

# COVID-19: WEBINAR SERIES (GLOBAL)

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The COVID-19 pandemic is creating significant health, social and economic challenges world-wide, forcing governments and businesses to critically assess the impact to their people, operations and governance.

We understand that navigating the pace of change, whilst also dealing with immediate issues can be overwhelming so we are continuing to develop insights to keep you abreast of the legal issues your business should be considering during this time.

## COVID-19: IMPACT OF REGULATORY BEHAVIOUR (AUSTRALIA)

9 April 2020

Hosted by [Merryn Quayle](#) (Partner in our Disputes team), this session focuses on the behaviour of regulators and how it is impacting the following areas:

- Transactions – by [Adam Charles](#) (Partner in our Corporate team);
- Investigations, enforcement and the courts – by [Hugh Paynter](#) (Partner in our Disputes team); and
- Important JobKeeper scheme and Fair Work Act update – [Shivchand Jhinku](#) (Executive

Counsel in our Employment, Industrial Relations and Safety team).

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## **COVID-19: LIQUIDITY, EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTS (AUSTRALIA)**

1 April 2020

[Carolyn Pugsley](#), Executive Partner, is host to a panel of Herbert Smith Freehills experts discussing the most important COVID-19 topics of the week. [Paul Apathy](#), Partner in our Finance team, discusses the temporary changes to corporate insolvency laws, [Drew Pearson](#), Partner in our Employment, Industrial Relations and Safety team, explores the JobKeeper Payment announcement and the latest employment implications of COVID-19, and [Erin Wyeth](#), Partner in our Projects team, concludes with potential pressure points in contracts, including those in the force majeure and change in law regimes.

### **Speakers:**

[Carolyn Pugsley](#), Executive Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

[Paul Apathy](#), Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

[Drew Pearson](#), Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

[Erin Wyeth](#), Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

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## **COVID-19: PRESSURE POINTS: MANAGING LIQUIDITY - GOVERNMENT SUPPORT (GLOBAL)**

31 March 2020

We are pleased to invite you to the second in our series of webinars covering the business challenges presented by the COVID-19 outbreak.

*Pressure points: Managing liquidity - government support*, hosted jointly with [Global Counsel](#), will look at the government support available to companies facing a liquidity crisis. Amongst other things, we shall consider key questions for management, including immediate actions in relation to:

- cutting costs and stabilising the business;
- drawing down under existing facilities;
- accessing government support packages; and
- State aid as an issue even in these extreme times.

The webinar will be chaired by [James Palmer](#), Chair and Senior Partner of Herbert Smith Freehills, who will be joined by [Leo Ringer](#) from Global Counsel and experts from Herbert Smith Freehills who will share their experience from past downturns and the current crisis.

## Speakers

[James Palmer](#), Senior Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

[Leo Ringer](#), Adviser, Global Counsel

[Kevin Pullen](#), Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

[Lode Van Den Hende](#), Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

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## **COVID-19: PEOPLE: CONSIDERATIONS FOR EMPLOYERS (GERMANY)**

27 March 2020

EPI Partner [Moritz Kunz](#) and Senior Associate [Tobias Brinkmann](#) will provide our clients with a practical guide to some of the immediate key issues facing employers in Germany in the context of the current health crisis.

The webinar will cover the following aspects:

1. Short-time work
2. Self-declaration (health, recent travel etc.)
3. Compensation for quarantined workers
4. Data protection implications (health information)

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## **COVID-19: IL PUNTO SULLE INCERTEZZE NORMATIVE E LE EMERGENZE CONTRATTUALI NEI MERCATI ENERGETICI (ITALY)**

27 Marzo 2020

Le scorse settimane hanno visto gli operatori dei mercati energetici impegnati a trovare soluzioni immediate a sfide mai affrontate in precedenza. Sul fronte legale l'interpretazione di norme non chiare ma immediatamente applicabili, un quadro regolatorio d'urgenza e la gestione di difficoltà nell'esecuzione dei contratti sono stati temi all'ordine del giorno.

Il *webinar* si propone, da un lato, di analizzare, attraverso l'intervento di esperti *dell'industry*, l'impatto sul settore energetico della pandemia e della volatilità dei mercati e, dall'altro, di mettere a fattor comune soluzioni pratiche ai primi problemi legali e contrattuali che si sono presentati agli operatori.

### **Relatori**

Salvatore Pinto, Chairman, Axpo Italia S.p.A.

Orazio Privitera, CEO, KEY to Energy

Pietro Bracco, Partner, PBL Studio Tributario

[Lorenzo Parola](#), Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

[Francesca Morra](#), Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

[Simone Egidi](#), Of Counsel, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

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## **COVID-19: PEOPLE, PRESSURE POINTS AND GOVERNANCE (GLOBAL)**

24 March 2020

We are acutely aware of the wide-ranging and serious effects of COVID-19. We are offering clients a series of weekly webinars discussing the major issues arising from the COVID-19 outbreak.

Our initial overview will outline the key issues affecting:

- People (including employment, health and safety and data privacy);
- Transactional situations (including M&A, supply chain and finance - strain, renegotiations, performance issues and disputes); and
- Governance (including information, meetings, decision-making, documents, execution, disclosure and record keeping).

This webinar is chaired by [Stephen Wilkinson](#), Executive Partner and Joint Global Head of Practice - Corporate.

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## **COVID-19: PANEL DISCUSSION - IMPACT ON BUSINESS (AUSTRALIA)**

16 March 2020

Our COVID-19 panel session exploring the impact on business featured Dr Andrew Cuthbertson, Chief Scientific Officer and R&D Director at CSL, Damien Gance, Director at Chemist Warehouse and Hugh Falcon, Head of Capital Markets, Macquarie Group.

Herbert Smith Freehills experts, who have been advising on the legal implications of the emerging crisis, also provided insights into how COVID-19 could impact us in a number of areas:

[Natalie Gaspar](#) and [Steve Bell](#), Partners in our Employment and Occupational, Health and Safety Group;

[Peter Holloway](#), Partner in our Disputes Group;

[Jim Theodore](#), Partner in our Projects Group;

[Martin MacDonald](#), Partner in our Banking Group; and

[Julian Lincoln](#), Partner in our Technology, Media and Telecommunications Group.

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## **COVID-19: THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS WHEN THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS IMPACTS ON THE PERFORMANCE OF A CONTRACT (ASIA)**

12 March 2020

Many of you work on projects around the world, and it is increasingly apparent that even places which are so far unaffected by the COVID-19 outbreak may have supply chains disrupted by the unprecedented recent global shutdown following the outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Regardless of where you are in the world, COVID-19 has affected your life one way or another. Companies are now faced with having to deal with unexpected situations, which include an inability to travel, disruptions in the supply of materials, employees having to work from home or taking mandatory leave of absence as preventive measures against the further spread of the virus.

### **Speakers:**

[Craig Shepherd](#), Global Head of Contentious Construction and Infrastructure, Tokyo Office, Herbert Smith Freehills GJB

[Andrew Raymond](#), Senior Associate, Dispute Resolution, Tokyo Office, Herbert Smith Freehills GJB

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## **COVID-19: DOING BUSINESS WITH CHINA IN THE CURRENT TRADE WAR ENVIRONMENT (ASIA)**

11 March 2020

ACC-Northeast, together with Herbert Smith Freehills-Kewei, invite you to dial-in for this important webinar.

Doing business with China has become increasingly tricky for many in-house legal departments in the current trade war environment and with the recent coronavirus outbreak. The regulatory environment is as complex as it has ever been and now even more uncertain due to recent government, political, public interest intervention for foreign investors. Attend this webinar and hear from experts on practical strategies to help navigate these complicated problems.

### **Speakers:**

[James Robinson](#), Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills, New York

[Nanda Lau](#), Partner, Shanghai, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

[Gavin Guo](#), Partner, Shanghai International Partner at Herbert Smith Freehills Kewei (FTZ)

[Cathy Liu](#), Partner, Shanghai International Partner at Herbert Smith Freehills Kewei (FTZ)

[Frances Xu](#), Partner, Shanghai International Partner at Herbert Smith Freehills Kewei (FTZ)

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## **COVID-19: WEBINAR - FORCE MAJEURE: TRAPS FOR THE UNWARY (GLOBAL)**

2 March 2020

A calm, cogent and objective analysis of contractual risk is crucial during the COVID-19 outbreak.

In this recorded webinar, Asia Head of Disputes Peter Godwin explains how force majeure may affect the performance of contractual obligations and offers "top tips" for companies in these unpredictable times.

The webinar covers:

- Key principles of force majeure under English Law
- Relying on English Law force majeure clauses
- Effect of a force majeure event
- Danger of invoking force majeure
- Is force majeure all you need to care about?

**Speaker:** [Peter Godwin](#), Managing Partner, Kuala Lumpur and Head of Disputes, Asia

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## **COVID-19: EMPLOYMENT ISSUES ARISING FROM COVID-19: A REGIONAL VIEW (ASIA)**

19 Feb 2020

All of us in the region have been closely watching the developments of COVID-19 day by day. As the situation unfolds, HR and inhouse legal teams are being challenged to respond to difficult and unanticipated scenarios. Join us for a live webinar as we discuss the legal and practical implications of COVID-19 in the workplace and how employers can best prepare.

**Speaker:** [Fatim Jumabhoy](#), Partner

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