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13:30 - 17:45**



**INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL
ST. GEORGE'S BAY, ST. JULIAN'S**

in collaboration with



Malta Bankers' Association

PROGRAMME

13:30

Coffee & Registration

14:00

Welcome & Opening Address

Dr. Conrad Portanier – Partner, GANADO Advocates

Conrad is a partner at GANADO Advocates and currently heads the Banking and Finance Department of the firm. He graduated Doctor of Laws from the University of Malta in 1999 and in the following year he read for a Master of Laws in Banking and Finance Law at University College London. Conrad's areas of practice are banking and finance law, as well as general commercial and corporate law. Conrad has written a number of articles on financial services legislation and is also a Visiting Lecturer at the Faculty of Laws, University of Malta.

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Problems encountered by lenders in enforcement – Proposals for corporate insolvency reform

Dr. Louis Cassar Pullicino – Managing Partner, GANADO Advocates

Louis is an experienced litigator specialising in commercial litigation, who is particularly active in admiralty and shipping, banking, corporate, insolvency, insurance, telecommunications, pensions and contractual disputes with an international dimension. For over 25 years, he has been advising numerous banking institutions and has been involved in the market's most complex marine and commercial litigation cases. Louis joined GANADO Advocates in 1988, after having graduated Doctors of Laws from the University of Malta in 1986. In June 2015, Louis was appointed Managing Partner.

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Are you fit and proper? – Assessing the management body of banks in the SSM

Dr. Denise A. Bauer – Principal Associate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Frankfurt Office

Denise is a principal associate in the corporate department at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Frankfurt. She completed her legal education at the universities of Freiburg im Breisgau and Bonn, was visiting scholar at the George Washington University and holds a doctor of laws degree from the University of Hamburg. She was seconded for several months to Credit Suisse Luxembourg in 2011 and to Deutsche Bank in Frankfurt and London in 2015. She focuses on financial services regulation, capital markets law, commercial banking, M&A in the financial sector, FinTech services and payment services law as well as bank investigations.

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Question Time

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Coffee Break

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No pain, no pay – An overview of the new variable remuneration rules for banks and financial institutions

Dr. Matthew Brincat – Senior Associate, GANADO Advocates

As a senior associate within the Insurance and Pensions practice area, Matthew leads the Employment Law practice within GANADO Advocates. He graduated Doctor of Laws from the University of Malta in 2001 and read for a Master of Laws in Labour Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) the following year. His legal practice mainly revolves around employment and pensions law, areas of law he believes connect both the human and the corporate aspects of legislation. Matthew is also a director of EELA, a member of the Lex Mundi European Employment Practices Group, and delivers lectures on a regular basis on employment and pensions law at the Malta Employers' Association and elsewhere.

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In-house legal counsel: Managing risk in a business-friendly manner

MODERATOR

Dr. Leonard Bonello – Senior Associate, GANADO Advocates

Leonard is a senior associate within GANADO Advocates' Banking team, assisting banks and financial institutions extensively in regulatory matters, financing transactions and other operations. He graduated Doctor of Laws from the University of Malta in 2006 and completed his Master of Laws in Banking and Finance Law at Queen Mary University of London in 2008. Leonard is also a visiting lecturer and examiner at the University of Malta.

PANELISTS

Mr. Henry Firmstone – General Counsel, HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c.

Dr. Valerie Fiott – Executive Head, Legal Office, Bank of Valletta p.l.c.

Dr. Charles Cassar – Head of Legal, Credorax Group

Dr. Nives Grixti – Manager - Advances Legal Unit, APS Bank Ltd.

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Question Time

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Closing Address

Dr. Conrad Portanier – Partner, GANADO Advocates

Seminar Overview

The Annual Banking and Finance Law Seminar is a yearly appointment for local leading lawyers and officers who work at the forefront of banking and finance law issues. The Seminar provides an opportunity for participants to discuss salient updates to their practice and share insights into certain issues of relevance.

NOTE: Seminar is awaiting CPE accreditation by the Malta Institute of Accountants.

Who should attend?

Lawyers and senior officers handling legal risks.

Participation Fee

€95 or an early bird discounted fee of **€75** if you book by 15 February, 2016.

Registration

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