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Celebrating 115 Years of the Finland Arbitration Institute

Dear colleagues, partners, and friends,

Welcome to the FAI 115th Anniversary Conference.

Since 1911, FAI has provided a neutral, independent, and efficient framework for resolving commercial disputes across borders. That continuity rests on the parties who have trusted us with their disputes, the arbitrators and counsel who have shaped our practice over the years, and the wider community that depends on institutions like ours to keep cross-border commerce working.

Today, leading practitioners, arbitrators, academics, and in-house counsel from across 40 jurisdictions come together in Helsinki and online to consider how international commercial arbitration operates when the rules-based order comes under strain. Later this evening, we gather at Suomenlinna, a sea fortress that has stood through centuries of change, for dinner and music.

Thank you for being here to mark this milestone and to carry that continuity forward, alongside the partners and supporters whose contribution makes an occasion of this scale possible. I wish you all an inspiring day and a memorable evening.

Warm regards,



Henrik Sajakorpi
Secretary General

Programme

11:00 Registration and Lunch

12:00 Welcome Remarks

CONFERENCE MODERATOR:

- Tuuli Timonen, Partner, Dottir

SPEAKERS:

- Mika Hemmo, Chair of the Board, FAI
- Henrik Sajakorpi, Secretary General, FAI

12:15 The Helsinki Lecture 2026: International Commercial Arbitration in Uncertain Times

➤ International commercial arbitration has long operated within a broader framework that supported cross-border trade, legal predictability and the enforcement of obligations. While never insulated from political tension, recent developments indicate shifts in how states position themselves in relation to economic interdependence and regulatory autonomy.

➤ This keynote reflects on how arbitration adapts to a changing global environment and what continues to sustain confidence in it.

SPEAKERS:

- Gary Born, Partner, King & Spalding

13:00 Networking Break

➤ Refreshments and small bites are available.

13:30 Panel I: When Contracts Collide with Geopolitics

➤ Public law constraints increasingly reshape contractual rights and obligations in cross-border transactions. Sanctions, export controls and tariff regimes can disrupt performance, restrict payment flows and call into question the validity or continuation of contractual commitments.

➤ This panel explores how different legal frameworks address the consequences of such constraints and how parties manage contractual risk in an environment marked by geopolitical and regulatory uncertainty. It also examines how these issues shape the design of dispute resolution mechanisms.

MODERATOR:

- Natalia Petrik, Counsel, Westerberg & Partners

SPEAKERS:

- John W. Lowe, Independent Arbitrator, Lowe Arbitration
- Anna-Maria Tamminen, Managing Partner, Hannes Snellman
- Dr. Deming Zhao, Partner, Global Law Office
- Hayato Katayama, Global Head of Legal, Insurance & Compliance, Ocean Network Express

14:45 Networking Break

➤ Refreshments and small bites are available.

15:15 Panel II: When the State Enters the Hearing Room

➤ International commercial arbitration increasingly intersects with state authority, whether because a dispute involves a state-owned or state-affiliated party, or because national courts or public authorities take measures that directly affect the proceedings. This interaction may give rise to jurisdictional objections, claims of immunity, evidentiary and confidentiality restrictions, compliance-related barriers and strategic recourse to domestic courts.

➤ This panel examines how such dynamics shape arbitral proceedings and how tribunals and counsel navigate them.

MODERATOR:

- Isabelle Michou, Partner, Quinn Emanuel

SPEAKERS:

- Khawar Qureshi KC, Head of McNair International
- Dr. Olena Perepelynska, Partner, Impacta Law
- Dr. Gisela Knuts, Independent Arbitrator
- James Castello, Independent Arbitrator, Arbitration Chambers

16:30 Short Break

16:45 Panel III: When Awards Meet Power

➤ Arbitral awards are intended to provide final and binding resolution of disputes. Their legal effect, however, ultimately depends on

recognition, enforcement and, where applicable, judicial review by national courts. In an environment shaped by sanctions regimes, sovereign interests and expanding regulatory frameworks, the post-award phase may involve closer scrutiny of how private adjudication interacts with public law.

➤ This panel examines the position of arbitral awards once they move beyond the tribunal and into domestic legal systems. It considers the role of public policy, sovereign immunity and public law constraints, and whether differing national perspectives influence the conditions under which awards are set aside, recognised or enforced.

MODERATOR:

- **Anders Forss**, Partner, Castrén & Snellman

SPEAKERS:

- **Carolyn Lamm**, Partner, White & Case
- **Elliott Geisinger**, Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer
- **Maria Pihlak**, Partner, Sorainen
- **Sherlin Tung**, Consultant & Independent Arbitrator, Withers

18:00 Closing Remarks

- **Tuuli Timonen**, Partner, Dottir

18:45 Charter Ferries to Suomenlinna

➤ Charter ferries to Suomenlinna and the Gala Dinner depart from Kauppatori, Keisarinluoto Pier 14.

19:30 Gala Dinner at Tenalji von Fersen

➤ An evening of dinner and music at Suomenlinna, bringing colleagues from across borders together to mark 115 years of the Finland Arbitration Institute.

23:30 Charter Ferries Back to the Mainland

➤ Charter ferries back to the mainland depart from Tykistölahti Pier.

00:00 Afterparty at Restaurant Teatteri

➤ FAI 115 attendees have complimentary access to the VIP lounge at Restaurant Teatteri with their conference badges. Address: Pohjoisesplanadi 2, Helsinki.

Venues

📍 **Valkoinen Sali**, Aleksanterinkatu 16, Helsinki

The seminar takes place at Valkoinen Sali, a historic hall in the heart of Helsinki. Restored to its original splendour in 2016, the nearly 100-year-old venue with its murals and chandeliers provides an elegant setting for the day.

📍 **Tenalji von Fersen**, Suomenlinna B17c, 00190 Helsinki

The Gala Dinner is held at the historic Tenalji von Fersen banquet hall in Suomenlinna, a sea fortress that has stood through centuries of change. Guests travel to Suomenlinna by private charter departing from Helsinki harbour.



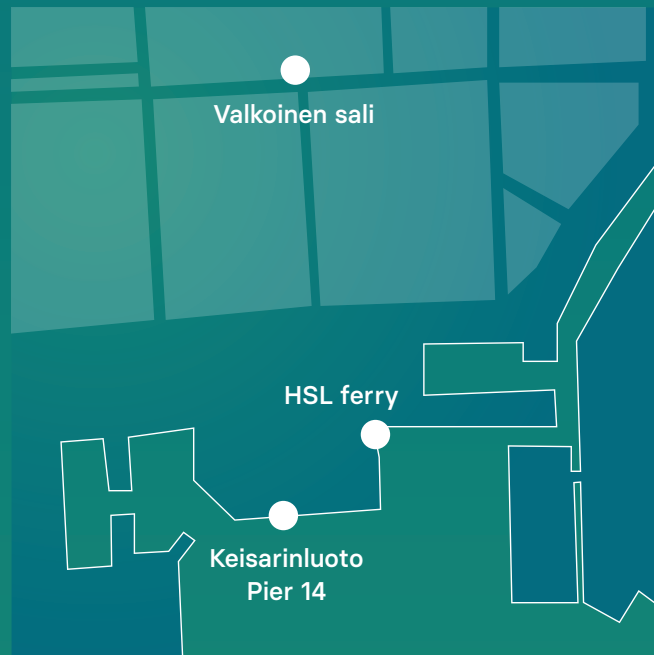
Getting to Suomenlinna

Charter ferries to Suomenlinna leave from Kauppatori, Keisarinluoto Pier 14 at 18:45. Upon arrival, please follow the event signage.

The charter ferry arrives at Tykistönlahti Pier. Our gala dinner venue, Tenalji von Fersen, is a short walk away. On arrival, event staff will be on hand to guide guests to the venue.

If you wish to arrive at the Gala Dinner at another time and prefer not to take the charter ferry at 18:45, you can arrive in Suomenlinna by public ferry. A valid HSL ticket is required for the public ferry. We recommend downloading the HSL app, where you can buy tickets and check ferry schedules.

Please note that public ferries arrive at Suomenlinna Main Pier, which is located further from the dinner venue than Tykistönlahti Pier, where the charter ferries arrive.



Getting from Suomenlinna

Dinner ends at 23:00, and the charter ferry back to the mainland leaves from Tykistönlahti Pier at 23:30.

If you wish to leave at another time and prefer not to take the charter ferry at 23:30, you can return to the mainland by public ferry from Suomenlinna Main Pier. Please note that the Main Pier is further from the venue than Tykistönlahti Pier.

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Legal 500, 2026



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Ratiolex's assignments mainly consist of counselling domestic SMEs and family businesses, international companies, state-owned companies and states in legal proceedings in Finland and abroad.

For 20 years, we have successfully represented our clients in dispute resolution before all general courts and in domestic and international arbitration proceedings. In addition, partners of our firm serve as arbitrators in domestic and international arbitrations.

The Finnish financial magazine Kauppalehti has ranked Ratiolex the most successful law office in Finland in 2012, 2013, 2016, 2018, 2019 and 2021 based on Balance Consulting's analysis of the financial statements.

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> Speakers



Mika Hemmo

Chair of the Board
FAI

Mika Hemmo is the Chair of the FAI Board and an attorney-at-law who specialises in arbitration. Before that, he was a professor of civil law at the University of Helsinki for more than 20 years. He has written books and articles about contract law, arbitration, tort law, banking law, and insurance law. He recently chaired a working group appointed by the Finnish Ministry of Justice that prepared a first version of the new Finnish Arbitration Act.



Henrik Sajakorpi

Secretary General
FAI

Henrik Sajakorpi is the Secretary General of the Finland Arbitration Institute. He heads the FAI Secretariat and is responsible for the Institute's operations and development, working in close cooperation with the FAI Board.

Before joining the FAI in March 2024, Henrik worked at Roschier, Attorneys Ltd., a Nordic law firm ranked in the GAR 100, where he specialized in commercial dispute resolution, including international arbitration. Henrik is a frequent speaker on arbitration at professional events.

Henrik recently served as a member of a six-member working group appointed by the Finnish Ministry of Justice that prepared a first version of the new Finnish Arbitration Act. He holds a Master of Laws (LL.M) from the University of Helsinki, where he graduated as valedictorian.



Tuuli Timonen

Partner
Dottir

Tuuli heads Dottir's dispute resolution department, bringing nearly two decades of experience resolving complex international disputes across technology, energy, construction, and post-M&A matters. Her practice centers on arbitration and other ADR methods, with particular focus on cross-border disputes. Beyond representing parties in contentious proceedings, she helps companies build conflict management strategies from a dispute's early stages through resolution, and has secured settlements in high-value disputes via negotiation, mediation, and other ADR approaches. She also regularly serves as arbitrator in national and international commercial arbitrations.

Tuuli is a court member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, a former long-standing board member of the Arbitration Institute of the Finland Chamber of Commerce, and an Officer of the IBA's Arbitration Committee.

Before joining Dottir, she spent a decade in White & Case's international arbitration department across Paris, Helsinki, and New York, and previously served as director of disputes at Nokia Technologies, managing global disputes and contentious licensing deals tied to its patent portfolio. She has authored numerous publications on dispute resolution and governing law and speaks regularly on these topics.



Gary Born

Partner
King & Spalding

Gary Born has been ranked for more than 25 years as one of the world's premier international arbitration advocates. He has led more than 750 arbitrations, including four of the largest ICC cases and several of the most significant ad hoc proceedings in recent years. Clients and competitors from around the world have described him as "awesome", "inimitable", "utterly phenomenal", "stellar", "spectacular", "unexcelled", "emblematic", "brilliant" and "in a league of his own", praising him as "easily the most capable disputes lawyers alive today".

Gary has acted as lead counsel for U.S., Asian, European, Latin American and other companies, as well as financial institutions and sovereign entities, in high-value cross-border disputes under all major institutional arbitration rules and in many national courts worldwide. He is particularly recognized for his oral advocacy in international arbitral proceedings (see highlights of Gary's advocacy in *Government of Sudan v. Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army* (Abyei arbitration)).

Gary is widely regarded as the world's pre-eminent authority on international commercial arbitration and international litigation. He is the author of *International Commercial Arbitration* (3d ed. 2021), the leading text in the field, an authoritative 5,000-page work that provides the most comprehensive available commentary on all aspects of the international commercial arbitration process. The treatise has been widely cited by national courts and arbitral tribunals, including by Supreme Courts in the U.S., UK, Canada, India, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, Qatar, the UAE, the BVI, the DIFC and elsewhere. Gary is also the author of multiple other works on international commercial, investment arbitration and international litigation.

In addition to acting as counsel, Gary has been appointed as arbitrator in more than 275 arbitrations and regularly serves as an expert witness, including on aspects of international law and U.S. private international law in foreign proceedings.



Natalia Petrik

Counsel
Westerberg & Partners

Natalia is counsel at Westerberg & Partners, a Swedish law firm, based in Stockholm. She represents clients in arbitration and before Swedish courts and serves as an arbitrator in international disputes. She is a Board Member of the Finland Arbitration Institute.

Before joining Westerberg & Partners, Natalia was Deputy Secretary General at the SCC Arbitration Institute.



John W. Lowe

Independent Arbitrator
Lowe Arbitration

John W. Lowe serves as an international arbitrator and mediator handling disputes related to commercial contracts, finance agreements, infrastructure projects and intellectual property. As an arbitrator, he has served as tribunal chairman, member of arbitral tribunals and sole arbitrator in both ad hoc and institutional arbitrations on more than 90 arbitrations.

He began his career as a US diplomat working in Mexico, Washington, and Italy. Mr Lowe then worked in private practice in Italy before beginning his work with international companies. He has worked as General Counsel for telecommunication, industrial and software companies and has served as Chief Compliance Officer for a major freight forwarder. To his arbitration and mediation work, Mr. Lowe brings a wealth of experience having worked on major transactions and disputes around the world.

He has a law degree from George Washington University in Washington D.C. and is a member of the bar in the District of Columbia and Ohio in the US. Mr. Lowe speaks French, Italian and Spanish in addition to his native English.



Anna-Maria Tamminen

Managing Partner
Hannes Snellman

Anna-Maria serves as the managing partner of Hannes Snellman specialising in her practice in dispute resolution. She currently represents parties in mediations, arbitrations, administrative and civil litigations, and internal and regulatory investigations. She has also acted for clients before the ECJ and the Finnish and Swedish Supreme Courts. Since 2022, Anna-Maria has been in charge of Hannes Snellman's sanctions advice.

Anna-Maria has over 20 years of experience in both commercial and investment treaty arbitration. Anna-Maria has additionally advised clients with regard to potential disputes, obtaining funding for disputes, seeking interim relief, and on the recognition, enforcement, and setting aside of arbitral awards. Anna-Maria has also acted as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator, and chairperson in over 30 international arbitrations under the ICC, SCC, FAI, DIA, LCIA and UNCITRAL Rules and a variety of laws with a value in dispute up to EUR 200 million.

Anna-Maria is a member of the Board of the SCC Arbitration Institute and of the LCIA Court. In the years 2018–2024, she was a member of the ICC Court of arbitration representing Finland. Anna-Maria is trained in both common and civil law legal systems and is admitted to practice as an attorney in both Finland and the State of New York.



Dr. Deming Zhao

Partner
Global Law Office

Deming Zhao is a partner at Global Law Office in Shanghai and an adjunct professor at East China University of Political Science and Law. He is a pioneer of customs and trade compliance practice in China, advising, representing, and defending multinational clients in contentious and non-contentious matters involving customs regulation, export controls, sanctions, and the compliance dimensions of cross-border supply chains. He has over 30 years of experience in litigation and arbitration. He is a listed arbitrator with the Shanghai, Xiamen, and Harbin Arbitration Commissions and the Shanghai International Arbitration Center, has sat as an arbitrator in CIETAC and other proceedings, and has acted as a Chinese law expert in arbitrations in Singapore and London.

Chambers Global ranks him Band 1 for Customs, Export Control and Economic Sanctions (2022-2026), and Benchmark Litigation lists him as a Litigation Star for Government & Regulatory and Shipping Law (2024-2026). He is a council member of the Association of Customs Law of the China Law Society and the author of Contemporary Export Control Law of China (Springer, 2024).



Hayato Katayama

Global Head of Legal
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Ocean Network Express

Hayato Katayama is an experienced General Counsel with more than 20 years of international legal and compliance leadership across Asia-Pacific, Oceania, India and the Middle East. A New York-qualified attorney based in Singapore, he has advised boards and senior executives on corporate governance, cross-border transactions, regulatory strategy, dispute resolution,

compliance and enterprise risk management across more than 80 jurisdictions.

Mr. Katayama currently leads the global Legal, Insurance & Compliance function at Ocean Network Express (ONE), where he oversees legal strategy, commercial contracting, maritime claims, arbitration, compliance, investigations and global insurance programmes. Prior to joining ONE, he served as Regional General Counsel for Sony Electronics Asia Pacific and previously held senior legal leadership roles at UL Japan and Sony Corporation.

Mr. Katayama holds an LL.M. from Vanderbilt University Law School and an LL.B. from Waseda University. His practice focuses on complex cross-border commercial matters, dispute resolution, corporate governance and compliance, with particular experience in the maritime, logistics and technology sectors.



Isabelle Michou

Partner
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Isabelle Michou is a Partner at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, a disputes only global law firm. She is based in Paris. Her practice focuses on international arbitration. She has substantial experience as counsel, in a range of industries including telecoms, energy, mining, aerospace, large-scale infrastructure projects, post-M&A disputes and hospitality. She has appeared before numerous high-profile arbitral tribunals, under the auspices of the major institutional rules including ICC, ICSID, LCIA, SCC, as well as in ad hoc arbitrations under the UNCITRAL Rules.

Isabelle also appears in arbitration-related proceedings before the French courts in cases involving issues of sovereign immunities, interlocutory, interim or conservatory relief, enforcement and challenges of arbitral awards.

She regularly acts as arbitrator under the ICC, SCC, LCIA or Swiss Rules as well as other rules.

She is a board member of the Executive Committee of the US-based Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA), chair of the newly constituted Executive Committee of the leading Institute of International Arbitration (IAI), member of the international board of the Finnish Arbitration Institute (FAI) and a member of the Bureau of the French Comité Français de l'Arbitrage (CFA).

She is dual national, French and Canadian, and is dual qualified in Paris and in England & Wales.



Khawar Qureshi KC

Head of
McNair International

Khawar Qureshi KC was called to the English Bar in 1990, became a UK Govt "A" Panel Treasury Counsel advising and representing the UK Government (1999-2006). He became a QC in 2006 and was appointed a Deputy High Court Judge and Bencher of Middle Temple in 2013. He has taught law at Cambridge University, King's College London and the LSE, and was appointed a Visiting Professor in Commercial law at the University of London in 2008. He was Chairman of TheCityUK Legal Services Group 2010-2015 and Vice-Chairman of the International Committee of the English Bar Council.

From offices in London and Qatar, he has advised and represented States and parties from all over the world on ICJ, Treaty negotiation and drafting, State and Diplomatic Immunity issues, as well as appeared in hundreds of commercial law, arbitration and Judicial Review matters before the English Courts at all levels. He has advised and represented many States/State entities.

He has the distinction of being one of very few lawyers who has been described as a "very powerful advocate" who is able to "effortlessly" navigate different legal concepts and jurisdictions, as well as having been Counsel for States in some of the largest arbitration claims ever brought against States.



Dr. Olena Perepelynska

Partner
Impacta Law

Dr. Olena Perepelynska is an international arbitrator and arbitration practitioner based in Kyiv, Ukraine. With more than 20 years of experience, she has participated in over 250 international arbitrations involving parties from Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, acting as arbitrator, counsel, and legal expert. Her experience covers proceedings under the rules of leading arbitral institutions, including ICC, LCIA, SCC, DIS, VIAC, and UNCITRAL.

Olena served as a Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration (2018–2024) and of the TIAC Court of Arbitration (2019–2022). She is the Liaison Officer of the IBA Arbitration Committee's European Regional Forum, Chair of the ADR Committee of the Ukrainian National Bar Association, a Board Member of the Ukrainian Arbitration Association (UAA) and the Turkish Arbitration Association (TAA), and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb). She is also the immediate past President of the Ukrainian Arbitration Association, having served in that role from 2016 to 2024.



Dr. Gisela Knuts

Independent Arbitrator

Gisela Knuts is an independent arbitrator based in Helsinki, Finland. During more than twenty years at leading Nordic law-firm Roschier, Attorneys Ltd., at which she was partner and head of the dispute resolution practice in Finland, she acted as lead counsel in multi-million-euro disputes in various fields. She practices as a full-time arbitrator since 2022.

Gisela's main expertise is as arbitrator in international commercial arbitrations. Her arbitrator experience comprises of about sixty cases. Most of her arbitrations are

seated in continental Europe or the Nordics, under a variety of institutional rules and applying different substantive rules of law.

Gisela previously served as Vice-Chair of the FAI Board, and stepped down in 2024 when she became the President of the Finnish Arbitration Association, a position she still holds.



James Castello

**Independent Arbitrator
Arbitration Chambers**

James Castello, an Independent Arbitrator at Arbitration Chambers and based in Paris and Washington, D.C., retired in 2024 from work as arbitration counsel following 37 years of legal practice.

For the last 15 of those years, James was a founding arbitration partner of King & Spalding's Paris office, where he particularly focused on oil and gas disputes (both up- and down-stream) as well as on large infrastructure and construction projects.

James is currently deputy chair of the LCIA's Board of Directors, having previously served on the LCIA Court (where he helped draft the 2014 Arbitration Rules). For more than two decades, James has also been a U.S. delegate to UNCITRAL's Arbitration Working Group II (commercial arbitration) and, since 2017, also to Working Group III (ISDS reform).

Beginning in early 1995, James took six years off from private practice to serve in senior legal positions in the Clinton Administration, including as the Deputy Counsel to the President (at the White House) and as an Associate Deputy Attorney General (at the Justice Department), where his portfolio included immigration, human rights, and hate crimes. He previously clerked at the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal and at the U.S. Supreme Court.



Anders Forss

**Partner
Castrén & Snellman**

Anders Forss is the co-head of Castrén & Snellman's Dispute Resolution practice and the firm's Chair of the Board.

He represents corporations, states and state entities in Finnish and international arbitrations, litigations, mediations and other ADR proceedings.

With over two decades of experience, Anders has guided clients through complex commercial disputes, including numerous landmark cases in a range of disciplines and industry sectors. He has considerable experience in the fields of energy, technology, construction and engineering. His expertise also extends to matters involving anti-trust damages, investor-state protection, post-M&A disputes, intellectual property and licensing, insurance and reinsurance, finance, product liability, agency and distribution as well as internal investigations and white-collar crime cases.

Anders is a frequently appointed arbitrator, having served as the sole or presiding arbitrator in more than 20 domestic or international arbitrations, including under FAI, ICC and SCC rules.

He is the Vice-Chair of the Arbitration Institute of the Finland Chamber of Commerce (FAI) and serves as a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. He has previously served on the boards of the Finnish Arbitration Association, the Young Arbitration Club Finland and the Law Society of Finland.

Chambers Global and Europe, the Legal 500, Who's Who Legal and Benchmark Litigation rank Anders among Finland's leading experts in dispute resolution. He has received the Benchmark Litigation Litigator of the Year award for Finland multiple times.



Carolyn Lamm

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Carolyn Lamm is a Partner at White & Case LLP and Chair of the International Arbitration of the Americas Section. Ms. Lamm has served as Lead Counsel in international arbitrations under ICSID, ICC and other fora and related litigation in U.S. Courts for foreign states, foreign state-owned companies, and foreign corporate entities.

She is an Arbitrator on the ICSID List, first nominated by the United States and then by the Government of Uzbekistan and served as arbitrator in ICSID proceedings, ICC proceedings, SAIC proceedings, ICDR proceedings, AAA proceedings, etc. Ms. Lamm serves as Distinguished Faculty Co-Chair, White & Case LLM International Arbitration at the University of Miami School of Law.

She is Past President of the American Bar Association; the DC Bar; American Bar Endowment; a Member of the Advisory Council and previously Governing Board of ICCA; Council of the American Law Institute (elected 1999; Emiratis); Counselor/on Advisory Committee for the Restatement 4th of Foreign Relations; Advisory Committee for the Restatement of International Commercial and Investment Arbitration.

Ms. Lamm is a frequent lecturer and author in the field of international arbitration. She also serves as Chairman of the Board of the American-Uzbekistan Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Board of Trustees, University of Miami (2020-Present); and, an honorary Professor at Tashkent State University, School of Law.



Elliott Geisinger

Partner
Schellenberg Wittmer

Elliott Geisinger heads Schellenberg Wittmer's International Arbitration Group. Since 1995, his practice has focused on international commercial and investor-state arbitration. Elliott has acted as counsel and arbitrator in complex commercial disputes involving international construction contracts, consortia and joint venture agreements, sponsorship contracts, sales and distribution contracts, among others. He has also acted as lead counsel in several of the most high-profile investor-state cases of the last decade. Elliott regularly represents clients in arbitration-related court proceedings, and several of his cases have been reported on in the official collection of leading Swiss Supreme Court cases and in arbitration journals.



Maria Pihlak

Partner
Sorainen

Maria Pihlak is a Partner at Sorainen and a leading dispute resolution and international arbitration practitioner. Dual-qualified in Estonia and the United States, she combines expertise in both civil law and common law systems to advise clients on complex cross-border disputes, international arbitration, and strategic risk management. She regularly represents corporations, investors, and public sector clients in high-value commercial and investment disputes, including proceedings under the FAI, SCC, ICC and UNCITRAL rules.

Maria has extensive experience in disputes arising from M&A transactions, infrastructure and construction projects, real estate, finance, trade, and energy matters. She has successfully represented the first Estonian investor to initiate an investment arbitration claim before ICSID, part of the World Bank Group.

In addition to acting as counsel, Maria regularly serves as arbitrator in commercial disputes.



Sherlin Hsie-lien Tung

Consultant & Independent Arbitrator
Withers

Sherlin Hsie-lien Tung (董希琳) is based in Hong Kong with the international arbitration and litigation team at Withers, she is the Director, CEO of the Vis East Moot Foundation, Ltd., and also sits as an independent arbitrator. Sherlin has over 15 years of experience where she specializes in cross-border corporate and commercial disputes with a particular focus on international commercial arbitration, international contracts, international trade law (notably the CISG), and multi-jurisdiction litigations. She is unique in that she has experience with all aspects of a dispute, from working with a leading international arbitrator to sitting as arbitrator herself, working for a leading international arbitral institution (ICC), working in-house with a publicly listed international conglomerate, and also in private practice. Sherlin is ranked in Chambers, Benchmark Litigation, and Lexology Index (formerly known as Who's Who Legal). She is multi-lingual, with native Mandarin Chinese and English capabilities, working proficiency in Spanish, and basic German.



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