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to discuss the ramifications of the new laws not only on paper but in practice, including a particular focus on Mexico's new comprehensive national anti-corruption system (SNA), and also touching on Argentine, Peruvian and Brazilian developments. They will share specific cases and outline practical advice for investors regarding compliance measures and due diligence.

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2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Taking Advantage of Financial Crisis: Acquisitions of Distressed and Insolvent Companies or of Their Assets

During financial crisis period it is quite common for companies to face financial difficulties and undergo reorganization proceedings. This is often a good opportunity for private equity funds to acquire targets at lower prices aiming for high profits. It is also a good opportunity for companies to enter into a new market. However, buying distressed companies and those under reorganization procedures require proper structuring, and evaluation of risks and benefits. Share or asset deal? One of the most efficient ways to use the judicial reorganization procedure to benefit companies is the sale of assets or independent productive units or even real estate projects. This panel will explore the subject under the legislation of Latin American countries and the advantages and risks for foreign investors, as well as their point of view on risk taking and benefits.

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The #MeToo Movement and the Global Workplace: A Cross Border, Cross Industry Challenge. Lawyers, This Means #Youtoo

The world has entered a new chapter in awareness of workplace sexual harassment. A story that began in Hollywood has reverberated globally across a variety of industries and professions, including our own. Social media has presented a unique platform in which to share experiences and contributed to rippling effects of a worldwide campaign. This session will investigate where we stand at this time and what effects of the campaign are noticeable in multiple jurisdictions. It will further zoom in on why another look at the topic is necessary, whether laws tackling harassment in the workplace are fit for purpose and offer adequate protection and remedies, whether the use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) are ethical here, in the context of sexual harassment (do lawyers have responsibility for promulgating harassment through their use?) and what corporate actions are advised. Such areas include policies regarding sexual harassment, compliance and training, best practices in prevention and investigations.

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