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Panel 2

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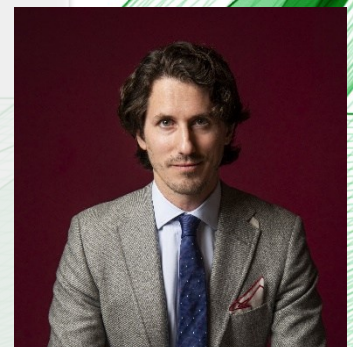
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José Carles is a lawyer, chartered economist and court-appointed trustee in Spain. He heads the International Restructuring & Insolvency department in a law firm, advising multinational groups of companies, financial institutions, and national and foreign public bodies.

José has served as a consultant to the European Commission on the transposition of the EU Restructuring Directive. He is a member of the III delegation to UNCITRAL Working Group V (Insolvency Law) and an INSOL International fellow. He contributes to the World Bank's insolvency and creditor/debtor task force and delivers training for judges and practitioners in the MENA region under international programmes of the Word Bank and INSOL International.



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Xian Yong Harold Foo, Deputy Director & Counsel for Parliamentary Affairs at the Ministry of Law, Singapore

Harold Foo is a Deputy Director and the Counsel for Parliamentary Affairs at the Ministry of Law of the Republic of Singapore. He has been closely involved in debt restructuring and insolvency policy development and legislative reform, including the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018. Internationally, he has been the Chair of UNCITRAL Working Group V (Insolvency Law) since 2019. Prior to joining the Singapore Legal Service, Harold was part of an insolvency team at one of Singapore's largest law firms.



Monica Marucci, Head of the Legal Department at IVASS
(Moderator of Panel 2)

Monica Marcucci is Head of the Legal Department at IVASS, the Italian supervisory authority for the insurance sector. She has held this position since 2019, after a long tenure at the Bank of Italy, where she worked as a senior lawyer in the Legal Department from 1996, following several years in private legal practice.

Since 2013, Monica has been a contract professor at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Rome, teaching Company and Insolvency Law within the Economics program. She has spoken at numerous seminars and conferences organized by Italian and international universities and postgraduate institutions, and has participated in roundtables and international events hosted by organizations such as the IMF, World Bank, ECB, and the International Bar Association. She has served as an expert adviser to the Italian government's delegation to UNCITRAL since 2006, contributing to the development of soft law instruments on insolvency. Monica was also a member of the UNIDROIT Working Group on Bank Liquidation (2021–2025) and the group that drafted the Unidroit Netting Principles (2013).





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Professor Irit Mevorach, Chair in International Commercial Law at the
University of Warwick School of Law

Professor Irit Mevorach is Chair in International Commercial Law at the University of Warwick School of Law. Previously, she held a Chair at the University of Nottingham and founded the University of Nottingham Commercial Law Centre. Since 2006, Irit has acted as an expert adviser to the UK government's delegation to UNCITRAL. From 2013 to 2015, she was Senior Counsel to the World Bank, advising governments in around ten countries on reforms to business and personal insolvency and creditor/debtor systems and chaired the Bank's Global Task Force on Insolvency and Creditor Rights. Irit is vice president and executive committee member of the International Insolvency Institute. She is an International Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of ILA, CERIL, IEEI, and the World Bank Task Force on Creditor-Debtor Regimes and Insolvency. She serves on the Editorial Board of Global Restructuring Review (GRR) and the advisory board of the UNIDROIT–Queen Mary Institute of Transnational Commercial Law. She was co-Chair of Subgroup III of the UNIDROIT Working Group on Bank Liquidation and a member of its Drafting Committee, is the UK National Correspondent for Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts (CLOUT), and, since 2020, a member of the Lord Chancellor's Committee on Private International Law.





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Kathlene Burke

Kathlene is a Dublin-based special situations lawyer advising on cross-border insolvency matters across Ireland, the US, the UK, and key offshore jurisdictions. She has been invited to advise the Government of Argentina on bankruptcy law reform, drawing on Irish and US experience. Her work spans corporate restructurings, insolvency proceedings and recognition matters across multiple jurisdictions. She previously practised in England and, before that, in the United States. She represents CERIL (the Conference of European Insolvency and Restructuring Law) in UNCITRAL Working Group V (Insolvency) meetings, has been inducted to the International Insolvency Institute and serves as Co-Chair and Director of the European Network of IWIRC (International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation).



Juan Luis Goldenberg, Professor of Law, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Juan Luis Goldenberg is a Full Professor of Law at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. His academic and professional practice focuses on insolvency and restructuring law, financial consumer protection, and corporate governance. He is the President of the Chilean Chapter and the Academic Vice-president of the Ibero-American Institute of Insolvency Law. He has actively participated in the reforms on insolvency regulation in Chile as a legal advisor for the Government, and acts as a full member of the advisory committee of the Chilean Superintendency of Insolvency. He is also a member of INSOL International and the International Insolvency Institute. He has published widely across Latin America and Europe and regularly lectures on private-law topics and insolvency of companies and individuals.



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Stephan Madaus, Professor of Law, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg

Prof. Dr. Stephan Madaus is a full professor of law at the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, where he was the head of the Law School from 2016 to 2018. He teaches property law (including secured transactions), insolvency and restructuring law, as well as contract and tort law. Prof. Madaus is a Member of the European Commission's Expert Group on Restructuring and Insolvency. He currently serves as the President of the International Insolvency Institute after co-chairing its Academic Committee from 2018 to 2021. Prof. Madaus is a Founding Member of the Conference of European Restructuring and Insolvency Law (CERIL) and has been a member of the board ever since. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy (Class 35). Together with Prof. Bob Wessels (Leiden University), he headed the "European Law Institute's Project on Rescue of Business in Insolvency Law" from 2013 to 2017 (OUP 2020). He was a member of the German research team that evaluated the 2012 German insolvency law reform ("ESUG") for the German Ministry of Justice in 2017/2018.



John Pottow, Professor of Law, University of Michigan
(Moderator of Panel 3)

John A. E. Pottow is the John Philip Dawson Collegiate Professor of Law at University of Michigan Law School. An international scholar of cross-border and commercial insolvency law and a specialist in comparative and international restructuring regimes, he has written extensively on modified universalism, choice of law, and the role of soft-law instruments in harmonizing global insolvency practice. Professor Pottow served as a U.S. delegate to UNCITRAL Working Group V (Insolvency Law), contributing expert advice to the development of international insolvency law standards.







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Janis Sara, Professor of Law Emerita at the University of British Columbia

Dr Janis Sarra is Professor of Law Emerita at the University of British Columbia and Principal Co-investigator of the Canada Climate Law Initiative, previously serving as Associate Dean of the Law Faculty. She was founding Director of the National Centre for Business Law, and was Director of Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, the Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals, the International Insolvency Institute, and the Canadian Insolvency Foundation. She is currently a Director of Assuris, and is a member of the Canadian delegation to UNCITRAL WG V. She served as an expert on the UNIDROIT International Working Group on Bank Insolvency, and the World Bank Insolvency and Creditors Rights Task Force on Insolvency of Non-Bank Financial Institutions. She is a member in good standing of the Law Society of Ontario. She is currently Chair of the UNIDROIT Financial Markets and Technology Workstream Committee.



Irina Selevestru, authorized Administrator in Moldova

Irina Selevestru is a Doctor of Law, an authorized administrator, insolvency practitioner, arbitrator and lawyer from Moldova.

She chairs the Commission for Authorization and Discipline of Authorized Administrators, the Insolvency Training Center “Moldinsolv,” and since 2009 the International Arbitration under the Association of Liquidators and Administrators of Moldova. She delivers training courses at the National Institute of Justice and Moldinsolv.





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Olha Stakheyeva-Bogovyk, Attorney, McDermott Will & Schulte UK LLP
(Moderator of Panel 6)

Olha Stakheyeva-Bogovyk, a Ukrainian-qualified attorney with over 15 years of hands-on experience in international commercial disputes, contentious insolvency, and cross-border asset recovery. She has acted in complex multi-jurisdictional matters involving fraudulent conduct investigations, transaction avoidance claims, and recognition of foreign insolvency proceedings. Olha holds a PhD in Law focusing on domestic and cross-border insolvency and has published extensively on insolvency and restructuring-related topics. Currently based in London, working at McDermott Will & Schulte UK LLP, Olha advises international clients on insolvency, arbitration, and private international law matters.



Midori Yamaguchi, Attorney, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto in Tokyo

Midori Yamaguchi is a Japanese-qualified attorney and senior associate at Mori Hamada & Matsumoto in Tokyo, where she specializes in restructuring and insolvency as well as dispute resolution. Her international experience includes working in the firm's Singapore office and completing a one-year secondment at a U.S. law firm. From 2023 to 2025, Midori was seconded to Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Cabinet Secretariat, serving as the private-practice lawyer on the drafting team for Japan's new Early Business Recovery Act, enacted in June 2025. Midori contributes to the international restructuring and insolvency community through her regular publications and involvement with leading global organizations, including INSOL International as an INSOL Fellow, the International Insolvency Institute (III) as a NextGen member, the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), the Insolvency Section of the International Bar Association (IBA), and the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI). She holds an LL.B. from Hitotsubashi University, a J.D. from Hitotsubashi Law School, and an LL.M. from New York University School of Law. She is admitted in both Japan and New York.

