

**ITALIAN BUSINESS SUMMIT
ROME, ITALY**

**FRIDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2013
15:30 – 17:30
S4B HEAD OFFICE**

**PRACTICE GROUP MEETING
INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

AGENDA

1. Chairman's introduction
2. Introduction of participants
3. "Organization of the civil justice system in Italy", presented by Att. Silvia Giannini, Italy - S4B, Solutions for Business, Giannini Law Firm (25 minutes)
4. "Contingency fee agreements: are they right for you - and are they right for your client?" presented by Att. Arlene Rochlin, USA, Giannini Law Firm, Rome (25 minutes)
5. Other internal matters

SUMMARY

Arlene Rochlin, "Contingency fee agreements: are they right for you — and are they right for your client?"

Basically, contingency fee agreements permit a client to pay for legal services only when the case is concluded AND the client has won the case.

This presentation will address the following:

- History of contingency fee arrangements;
- Types of cases where contingency fee arrangements are permitted;
- Various types of contingency fee contracts;
- "Pros and cons" ;
- and today's practical application of this special payment arrangement between lawyers and clients, including warnings to an attorney when it may *not* be a good idea.

Silvia Giannini, "The organisation of civil justice in Italy"

The presentation will be about the hierarchy of court system in Italy. It will be a general outline of the Courts in Italy, their respective jurisdictional responsibilities and how they interact with each another. This will include a brief overview of the appellate process. The speaker plans to use slides to facilitate easy understanding by the audience.