



UNCITRAL Working Group II Colloquium on Recognition and Enforcement of Electronic Arbitral Awards

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(in the order of presentation)



Panel 1 – Perspectives from arbitral institutions

Moderator



Nadine Lederer
Legal Officer in the Division for Arbitration and International Civil Procedure Law II, Federal Ministry of Justice, Germany

Nadine Lederer is a Legal Officer at the German Federal Ministry of Justice. She is part of the division which is responsible for arbitration, international civil procedure law and international mutual legal assistance. Before joining the Federal Ministry of Justice, Nadine Lederer has worked for 10 years as a lawyer in different international law firms.



Alexander G. Fessas
**Secretary General of ICC International Court of Arbitration;
Director of ICC Dispute Resolution Services**

As Secretary General, Alexander G. Fessas 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, Singapore and Abu Dhabi.

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

Mr. Fessas read law at the University of Athens, Greece, having specialized in international commercial transactions and conflict of laws. He is admitted to the Athens Bar and speaks English, French and Greek.



Evgeniya Goriatcheva, Senior Legal Counsel and Head of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) Vienna Office, Austria

Evgeniya Goriatcheva is Senior Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), an intergovernmental organization established by treaty in 1899 which provides services for the resolution of disputes involving various combinations of states, state entities, intergovernmental organizations and private parties. Since September 2023, she is also Head of the Vienna Office of the PCA.

In her role at the PCA, Ms. Goriatcheva regularly assists arbitral tribunals, and acts a Tribunal Secretary and/or Registrar in international commercial, investment and inter-state arbitrations, as well as in expert determinations. She also assists the PCA Secretary-General in appointing arbitrators and deciding challenges to arbitrators, and represents the PCA in multilateral settings including UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Resolution) and UNCITRAL Working Group III (ISDS Reform), the UNGA Sixth Committee (Legal), the UNCLOS Meeting of States Parties.

Ms. Goriatcheva co-authored the *Guide to the PCA Arbitration Rules* (Oxford University Press, 2014). She is a member of the IBA Investment Arbitration Subcommittee, the Program Committee for the ICCA Congress 2024 and Young ICCA. Evgeniya earned her B.C.L. and LL.B. degrees from the McGill Faculty of Law (2010) and is a qualified lawyer in Quebec, Canada. She is fluent in English, French and Russian.



**Tomas Vaal
Secretary General of the Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI)**

Mr. Tomas Vaal is the Secretary General and General Director of the Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI), a position he has held since June 2024. Prior to this role, Tomas served as the Director of Business Operations at NAI from November 2020, where he successfully implemented secure, efficient, and paperless case management systems, including the NAI arbitration platform and a user-friendly website.

Before joining NAI, Mr. Vaal was a counsel in international arbitration and related court proceedings, primarily in the construction and energy sectors. His extensive experience in these fields has equipped him with a deep understanding of complex dispute resolution processes.

He is committed to promoting the NAI's effective and high-quality dispute resolution services both in the Netherlands and internationally. He is dedicated to enhancing the visibility and efficiency of NAI's procedures and services.

In addition to his professional achievements, Mr. Vaal is known for his strategic vision and ability to foster collaboration across various departments and stakeholders. His leadership continues to drive the NAI towards greater innovation and excellence in arbitration.



Eliana Tornese
Registrar of London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

Ms. Eliana Tornese joined the LCIA as Deputy Registrar in November 2015. Prior to this, she worked at the ICC, where she spent three years as Counsel in charge of the case management team handling arbitration matters related to Western Europe. Before joining the ICC, Ms. Tornese spent seven years in the international arbitration practice at BonelliErede in Milan.

She holds a dual degree in law from the Sorbonne University in Paris and LUISS University in Rome, and an LLM in European Law from the College of Europe in Belgium. In 2009, she was a visiting scholar at Columbia Law School.



Shinji Ogawa
Case Manager of Arbitration & Mediation Department at the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA)

Mr. Shinji Ogawa oversees all arbitration and mediation cases at the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA), leveraging extensive experience in managing over 100 international arbitration cases. He also plays an active role in the ongoing revision of the JCAA Rules.



Nicolas Lozada Pimiento
Arbitrator and Tribunal Secretary at the Chambers of Commerce of Bogota, Medellín and Cali (Colombia)

Mr. Nicolas Lozada Pimiento currently serves as an arbitrator for the chambers of commerce of Bogotá, Cali and Medellín, as well as the Court of Arbitration of Madrid. In addition, he is the Secretary of the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce, professor at the Universidad Externado de Colombia and Chief Executive Officer at REDEK.



Hamed Hassan Merah
CEO of Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA)

Dr. Hamed Hassan Merah is a transformational leader and internationally recognized expert with over two decades of experience in standard-setting, alternative dispute resolution, governance, compliance, and Islamic finance. He has led a specialized international organization with activities in more than 45 countries. He has also provided consultations to companies and governmental agencies and has assisted in the formulation of regulations and standards. Dr. Merah is a Chair and member of several national and international boards and committees, including serving as the current elected Chair of the CIArb KSA Branch. He has spoken at numerous conferences across over 30 countries and is the author of two published books.

He is an alum of the Harvard Business School and holds a MSc and PhD from The Higher Judicial Institute in Riyadh.

Tuesday, 1 October 2024

Panel 2 – Perspectives from courts

Moderator



Chloé Terraube
**Legal officer, Department of judicial cooperation,
European and private international law, Civil Affairs
Department, Ministry of Justice, France**

Ms. Chloé Terraube graduated from *La Sorbonne* and Cornell Law School. After passing the New York bar and the Paris bar, she practised law in France and specialised in international arbitration and litigation. She then decided to join the national school to become a judge or a prosecutor. She took her first position in 2020 at the court of appeal of Lyon. Since September 2023, Ms. Terraube is acting as a legal officer at the Department of judicial cooperation, European and private international law at the French Ministry of Justice, in which she is in charge of international arbitration.



Ann Medioni
Judge at Attunda District Court, Stockholm, Sweden

Ms. Ann Medioni is a judge in Attunda District Court in Stockholm, where she handles both criminal and civil cases as well as family law. She has a Swedish and a French law degree. She initially worked as a lawyer in the south of France for eight years in the fields of international private law, tax law, business law, and property law. Ten years ago, she returned to Stockholm and worked as a junior judge in Stockholm and Attunda District Court as well as in Svea Court of Appeal. Before being appointed as a permanent judge at Attunda District Court, Ms. Medioni worked at the Swedish Government Offices on various legislative projects, both national and EU legislation. During the Swedish Presidency of the EU Council of Ministers in the spring of 2023, she chaired the Council's working group on judicial cooperation in criminal matters and handled for example negotiations regarding new EU-legislation on the transfer of criminal proceedings between member states.



Shusuke Kakiuchi
Professor at the University of Tokyo, Japan

Shusuke Kakiuchi was born in 1973 in Tokyo, Japan. He studied law at the University of Tokyo (1992-1996) and qualified the State Examination in Law in 1995. He worked as a Research Assistant at the University of Tokyo between 1996 and 1999. He holds several teaching positions, as an Associate Professor of Law at the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics of the University of Tokyo (1999-2012), Professor of Law at the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics of the University of Tokyo (since 2012), Dean, School of Law, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics of the University of Tokyo (2023) and Vice Dean, Graduate School for Law and Politics of the University of Tokyo (since 2024).

Prof. Kakiuchi is a member of several Governmental Advisory Committees like the ADR Certification Advisor of the Ministry of Justice (since 2017), associate member of the Advisory Committee for Drafting of Supreme Court Civil and Family Rules (since 2019), member of Advisory Board for Digitalization of Consumer Affairs Consultation (since 2021), chairperson of the ODR Promotion Council of the Ministry of Justice (since 2022). He is also a member of Executive Board of the Japan Association of the Law of Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution (since 2010), Japanese Association of the Law of Civil Procedure (since 2022). He is a member of Japan Association of Private Law (since 1996), Société franco-japonaise de science juridique (since 2007), Japanese Association of Sociology of Law (since 2008).

Prof. Kakiuchi is also a member of the Conciliator Committee of the Automotive Dispute Resolution Center (since 2013), the Executive Board of the Japan ADR Association (since 2014), the Procedure Consultative Committee of the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (since 2014), the Arbitration Advisory Committee of the Life Insurance Association of Japan (since 2017), the Executive Board of the Japan Financial Services Association (since 2019), the ADR Council of the General Insurance Association of Japan (since 2020), the Executive Board of the Japan ODR Association (since 2020), and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Labor Relations Commission (since 2021).

Prof. Kakiuchi is a visiting scholar at the University of Hamburg and Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law (Hamburg)(2003-2005), Yale Law School (Fulbright Scholar)(2005), University of Frankfurt am Main (visiting professor, LOEWE Fellow)(2013-2014).

His main areas of research include Law of Civil Procedure, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Insolvency Law.



Jiyong Jang
High Court Judge at the Suwon High Court, Republic of Korea

High Court Judge Jiyong Jang was appointed as a District Court Judge in 2008. After serving as a Presiding Judge in 2020, he was appointed as a High Court Judge at the Suwon High Court (Court of Appeals) in 2021.

In 2015 Judge Jang acted as a member of the Korean delegation to the UNCITRAL Working Group II. He was seconded to the permanent bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) from 2016 to 2017 and participated in the Special Commission on the Judgments Project as a member of the Korean delegation.

He conducted research on the ‘recognition and enforcement of judgments’ at the Judicial Policy Research Institute of the Supreme Court from 2018 to 2019 and attended the Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of the UNIDROIT MAC Protocol as a member of the Korean delegation.

In 2023 he worked at the World Bank Group as a consultant for the project, "Access to Justice and Technology."



Elizabeth Stong
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York, United States

Judge Elizabeth S. Stong is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York, sitting in Brooklyn. She entered on duty on September 2, 2003. Previously, she was a litigation partner and associate at Willkie Farr & Gallagher, litigation associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore, and law clerk to U.S. District Judge David Mazzone in the District of Massachusetts.

Judge Stong is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Council of the American Law Institute, and the boards of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the Practising Law Institute, the New York County Lawyers’ Association, and the New York Law Institute. She is a member of the Advisory Committee of Columbia University’s Committee on Global Thought and the Advisory Board of P.R.I.M.E. Finance, an international dispute resolution and judicial training organization, as well as Co-Chair of the New York City Bar’s Middle East-North Africa Law Committee. She regularly serves as a delegate to UNCITRAL’s Working Groups on Arbitration and Conciliation and Insolvency, and is an elected member of the European Law Institute. She is the Chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Continuing Legal Education and holds leadership roles in the International Insolvency

Institute, the American Bankruptcy Institute, and the ABA Business Law Section, International Law Section, and Judicial Division. Judge Stong is an adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School.

Her past positions include President of the Harvard Law School Association, Chair of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges International Judicial Relations Committee, Co-Chair of the New York Fellows of the American Bar Foundation, as well as Co-Chair of the New York City Bar’s Council on the Profession, Vice Chair of its Judiciary Committee, and Chair of its Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. She also served on the ABA’s Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, Standing Committee on the American Judicial System, Standing Committee on Federal Judicial Improvements, Standing Committee on Continuing Legal Education, Center for Innovation, Commission on Women in the Profession, and Commission on Homelessness and Poverty. In addition, she served as Vice President of the Federal Bar Council, Vice President of the board of directors of the New York City Bar’s Fund Inc. and City Bar Justice Center, the board of directors of the International Insolvency Institute, and an officer of the ABA Business Law Section. She was also a member of the board of MFY Legal Services, Inc., one of the largest providers of free legal services to low-income residents of New York City.

Judge Stong has trained judges in more than 25 countries on five continents, including North, Central and West Africa, Central Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East, the Arabian Peninsula, and South America, with the U.S. Commerce Department Commercial Law Development Program, the World Bank, INSOL, and the ABA-Rule of Law Initiative, among other entities. She has consulted with the Supreme Court of China and People’s High Courts in Beijing and Guangzhou, the Uganda Registration Services Bureau, and recently has led judicial workshops and consultations in Bahrain, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, and Brazil, among other venues.

Judge Stong has received many recognitions for her work. These include the ABA International Law Section’s Mayre Rasmussen Award for the Advancement of Women in International Law, the New York City Bar “Her Hero” Lifetime Achievement Award, the American Bar Foundation’s Outstanding State Chair Award, the ABA Glass Cutter Award, the NYIC Hon. Cecelia Goetz Award, the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors Judicial Service Award, the MFY Legal Services Scales of Justice Award, and the Brooklyn Bar Association’s

Freda Nisnewitz Award for Pro Bono Service, among others. She received her A.B. magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Harvard University and her J.D. from Harvard Law School.

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Reinmar Wolff
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Mr. Reinmar Wolff is an Assistant Professor at the University of Marburg (Germany) and a practicing lawyer who regularly sits as an arbitrator in both institutional and ad hoc proceedings.

Mr. Wolff has given lectures on arbitration and other topics at the universities of Marburg, Heidelberg, Kaliningrad, Jena and the European Business School in Wiesbaden. At the University of Marburg he has established and academically supervises the Vis Moot Court and ICC Mediation Competition teams.

He has extensively published in the fields of civil and commercial law, in particular company and construction law, as well as in procedural law, especially domestic and international arbitration. His treatises on arbitration include primers on arbitration in Germany (2006 and 2016) and a commentary on the New York Convention (2012, second edition 2019) and an empirical study on Germany as an arbitration venue (forthcoming 2025).

Mr. Wolff is Vice President of the German Arbitration Institute (DIS), a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), a member of the ICC Task Force on Corruption and the Chairman of the German Red Cross Federal Arbitral Tribunal. He has been appointed to the Working Group of the Federal Ministry of Justice for the Review of the German Arbitration Law. He was a member of the Working Group for the Revision of the DIS Supplementary Rules for Corporate Law Disputes (DIS SRCoLD) and of the Working Group for the Drafting of the DIS Supplementary Rules for Third-Party Notices (DIS TPNR).



Gloria Chevesich
Judge, Supreme Court of Justice, Chile

Ms. Gloria Ana Chevesich Ruiz is a lawyer from the Universidad de Chile. She joined the Judiciary in 1986 and has been a judge of the Supreme Court since August 2, 2013.

Currently she is also National Coordinator of the Ibero-American Judicial Summit, Counselor of the Superior Council of the Administrative Corporation of the Judiciary and member of the Support Commission for the Electronic Filing Law.

Wednesday, 2 October 2024

Panel 3 – An overview of UNCITRAL’s texts on electronic commerce and electronic communication



José Angelo Estrella Faria
Principal Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat

Mr. José Angelo Estrella Faria is Principal Legal Officer and Head, Legislative Branch, at the secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

He was the Secretary-General of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) between 1 October 2008 to 31 July 2017.

A staff member of the United Nations since 1992, he was responsible for UNCITRAL work on Public-Private Partnerships and electronic commerce. He also supervised the work of Working Group III (Transport Law) between 2005 and 2008, during the negotiation of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea (the “Rotterdam Rules”) and was the Secretary of UNCITRAL Working Group VI during the negotiation of the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships. As Head of the UNCITRAL Legislative Branch, he also supervises all legislative work of UNCITRAL, including the recently adopted UNCITRAL/UNIDROIT Model Law on Warehouse Receipts and the ongoing work on negotiable cargo documents.

Mr. Estrella Faria is a national of Brazil. He graduated from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (Porto Alegre, Brazil) and holds a Master of European Law from the Europa Institut der Universität des Saarlandes (Saarbrücken, Germany). He has published various articles and books on legal harmonisation, commercial law, cultural property law and international law. He has lectured at various universities and is a member of the Curatorium of the Xiamen Academy of International Law, the American Law Institute, the European law Institute and is an Associate member of the International Academy of Comparative Law.

Panel 4 – Interface between UNCITRAL arbitration and e-commerce texts

Moderator



Héctor Flores Senties
Partner, Abascal, Flores and Segovia (AFS)

Mr. Hector Flores is a Partner at Abascal, Flores y Segovia, S.C. Mexico City, Mexico with almost 15 years of experience in the field of ADR. He has acted as arbitrator, tribunal’s secretary and counsel in national and international commercial arbitrations seated in Mexico and abroad. His practice is also focused on court procedures to assist and control arbitrations, including enforcement and setting aside of arbitral awards. Since 2014, he has been the advisor to the Mexican Delegation before UNCITRAL. He is also the External Advisor to the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Relations on Private International Law, Professor of Law at Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo de Mexico (ITAM) on Arbitration and ADR, ICC Mexico Delegate before the Commission for Arbitration & ADR of the ICC, Vice president of the Mediation Committee of the ICC’s Arbitration & ADR Commission in Mexico, and member of ICDR’s advisory committee in Mexico.



Teresa Rodriguez de las Heras Ballell
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Teresa Rodriguez de las Heras Ballell is a Full Professor of Commercial Law at University Carlos III of Madrid, Spain and the Director of the Chair on *Artificial Intelligence: Foundations and Horizons*. She is also an arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration of Madrid and of Spain. She is an expert at UNIDROIT and UNCITRAL in Working Groups on Enforcement (Technology-enabled enforcement), Warehouse Receipts (Electronic WRs) and Digital Economy (AI for international trade, Data transactions, Online Platforms). Spanish Delegate before UNCITRAL WG VI on Security Interests and WG IV on E-Commerce (Projects on AI in international data and Data transactions), and before UNIDROIT for MAC protocol.

Dr Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell is a member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Inclusive Global Legal Innovation Platform (IGLIP) on Online Dispute Resolution (Department of Justice, Hong Kong – UNCITRAL), the European Law Institute (ELI) Council since 2019 and of ELI Executive Committee since 2021. She was also the co-reporter to the ELI Projects on Algorithmic Contracts and on Access to Digital Assets.

In addition, she is a member of the *EU Expert Group on Liability/Technologies formation* that elaborated the Report *Liability for AI and other emerging technologies*, *Expert Group to the EU Observatory on Platform Economy* assisting the EU Commission on Platform rules, the *Expert Group on B2B Data Sharing and Cloud Computing* assisting the Commission on the elaboration of Model Contract Terms and Standard Contracts, the International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law, the Artificial Intelligence Ethics Committee, Spanish Bar Association and the Advisory Committee to Open Internet Governance Institute .

Dr Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell was also the Sir Roy Goode Scholar at UNIDROIT (2021-2022), *European Central Bank Legal Research Programme 2018* fellow with a project on Fintech and Stanford Law School TTLF fellow with a comparative analysis of US-EU regulations on Crowdfunding platforms.

She is the *James J. Coleman Sr. Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law* at Tulane Law School, Visiting Senior Fellow at Harris Manchester College in Oxford University, Visiting Associate Professor at National University of Singapore; *Marie Curie Fellow* at the Centre of European Law and Politics (ZERP) of University of Bremen (Germany), *Chair of Excellence* at Oxford University (Harris Manchester College). She also holds visiting teaching or research positions at several universities and research centers such as University of Sydney (2023), Columbia Law School (2014, 2015/16, 2021), University of Cambridge (2022-2023); Université de Toulouse 1 Capitole as a Professeur invite; University of Washington, University of Tokyo (Japan), and University College of London (UK).



Zheng (Sophia) Tang
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Zheng (Sophia) Tang is Professor of Law at the Wuhan University Law School in China and an Associate Dean of Wuhan University Academy of International Law and Global Governance, a Top Think-Tank in China. Before joining Wuhan University, she worked as a Chair of Law and Commerce at the Newcastle University in the UK.

Professor Tang is the Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Chinese Journal of Transnational Law, published by SAGE, an advisory board member of the Journal of Private International Law and an editor of conflictoflaws.net, one of the most influential websites of private international law in the world. She has authored more than 50 articles in top-ranking international journals, and published 5 monographs by internationally reputable publishers. She is one of the authors of Cheshire, North and Fawcett: Private International Law (15th ed.), a leading text on private

international law in the world. Her book Conflict of Laws in the People's Republic of China has received multiple awards in China. Her work on electronic contracts is cited in the judgment of Canadian Supreme Court.

Professor Tang is an arbitrator in Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration in China and an accredited mediator at ADR Group in the UK. She is a barrister in England and Wales and a qualified lawyer in China.



Kabir Duggal
Senior International Arbitration Advisor, Arnold and Porter;
Lecture-in-law, Columbia Law School

Dr. Kabir Duggal is an attorney in Arnold and Porter's New York office focusing on international arbitration and public international law matters, serving both as arbitrator and mediator. He is recognized as a "Chartered Arbitrator" (the highest ranking for arbitrators) by both the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution. He also frequently serves as an expert on international arbitration and public international law matters. Dr. Duggal is also a Lecturer-in-Law at Columbia Law School, an adjunct Professor at Fordham Law School, and a Course Director and a Faculty Member for the Columbia Law School-Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Comprehensive Course on International Arbitration.

He also acts as a Consultant for the United Nations Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries (UN-OHRLLS) on the creation of a novel "Investment Support Program." Dr. Duggal works closely with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) as an expert. He has also conducted training and capacity-building sessions for several Governments on public international law and dispute resolution matters. He has published over 60 articles and has spoken at over 300 arbitration events all over the world. He is also a passionate advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion issues and frequently writes and speaks on these issues. He is the Co-Founder of REAL (Racial Equality for Arbitration Lawyers), a non-profit seeking to create greater representation in international arbitration.

He is a graduate of the University of Mumbai, University of Oxford (DHL-Times of India Scholar), NYU School of Law (Hauser Global Scholar), Leiden Law School (2019 CEPANI Academic Prize), and is currently pursuing an SJD Degree from Harvard Law School. Dr. Duggal is admitted to practice law in New York, District of Columbia, England & Wales (as a Barrister), and in India.

Panel 5 – Roundtable discussion – exploring desirable approaches

Moderator



Andrés Jana
Chair of Working Group II (80th session of UNCITRAL WGII)

Andrés Jana is a founding partner of Jana & Gil Dispute Resolution and is widely recognized as one of the most prominent international arbitration specialists in Latin America. He has acted as counsel and arbitrator in a large number of commercial and investment treaty arbitrations, some of which have involved the largest investment projects in the region.

As Chair and Chile’s representative at Working Group II on Dispute Settlement at the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), Andrés led the discussions that preceded the adoption of the first UNCITRAL Rules on Expedited Arbitration and participated on the 2010 revision of the UNCITRAL Rules.

Andrés is also Vice President of the International Court of Arbitration at the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and Member of the Governing Board and Chair of the Judiciary Committee of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA). He is a member of the ICSID panel of arbitrators and has been since 1997 a professor of private law at the University of Chile.



Pietro Ortolani
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Mr. Pietro Ortolani is a Full Professor of Digital Conflict Resolution at Radboud University, in the Netherlands. He holds a PhD in arbitration from LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome, Italy. Before joining Radboud University, Prof. Ortolani was a Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Procedural Law and a Law Research

Associate at Queen Mary, University of London. He (co-)authored several books in the field of arbitration, including an article-by-article commentary on the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration, published by Cambridge University Press. Prof. Ortolani is a member of the Italian Bar and practices mainly in the fields of international arbitration and private international law. He has acted as an expert for the European Parliament, the European Commission and the International Labour Organization.



Gaston Kenfack
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Ministry of Justice, Cameroon

Mr. Gaston Kenfack Douajni is a Cameroonian Magistrate, currently the Director of Legislation at the Ministry of Justice in Cameroon. He has obtained a Doctorate of International Economic Law at the University of Paris I (Pantheon Sorbonne) in 2005, a Certificate on trade, negotiations and settlement of trade disputes at the Kennedy School of Government –Harvard University (USA) in 2004 and an Habilitation to Direct Researches at the University of Pau in France. He is the Editor of the “Revue Camerounaise de l’Arbitrage”, the President of the Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa (APAA), the President of the African Arbitration Association (AFAA).

He is registered on the list of arbitrators and conciliators at the ICSID, at the OHADA Commun Court of Justice and Arbitration and Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA). Mr. Douajni acts as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and President of arbitral tribunals in Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), ICC, ICSID, CACI, CEPAM, OHADA arbitration and ad hoc arbitration.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the CRCICA and of the International Federation of Arbitration Centers and Associations (IFCAI). He is also the former Chair of the Management Board of the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF). Mr. Douajni is the president of the 49th Session of the United Nations Commission of the International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and Vice-President of the 60th Session of the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO),

He teaches business law at various universities in Africa and Europe, and also has experience as a mediator and conciliator both at the domestic and international level.



Marike Paulsson
Secretary General, International Commercial Dispute
Resolution Council, Kingdom of Bahrain
Professor, Strategic Advisor Bahrain
Economic Development Board

Professor Marike Paulsson is the Secretary General of the International Commercial Dispute Resolution Council, Kingdom of Bahrain. She further holds advisory positions at the Economic Development Board in the Bahrain and with Albright Stonebridge Group in Washington, DC.

With over twenty years of practice and academic experience in public international law, international arbitration, cross-border litigation, commercial diplomacy and human rights, Professor Paulsson draws on her extensive experience to advise on the resolution of investment and commercial disputes through global strategy and commercial diplomacy.

She is the Vice President for North America of the Global Legal Institute for Peace of the University of Sao Paulo, and has been appointed Vice-President for North America of the Mauritius Arbitration & Mediation Centre. She is a member of the jury for the Princess Sabeeqa Bint Ebrahim Al Khalifa Global Award for Women's Empowerment.

Professor Paulsson is the author of the leading treatise on the United Nations Convention on the Enforcement and Recognition of Foreign Arbitral Awards, the '1958 New York Convention in Action'. She was an editor and co-author of the ICCA (International Council for Commercial Arbitration) Guide on the New York Convention and the treatise International Arbitration in India. She writes and teaches on the topic and has assisted in the drafting of numerous expert opinions on the Convention. She is a member of the Judiciary Committee of the ICCA and co-founded the ICCA NYC Roadshow for the purposes of which she familiarizes and conducts dialogues with members of the judiciary around the world with the application of the Convention in the national space.

She is a visiting professor with the University of Miami, the University of Sao Paolo and Jindal Global University in Delhi.

Earlier in her career, Professor Paulsson served as Counsel at Hanotiau & van den Berg in Brussels and held Associate positions at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and Allen & Overy in Amsterdam. She was the Founding Director of the Miami International Arbitration Institute. She graduated from Leiden University School of Law, holds an L.L.M in International Law from the University of Miami School of Law, and has a diploma from Sciences Po, Paris, where she studied political science. She speaks five languages and is a member and past member of the Dutch, Bahraini, and Belgian bar associations. She is based in Manama, Bahrain



Lars Markert
Partner, Nishimura & Asahi

Dr. Lars Markert is a partner in Nishimura and Asahi's international dispute resolution group in Tokyo, with a practice focused on commercial and investment arbitrations. He has particular expertise in contentious proceedings involving post-M&A, commercial, construction, and distribution matters, in areas such as life sciences, automotive, and energy, and has been involved in international arbitrations as counsel and arbitrator under a wide variety of arbitration rules.

