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8:55 — 9:00  Welcome Message by Wolters Kluwer
Shireesh Sahai, CEO - India, Wolters Kluwer

9:00 — 9:30  1st Keynote Session — Recent Developments Affecting Global International Arbitration in 2016 and a Look to The Future
Darius J. Khambata, Senior Counsel, LL.M. (Harvard) and Vice-President of the London Court of International Arbitration

9:30 — 9:50  Costs in Arbitration - Giving the Best Deal for In-house Counsel
Hiroo Advani, President, India Arbitration Forum

9:50 — 10:20  Section 1 — India and International Construction and Infrastructure Disputes

10:20 — 11:00  Networking & Morning Refreshment

11:00 — 11:30  Section 2 — Use of Arbitration in Investment Disputes – Top Tips for Counsels
Michael Ostrove, Global Head, DLA Piper’s, International Arbitration group, DLA Piper

11:30 — 12:00  Section 3 — M&A Disputes and Advising General Counsels
Faraz Alam Sagar, Partner, Dispute Resolution, Trilegal

12:00 — 12:30  Section 4 — Private Equity for Arbitration in India and Asia

12:30 — 14:00  Networking Lunch

14:00 — 14:45  1st GRAND Panel — Managing The Arbitration Process and Avoiding the Common Problems — Advising In-house Counsels
Moderator — TBC
Panelists: Ravi Shankar, Partner, Head of Arbitration, Law Senate
Naresh Arora, Head & VP – Legal and Regulatory, Viom Networks Limited
P.S. N. Prasad, Legal Adviser, Reserve Bank of India

14:45 — 15:10  Section 5 — International IT and Telecom Disputes — 2016 and Beyond

15:10 — 15:35  Section 6 — Energy Disputes in India, Europe and Asia
John Zadkovich, Counsel, International Dispute Resolution and Arbitration, Vinson & Elkins LLP

15:35 — 16:00  Short Break & Afternoon Refreshment

16:00 — 16:25  Section 7 — Third Party Funding in Arbitration

Moderator – Dr. Daniel H. Sharma, Co-Head India Group, Partner, DLA Piper
Panelists: Edern Coënt, Deputy Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration – Asia Office
Pranav Mago, Head (South Asia), Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Singapore
Leanne Zheng, Partner, Jun He, China
Rajiv Dutta, Senior Advocate, India

17:20 — 17:30  Lucky Draw & Closing Remarks

17:30 — 19:00  Networking Cocktail Party
Victor P. Leginsky, Chartered Arbitrator B.Ed., J.D., FCIArb

Victor P. Leginsky, Canadian citizen, is an experienced international arbitrator and Barrister & Solicitor, resident in Dubai, UAE since April 2007. Victor has prior high-level mediation experience having been appointed by the Attorney General of British Columbia, Canada, to be the Chair of the Manufactured Home Park Dispute Resolution Committee. He brings over 25 years of arbitration experience in Canada. Victor has earned the internationally-recognized designations of Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is a committee member of the International Court of Arbitration (IC) – UAE and member of ICC-Canada. He is alternate regional chapter co-ordinator of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (APNN) and launched its seminar on oil & gas dispute resolution in the Middle East. He co-instructs, with Prof. Dr. Klaus Peter Berger a practical course in International Commercial Arbitration in Dubai. He is registered as a Barrister with the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts and is a member in good standing of the Law Society of British Columbia, Canada.

Shireesh Sahai, CEO – India, Wolters Kluwer

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Shireesh joined Wolters Kluwer in April 2015 after working with GE Healthcare for over 15 years, in both India and USA. In GE, he was involved in multiple modalities, including X-ray, MRI, CT, Surgery and Interventional, in different capacities including Marketing & Sales, Product Development, Quality, Supply Chain, Government segment and as Business Leader.

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Darius J. Khambata, Senior Counsel, LL.M. (Harvard) and Vice-President of the London Court of International Arbitration

Darius J. Khambata, Senior Counsel, LL.M. (Harvard), practices before the Bombay High Court and the Supreme Court of India. He has held two distinguished public law offices: he was the Advocate General for Maharashtra from 2012 to 2014; before that he was Additional Solicitor General for India for three years. On his tenure as Advocate General coming to an end in November 2014, the newly constituted State Cabinet recorded “its highest appreciation of the meritorious and distinguished service” rendered by him. He has appeared in several important constitutional, corporate and commercial matters and in significant and high stakes domestic and international arbitrations. He has significant expertise in securities, arbitration, corporate, constitutional, administrative and environmental law. As Law Officer he argued several cases involving complex constitutional, administrative, criminal, tax and environmental law issues.

He was a member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Committee to recommend new insider trading regulations and of the Law Commission of India’s Committee that recommended substantial amendments to Indian arbitration law. He is a member of SEBI’s Takeover Panel. He is Vice-Chairman of a Union of India task force to operationalize the proposed Financial Services Appellate Tribunal. He is a Vice-President of the London Court of International Arbitration and a member of the Court of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

Dr. Daniel H. Sharma, Co-Head India Group, Partner, DLA Piper

Dr. Daniel H. Sharma, LL.M. (Durham), is a partner in the Litigation and Arbitration Team in the Munich and Brussels offices. Daniel has extensive experience in advising clients in international disputes. He regularly acts for private companies as well as governments, governmental institutions and international organisations in a variety of industry sectors. Daniel has advised clients with regard to ad hoc arbitrations as well as institutional arbitration proceedings in English, French and German, and under different rules, including ICC, SIAC, DIS, CIETAC, UNCITRAL and ICSID. He also sits as an arbitrator. Daniel has pleaded before the German courts, including courts of appeal, and the European Court of Justice. He frequently counsels clients on strategic issues in international, multi-jurisdictional disputes and arbitration proceedings. Daniel is a member of, among others, the ICC Commission on Arbitration’s Task Force on Emergency Arbitration and the SIAC’s Users Council. A lecturer at Graz University of Applied Sciences, Daniel frequently publishes and speaks on topics of dispute resolution.

Hiroo Advani, President, India Arbitration Forum

Mr. Advani completed his schooling from Cathedral & John Connon High School, Bombay and graduated with a Gold Medal from Bombay University in 1970. He obtained his Masters Degree in Law from the University of Cambridge, UK. Advani&Co. has also evolved as a leading name in arbitration law practice. Mr. Advani is a specialist both domestic and international arbitration. He has been a lead counsel in large number of international arbitrations under different arbitration rules such as the LCIA, Swedish Arbitration Association, the ICC, Singapore Association of Arbitration (SIAC) and Zurich Chamber of Commerce. Advani & Co. under the aegis of Mr. Hiroo Advani has been recognized in the International Who’s Who of Commercial Arbitration 2014. The firm was also awarded the “Best Dispute Resolution Firm” by Global Law Experts and by the India Business Law Journal. Advani & Co. has also been featured in the Chambers Global – Leaders in the Field of Arbitration. Mr. Advani is known as the arbitration guru and is placed in Band I – Dispute Resolution, India of the Chambers Directory 2013 which mentions “peers concur that Hiroo Advani of Advani & Co is a good opponent and among the best choices as arbitration counsel in India.” Mr. Advani is also the first President of the newly formed Indian Arbitration Forum, an association of legal professionals aiming to streamline the process of arbitration in India.

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Faraz Alam Sagar is Partner, Trilegal and part of the dispute resolution practice. Faraz has significant experience in the areas of investment dispute arbitrations and commercial litigation. He represents a number of domestic and international clients in institutional as well as ad-hoc arbitrations under the rules of almost all major arbitral institutions. Faraz has been able to apply his knowledge and insight, to guide his clients through sometimes prolonged and highly complex proceedings in India.

He also regularly advises multinational corporations and financial institutions in investigations, litigation and regulatory enforcement proceedings in India. He has considerable expertise in conducting internal forensic and corporate espionage investigations for corporate clients. Notably, he has advised one of the world’s largest telecom service providers in the 2G Scam. Faraz is a visiting faculty at the Indian Institute of Management Lucknow (IIML).

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Michael Ostrove is the Global Head of DLA Piper’s International Arbitration group and Head of DLA Piper’s Litigation & Regulatory Department in Paris. A member of both the Paris and New York bars, he has over 20 years’ experience handling international commercial arbitrations and investment arbitrations. Michael routinely acts as lead counsel in investment disputes on behalf of both sovereign states and investors. He has represented and advised clients on issues arising under a wide array bilateral investment treaties (BITs), the Energy Charter Treaty and national investment laws. Michael has extensive experience with ad hoc arbitrations pursuant to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, as well as with institutional arbitrations administered by ICSID, the PCA, the ICC and the LCIA. Michael routinely handles litigation before French and other national courts, as well as corruption investigations on behalf of multinational corporations and state authorities. Michael teaches international arbitration in a Masters degree program at the Université de Paris 2.
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