

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

**Third Edition - Civil Law Conference  
Termination of Contracts in Civil Law**

**24 April 2025**

**Conference: 09:00 – 17:30**

**Location: ADGM, Abu Dhabi**

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Join us for the third edition of the Civil Law Conference as we explore the critical topic of Contract Termination in Civil Law. This event will examine the intricate issues surrounding the grounds for termination, the enforcement process, and the available remedies when a contract is terminated.

Engage with leading experts as they offer comparative insights into how different civil law jurisdictions handle contract termination, addressing statutory and contractual grounds, enforcement challenges, and remedies.

Distinguished law professors, judges, and practitioners from the MENA region and other civil law jurisdictions will share their expertise on the practical implementation of these issues across diverse legal systems. This conference provides a unique opportunity for professionals from both civil and common law backgrounds—whether from the private or public sectors and including in-house or external counsel—to participate in a dynamic and comparative discussion around the termination of contracts in civil law.

The event will feature eminent academics and practitioners, offering a blend of theoretical and practical perspectives on the topic.

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- Introductory remarks on Termination of Contracts

### **Morning (9h45h – 13h) – The Grounds for Termination of Contracts**

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#### *Session 1: Grounds for Termination of Contracts (1h30)*

- Academic point of view — Introductory presentation by a professor in Law – 15 minutes
- Comparative approaches of legal framework and case law in different civil law jurisdictions

This session will address the distinction between termination and rescission and delve into the various grounds for termination, both by law such as the nullity or lapse of the contract or changes in law affecting the contract and under the contract such as in the event of breach of the contract, termination for convenience and unforeseen circumstances. The panel will also discuss the conditions for the effectiveness of the termination with reference to immediate termination, the requirements of notices or judicial decisions and, therefore, the dates upon which termination would be considered effective.

#### **Coffee break (11h15 – 11h45)**

#### *Session 2: Practical Considerations and Complex Scenarios (1h15)*

This session will address practical considerations with respect to grounds for termination with reference to complex scenarios, including discussions on legal (out-of-contract) causes for nullity, wrongful termination, termination clauses, shared responsibilities, abuse of right, good faith in termination and termination of non-binding agreements.

#### **Lunch (13h – 14h)**

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### **Afternoon (14h – 17h15) – The Remedies available after Termination**

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#### *Session 3: Remedies available after Termination (1h30)*

- Academic point of view – Introductory presentation by a professor in Law – 15 minutes
- Comparative approaches of legal framework and case law in different civil law jurisdictions

This session will consider who can seek remedies and in what circumstances by exploring the effect of termination vis a vis the parties to the contract as well as third parties. The panel will address the available remedies in case of termination as well as the standard of proof and the role of the judge/arbitrator with respect to remedies.

#### **Coffee break (15h30 – 16h)**

#### *Session 4: Practical Considerations and Complex Scenarios (1h15)*

This session will address practical considerations around available remedies with reference to practical scenarios involving, among other things, remedies in case of wrongful termination, proof of damages, obligation to mitigate, available interim measures, how to determine the best remedy and time limitation.

*Concluding Remarks: 17h15-17h30*