TOPICS

We are thrilled to be launching the Fifth Edition of **Washington Arbitration Week (WAW)** – **WAW 2024.** Discover the exciting list of topics proposed for the fifth edition!

I. <u>Investment and International Commercial Arbitration</u>

1. Inside the Arbitrators' Chambers: Best Practices of Arbitrators in ICSID Proceedings.

2. What Will Be the Impact of the US Elections in Investment Arbitration?.

3. State Defense in Investment Arbitration lead by International In-House Counsel.

4. Non-Disputing Party Submissions and Amicus Curiae: Practice in Investment Arbitration, Usage by Respondent States and Investors, and Challenges of Non-Disputing Parties to Access Confidential Information.

5. Features and Challenges of International Construction Arbitration and Multiparty Construction Disputes.

6. Expert Witnesses and Gender Equality: The Evolving Landscape.

7. Are Dissenting Opinions in Arbitration Useful? How May Dissenters Contribute to Move the Law Forward in International Investment Arbitration.

8. If Not Investor-State Treaty Arbitration, Then What? Can Investment Contracts Replace Investment Treaties Including Bilateral Investment Treaties and Free Trade Agreements with Investment Chapters?.

9. Time to Update the New York Convention to Ensure Efficiency and Fairness in the Enforcement of Arbitral Awards? Thoughts from Judges and Arbitrators across Jurisdictions.

10. The future is here: Arbitration in Space Law.

11. How Will the Withdrawal of European States from Energy Charter Treaty Affect Investment, Investment Arbitration, and Compliance with the International Rule of Law When Parties Move to Enforce International Arbitration Awards?.

12. Corruption, fraud and violations of general principles of law in international arbitration.

13. Mining in Environmentally Sensitive Areas: Environmental Exceptions, Judicial Actions, and Damages.

II. __Business and Human Rights__

14. Business and Human Rights in International Commercial and Investment Arbitration: How to Make it Right?.

III. __International Arbitration and Rules of Procedure__

15. Causation In ISDS arbitration: What is the Proper Causation Inquiry under International Law? What Must a Claimant Prove in Terms of Liability and Damages?.

IV. __Investment and International Commercial Arbitration__

16. Progress of UNCITRAL Working Group III: The Elephant in the Room: Appellate Facility v Multilateral Investment Court; and the Status of Advisory Centre on International Investment Law.

V. __Public International Law__

17. Public International Law, Gaza, and Israel: Is There a Role for International Arbitration in the Conflict?.

18. International Arbitration in the Era of Climate Crisis: COP 28, Speeding Up the Transition Away from Fossil Fuels and Oil and Gas Decommissioning, the Upcoming ICJ Advisory Opinion on Climate Change, and the Fund to Compensate Environmental Damages.

VI. __Practical Sessions__

19. Using Investigators and Asset Tracers in Arbitration and Enforcement Proceedings for Political Risk, Damages and Recoverability Analyses: Do's and Don'ts.

 Sub-topics might include:

- o Preliminary recoverability analysis;
- o Intel gathering in opaque/corrupt/unsafe countries;
- o Political risk analysis;

- o Analysis of witness statements;
- o Due diligence on witnesses;
- o Enforcement of arbitral awards.

20. Expedited Proceedings in International Investment and International Commercial Arbitration: Features and Steps that Parties, Counsel and Arbitrators Must Bear in Mind and Take.

21. Workshop for Counsel and Arbitrators on Quantum and Cross Examination of Damages Experts: How to Conduct an Effective Cross-Examination.

VII.   Quantum

22. Assessing Interest in Investment Disputes: Role and Types of Interests Used and Applied to Calculate Damages.

VIII.   Technology

23. The Tech Revolution in International Arbitration: The Impact and Use of AI on Lawyering and Adjudicating.

24. How Forensic and Financial Tools and Experts Can be Used to Assist with Jurisdictional and Causation Topics.

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