Are We Speaking the Same Language?
Privilege Issues in Cross-Border Litigation, Investigations, and International Arbitration

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• The forum of your investigation / dispute will be important in determining privilege law. However, the forum privilege law may not always apply.

• What are the privilege and work product protections in the relevant jurisdictions, and what are their choice of law rules?

• If there is a dispute, how do you prove foreign law?

• In the arbitration context, what rules are likely to apply?

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Privilege in the United States and Other Common Law Jurisdictions

• U.S.: Strong privilege and work product protections serve to counteract its broad discovery rules.

• U.S. courts generally view privilege issues to be questions of substantive law, and will engage in a choice-of-law analysis when presented with several potentially applicable privilege laws.

• By contrast, work product is viewed as a procedural matter, and the work product law of the forum will apply.

• U.K.: Privilege is viewed as a substantive right, but when a choice-of-law issue arises, U.K. courts generally treat it as a procedural question and apply the privilege law of the forum.
The Continental Approach

• Civil Law jurisdictions: limited document discovery shapes privilege and confidentiality protections.
• In civil litigation, each party is generally expected to marshal its own evidence.
• Privilege and confidentiality are doctrines arising from the civil law jurisdictions’ concept of professional secrecy, which is itself enshrined in criminal codes and ethical rules.
• Privilege is treated as a matter of procedural law.

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The Lawyer’s Role

- In the U.S., the privilege is meant to protect the relationship between the attorney and the client; the lawyer’s role is to serve the client: “‘In a society as complicated in structure as ours and governed by laws as complex and detailed as those imposed upon us, expert legal advice is essential. *To the furnishing of such advice the fullest freedom and honesty of communication of pertinent facts is a prerequisite.*’” United States v. United Shoe Machinery Corp., 89 F. Supp. 357 (D. Mass. 1950).

- In Europe, the lawyer’s role is more as an arm of the state or judicial function: “‘[T]he requirement as to the position and status as an independent lawyer . . . is based on a conception of the lawyer’s role as *collaborating in the administration of justice* and as being required to provide, in full independence and in the overriding interests of that cause, such legal assistance as the client needs.’” Akzo Nobel Chemical Ltd. & Akcros Chemical Ltd. v. European Commission (Eur. Ct. Justice 2010).
• In federal courts in the U.S., generally, privilege “shall be governed by the principles of the common law as they may be interpreted by the courts.” FRE 501.

• “However, in civil actions and proceedings, with respect to an element of a claim or defense as to which State law supplies the rule of decision, the privilege . . . shall be determined in accordance with State law.” FRE 501.
When a foreign privilege law is implicated, U.S. courts generally apply the “touch base” choice-of-law test.

Under the “touch base” choice-of-law analysis, a court will apply the law of the country that has the “predominant or the most direct and compelling interest in whether [the] communications should remain confidential to disputes involving foreign attorney-client communications, unless that foreign law is contrary to the public policy of this forum.” *Veleron Holding, B.V. v. BNP Paribas SA*, 2014 WL 4184806, at *4 (S.D.N.Y. 2014).

Note that if neither party raises the issue, the court may simply apply the law of the forum.
1. either the place where the allegedly privileged relationship was entered into, or

2. the place in which that relationship was centered at the time the communication was sent.

- Fact-intensive inquiry.

- Complicated analysis when a transaction may touch upon several different jurisdictions.

- If communication pertains to U.S. legal proceedings or seeks U.S. legal advice, U.S. privilege law likely to apply.
Where the communication “touches base” with a foreign jurisdiction, and is privileged under that country’s laws, the U.S. generally, as a matter of international comity, recognizes the privileged character of the communication. See *Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum Co.*, 2005 WL 1925656, at *2 (S.D.N.Y. 2005).

But, the party seeking the privilege protections of a foreign jurisdiction carries the burden of showing that (1) the foreign jurisdiction’s privilege law is applicable, and (2) the challenged documents are protected under the applicable foreign law.
Proving Foreign Privilege Law in U.S. Courts

• In U.S. federal courts, issues of foreign law are treated as questions of law. The court can look at otherwise inadmissible evidence to decide issues of foreign law (i.e., hearsay).

• Parties claiming privilege under a foreign law face a higher burden than other areas for which foreign law is presented to the court.
In the absence of sufficient privilege protections under an otherwise applicable foreign law, argue for the application of U.S. privilege law.

“[V]astly different discovery practices, which permit only minimal discovery, are applicable to civil suits conducted in Korea. Indeed, none of the documents at issue here would be discoverable in a Korean civil suit. Under these circumstances . . . it is hardly surprising that Korea has not developed a substantive law relating to attorney-client privilege and work product that is co-extensive with our own law. It also seems clear that to apply Korean privilege law, or the lack thereof, in a vacuum without taking account of the very limited discovery provided in Korean civil cases would offend the very principles of comity that choice-of-law rules were intended to protect. . . . Therefore, the court will apply its own privilege law to the Korean documents, even though the communications do not “touch base” with the United States.” Astra Aktiebolag v. Andrx Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 208 F.R.D. 92, 102 (S.D.N.Y. 2002).
Choice of Privilege Law in International Arbitration

1. The arbitral clause (generally silent)
2. The law of the seat of the arbitration (lex arbitri)
3. The governing substantive law
4. The applicable arbitration rules (generally silent)
5. The IBA Rules of Evidence
6. The privilege law of the jurisdiction of each party in the arbitration
7. The law of the place where the challenged communication was created, sent from, or stored

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Most International Arbitration Rules Are Silent as to Applicable Privilege Rules

• Most institutional rules do not include provisions regarding resolving privilege, and even other types of evidentiary issues.

• Most arbitration rules entrust arbitrators with wide discretion as to rules of evidence.

• One exception is the AAA-ICDR’s Guidelines for Arbitrations Concerning Exchanges of Information, which apply as a default to arbitrations commenced after May 2008 unless the parties agree otherwise.

• Article 7 of the Guidelines provides that where there are competing privilege regimes, the arbitrators should apply the most protective regime.

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Art 9.2(b) allows the tribunal, upon the request of a party on its own motion, to exclude from evidence or deny from production documents on the basis of “a legal impediment or privilege under the legal or ethical rules determined by the Arbitral Tribunal to be applicable.”
Art. 9(3) states that in considering privilege issues, an arbitral tribunal may take into account:

(a) any need to protect the confidentiality of a Document created or statement or oral communication made in connection with and for the purpose of providing or obtaining legal advice;

(b) the need to protect communications made in the context of settlement negotiations;

(c) the expectations of the Parties and their advisors at the time the legal impediment or privilege is said to have arisen;

(d) any possible waiver of any applicable legal impediment or privilege by virtue of consent, earlier disclosure, affirmative use of the Document, statement, oral communication or advice contained therein, or otherwise; and

(e) the need to maintain fairness and equality as between the Parties, particularly if they are subject to different legal or ethical rules.
Check for Additional Protections under International Treaties

Depending on the context, other protections may apply:

- Hague Convention
- Data Privacy Laws
- Blocking Statutes
- Mutual Cooperation Treaties
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Because privilege and work product protections differ so widely, you should plan for the least protective law to apply.

At the outset of the investigation / dispute / project, assess what privilege law may apply and plan accordingly.

(Note that you may in some contexts be able to “choose” your privilege law, e.g., arbitration clauses.)

What does this mean?

In investigations, assume interview memos and other fact-gathering work product will not be protected.

Avoid drafts. Do not email, save versions, or otherwise create copies of the document until it is final.

But do not destroy documents as that could lead to allegations of spoliation or worse.

Use technology: WebEx and other tools allow screen sharing and for multiple parties to view and edit a document.

Use the phone.

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SOLTANI: Do you guys know if anybody can, uh, subpoena these videos?
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• Retaining qualified counsel is a key step in protecting privilege with respect to a potential investigation or dispute.

• Not all jurisdictions recognize privilege for in-house counsel (e.g., EU).

• Even in jurisdictions that do, there could be a dispute about whether the in-house attorney is performing a legal or business function (e.g., U.S., U.K.).

• Educate the business people to get an attorney involved early.

In *Akzo*, the European Commission rejected application of the attorney-client privilege to in-house counsel. The court found that “no predominant trend towards protection under legal professional privilege of communications within a company or group with in-house lawyers may be discerned in the legal systems of the 27 Member States of the European Union.”

- It doesn’t matter that the in-house lawyers had independent ethical obligations as members of the bar.

- “An in-house lawyer, despite his enrolment with a Bar or Law Society and the professional ethical obligations to which he is, as a result, subject, does not enjoy the same degree of independence from his employer as a lawyer working in an external law firm does in relation to his client. Consequently, an in-house lawyer is less able to deal effectively with any conflicts between his professional obligations and the aims of his client.”

- Protections may still be available under applicable national law.
Legal Professional Privilege in the EU—Outside Counsel Required

• The legal professional privilege applies to communications (1) regarding the company’s rights of defense and (2) with an independent external lawyer.

• Internal documents generated exclusively for the purposes of obtaining legal advice (e.g., summaries) from an external lawyer may be privileged even if not (yet) exchanged with the external lawyer.

• This can be hard to prove and care should be taken in generating such documents.

• Internal documents summarizing or reporting legal advice from external lawyers may also be privileged provided that the underlying communications with external counsel would have been privileged. Care should be taken that these documents do not reflect the commercial judgment or opinions of in-house personnel.
• Recognized privilege for communications between in-house counsel and employees of the company: “The type of service performed by house counsel is substantially like that performed by many members of the large urban law firms. The distinction is chiefly that the house counsel gives advice to one regular client, the outside counsel to several regular clients.”

• However, privilege will not extend to “business” functions: “[T]he communication of a person in the patent department is as unprivileged as that of a lawyer who shares offices with his so-called client and gives him principally business but incidentally legal advice, or an attorney who acts principally as accountant and also renders legal advice on the basis of accounting data, or an attorney who negotiates the business aspects of a real estate transaction, or an attorney who acts as an investigator for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.”
Protecting Privilege Over Corporate Investigations

• An “investigation” isn’t privileged simply because it is called an “investigation.” Rather, in order to be protected by privilege, investigations must be for the purpose of enabling counsel to provide legal advice. If the investigation is performed for business purposes it will not be protected.

• Document that ordered the investigation and for what purpose.

• Cruz v. Coach Stores, Inc., 196 F.R.D. 228 (S.D.N.Y. 2000) (investigative audit was not privileged. It was commissioned by in-house counsel and her executive superior, who used the findings to dismiss implicated employees. It was not conducted consistent with Upjohn’s factors: Corporate employees were not informed that it was confidential and that its purpose was for the corporation to receive legal advice).
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Privilege Over Communications With Non-Lawyers: *United States v. Kovel*, 296 F.2d 918 (2d Cir. 1961)

- “[T]he complexities of modern existence prevent attorneys from effectively handling clients’ affairs without the help of others . . . . The assistance of these agents being indispensable to his [whose?] work and the communications of the client being often necessarily committed to them by the attorney or by the client himself, the privilege must include all the persons who act as the attorney’s agents.”

- Kovel was a former IRS agent employed at a law firm; he refused to provide testimony to a grand jury investigating tax violations based on privilege and was subject to contempt.

- Analogizing Kovel’s services to those of an interpreter necessary to enable an attorney to provide legal advice to a foreign-language speaking client, the Second Circuit held:

  - “Accounting concepts are a foreign language to some lawyers . . . . Hence the presence of an accountant, whether hired by the lawyer or by the client, while the client is relating a complicated tax story to the lawyer, ought not destroy the privilege . . . . By the same token, if the lawyer has directed the client . . . to tell his story in the first instance to an accountant engaged by the lawyer, who is then to interpret it so that the lawyer may better give legal advice, communications by the client reasonably related to that purpose ought [to?] fall within the privilege . . . . What is vital to the privilege is that the communication be made *in confidence* for the purpose of obtaining *legal advice from the lawyer*."

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Limits of Privilege Over Communications With Non-Lawyers: *United States v. Kovel*, 296 F.2d 918 (2d Cir. 1961)

- But *Kovel* protections will not extend to communications to or from the non-lawyer that are not for the purposes of enabling the attorney to provide legal advice:

  “If what is sought is not legal advice but only accounting service, or if the advice sought is the accountant’s rather than the lawyer’s, no privilege exists. We recognize this draws what may seem to some a rather arbitrary line between a case where the client communicates first to his own accountant (no privilege as to such communications, even though he later consults his lawyer on the same matter), and others, where the client in the first instance consults a lawyer who retains an accountant as a listening post, or consults the lawyer with his own accountant present.”

  “We realize also that the line we have drawn will not be so easy to apply as the simpler positions urged on us by the parties — the district judges will scarcely be able to leave the decision of such cases to computers; but the distinction has to be made if the privilege is neither to be unduly expanded nor to become a trap.”
How to Use *Kovel* to Protect the Privilege

**Use it for:**
- Accountants
- Investigators
- Consultants
- Non-testifying experts

**How to invoke it:**
- Counsel should retain the accountant, investigator or consultant and direct the work.
- The engagement letter should set forth that the accountant’s, investigator’s or consultant’s work is intended to assist counsel in the provision of legal advice.

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Kovel-Type Arrangements Also Advisable in the U.K.

**U.K. Litigation Privilege:** Protects communications made for the dominant purpose of litigation which is pending, reasonably contemplated or existing.

- Extends to communications with expert witnesses and other third parties provided they are made with the purpose of giving or receiving legal advice in connection with a litigation.
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“The privilege applies only if

1. the asserted holder of the privilege is or sought to become a client;
2. the person to whom the communication was made (a) is a member of the bar of a court, or his subordinate and (b) in connection with this communication is acting as a lawyer;
3. the communication relates to a fact of which the attorney was informed (a) by his client (b) without the presence of strangers (c) for the purpose of securing primarily either (i) an opinion on law or (ii) legal services or (iii) assistance in some legal proceeding, and not (d) for the purpose of committing a crime or tort; and
4. the privilege has been (a) claimed and (b) not waived by the client.”

U.K. Legal Advice Privilege: Covers confidential communications between the lawyer and client related to the lawyer’s giving of legal advice. Two-part test used to determine whether the advice is sufficiently legal:

- Whether the advice relates to rights, liabilities, obligations or remedies of the client either under private law or under public law.
- Whether the advice falls within the policy underlying the justification for legal advice privilege in English law.
- Definition of “Client” is narrow. For companies, it’s usually in-house counsel who are directing the work of outside counsel. “Client” generally does not include other employees of the company or third parties (e.g., no Kovel protections). This should be taken into account in the engagement letter.
Marking Documents Can Help Confirm Privilege

- Labeling can help confirm that a document is privileged and protect against waiver.

- Can help in reviewing documents for privilege in the context of litigation.

- BUT remember, marking a document doesn’t, in itself, make it privileged and copying a lawyer doesn’t, in itself, make it privileged.
How to Mark Documents

Educate business teams on relevant privileges:

- **Attorney-Client Privilege**: providing legal advice, covers:
  - request for legal advice
  - request for information related to legal advice

- **Attorney Work Product**: documents prepared by or at the direction of an attorney in anticipation of litigation.

- **Confidential**: implies that communication only intended for recipient.

- **Prepared in Anticipation of Litigation**: covers all documents produced because litigation is anticipated.

- Use your title in your signature, so that at some later point there is no doubt that communication involved a lawyer.

6. #HandleWithCare
Don’t Overuse Privilege Labels

• Do not overuse labels such as “privileged and confidential,” as misused labels can call into question documents properly marked.

• Ask yourself if you need a non-privileged record of the communication.
• Privileged documents should be stored on separate servers and in separate physical locations.

• Access should be controlled.

• This could play into a waiver analysis, as well as a “possession, custody & control” analysis under U.S. discovery standards.

• Sending a document that is privileged in the U.S. to another jurisdiction could result in waiver.
Protecting privilege in the cross-border context can be challenging but pitfalls can be avoided through:

• Advance planning;

• Awareness of conflicting rules across relevant jurisdictions;

• Seeking counsel as soon as a problem arises;

• Proper structuring and documentation of attorney-client relationships and engagement of consultants;

• Proper handling of privileged documents.

Questions?
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Ms. Champion was also part of a team that successfully represented citizens of Albany County in a Voting Rights Act trial against the County of Albany and the County of Albany Board of Elections. (Pope v. County of Albany, 94 F. Supp. 3d 302 (N.D.N.Y. 2015)). Following a multi-week trial, the district court held that the County had violated Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act by adopting a redistricting plan that failed to add a fifth majority-minority district to the County Legislature following the 2010 Census, diluting the strength of minority voters.

Ms. Champion earned her Bachelor of Science in physics with distinction from the University of Iowa and received the James A. Van Allen and the Myrtle K. Meier awards for excellence in physics. She earned her Juris Doctor, summa cum laude, from George Washington University School of Law, where she served as an articles editor for The George Washington Law Review and published her casenote, Another Brick in the Wall: United States v. Samuel and the Lower Courts’ Narrow Reading of Apprendi v. New Jersey Before Blakely v. Washington, 72 Geo. Wash. L. Rev. 1004 (2004). Upon graduation, she was awarded the Willard Waddington-Gatchell prize for academic excellence and the John F. Evans prize for outstanding achievement in the clinical law program, D.C. Law Students in Court, and was elected to the Order of the Coif.

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