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The French Duty of Vigilance: A Comparative Perspective on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence



Wednesday, 20th March 2024, at 5.30 – 7.00pm (UK time)
University of Westminster, Fyvie Hall, 309 Regent Street, W1B 2HW London

The England & Wales section of the Franco-British Lawyers Society (FBLS/AJFB) is delighted to invite you to join a panel discussion on *The French Duty of Vigilance: A Comparative Perspective on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence*, in partnership with the French *Magistrat de Liaison* and the French Ministry of Justice.

This event will feature expert panellists and chair-sharing insights on legislative initiatives regarding corporate sustainability due diligence:



The Rt Hon Lady Arden of Heswall DBE – Chair

President of the FBLS-AJFB

Formerly Justice of the UK Supreme Court from October 2018 to January 2022. Before that, she was a Judge of the High Court of Justice (1993 to 2000) and a Lady Justice of the Court of Appeal of England and Wales (2000 to 2018).



François Gave – Panellist

Special Representative for CSR and the Social Dimension of Globalisation at the French Ministry of Europe.

François will introduce the French Corporate Duty of Vigilance Act (*loi no 2017-399 du 27 mars relative au devoir de vigilance des sociétés mères et des entreprises donneuses d'ordre*) from a geopolitical angle, exploring how national and international dynamics shape this legislation.

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The Baroness Young of Hornsey OBE - *Panellist*

Baroness Lola Young of Hornsey, a crossbench member in the House of Lords since 2004, is renowned for her contributions to human rights and social justice. Beyond her legal endeavours, she brings a wealth of experience from academia and the arts.

Baroness Young of Hornsey will discuss the private member's bill titled the Commercial Organisations and Public Authorities Duty (Human Rights and Environment) Bill which she introduced to the House of Lords in November 2023.



Dr Catherine Pédamon - *Panellist*

President of the England and Wales section of the FBLs-AJFB

Programme Director of the Commercial Pathways LLM courses and Senior Lecturer at Westminster Law School, University of Westminster.

Catherine will discuss mandatory due diligence legislative initiatives from both a legal and comparative perspective.



Olivier Douvreur - *Panellist*

Avocat général à la Chambre Commerciale de la *Cour de cassation*.

Olivier will give an overview of recent case law pertaining to the enforcement of the French Corporate Duty of Vigilance Act.

To register, please email England-wales@ajfb-fbls.org, further details will be sent prior to the event.

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