ARBITRATOR

Tanja is a sports lawyer with over 25 years' experience and a PhD in sports science. She works as an independent expert on governance, integrity and disciplinary matters for sporting bodies and was a member of the International Biathlon Union's External Review Commission investigating its former leadership. Tanja is currently a member of the Biathlon Integrity Unit Board and chairs the International Tennis Integrity Agency's TADP Independent Panel and the Badminton World Federation's Independent Vetting Panel. She also sits as an arbitrator on the World Athletics Disciplinary and Appeals Tribunal and Sport Resolutions' International Hearing Panel, among others.

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- Members: CHF 225
- Non-members: CHF 285
- Students: CHF 50

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- Members: CHF 60
- Non-members: CHF 120
- Students: CHF 30

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- General admission fee: CHF 75

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GETTING THERE

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- ✈️ **By air:** Geneva Airport (GVA) is the nearest major international airport, roughly 45 minutes away by direct train to Lausanne.
- 🚗 **By car:** Take the A9 motorway, exit "Lausanne-Blécherette," then follow signs to "Beaulieu." An on-site underground car park (500 spaces, open 24/7, max vehicle height 1.90m) is available. At busy times, the Vélodrome, Riponne, or Valentin park-and-ride facilities are good alternatives, also open 24/7.

REGISTRATION

All attendees and speakers are welcome to arrive at **Le Comptoir de Beaulieu** from **8.00 AM**, only a short walk from the Court of Arbitration for Sport, where they will be greeted with a **light breakfast**.

A member of the WISLaw team will be available throughout the day should you need any assistance.



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