

# 28th Annual ITA Workshop

When Justice Delayed Would Be Justice Denied: Emergency Arbitrators and Interim Measures in International Arbitration



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- The #1 US international arbitration conference
- Mock scenes: the Interim Measures Hearing
- Expert panels on recent developments and current issues
- Oral History Interview with Albert Jan van den Berg, Past President, ICCA and Meg Kinnear, Secretary General, ICSID
- Young Arbitrators Dallas Roundtable Managing Risks and Controlling Costs
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- Workshop Dinner at the Petroleum Club of Dallas
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# Introduction

Is your adversary about to destroy evidence? Or secrete assets?

Is your joint venture partner about to hold a board or shareholders meeting without you?

Has a state forced you off a construction site at gunpoint and wrongfully imprisoned your CEO?

Sometimes parties need help and fast. Over the past decade, the availability of interim relief in international arbitration has expanded to meet their needs. UNCITRAL has revised its Arbitration Rules and Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration to expressly empower arbitrators to issue interim measures and encourage national courts to enforce them. And arbitral institutions around the world have updated their rules to clarify the power of arbitrators to issue interim relief and provide for "emergency arbitrators" who can step in and grant interim measures even before an arbitral tribunal is constituted. In this year's annual program, ITA will explore these important developments.

Through a series of panels and mock scenarios, international arbitration experts from around the world will discuss the types of interim relief parties most frequently seek and the standards arbitral tribunals apply in deciding whether or not that relief should be granted. They will also consider when a party might be better off seeking interim relief from a national court than an arbitrator and vice versa. In addition, practitioners from both common-law and civil-law countries will debate the special ethical issues counsel face when seeking interim measures, and address the peculiar challenges parties face in seeking interim measures against states.

The participants will also examine the extent to which national courts are willing to enforce arbitral awards granting interim measures under the New York Convention and the circumstances that make enforcement more or less likely.

## 3:00 REGISTRATION

# 3:30 WELCOME TO THE WORKSHOP

 Abby Cohen Smutny, Chair, ITA Advisory Board, White & Case, LLP, Washington, D.C.

# YOUNG ARBITRATORS DALLAS ROUNDTABLE

Presented by the ITA Young Arbitrators Initiative Committee

# 3:35 WELCOME TO THE ROUNDTABLE

 Montserrat Manzano, Chair, ITA Young Arbitrators Initiative, Von Wobeser y Sierra, S.C., Mexico City

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SCHEDULE June 15

# 3:40 HOW DO ARBITRATION COUNSEL AND IN-HOUSE COUNSEL ASSESS RISKS BEFORE PURSUING A CLAIM OR SETTLING A DISPUTE?

How to manage disputes and how to best manage them. Aside from the legal risks, the financial, business, and operational risks are usually assessed before initiating a claim in order to increase the likelihood of success. Our panelists will share the perspective of both in-house and outside counsel and comment on their experience in risk management and evaluating cases. Adequate risk assessment before pursuing or settling a claim translates into repeated resort by the business community to international arbitration as an efficient way to achieve their goals.

MODERATOR — Montserrat Manzano, Von Wobeser y Sierra, S.C., Mexico City

PANELISTS — Santiago Dellepiane, Compass Lexecon, New York

- Elsa Ortega, Ortega y Gómez Ruano, S.C, Mexico City
- Teresa Garcia Reyes, Senior Counsel Litigation, GE Oil & Gas, Houston

## 4:25 BREAK

## 4:40 WHAT LITIGATION TOOLS CAN CORPORATIONS USE TO MANAGE RISKS AND CONTROL COSTS IN ARBITRATION?

How can third party funders and insurers assist counsel in evaluating and controlling financial risks of pursuing a claim? If a risk is insurable, a party may pursue third party funding to overcome liquidity issues or share that risk. This assessment before a case starts may help make resource allocation decisions (forecast costs, plan in case of a loss or diversify risk). Respondents may also seek to obtain After the Event Insurance to manage costs. This session will present the view of counsel, funder and client and give an overview of where arbitration financing is at the time.

MODERATOR — Silvia Marchili, ITA YAI Vice Chair, King & Spalding LLP, Houston

PANELISTS — Maddi Azpiroz, Managing Director, ClaimTrading Ltd, London

- Alberto F. Ravell, Senior Counsel, ConocoPhillips Company, Houston
- Eugene J. Silva, Counsel International Disputes, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Houston

# 5:25 CLOSING REMARKS

# 5:30 WORKSHOP WELCOME RECEPTION

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#### 7:00 WORKSHOP DINNER (Optional)



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Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to attend.

Ticket price: \$110 per person.

Gather in Lobby by 6:40 for bus loading and departure. Buses will return to the hotel at the end of the evening.

Dress: Business or cocktail attire.

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SCHEDULE June 16

#### 9:00 WELCOME BACK

Abby Cohen Smutny, Chair, ITA Advisory Board, White & Case, Washington, D.C.

# 9:10 KEYNOTES: INTERIM MEASURES IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

The past decade has seen an expansion in the availability of interim measures in international arbitration. Our keynote speakers will discuss the origin, scope and implications of this change in terms of the power of arbitrators to issue interim measures, the advent of emergency arbitrators and the approach national courts take to the enforceability of arbitral awards granting interim measures. Their observations will frame the issues that will be examined in greater detail throughout the course of the day.

INTRODUCTION — Prof. Shahla Ali, Workshop Co-Chair

COMMENTARY: Interim Measures: The Slow Evolution Of Quick Arbitral Relief — James Castello, King & Spalding, Paris COMMENTARY: Emergency Arbitration: Justice On The Run — Prof. Patricia Shaughnessy, University of Stockholm School of Law, Stockholm

# 9:55 MOCK: INTERIM MEASURES HEARING - PART 1

**AUDIENCE VOTE** 

Cases where parties seek interim measures of protection commonly involve high-stakes situations where the decision on the interim measures application may well have profound implications for the way the rest of the case plays out. Such applications confront parties with special strategic considerations and frequently raise some of the most challenging issues arbitrators have to decide.

Through a mock interim measures hearing with parties, lawyers and arbitrators from diverse legal traditions, this session will give the audience a behind-the-scenes look at how parties bring and defend against applications for interim relief, as well as how arbitral tribunals approach such applications and take their decisions.

First, the parties meet with their counsel to strategize their respective approaches to the interim measures hearing. Second, the parties' counsel make their arguments to the arbitral tribunal. Third, the arbitral tribunal deliberates, renders its decision and explains its reasoning.

Audience members will have an opportunity to vote on how they would have decided the interim measures application and explain the reasons for their agreement or disagreement with the arbitral tribunal in a post-decision discussion.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MOCK — David Brynmor Thomas, Workshop Co-Chair

# SCENE 1: CLAIMANT'S CLIENT MEETING Exxon Mobil Corporation, Houston SCENE 2: RESPONDENT'S CLIENT MEETING Respondent's Corporate Counsel ...... Elizabeth Devaney, Assistant General Counsel Occidental Petroleum Corporation, Houston SCENE 3: ARGUMENT BEFORE THE TRIBUNAL Respondent's Corporate Counsel......Elizabeth Devaney Chair, Arbitral Tribunal.......John Beechey, Arbitrator, London Respondent-Appointed Arbitrator......Dominique Brown-Berset, Brown&Page, Geneva

SCHEDULE June 16

#### 10:45 BREAK

#### 11:05 MOCK: INTERIM MEASURES HEARING - PART 2

The tribunal renders its decision and explains its reasoning in light of the applicable standards and whether or not those standards were satisfied. The results of the audience vote are revealed. The players share their reflections on the tribunal's decision and the issues they found most challenging, and the audience is invited to join the discussion.

INTRODUCTION AND MODERATOR — David Brynmor Thomas, Workshop Co-Chair

## **SCENE 4: THE TRIBUNAL'S DECISION**

Claimant's Advocate (Common Law)	Hansel T. Pham
Claimant's Corporate Counsel	Tomasz J. Sikora
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Respondent's Corporate Counsel	Elizabeth Devaney
Chair, Arbitral Tribunal	John Beechey
Claimant-Appointed Arbitrator	Alejandro Ogarrio
Respondent-Appointed Arbitrator	Dominique Brown-Berset

## PANEL DISCUSSION AND AUDIENCE Q&A

## 11:40 FORMS OF INTERIM RELIEF

As parties seek interim measures to protect against a wide variety of threats, interim relief can take diverse forms. This panel of arbitration experts will discuss the types of interim measures that come up most frequently in international arbitration. It will also consider when a party might be better off seeking interim relief from a court than from an arbitrator and vice versa.

MODERATOR — Jennifer Kirby, Workshop Co-Chair

PANELISTS — John P. Bang, Bae, Kim & Lee, Seoul

- Judge Faith Hochberg, Faith Hochberg ADR, New York
- Ank Santens, White & Case, New York

Audience Q&A

# 12:25 LUNCHEON

# A CONVERSATION WITH

# Albert Jan van den Berg

Immediate Past President, International Council Commercial Arbitrators (ICCA)
Hanotiau & van den Berg, Brussels

With

# Meg Kinnear

Secretary-General, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) Washington, D.C.

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# 2:15 ETHICAL OBLIGATION OR ETHICAL VIOLATION?

In certain circumstances, parties may seek interim relief on an ex parte basis. Such applications raise an ethical question for counsel: To what extent should counsel for the party making the application disclose facts unfavorable to her client's application? A common-law lawyer and civil-law lawyer will debate this question in light of their respective legal traditions.

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PANELISTS — Natalie L. Reid, Debevoise & Plimpton, New York

- Roland Ziadé, Linklaters, Paris

# 2:45 INTERIM MEASURES AGAINST STATES

When parties seek interim measures against states, they often face special challenges. The types of relief parties seek against states can differ markedly from those they seek against private parties. Arbitrators may apply heightened standards when determining such applications. And a party's ability to enforce an interim measure against a state can be far more difficult. This panel of experienced, investment-arbitration practitioners will address these and other state-specific issues.

INTRODUCTION AND MODERATOR — Prof. Shahla Ali, Workshop Co-Chair

PANELISTS — Marinn Carlson, Sidley Austin, Washington, D.C.

- Eloïse Obadia, Special Legal Consultant, Derains & Gharavi PLLC, Washington, D.C.
- Anton A. Ware, Arnold & Porter, San Francisco

# 3:30 BREAK

# 3:50 INTERIM MEASURES IN PRACTICE: INSTITUTIONAL INSIGHTS

Through their administration of thousands of cases, arbitral institutions have a wealth of information about the growth of interim relief in international arbitration over the past decade. This panel of top institutional insiders from three continents will share their practical experience with emergency arbitrator proceedings and applications for interim relief to arbitral tribunals, as well as their systemic perspective on emerging trends.

**INTRODUCTION AND MODERATOR** — Jennifer Kirby, Workshop Co-Chair

- PANELISTS Steven K. Andersen, Vice President, International Development, International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), Midvale
  - Chiann Bao, Secretary General, Hong Kong International Arbitration Center (HKIAC), Hong Kong
  - Annette Magnusson, Secretary General, Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), Stockholm

Audience Q&A

# 4:35 ARE ARBITRAL DECISIONS GRANTING INTERIM MEASURES ENFORCEABLE?

This is the money question. When push comes to shove, an interim measure is only as good as it is enforceable. This panel of arbitration experts from a variety of jurisdictions will discuss the different approaches national courts take to the enforceability under the New York Convention of arbitral awards granting interim measures and the steps arbitrators can take to increase the chance that their award will be enforced.

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- PANELISTS Prof. Jack J. Coe, Jr., Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu
  - Honourable Edward C. Chiasson, Counsel, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Vancouver
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Audience Q&A

## 5:20 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Abby Cohen Smutny

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# Thursday, June 16

# 7:45 - 8:45 a.m.

#### ITA YOUNG ARBITRATORS INITIATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING

Young Arbitrators Initiative Committee Chair Montserrat Manzano presiding

The Young Arbitrators Initiative Committee and its annual meeting are open to all ITA Advisory Board members under the age of 40 and all ITA Young Arbitrator Members.

# 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. ITA ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL DINNER

ITA Advisory Board Chair Abby Cohen Smutny presiding

The annual reception and dinner meeting of the Advisory Board this year will be at the beautiful and historic Dallas Country Club following the conclusion of the Workshop. Advisory Board members and their spouse or guest are invited as guests of the Institute thanks to the generosity of our sponsors.

At the dinner, we will conduct just a little business, recognizing special contributors to the work of ITA this year.

Gather in Lobby by 6:10 for bus loading and departure. Buses will be available to transport us back to the hotel at the conclusion of the evening. Dress: Business or cocktail attire.

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# Friday, June 17

#### 7:45 - 8:45 a.m.

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Americas Initiative Committee Chair Elisabeth Eljuri presiding

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# 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ITA FORUM

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The agenda for this wide open discussion is determined by the participants, via topics and questions submitted in advance or raised at the Forum itself. To propose topics or questions in advance that you would like to have addressed at the Forum, please e-mail kjohnson@cailaw.org.

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