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LAWYERS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST THE NECESSARY PROTECTION OF CLIENTS

In all democracies, the prevention of conflicts of interest in public life is turning into a real concern.

The respect of fundamental values such as probity or objectivity is indispensable to ensure the citizens' trust in actors involved in public action.

Why, then, would the legal profession remain exempt from this requirement?

Five areas of reflection will be discussed.

Welcome	Pascal MAURER , <i>UIA President, Suisse</i>
Overview	Huguette ANDRE-CORET , <i>Vice-Président of the UIA International Bar Leaders Senate, France</i>
Lawyers and conflicts of interest The link of trust between clients and lawyers Foundations - Principles	Laurel G. BELLOWS , <i>President Elect of the American Bar Association (ABA), United States</i>
Lawyers and the loyalty due to clients Converging interests/Divergent interests Clients' consent or the presumption of consent. Dual representation.	Joaquín GARCÍA-ROMANILLOS , <i>President of the Internacional Relations Commissions of the Consejo General de la Abogacía Española (CGAE), Spain</i>
Lawyers and professional mobility Protection of confidential information due to clients. Compliance with legal professional privilege.	Marcus Vinícius FURTADO COELHO <i>Secretary General of the Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil (OAB), Brazil</i>

<p>Lawyers and their associates Problems linked to the structure of the law firms. Law firms and The "Great Walls of China".</p>	<p>Junius HO, <i>President of the Law Society of Hong Kong, China</i> <i>(To be confirmed)</i></p>
<p>Conclusion Should the rules on the prohibition of conflicts of interest be made more flexible or strictly maintained? Europe point of view.</p>	<p>Jean CASTELAIN, <i>President of the Paris Bar, France</i></p>