Conference Programme

Wednesday 28 June 2017

08:00 – 09:00  Registration and welcome coffee

09.00 – 09.20  Welcome address
  •  John Danilovich, Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce, Paris
  •  Alexis Mourre, President, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris

09.20 – 09.40  Opening keynote address
  •  Indranee Rajah, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance & Ministry of Law; Member of Parliament for Tanjong Pagar GRC, Singapore

09.40 – 10.40  Has the advent of expedited arbitration resolved the issues in relation to delay in international arbitration?
  The ICC has recently introduced expedited arbitration mechanisms into its rules. What impact has that had on time and costs in international arbitration? Does more need to be done?
  •  Alexander Fessas, Managing Counsel; Secretary General-designate, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris
  •  Timothy Lindsay, Barrister & Solicitor, Lowndes Jordan, Auckland, New Zealand
  •  Vinayak Pradhan, Partner, Skrine, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
  Chaired by:
  •  Alan Thambiayah, Arbitrator, The Arbitration Chambers, Singapore; Singapore; Council Member, ICC Institute of World Business Law

10.40 – 11.10  Discussion

11.10 – 11.30  Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30  Developments in investment arbitration: is ISDS in danger?
  Across Asia we are seeing a termination or attempts at renegotiation of investment treaties (eg. India, Indonesia etc). Add to that the stillborn TTP and recent moves to set-up an investment court. What impact is all of this having on investment arbitration? What role can ICSID play in the future? How do the ICC Rules cover the investment regime?
  •  James Claxton, Professor of Law, Kobe University, Japan
  •  Elliott Geisinger, Partner / Attorney at Law, Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd, Switzerland
  •  Brigitte Stern, Emeritus Professor at the University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne / International Arbitrator, France
  •  Vanina Sucharitkul, International Arbitrator, Hong Kong; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration
  Chaired by:
  •  Lucy Reed, Director Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore

12.30 – 13.00  Discussion
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13.00 – 14.00  Lunch

14.00 – 15.00  Developments in third party funding
Hong Kong opened door for third party funding in October 2016 with Singapore following suit on 10 January 2017. What does all of this mean for the practice of international arbitration? What additional tools are now available to lawyers and clients?

- Jason Karas, Co-founder and Solicitor Advocate, Lipman Karas, Hong Kong
- Yasmin Mohammad, Senior Counsel, Vannin, Hong Kong & Paris, France
- Kent Phillips, Partner, Hogan Lovells Lee & Lee, Singapore

Chaired by:
- Nish Shetty, Partner and Head, Litigation & Dispute Resolution (Asia-Pacific), Clifford Chance, Singapore

15.00 – 15.30  Discussion

15.30 – 15.50  Coffee break

15.50 – 16.50  Comparative analysis of developments in arbitration law in the region
What are the recent topical developments in the region when it comes to arbitration? Examples could include enforcement trends; dealing with guerilla tactics; greater diversity in tribunals; arbitration involving the financial services industry; codification of IBA guidelines; liberalization of China’s arbitration regime etc

- Jingzhou Tao, Partner, Dechert, China
- Yu-Jin Tay, Partner, Mayer Brown, Singapore
- Hiroyuki Tezuka, Partner, Nishimura & Partners, Japan

Chaired by:
- Jane Davies Evans, Barrister, 3 Verulam Buildings, United Kingdom

16.50 – 17.20  Discussion

17.20 – 17.30-  Closing Remarks
- Abhinav Bhushan, Director, South Asia, ICC Arbitration & ADR
- Mingchao Fan, Director, North Asia, ICC Arbitration & ADR

20.00 – 22.30  Dinner

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