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Seminar schedule

09:00 Registration 09:30 Seminar starts 13:00 Lunch

14:00 Afternoon session begins

16:30 Seminar ends

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In the chair:

PAUL CALLAGHAN, Taylor Wessing

5 key areas explored during the day:

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Introduction to the US legal system

- The US legal system: Federal, state and local law structure
- The US employment law system jury trials etc

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US statutory employment claims

- At will employment etc
- Discrimination claims
- Class actions
- Wage and hour laws

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SECTION 3:

Buying a US business

- Merger and acquisition issues
- Immigration issues
- Reductions in force

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Examining the issues that arise including:

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- Trade union issues

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