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New challenges in arbitration in the Asia Pacific region

Presented by the Arbitration Committee and the Asia Pacific Regional Forum

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Part one: Harmonising arbitration laws in the Asia Pacific region

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Despite the growth of arbitration in the Asia Pacific region, fundamental elements of a viable arbitration legal framework, ie, autonomy, fairness and limited court intervention, are not ensured in some of the states in the region.

In the last two decades, adoption of the Model Law has substantially occurred in several Asia Pacific countries, and it is increasing. Further adoption of the Model Law in the Asia Pacific Region would help to advance the goal of establishing acceptable enforcement and evidentiary standards in Asia. Harmonisation would also increase the comfort level that practitioners and clients would have in considering the Asia Pacific Region as a venue for international arbitration.

The aim of this session is to review the status of harmonisation of arbitration laws in the Asia Pacific region. Our distinguished and diverse group of panellists will explore:

- The need for reliable and consistent treatment of arbitration in the region
- How to achieve these desired goals
- The ramifications and alternative strategies if the Model Law is not adopted throughout the region.

Speakers

Naoki Iguchi *Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu, Tokyo, Japan*
Philip Jeyaretnam SC *Rodyk & Davidson, Singapore; Co-Chair, Dispute Resolution Subcommittee*
Frans Winarta *Frans Winarta & Partners, Jakarta, Indonesia*
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Part two: Can and should international arbitration practices be harmonised?

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The panellists of this session will review the status of current practices in various jurisdictions, identifying both consistencies and differences

among local practice across the region and discussing the need of a more uniform approach. In particular, the panel will examine ethical standards among practitioners in the region, especially regarding fair and civil conduct; conflicts policies; party representation; witness preparation and interface; the role and treatment of expert witnesses; as well as means of controlling time and cost. The panellists will then report on the status of efforts to harmonise such practices; examine how widespread acceptance of the IBA rules and guidelines in the region can benefit international arbitration in the region; and ways and means to achieve such goals by promoting the IBA Rules and Guidelines in the Asia Pacific Region.

Speakers

Cavinder Bull *Drew & Napier, Singapore*
Promod Nair *Arista Chambers, Bangalore, India*
Renaud Sorieul *UNCITRAL, Vienna, Austria*
Ruth Stackpool-Moore *Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Hong Kong SAR*
Hiroyuki Tezuka *Nishimura & Asahi, Tokyo, Japan*

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Pro bono and young lawyers

Presented by the Pro Bono Committee, the Academic and Professional Development Committee and the Young Lawyers' Committee

Session Co-Chairs

Makoto Hirasawa *Okuno & Partners, Tokyo, Japan; Vice-Chair, Young Lawyers' Committee*
Pamela Kovacs *International Development Law Organization, Rome, Italy; Communications Officer, Pro Bono Committee*

What are the challenges faced by young lawyers in conducting pro bono work and how should firms and bar associations help?

Speakers

Aster Crawshaw *Addleshaw Goddard, London, England; Vice-Chair, Academic and Professional Development Committee*
Kimathi Kuenyehia Sr *Kimathi & Partners Corporate Attorneys, Accra, Ghana; Young Lawyers Initiatives Officer, Young Lawyers' Committee*
Manoj Kumar *Hammurabi & Solomon, New Delhi, India*
Francisco Roggero *Bulló Tassi Estebenet Lipera Torassa Abogados, Buenos Aires, Argentina*

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Squeezed by globalisation? The position of mid-sized firms

Presented by the Law Firm Management Committee

Session Co-Moderators

Aku Sorainen *Sorainen, Tallinn, Estonia; Senior Vice-Chair, Law Firm Management Committee*
Tomohiro Tohyama *TMI Associates, Tokyo, Japan*

What slice of the market will remain for mid-sized firms in the future? The panellists will discuss the responses available for mid-sized firms in the new environment.

Speakers

Ugur Aktekin *Mehmet Gun & Partners, Istanbul, Turkey*
Mariano Batalla *Batalla Abogados, San José, Costa Rica*
Jeffrey Blount *Norton Rose Fulbright, Hong Kong SAR; LPD Council Member*
Abhijit Mukhopadhyay *Hinduja Group, London, England*
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