Fordham International Arbitration Conference

Key Issues in International Commercial and Treaty Arbitration: 2019

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About the Conference Co-Chairs

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Benno Kimmelman acts as lead counsel in complex commercial and investment treaty disputes under all the major international arbitration rules and serves as an arbitrator in international and domestic disputes. He also represents parties involved in litigation in aid of the arbitration process, such as compelling parties to arbitrate and enforcing arbitration awards. He is an adjunct professor of law at Brooklyn Law School and Georgetown University Law Center, where he teaches International Commercial Arbitration, and has been an adviser to the American Law Institute project on the Restatement of the U.S. Law of International Commercial and Investor-State Arbitration. He received his B.A. and J.D. degrees from Yale University and clerked for the Honorable Leonard I. Garth, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

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About the Fordham Law School Conflict Resolution and ADR Program

Fordham’s Conflict Resolution and ADR Program offers a curriculum that balances theory and casework with real-world practice, reflecting the breadth and span of alternative dispute resolution practice within the legal and business communities. Students have unique opportunities to study the field of ADR through the renowned clinics and courses offered in negotiation, mediation, arbitration and international dispute resolution taught by leading academics in the field and experienced ADR practitioners. The curriculum has rich offerings with over twenty-one courses in a given year, seven of which focus on aspects of international dispute resolution. The program offers a JD concentration in Litigation and Dispute Resolution and an LLM in International Dispute Resolution that attracts students from all over the world. It also sponsors annual symposia on critical issues in domestic and international dispute resolution. Finally, the program provides students with the opportunity to engage in public service through teaching negotiation and mediation skills in the community.

About the Fordham Law School International Arbitration and Mediation Conference

Fordham University School of Law has a long and respected tradition of sponsoring and hosting annual conferences that address cutting-edge issues of international and foreign law. Following this tradition, the first Fordham Conference on International Arbitration and Mediation was held in May 2006 under the able leadership of former Baker & McKenzie partner and well known international arbitrator, Arthur W. Rovine. Under Arthur’s leadership, the papers from the conference were published every year as “Contemporary Issues in International Arbitration and Mediation: The Fordham Papers.” In 2016, Edna Sussman and Benno Kimmelman assumed leadership as co-chairs of the conference and have continued the tradition of attracting leading authorities to offer the best thinking in commercial and treaty arbitration and then publishing conference papers.
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Agenda

8:15 – 9 a.m. | Conference Registration and Breakfast

9 – 9:15 a.m. | Welcome

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. | Panel 1 – Contract Interpretation in International Arbitration: Is There a Common Law – Civil Law Divide That Matters? (1.5 professional practice CLE)
Nicholas Fletcher QC, Independent Arbitrator, 4 New Square
Hon. Faith S. Hochberg, Principal, Hochberg ADR
Melissa Magliana, Partner, Lalive
Athina Fouchard Papaefstratiou, Of Counsel, Eversheds Sutherland
Moderator: Laurence Shore, Partner, BonelliErede

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. | Break

10:45 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Panel 2 – ICSID Under the New Rules: A Conversation with Meg Kinnear, Secretary General of ICSID (1.5 professional practice CLE)
Meg Kinnear, Secretary-General, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
Moderator: Donald Francis Donovan, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

12 – 12:10 p.m. | Break

12:10 – 12:45 p.m. | Keynote Address – Transparency in International Arbitration: Practical Value or Voyeurism?
Julian D M Lew QC, 20 Essex Street Chambers; Head of the School of International Arbitration, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

12:45 – 1:30 p.m. | Lunch

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. | Panel 3 – Hot Tubbing Experts: Examining the Process (1.5 professional practice CLE)
Carla Chavich, Senior Vice President, Compass Lexecon
Jennifer Glasser, Partner, White & Case LLP
Julian D M Lew QC, Independent Arbitrator
Timothy G. Nelson, Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Greig Taylor, Managing Director, AlixPartners LLP
Moderator: Thomas D. Halket, Independent Arbitrator, President, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

2:45 – 2:55 p.m. | Break

2:55 – 4:10 p.m. | Panel 4 – What Are Global Arbitral Institutions Focusing on Today? (1.5 professional practice CLE)
Alexander G. Fessas, Secretary General, ICC International Court of Arbitration
Kevin Nash, Deputy Registrar and Centre Director, SIAC Court of Arbitration
Eric P. Tuchmann, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, AAA – ICDR
Jacomijn van Haersolte-van Hof, Director General of the LCIA
Moderators: Louis B. Kimmelman, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP and Anne Marie Whitesell, Professor, Georgetown University Law Center

4:10 – 4:20 p.m. | Break

4:20 – 5:30 p.m. | Panel 5 – Economic Issues in International Arbitration: A Primer (1.5 professional practice CLE)
Ronnie Barnes, Principal, Cornerstone Research
Jeffrey A. Cohen, Managing Principal, Analysis Group
Santiago Dellepiane, Managing Director, Berkeley Research Group
Isabel Kunsman, Managing Director, AlixPartners, LLP
Dr. Meloria Meschi, Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting, Inc.
Benjamin A. Sacks, Principal, The Brattle Group
Moderators: Robert H. Smit, Independent Arbitrator and Marinn Carlson, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP

5:30 – 7 p.m. | Reception

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Speaker Bios

Ronnie Barnes
Principal, Cornerstone Research
Dr. Ronnie Barnes, a principal at Cornerstone Research, heads the firm’s international arbitration practice. An expert in accounting, damages, and valuation, Dr. Barnes specializes in complex valuation methodologies, including the estimation of the cost of capital, the determination of country risk premia, and the calculation of complex economic instruments such as derivatives and structured finance products. He has provided written and oral testimony in multiple matters involving topics that range from the tax treatment of hire purchase contracts; the assessment of damages resulting from the breach of a joint venture agreement; the economic consequence of various financial derivatives; and the use of derivatives in alleged share price manipulation.

Dr. Barnes is an author of “Issues in Cross-Border Valuation and the Implications for Damages Assessments in Investor-State Disputes,” and has published multiple articles on testifying experience and analyses. He is a UK-qualified chartered accountant, and previously held positions in accounting and investment banking firms, as well as a consulting firm and in academia.

Dr. Barnes holds a PhD and an MSc from London Business School; a Master of Advanced Study degree in mathematics from the University of Cambridge; and a BA (with honors) in mathematics from the University of Oxford.

Marinn Carlson
Partner, Sidney Austin LLP
Marinn Carlson is the co-leader of Sidney Austin’s Global Arbitration, Trade and Advocacy practice, focuses her practice in international investment disputes, with an emphasis on investor-state arbitration. She represents both cross-border investors as well as respondent governments in ICSID and UNCITRAL arbitrations under investment treaties (BITs) and free trade agreements, including NAFTA. She counsels clients in sectors ranging from financial services to energy to infrastructure development on the implications of international trade and investment rules for their global operations. She also represents plaintiffs around the world in a wide range of institutional and ad hoc international commercial arbitrations, including under ICC and SCC rules among others.

Her work includes representing clients in U.S. litigation with international ramifications before the United States Supreme Court and various courts of appeal. She is an adjunct professor teaching investment arbitration at the University of Oxford, Columbia University, and Stanford University’s law schools, and is a Vice President of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) and Vice President of the Board of the Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights (CAIR) Coalition in Washington, D.C.

Carla Chavich
Senior Vice President, Compass Lexecon
Carla Chavich is a Senior Vice President in the New York office of Compass Lexecon, a leading consultancy in Treaty and Commercial Arbitrations. Ms. Chavich has been involved in more than 60 commercial and treaty arbitration proceedings.

Ms. Chavich specializes in economic and regulatory analysis, as well as the valuation of assets in developing countries. Her work is focused on international arbitration matters, where she performs economic and financial analysis in the context of international treaty and commercial disputes. She has also completed several regulatory consultancy projects. Ms. Chavich has worked on projects related to various industries (such as oil and gas, mining, electricity generation and transmission, telecommunications, infrastructure, transportation, water services, financial services) in diverse locations, including Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Croatia, Ecuador, Mexico, Rumania, Spain, United States and Venezuela. Ms. Chavich has been recognized as “a very thorough and incredibly smart expert” in Who’s Who Legal.

Carla Chavich is a CPA® charterholder and holds an MBA from the Haas Business School. She obtained her degree in Economics from Universidad de San Andrés with summa cum laude honors.

Jeffrey A. Cohen
Managing Principal, Analysis Group
Mr. Cohen is Managing Principal of the Chicago office of Analysis Group. He has over 30 years’ experience as an expert in international arbitration, valuation, antitrust, intellectual property, and securities, and has testified in arbitration and federal courts on many aspects of economic damages. He has worked across a wide range of industries, including health care, software and technology, financial services, energy, transportation, and entertainment. His clients include significant multinational corporations as well as various government entities.

Mr. Cohen is the author of Intangible Assets: Valuation and Economic Benefit and a contributor to the American Bar Association publication Proving Antitrust Damages. Mr. Cohen holds both a B.A. in political science and an M.B.A. in finance and strategy from the University of Chicago.

His most recent publication is entitled, “In All Probability: An Economic Reading of Damages Under Factory at Chorzów” in ICSID Review - Foreign Investment Law Journal.

Santiago Dellepiane
Managing Director, Berkeley Research Group
Santiago Dellepiane is a Managing Director with Berkeley Research Group and Co-Chair of its Economics & Damages practice. He has worked extensively as an economist focused on valuation analysis, and as a consultant for utilities and regulated and nonregulated businesses. His work involves economic analysis, valuation, business advisory, regulatory analysis, and damages assessment.

Mr. Dellepiane has provided written and oral testimony or expert advice in more than thirty-five cases involving valuation, regulatory damages, and other issues before the ISICD, ICC, UNCITRAL, and ICCDR tribunals, and before Canadian courts (Superior Court of Justice of Ontario and Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta). In 2016, he led a team of damages experts working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan on investor-state dispute settlement.

Mr. Dellepiane’s research on damages in contractual and treaty breaches was published in Oxford University Press’ Damages in International Arbitration under Complex Long-term Contracts in 2014. He has also written articles on damages issues published in the Journal of International Arbitration and has contributed to books published by the National Autonomous University of Mexico and by IICCA. He speaks regularly at conferences on damages issues. He has been recognized over the years as one of the world’s top arbitral expert witnesses and as a thought leader by Who’s Who Legal.

Donald Francis Donovan
Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP
Donald Francis Donovan is Co-Head of the International Disputes and Public International Law Groups at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP and serves as counsel before courts in the United States, international arbitration tribunals, and international courts. He is widely regarded as one of the leading international arbitration practitioners and practicing international lawyer in the world. Mr. Donovan recently served as President of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) (2016-2018) and of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) (2012-2014), having previously served as Chair of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA). He serves as a Member of the US Department of State’s Advisory Committee on: (i) Inclusion in the list of Members of the Advisory Committees of the American Law Institute for the Restatement of Foreign Relations Law of the United States and (ii) the Membership of the US Law of International Arbitration, and as a Member of the Board of Human Rights First and Chair of its Litigation Committee. He teaches International Investment Law and International Economic Law at the New York University School of Law and Tsinghua University School of Law in Beijing.

Mr. Donovan joined Debevoise after serving as law clerk to Associate Justice Harry A. Blackman of the U.S. Supreme Court and as legal assistant to Judge Howard M. Holtzman of the Iran-Urania States Claims Tribunal.

Alexander G. Fessas
Secretary General, ICC International Court of Arbitration
Alexander G. Fessas is the Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. As Secretary General, he is responsible for the operational management and coordination of the ICC Court’s Secretariat and other dispute resolution services in Paris, Hong Kong, New York, Sao Paulo and Singapore.

He joined the Secretariat in late 2011 and held consecutive positions in three case management teams, of which two as counsel. Prior to his appointment as Secretary General he was the Secretariat’s Managing Counsel over a three-year term.

He read law at the University of Athens, Greece having specialized in international commercial transactions and conflict of laws.

Prior to joining the ICC Court, he practised as counsel out of Athens where he established a sole practice in 2008. He was previously an associate at an Athens-based law firm. During the same period, he was also the editor-in-chief of the Revue hellénique de droit international.

He is admitted to the Athens Bar and speaks English, French and Greek.

Nicholas Fletcher QC
Independent Arbitrator, 4 New Square
Nicholas Fletcher QC is an independent arbitrator based in London. Nick is admitted to practice in England & Wales and in New York. After spending 3 years practising in New York in the 1980s, Nick joined Clifford Chance in London and was a partner in that firm’s international arbitration practice. He then became Head of the International Arbitration Group at Linklaters before joining 4 New Square Chambers to sit exclusively as arbitrator. Nick has over 35 years’ experience as both counsel and arbitrator in international commercial disputes. He has acted as presiding arbitrator, sole arbitrator and panel member in arbitrations conducted under a broad range of institutional and procedural rules and on an ad hoc basis. As arbitrator and previously as counsel, Nick has experience of a wide variety of commercial disputes, including M&A and shareholder disputes, financial instruments, pharmaceuticals, energy and natural resources and construction matters. He is a member of the ICC’s Task Force on the New York Convention and the ICC’s UK national committee, a trustee of the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy and the rapporteur for England for the Institute of Transnational Arbitration. He is also consultant editor of the recently published Guide to the IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration.

Athina Fouchard Papaefstratiou
Of Counsel, Eversheds Sutherland
Athina Fouchard Papaefstratiou, Counsel at Eversheds Sutherland (Paris), specialises in international arbitration, commercial and investment. She also has significant experience in Africa-related arbitration.

Athina is listed as a “Future Leader” of the international arbitration market in France by Who’s Who Legal (2018, 2019, 2020) and as one of the “Rising Stars” in commercial arbitration for France by Euromoney’s Expert Guides (2019).

For over twelve years, she has acted as counsel or arbitrator in arbitrations in various sectors, such as energy, telecommunications, mining and construction. Nick has experience of a variety of disputes including arbitration under the ICC, ICSD, UNCITRAL, LCIA, SCAL, ACIC, CRCICA, ACIC and CCJA arbitration rules.

Prior to joining Eversheds Sutherland, Athina worked at the arbitration boutique Lazareff Le Bars, specializing in Africa-related arbitrations, and at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP in Paris. She has also served as in-house counsel in the Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs of UNESCO.

She is the Co-Chair of AfricaRab, an association of
professionals focusing on Africa-related arbitration; the vice-Chair of the Steering Committee of CIARb YEM; a member of the ICC Arbitration Committee and Honorary Judge of the ICC; and a board member of the Arbitration Committee of ICC Greece. She is registered with the Bar in Paris and in Athens and works in English, French and Greek. She also has a good knowledge of Spanish.

Jennifer Glasser
Partner, White & Case LLP

Jennifer Glasser is a Partner in White & Case’s No. 1 ranked International Arbitration group. Based in New York, Mrs. Glasser represents corporate clients from across the globe in institutional and ad hoc arbitrations involving common and civil laws, as well as sovereigns in international investment disputes. Mrs. Glasser also advises on international contract drafting, public international law and U.S. court proceedings in aid of arbitration. Her experience covers a wide range of industries including energy, oil and gas, manufacturing, mining, financial services and technology.

Ms. Glasser is the co-editor of The CPR Corporate Counsel Manual for Cross-Border Dispute Resolution, a comprehensive manual on drafting international ADR clauses and managing cross-border ADR. She is the Vice Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR) and Chair of CPR’s Transparency Task Force and a member of CPR’s Cybersecurity Task Force.

Before entering private practice, Ms. Glasser clerked for Judge Koen Lenaerts at the Court of Justice of the European Union and was resident in the Paris office of White & Case.

Thomas D. Halket
Independent Arbitrator
President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

A Chartered Arbitrator, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators and a member of a arbitral panels around the world, Thomas Halket has been an arbitrator for over 30 years. He is the President of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, an Adjunct Professor at Fordham Law School where he teaches courses on International Arbitration, and on IP transactions and an independent ADR consultant. Earlier in his career, he was a partner at Bingham McCutchen and prior to that a partner at Hughes, Hubbard & Reed. He is a frequent speaker and writer on ADR matters. He co-authored and edited a book on the arbitration of international IP disputes, to go into its second edition, and is a co-author of a book on the arbitration of IP disputes in the U.S.

Hon. Faith S. Hochberg
Principal, Hochberg ADR

Judge Hochberg served over 15 years as a federal judge in the District of New Jersey. In 2015, she founded Hochberg ADR [www.JudgeHochberg.com], based in New York, to provide Mediation, Arbitration and strategic Advisory services to counsel in the U.S. and internationally. Judge Hochberg also serves as a Court-Appointed Monitor in an international cyber security case, and as a court-appointed Special Master in both a Trade Secrets/Patent case and an Arttrust MDL.

Judge Hochberg previously served as The United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, and prior to that, she was Deputy Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury Department. She has twice been confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Judge Hochberg has also spent many years in private practice of law; as Legal Assistant to the Chairman of the SEC; and as a top official in a bank regulatory agency.

Judge Hochberg is known for her broad expertise in all complex cases: class actions, corporate contract, insurance, banking & financial institutions, securities, antitrust and IP. In all areas of private practice, she is skilled in property litigation. She is listed on the rosters of AAA, ICDR, Federal Arbitration, CPR, WIPO, ICC and ICC and is a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators.

In her community, Judge Hochberg serves on the Advisory Board of the Innovation Center for Law & Technology, a public law school.

Judge Hochberg graduated from Harvard Law School magna cum laude, where she was an Editor of the Harvard Law Review, and earned a B.A., summa cum laude, from Tufts University. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She also attended the London School of Economics.

In her few moments of spare time, Judge Hochberg is an artist whose paintings and wearable art have been shown in galleries, boutiques and museum stores.

Meg Kinnear
Secretary-General, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICISD)

Meg Kinnear is currently the Secretary-General of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICISD) at the World Bank. She was formerly the Senior General Counsel and Director General of the Trade Law Bureau of Canada, where she was responsible for the conduct of all international investment and trade litigation involving Canada, and participated in international arbitration and bilateral investment agreements. In November 2002, Ms. Kinnear was also named Chair of the Negotiating Group on Dispute Settlement for the Free Trade of the Americas Agreement.

From October 1996 to April 1999, Ms. Kinnear was Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Justice of Canada. Prior to this, Ms. Kinnear was Counsel at the Civil Litigation Section of the Canadian Department of Justice (from 1984 to October 1996) where she appeared before federal and provincial courts as well as domestic arbitration panels.

Ms. Kinnear was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1984 and the Bar of the District of Columbia in 1982. She received a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from Queen’s University in 1978; a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from McGill University in 1981; and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the University of Virginia in 1982.


Isabel Kusman
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Mrs. Isabel Santos Kusman is a Managing Director at AlixPartners’ Washington DC office. Isabel is a skilled expert witness on quantum, with more than 20 years of experience focused on valuation and financial matters. She specializes in high stakes Investor State Arbitrations and regulatory disputes in Latin America. She has been regularly retained as a quantum and valuation expert in disputes in both French and Spanish in various jurisdictions including ICISD, UNCITRAL, and the ICC. She has worked on behalf of States and investors in nearly equal proportion matters involving expropriations and breach of contract disputes. The matters Mrs. Kusman has helped clients and arbitral tribunals resolve have required valuations of complex financial instruments, concessions and companies in sectors including: banking, infrastructure, energy and mining.

Mrs. Kusman holds an MBA from Georgetown University and a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Economics from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.

Julian D M Lew QC
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Professor Lew is a full-time arbitrator of international commercial and investment disputes at Twenty Essex based in London. Prof. Lew’s involvement with arbitration as an academic, counsel and arbitrator spans more than 40 years. He accepts appointments as a sole, presiding and co-arbitrator in arbitrations under all the major arbitration rules and institutions. His professional experience includes international transactions affecting investments; sale and purchase of corporate entities and assets; joint ventures, oil and gas exploration and development; bilateral production agreements, research and development; and promotions of pharmaceutical and chemical products, mining and concession agreements, distribution, agency, licensing agreements, infrastructure, construction projects, international trade finance, trading arrangements with developing countries, EC law and arbitration arising out of all such transactions.

Prof. Lew is a former partner and Head of the International Arbitration Practice Group of what is now Herbert Smith Freehills. He is Professor of International Arbitration and Head of the School of International Arbitration, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London.

Melissa Maglajna
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Melissa Maglajna is a partner at LALIVE in Zurich specializing in international commercial arbitration. With experience in both common and civil law jurisdictions and holding legal degrees in US and Swiss law, she advises and represents clients in ad hoc and institutional arbitration proceedings, under all major rules of arbitration. She also acts as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and as chair of arbitral tribunals and represents clients in complex matters, including related proceedings, such as mediation and international legal assistance.

Melissa Maglajna was the 2016 recipient of the ASA Prize for Advocacy in International Commercial Arbitration and has been recommended by several directories for her work in commercial arbitration.

Before joining LALIVE, Melissa Maglajna clerked for The Hon. Carol Bagley Amon at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York and was Counsel in arbitration and litigation at a leading Swiss law firm. She graduated from Princeton University in 1999 and received her Juris Doctor from the Columbia University School of Law in 2004. In 2014, she obtained a Swiss law degree from the University of Lucerne School of Law.

Dr. Meloria Meschi
Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting, Inc

Dr. Meschi is a Partner and Senior Managing Director in FTI’s dispute resolution and financial Consulting practice, and is based in London.

A double PhD in Economic Policy and Economics-Econometrics, Meloria has over 20 years’ experience in applying economic and statistical analysis to complex litigation, regulatory, and policy issues across a broad range of industries. She is recognized by both Who’s Who Legal: Consulting Experts as a leading individual the in the Quantum of Damages category, recognized for her “exceptional econometric abilities” and by Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration Experts as a leading expert, highly rated “for her excellent work on valuations relating to fraud”.

An experienced witness, Meloria has been appointed as an expert in statistics or economics in disputes before the courts of England, Italy, and South Africa, and arbitral tribunals in New York, Hong Kong, Toronto, London, New Delhi and Stockholm.

Meloria has published numerous articles in international journals. In March 2005, her joint paper on the impact of mobile telecommunications on economic development was published in the Review of the Economist. She is a faculty member for the Masters in Arbitration and Regulation, University of Rome, teaching on cost estimation, efficiency benchmarking and other regulatory topics.

Kevin Nash
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As Deputy Registrar & Centre Director of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Kevin assists with the administration of all cases filed with SIAC and the supervision of SIAC’s multidisciplinary Secretariat.

Kevin has overseen the administration of thousands of international cases, in all versions of the SIAC Rules and the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, among others, and has significant experience in SIAC cases conducted under the Expedited Procedure and applications for the appointment of an Emergency Arbitrator. He worked closely on the revisions to the SIAC Rules 2013, the SIAC Rules 2016 and the SIAC Investment Arbitration Rules 2017.

Kevin is a frequent speaker and lecturer on contemporary issues in international arbitration and has participated in events and training sessions on six continents for arbitral institutions, law firms, government ministries, universities, NGOs and other arbitration stakeholders. He is a member of the Singapore delegation for UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) and represents SIAC as an observer at UNCITRAL Working Group III (SDS)
Kevin holds a B.A. from Mount Allison University and a J.D. from Osgoode Hall Law School. Kevin worked at one of Canada’s prominent “Seven Sisters” law firms and then went on to study an LL.M. in International Commercial Arbitration at Stockholm University. He is currently a partner and Solicitor with the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Kevin speaks English and French.

Timothy G. Nelson
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Timothy G. Nelson, a New York partner of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, represents clients from a range of sectors, including oil and gas (upstream/midstream), nuclear, solar, mining, cement, finance, insurance, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, retail, sports, motor racing, hotels and property investment, plus sovereign entities, before ICISD, ICCDR, AAA, ICC, LCIA, SIAC, HKIAC and UNCITRAL arbitration tribunals, as well as U.S. federal and state courts. He handles corporate/commercial disputes as well as investment treaty/expropriation claims involving foreign governments. He has litigated cases involving the New York Panama Conventions, the Hague Service and Evidence Conventions, the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act and “Section 1782” (the cross-border discovery statute). He is widely published and quoted on a broad range of international law, cross-border dispute and international arbitration, is the co-editor of Take the Witness: Cross-Examination in International Arbitration and is a co-founder of the Journal of Enforcement of Arbitration Awards. He is also a veteran of numerous complex quantum disputes (having acting both for claimants and respondents in such matters), and often speaks or writes on issues involving valuation of businesses, calculation of damages in business disputes, and the handling of expert evidence on quantum.

Benjamin A. Sacks
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Mr. Benjamin A. Sacks is a Principal in the Washington, DC office of The Brattle Group. For over twenty years, he has assisted corporations, investors, U.S. government agencies and foreign governments, to develop and present economic and financial testimony in complex litigation and arbitration matters. Mr. Sacks has provided expert reports and testimony, for both claimants and respondents, in the United States and internationally, including before panels operating under UNCITRAL, LCIA, PCA, the ICC rules and the Delaware Court of Chancery. He was the consulting expert for Russia in the Yukos ECT arbitration and the subsequent annulment proceeding. In 2018, Mr. Sacks was the expert for Shareholders in the Facebook Class C Reclassification Litigation which sought to enjoin Facebook from issuing non-voting shares. Facebook cancelled its plans to issue those days before trial was to begin. Mr. Sacks teaches a Continuing Legal Education course on damages featuring several valuation case studies, has taught classes to attorneys on valuation and served as a panelist on damages at industry conferences. Mr. Sacks received his B.A. in mathematical economics from Columbia University and his M.A. in economics from the University of Chicago.

Laurence Shore
Partner, BonelliErede

Laurence Shore is a partner in the BonelliErede-Milan office and is the head of the firm’s international arbitration practice group. Laurence began his career as a litigation associate at Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C., and subsequently worked in London and New York City in the arbitration field, before moving to BonelliErede. He is qualified in D.C., Virginia, and New York, and is also a solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales. Laurence received his law degree from Emory University, where he was a tutor-in-chief of the Emory Law Journal. He has a doctorate in American History from Johns Hopkins University. Laurence is a co-author of International Investment Arbitration: Substantive Principles, published by Oxford University Press (second edition, 2017).

Robert H. Smit
Independent Arbitrator

Robert H. Smit is an independent arbitrator in international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations seated around the world. Mr. Smit is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Columbia Law School, where he teaches courses and seminars on international arbitration and transnational litigation. He is a retired Litigation Partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, where he Co-chaired the Firm’s International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Practice. Mr. Smit is also Co-Editor-in-Chief of the American Review of International Arbitration; Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration; and Adviser to the American Law Institute’s Restatement (Third) of the U.S. Law of International Arbitration. He is also former U.S. Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration; Chair of the New York City Bar Association’s International Commercial Disputes Committee; Chair of the CPR Arbitration Committee; and Vice-Chair of the IBA’s International Arbitration and ADR Committee.

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Jacomijn van Haersolte-van Hof
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She was also involved in setting up the arbitral process for the Claims Resolution Tribunal in Zurich, which analysed claims from Holocaust survivors over dormant accounts in Swiss banks.

She is a professor of arbitration law at University of Leiden and a member of GAR’s editorial board. Her 1992 PhD thesis on the application of the UNCITRAL rules by Iran-US Claims Tribunal was one of the first books to be published on the subject.

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