ARBITRATION CONFERENCE

Effective Dispute Resolution for International Business Transactions

September 7 – 8 2017

The ICC International Court of Arbitration is organising a conference and a round table to present international arbitration as an effective tool for international commercial dispute resolution. The basic institutes of commercial arbitration and their functioning, as well as their advantages in international business transactions will be introduced during the course of the conference. The round table seminar on the day after the conference will go into the specific details of the practice.

SEPT. 7 — **CONFERENCE**
ICC Arbitration as the Internationally Most Established Method of Dispute Resolution

Location School of Law – Reykjavik University / Lagadeild – Háskólinn í Reykjavík
Menntavegur 1, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

SEPT. 8 — **ROUNDTABLE SEMINAR**
Practical Issues of International Arbitration and in Particular ICC Arbitration

Location Viðskiptaráð Íslands – Iceland Chamber of Commerce
Borgartúni 35, 105 Rvk

Speakers

Welcome Note
by Sigríður Á ANDERSEN, Reykjavik, Iceland – Iceland´s Minister of Justice
Ms Andersen is a lawyer, a member of the Alþingi parliament for the Independence Party for the Reykjavik Constituency and the Minister of Justice since 11 January 2017. She is also a regular columnist at the national newspaper Morgunblaðið. Before taking a seat at Alþingi, she had been practicing law for 14 years.

Speakers and moderators

Dr Anton BAIER, Vienna, Austria
Dr Baier is a founding partner of BAIER Partner Attorneys-at-Law in Vienna, Austria, specialized in dispute resolution and mainly arbitration, corporate law, commercial law, M&A transactions, and construction law. Starting in the 1970s, he has served as a president of tribunals, a co-arbitrator, and a sole arbitrator in a number of worldwide arbitration proceedings. Dr Baier is also co-author of the book ICC Rules, Wiener Regeln, österreichisches Schiedsrecht [ICC Rules, Vienna Rules and Austrian Law on Arbitration] and of numerous articles and other books in the German and English languages in international arbitration and international contract law, and he is recognised as one of the leading international arbitrators.

Prof Dr Alexander J BĚLOHLÁVEK, Prague, Czech Republic (Moderator)
Prof Bělohlávek is a Professor of international law and a Professor of international economics, attorney-at-law (Managing partner of Bělohlávek Law Offices, Prague, Czech Republic), an arbitrator, a Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and Chair of the Commission on Arbitration at the ICC National Committee, Czech Republic, and Immediate PastPresident of the WJA – World Jurist Association in Washington D.C. He has served as president of tribunals, as co-arbitrator, and sole arbitrator in over 450 arbitrations at 17 permanent arbitral institutions as well as in ad-hoc arbitrations, including arbitrations pursuant to UNCITRAL Rules. He is the author of over 400 publications (books as well as articles).

Dr Bernd EHLE, Geneva, Switzerland
Dr Bernd Ehle is a partner at LALIVE in Geneva. He specializes in international arbitration and has acted as counsel and arbitrator in numerous institutional and ad hoc international arbitral proceedings governed by various procedural and substantive laws. Dr Ehle is experienced in disputes involving the main aspects of commercial transactions, in particular disputes relating to joint ventures, M&A, distribution and agency, and projects in the construction, telecommunications and energy sectors. He also represents parties in Swiss court proceedings related to arbitration. Dr Ehle has been admitted to the bar in both Switzerland and Germany. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and acts as Co-chair of the Geneva Group of ASA (Swiss Arbitration Association).

Garðar Víðir GUNNARSSON, Reykjavik, Iceland (Moderator)
Garðar Víðir Gunnarsson is a partner at LEX Law Offices and a lecturer at Reykjavik University. Mr Gunnarsson's practice focuses mainly on litigation and arbitration and M&A and tax issues. Mr Gunnarsson has advised numerous companies in the context of joint ventures, shareholders' disputes and disputes concerning the fiduciary duties of directors and managers. Mr Gunnarsson has handled various litigations and arbitrations, both domestic and international, arising out of disputes involving corporate matters, M&A and joint ventures, financial markets, and commercial disputes in general. Moreover, Mr Gunnarsson led the working committee tasked with the revision of the Arbitration Rules of the Nordic Arbitration Centre of the Iceland Chamber of Commerce, which entered into force in 2013.

Hjördís Birna HJARTARDÓTTIR, Paris, France (Moderator)
Hjördís Birna Hjartardóttir is a Deputy Counsel at the Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. She studied law at Reykjavik University and was admitted to the bar in Iceland in 2010. She has worked as a law firm associate in Reykjavik for over six years, during which time she presented around 40 cases before the district courts concerning various civil, commercial, and administrative matters. Prior to joining the ICC in early 2017, she completed an LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) in Geneva, Switzerland, where she specialized in international commercial and investment arbitration.

Przemyslaw P KRZYWOSZ, Warsaw, Poland
Mr Kryzywosz is a qualified lawyer in Poland, England, and Wales. He is a managing partner at the Przemko Law Firm in Warsaw, Poland. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and also a Fellow of the Dispute Board Federation (Geneva). He serves as Chairman of the Commission of Arbitration of the Polish National Committee of the ICC. He has conducted 56 arbitrations as arbitrator, both domestic and international. His present legal practice is focused on legal and strategic services regarding M&A and corporate finance transactions. As an arbitrator, he has also developed vast expertise in construction/FIDIC disputes.

Hafliði Kristján LÁRUSSON, Reykjavik, Iceland (Moderator)
Hafliði K Lárusson is a partner at the law firm of Fjeldsted & Blondal in Reykjavik and a lecturer at Reykjavik University. He specialises in international IP, technology, and commercial law and international dispute resolution, including arbitration. Hafliði is a former member of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, France (2009-2015). Hafliði is the author of a number of publications in IP and technology, data protection, international business law, and dispute resolution.

Pedro MARTINEZ-FRAGA, Miami, USA
Pedro J. Martinez-Fraga is a practitioner in the field of international litigation and transnational arbitration, including complex jurisdictional disputes concerning common law and civil law issues. Mr. Martinez-Fraga is a World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) arbitrator. On December 16, 2015, President Barack Obama appointed Mr. Martinez-Fraga as one of four U.S. delegate members to the Panel of Conciliators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (World Bank), effective February 23, 2016. He is the first Hispanic to have been so appointed in the history of the Washington Convention of 1965.

Christopher NEWMARK, Paris and London, France / United Kingdom
Chris Newmark has wide experience as both an arbitrator and a mediator. He sits regularly as chairman, panel and sole arbitrator under the rules of the leading arbitral institutions and in ad hoc proceedings, and was the first emergency arbitrator to be appointed under the 2012 ICC Rules of Arbitration. He conducts his mediation practice through CEDR Chambers and is member of the panel of mediators of the Lausanne-based Court of Arbitration for Sport. Mr Newmark is the current Chair of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR; Partner, Spencer Underhill Newmark, London. During his time as Chairman, the ICC Commission has introduced task forces working on Emergency Arbitration and on the Probative Value of Witness Evidence and has published reports on Decisions on Costs and on Financial Institutions and Arbitration. Mr Newmark also co-chaired the ICC task force, whose work led to the frequently referenced report, 'Techniques for Controlling Time and Costs in Arbitration'. Mr Newmark is a Senior Visiting Lecturer at the School of International Arbitration, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University, London. He was a partner at law firm Baker & McKenzie for ten years before co-founding his current firm.

Piotr NOWACZYK, Warsaw, Poland
Piotr Nowaczyk has concentrated his practice for the past 20 years on international commercial arbitration, mediation, and dispute board adjudication. He is a former partner of Salans (later Dentons) and is currently an independent arbitrator and a Polish delegate to the UNCITRAL II Working Group on Arbitration and Conciliation. He has served as chairman, sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator, and counsel in over 250 arbitrations and has also served for 12 years as a Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. Mr Nowaczyzk is also the co-author of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules Commentary and has written more than 100 articles on arbitration, mediation, and ADR.

Associate Professor Eiríkur Elís ÞORLÁKSSON, Reykjavik, Iceland
Mr Þorláksson is an Assistant Professor at Reykjavik University, where he teaches financial law and procedural law. He is a Member of the Board of Directors of the Nordic Arbitration Centre of the Iceland Chamber of Commerce. He has been appointed by the Icelandic government to several different committees and serves on the boards of several prominent Icelandic companies. His specialization lies in commercial litigation, general corporate law, private international law, and insolvency law. Mr Þorláksson is an experienced attorney with an extensive professional background in the international business environment. Prior to joining Atlantik Legal Services, he was a partner at Nestor Legal Services and Lex Law Offices. He is accustomed to dealing with complex court cases and corporate projects. He has recently been working with the complicated issues related to the failure of Icelandic banks as a result of the 2008 financial crisis.

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Friederike Schäfer is Counsel at the Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. Prior to joining the ICC in 2015 she was a partner with Torgler Attorneys-at -Law in Vienna, where she specialised in international arbitration and litigation as well as in international contract, private foundation, and real estate law. She studied law at the University of Freiburg and passed her first and second state exams in Germany. She has been admitted to the bar in Germany. Friederike Schäfer has served as a sole arbitrator, an administrative secretary and a counsel in numerous international cases. She is experienced in arbitral proceedings under ICC Rules, Vienna Rules, and DIS Rules as well as in ad hoc proceedings. Friederike Schäfer is the author of various articles on international arbitration, international private law, CISG, and the law of private foundations. She teaches CISG and international arbitration at the University of Mannheim.

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Niels Schiersing is dual-qualified and has been admitted to practice both as an advokat in Denmark and as a solicitor in England and Wales. He serves as an arbitrator in both domestic and international commercial arbitrations, seated in civil law and common law jurisdictions alike. He has published the first and only commentary on the Danish Arbitration Act of 2005.

Prof Patrick THIEFFRY, Paris, France
Patrick Thieffry is a member of the Paris and New York Bar Associations, an independent arbitrator, and an Associate Professor at the Sorbonne School of Law. He currently mainly acts as an independent arbitrator in complex construction projects in the environmental and energy sectors in the EU (including Central and Eastern European countries), the US, and the Middle East. His professional experience has consisted in advising the clients of Thieffry & Associés, the firm he has been a partner of for more than 30 years, and he has been representing them in arbitration and litigation, mostly in these areas. He also teaches environmental law at the Sorbonne School of Law and is the author of both the Traité de droit de l'environnement de l'Union européenne (Bruylant, 3rd ed., 2015) and the Manuel de droit de l'environnement de l'Union européenne (Bruylant, 1st ed., 2014).

Dr Herman VERBIST, Ghent and Brussels, Belgium
Dr Verbist is an attorney-at-law in the bar associations of Ghent and Brussels, Belgium. He is a former counsel at the Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris, France and currently serves as President of the Arbitrators Board of the Belgian Court of Arbitration for Sport (Brussels). He is a Member of the Board of the Belgian Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (CEPANI / Brussels).

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Rabab Yasseen is a partner at Mentha Avocats in Geneva, and sits as a deputy Judge with the Geneva Civil Courts. She is an experienced counsel and arbitrator under various rules, including ICC, the Swiss Rules, CAS, DIAC, CRCICA and UNCITRAL. She is a member for Switzerland of the ILA Arbitration Committee and of the ICC Commission on Arbitration for which she served on the Task Force for the Revision of the ICC Arbitration Rules (2012 Rules). She was a member of the IBA working group drafting the 2012 investor-State mediation Rules. Ms Yasseen is also a regular delegate to the UNCITRAL Working Group II sessions, including those on Transparency, and is an active member of the Advisory Committee of the Cairo Regional Center. She was a member of the CAS Ad Hoc Division at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. She is admitted to the Geneva Bar and as a Solicitor to the Supreme Court England & Wales

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