Challenges to the Legitimacy of International Arbitration

29th ITA Workshop and Annual Meeting

June 14 - 16, 2017

Marriott at Legacy Town Center
Plano, Texas (Dallas)

Highlights

- Keynote: Gary Born (Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, London)
- Featured speakers include Meg Kinnear (Secretary-General, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), Washington, D.C.), and Jacomijn van Haersolte-van Hof (Director General, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), London)
- Expert perspectives on the legitimacy of the process, the decision makers and the result
- Mock scenes: arbitrator challenges and deliberations
- Young Lawyers Roundtable
- Welcome Reception
- Workshop Networking Dinner at Mexican Sugar Cantina

Workshop Co-Chairs:
- Caline Mouawad, King & Spalding LLP, New York
- Prof. Jarrod Wong, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento
Introduction

Until recently, international arbitration was widely seen as fair, neutral, and effective. The field’s rapid growth reinforced this perception, helping establish international arbitration as the default mechanism for resolving transnational disputes.

Today, this perception holds less currency. Many now doubt the fairness of the arbitration process, the integrity of the decision-makers, and the legitimacy of awards obtained through “private” justice. These criticisms are not limited to domestic or investment arbitration, but increasingly impact international commercial arbitration as well. Nor is the debate confined to small circles of academics and NGOs; it has spread to politicians, journalists, and the wider public.

In this year’s annual program, the ITA will explore the most important challenges to the legitimacy of international arbitration. In a series of lectures, debates, panels and mock scenarios, leading international arbitration experts from around the world will seek to identify real and perceived problems and propose viable solutions to the “legitimacy crisis” in international arbitration. With active involvement from all participants, the Workshop aims to add an important voice to the most pressing issues facing international arbitration today.
4:45  PRACTICING INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION DURING CHALLENGING TIMES: SHOULD WE ALL HAVE GONE FOR SAFE CORPORATE LAW CAREERS INSTEAD?!

In a field that some went as far as calling saturated, our speakers will address several challenges facing young practitioners and share their insights into the many opportunities and career development options that are still available. Panelists will share their views on different non-linear careers, over- and under-specialization, and discuss possible paths for young practitioners in addition to the traditional partnership track pursued by most Big Law associates.


PANELISTS:
— Kate Brown, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, S.C., Mexico City
— Ben Love, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, New York
— Yanett Quiroz, International Case Director, ICDR, Houston
— Deva Villanúa, Armesto & Asociados, Madrid

5:25  CLOSING REMARKS

5:30  WORKSHOP WELCOME RECEPTION

7:15  WORKSHOP DINNER (Optional)

MEXICAN SUGAR COCINA Y CANTINA
The Shops at Legacy
7501 Lone Star Dr B150

Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to attend and if you also wish to bring a guest.

Ticket price: $85 per person.

The dinner is walking distance or a short Uber ride away from the hotel.
Please dress comfortably. This will be a fun and casual evening.
9:00  WELCOME BACK
   — Abby Cohen Smutny, Chair, ITA Advisory Board, White & Case, Washington, D.C.

9:05  INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAM
   — Jeremy Sharpe, Workshop Co-Chair

9:10  KEYNOTE: THE LEGITIMACY OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION
   The keynote will examine the legitimacy of international arbitration from an historical and contemporary perspective.
   
   INTRODUCTION: Prof. Jarrod Wong, Workshop Co-Chair
   KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Gary Born, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, London
   COMMENTATOR: Prof. José Alvarez, NYU School of Law, New York

10:00 LEGITIMACY OF THE DECISION-MAKERS (PART 1)
   A hitherto cornerstone of arbitration is the parties’ right to nominate arbitrators. But this presents formidable legitimacy
   challenges: Might it invite partiality or its appearance, and undermine the legitimacy of the award? Should privately
   appointed arbitrators who are not otherwise accountable determine issues of national law on an ad hoc basis without
   having to defer to court judgments or to a State’s exercise of its police powers, including on matters that impact the
   larger community? This panel will take the form of a debate with panelists arguing for and against preserving the parties’
   traditional right to appoint arbitrators.

   INTRODUCTION AND MODERATOR: Prof. Jarrod Wong, Workshop Co-Chair
   PANELISTS:
   — Brian Egan, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Washington, DC
   — Prof. Chiara Giorgetti, University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond
   — Salim Moollan QC, Essex Court Chambers, London
   — Michael E. Schneider, Lalive, Geneva

11:00 BREAK

11:20 LEGITIMACY OF THE DECISION-MAKERS (PART 2)
   Arbitrators may wear many other hats, including as counsel, commentator, and expert witness. This practice increases
   the risk of real or perceived conflicts of interest and implicates the legitimacy of the arbitral process. The arbitration
   community has drafted many guidelines to address today’s increasingly complex arbitrator conflicts, but parties, tribunals,
   institutions, and courts often treat them differently.

   INTRODUCTION OF THE MOCK: Jeremy Sharpe, Workshop Co-Chair

   SCENE 1: CHALLENGE AND ARGUMENT
   Petitioner’s Counsel...............................................................Prof. Charles H. Brower, II
   Wayne State University Law School
   Detroit

   Respondent’s Counsel..........................................................Sarah Vasani
   Addleshaw Goddard LLP
   London

   Judge.........................................................................................Hon. Rosemary Barkett
   Judge, Iran-United States Claims Tribunal
   Former Judge, U.S. 11th Circuit, and Chief Justice, Florida Supreme Court
   The Hague

   Arbitrator...........................................................................John R. Crook
   George Washington University Law School
   Washington, DC
SCHEDULE

Scene 2: Deliberations and Decision
Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A

12:40 LUNCHEON
A CONVERSATION WITH
Dominique Brown-Berset
Brown&Page
Geneva

With
Prof. Susan D. FrancK
Chair, ITA Academic Council
American University Washington College of Law
Washington, DC

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2:00 LEGITIMACY OF THE PROCESS
International arbitration allows parties to choose and design their own private dispute resolution process. But has it gone too far? Criticism of the arbitral process as a separate and parallel legal system abounds. This roundtable will take an introspective and honest look at whether the arbitral process is too autonomous from domestic law and domestic court oversight, whether it should be held more accountable and if so, how, and whether it deserves to be viewed as fair and just (among other topics).

INTRODUCTION AND MODERATOR: Caline Mouawad, Workshop Co-Chair
PANELISTS:
— Jean E. Kallicki, Kallicki Arbitration, New York
— Karin Kizer, Attorney-Adviser, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.
— Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Arent Fox LLP, Washington, D.C.

3:00 BREAK

3:20 REGULATING ARBITRATION ETHICS? A CONVERSATION
Few topics divide the international arbitration community today like the question of regulating arbitration ethics. Whether a global code of arbitration ethics for counsel and arbitrators is necessary or desirable, what its content should be and whether a transnational enforcement mechanism is appropriate are among the questions that permeate the debate and this session. Looming in the background of this conversation is the overarching quest for an answer that maintains—some may say restores—both the integrity and the appearance of integrity of a system that continues to come under attack.

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— Jan Paulsson, Three Crowns, Miami
— Jacomijn van Haersolte-van Hof, Director General, London Court of International Arbitration, London
Arbitration cases today often raise enormous financial and public policy stakes. Many arbitration critics question the system’s preference for finality and efficiency over correctness. Is appellate review the answer? How well are national courts responding? Are there means of improving the perceived legitimacy of outcomes in ISDS within the existing confines of the system? This panel will consider and comment on a specific proposal to improve legitimacy of the result, as well as other potential alternatives.

**INTRODUCTION AND MODERATOR:** Jeremy Sharpe, Workshop Co-Chair

**PROONENT AND DISCUSSANT:** Bart Legum, Dentons LLP, Paris

**COMMENTATORS AND DISCUSSANTS:**
- Silvia Marchili, King & Spalding LLP, Houston
- Prof. Dr. Stephan W. Schill, Professor of International and Economic Law and Governance, Amsterdam Center for International Law - University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam
- John Townsend, Hughes Hubbard & Reed, LLP, Washington, D.C.

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

— Abby Cohen Smutny

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CHAIR, INSTITUTE FOR TRANSNATION ARBITRATION

ABBY COHEN SMUTNY is Chair of the ITA and a partner of White & Case LLP. She is recognized as one of the world’s leading practitioners of international arbitration and has represented clients in arbitrations before all major arbitral forums including ICSID, the ICC, the Vienna International Arbitral Centre, the LCIA, the ICDR, as well as in ad hoc UNCITRAL Rules arbitrations. She handles both commercial contract disputes as well as disputes arising under investment treaties. She is Vice-President of LCIA’s North American User’s Council, a member of the Board of the AAA, and a member of the Editorial Board of the Yearbook on International Investment Law and Policy. Previously she served as Vice-President of the American Society of International Law and a member of its Executive Committee and Executive Council, Vice-Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the IBA and Chair of its Investment Treaty Sub-Committee, co-Editor-in-Chief of the World Arbitration and Mediation Review, and as Chair of the International Law Section of the DC Bar.

WORKSHOP CO-CHAIRS

CALINE MOUAWAD is a Partner in King & Spalding’s International Arbitration Group, residing in the New York office. Ms. Mouawad represents clients in complex, multi-jurisdictional global disputes and international arbitration matters in the United States, Europe, Latin America, and African, in a variety of sectors, including consumer goods, oil and gas, mining, and telecommunications. She has acted for clients in cases conducted in English and French under the arbitration rules of the ICC, ICSID, LCIA, AAA, as well as in ad hoc cases under the UNCITRAL Rules. In addition to serving as counsel, she serves as an arbitrator and is listed on the Panel of Neutrals for the International Centre for Dispute Resolution. She currently chairs the International Law Committee of the New York City Bar Association.

JEREMY K. SHARPE is a partner in Shearman & Sterling’s International Arbitration and Public International Law practices, based in London. He previously was Chief of Investment Arbitration in the Office of the Legal Adviser at the U.S. Department of State, where he represented the United States in investor-State and State-to-State disputes arising under U.S. international investment agreements, including NAFTA and CAFTA, and advised on the negotiation of such agreements. He also is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center, where he teaches courses on international dispute resolution. He has served as the Legal Adviser to the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and as an Attorney-Adviser in the State Department’s Office of African and Near Eastern Affairs and Office of International Claims and Investment Disputes. He previously practiced international arbitration in Washington, D.C. and served as Legal Assistant to Judge Charles N. Brower at the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague. He received his J.D. from New York University School of Law and LL.M. from Harvard Law School.

JARROD WONG is Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Global Center at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. He is also Co-Vice Chair of the ITA Academic Council and Co-Chair of the American Society of International Law International Economic Law Interest Group. He has centered his scholarship on issues in international dispute resolution, and has been published in the Columbia Journal of Transnational Law, Minnesota Law Review, Tulane Law Review and George Mason Law Review, among others. He has delivered his papers at
major international arbitration conferences around the world, including the Seventh Annual Fordham Law School Conference on International Arbitration and Mediation, the Fifteenth Investment Treaty Forum of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, and the Annual International Arbitration Conference held at the National Taiwan University. He holds various law degrees, graduating with first class honours from the University of Cambridge, Order of the Coif from University of California, Berkeley, and from the University of Chicago.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**GARY BORN** is widely recognized as the world's leading authority on international arbitration and litigation. He is the author of *International Commercial Arbitration* (2nd ed. 2014), *International Arbitration: Law and Practice* (2nd ed. 2015) and numerous other works on international dispute resolution. Mr. Born is also the Chair of the International Arbitration Practice Group at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP and has been ranked for the past 20 years as one of the world's leading international arbitration practitioners. He has participated in more than 650 international arbitrations, including four of the largest ICC arbitrations and several of the most significant ad hoc arbitrations in recent history. He is President of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Court of Arbitration and serves in an advisory capacity at other institutions around the world. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland and Tsinghua University, Beijing, and teaches regularly at law schools in Europe, Asia, and North and South America.


**LUNCHEON SPEAKERS**

**DOMINIQUE BROWN-BERSET** is a partner of Brown&Page, a law firm specializing in dispute resolution, contract and commercial law, and public international law. She practices mainly in the field of international arbitration and business transactions. She is listed, *inter alia*, on the HKIAC, JCAA, SIAC, KLRCA and CAS panels of arbitrators. She holds law degrees from Lausanne University Law School (Switzerland), Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne (France) and Harvard Law School (U.S.A). She is a member of the LCIA Court of Arbitration, of the Executive Committee of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration, of the Management Board and of the Supervisory Council of the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law and a member of the Board of the Société Suisse des Juristes. She is a former Co-Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association, former International Vice-President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and immediate past President of the Executive Board of Arbitral Women. She is also a member of the Editorial Boards of *The Journal of International Arbitration*, *Global Arbitration Review*, and *Arbitration*, and is the author of several articles and publications on arbitration and mediation.
She has been acting as counsel, co-counsel, arbitrator (also sole arbitrator and chairperson), legal expert and expert witness in over 210 cases covering a broad range of international arbitration cases, in particular in arbitration involving states and international organizations both at private and governmental levels, in cases relating, *inter alia*, to transfer of technology, construction of turnkey factories and other major projects, procurement contracts, licence agreements, agency, joint venture, and shareholders’ agreements, sale and purchase contracts, telecom, post M & A disputes and the like. Her industry experience includes, telecommunications, computers (software and hardware), satellites, aviation, avionics, glass and paper production, steel, chemicals and petrochemicals, LNG projects, oil and gas (upstream, midstream and downstream), electricity and other energy sectors, mining, food, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology, shipping and shipbuilding, intellectual property rights, luxury goods, textiles and arts, beverages and real estate.

Dominique is married to Alistair S. Brown, a New-Zealand citizen, whom she met while at Harvard where they were both LL.M. students. They have two daughters: Thaïs, who studies at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland, and Sophie, who reads history at Cambridge University (UK).

**SUSAN D. FRANCK** is a Professor of Law at American University, Washington College of Law in Washington, DC. Professor Franck’s scholarship focuses on international economic law and dispute resolution and has been published in the American Journal of International Law, Duke Law Journal, Fordham Law Review, Minnesota Law Review, Washington University Law Review, Virginia Journal of International Law, and Harvard Journal of International Law. She also practiced international arbitration at Wilmer Hale and Allen & Overy. Professor Franck is an elected member of the American Law Institute, Chair of the Academic Council of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration, and former co-chair of the American Society of International Law’s International Economic Law Interest Group.

**PLAYERS & COMMENTATORS**

**PIERRE AMARIGLIO** is Senior Investment Officer with Tenor Capital in New York. He started his career practicing litigation and arbitration at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. He then joined the World Bank and advised governments in developing countries on policy reforms designed to attract foreign investment. After a lateral move to ICSID where he acted as legal counsel in multiple arbitration proceedings, he started at Tenor in 2016. He holds a law degree from the Université of Aix-en-Provence (where every ITA member should vacation this summer) as well as a business degree from ESSEC Paris, and an LLM from Harvard Law School.

**JUDGE ROSEMARY BARKETT** - Since October 2013, Judge Rosemary Barkett has served as a Judge on the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague and also has been accepting appointments in private arbitration. Immediately prior to joining the Tribunal, Judge Barkett served for two decades as a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Prior to the Federal Appellate Court, Judge Barkett was the first woman Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. On both courts, Judge Barkett reviewed a wide array of cases including intellectual property, antitrust, product liability, breach of contract, land condemnation, racketeering and corruption, banks and banking regulations, as well as constitutional law, labor law, and criminal appeals. In 2015 the President of the United States appointed Judge Barkett to the Panel of Conciliators for ICSID, and in 2016, Judge Barkett was elected as Honorary President of ASIL.

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KATE BROWN DE VEJAR specializes in international commercial and investment arbitration. She has represented private corporations, sovereign states, and state-owned entities in connection with international arbitrations under the leading institutional and ad hoc arbitration rules, including those of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Mexican Chamber of Commerce (CANACO), and the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA). Ms. Brown de Vejar has experience in disputes across a wide range of sectors, including aeronautical, construction and engineering, financial services, maritime, mining and resources, oil and gas, tax, transport, telecommunications and water treatment. She regularly deals with cases of a highly technical nature, involving complex issues of civil and mechanical engineering, and specializes in disputes requiring root cause analysis of delay and disruption, as well as defective design and construction works. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Centre of Arbitration for the Construction Industry (CAIC) in Mexico. Since 2008, Ms. Brown de Vejar has been a member of the Australian Delegation to UNCITRAL Working Group II, charged with revising the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and developing the UNCITRAL Rules on Transparency in treaty-based investor-State arbitration, as well as the corresponding Convention on Transparency. She is a member of the Executive Committee of YAWP, the under-40 branch of ArbitralWomen. From 2015 to 2016, she was co-Chair of Young ICCA, which operates under the auspices of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration. In 2015, she was nominated by the IBA’s Arbitration Committee to advise the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization in connection with the development of a dispute resolution mechanism for a global harmonized system of carbon pricing to mitigate climate change. In addition to regularly publishing and speaking on international arbitration topics, she has guest lectured on international dispute resolution at the Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE), Mexico City, and the Tecnológico de Monterrey, in the State of Mexico.

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