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SPEAKERS



Alexis Mourre
Partner, MGC Arbitration
Keynote Speaker



Reshma Oogorah
Independent Arbitrator
Moderator – 1st Grand Panel



Sean Hugo
Partner, CBBG Group
Moderator – 3rd Grand Panel



Julian Cohen
Arbitrator & Barrister,
Resolution Chambers
International



Arvin Lee
Partner, Wee Swee Teow LLP



Dr Michael Hwang S.C.
Senior Counsel & Chartered
Arbitrator, Michael Hwang
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Chief Executive Officer
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Dr. Dania Fahs
Director, Arbitration and ADR,
MENA, ICC International Court
of Arbitration

8:55 – 9:10	Opening Welcome by Chairperson
9:10 – 9:35	Keynote Session: Update in Global Arbitration 2023 Alexis Mourre, Partner, MGC Arbitration
9:35 – 9:55	Insolvency Disputes & Restructuring – Post Pandemic Issues and A look into 2023 for ME Companies
9:55 – 10:20	Advising on Complex Cross-border Shareholder & Stakeholder Disputes in the Region
10:20 – 10:45	Construction Disputes – Effects on Time & Cost After the Pandemic & Has Technology Helped
10:45 – 11:10	Networking & Morning Refreshment
11:10 – 11:40	Questions Not to Ask in Cross-Examination in Commercial Arbitration • Arvin Lee, Partner, Wee Swee Teow LLP • Dr Michael Hwang S.C., Senior Counsel & Chartered Arbitrator, Michael Hwang Chambers; Former Chief Justice, DIFC Courts
11:40 – 12:05	Construction Disputes; Differences Between the Civilian and Common Law Worlds Julian Cohen, Arbitrator & Barrister, Resolution Chambers International
12:05 – 12:45	1st Grand Panel: The Use of Technology in Arbitrations – Has COVID-19 Opened the Doors to Embracing New Ideas Going Forward? Moderator • Reshma Oogorah, Independent Arbitrator Panellist • Pui-Ki Emmanuelle Ta, Chief Executive Officer, eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited
12:45 – 13:55	Networking Lunch
13:55 – 14:40	2nd Grand Panel: Ask the Experts – Expedited & Emergency Procedures in International Arbitration After the Pandemic – Is Faster Better and Who Really Benefits? Moderator • TBC Panellists • Celine Kanakri, Partner, Kennedys • Dr. Dania Fahs, Director, Arbitration and ADR, MENA, ICC International Court of Arbitration
14:40 – 15:00	Litigation Funding – Managing the Boom in 2023?
15:00 – 15:30	Asset Tracing, Recovery – Digital and Cross Border Issues for 2023
15:30 – 15:50	Short Break & Afternoon Refreshment
15:50 – 16:30	3rd Grand Panel: Expert Witness – Cross-border Issues: Has the Rise in the Use of Technology Been a Help or Hindrance to all Parties? Moderator • Sean Hugo, Partner, CBBG Group
16:30 – 16:50	Protecting Against Crypto Fraud – ME Focus
16:50 – 17:35	4th Grand Panel: Managing Corporate Investigations – FCPA and Anti-Bribery Moderator • TBC Panellist • Robert Lewsley, Senior Legal Counsel & Regional Head, Disputes and Government Investigations Legal, AME, Standard Chartered Bank
17:35 – 17:45	Final Thoughts & Lucky Draw

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Alexis Mourre, Partner, MGC Arbitration

Alexis Mourre, founding partner of Mourre Gutiérrez Chessa Arbitration, has served as counsel, President of the Tribunal, Co-Arbitrator, Sole Arbitrator or Expert in more than 280 international arbitrations, both ad hoc and before most international arbitral institutions (ICC, ICSID, LCIA, ICDR, SIAC, SCC, DIAC, VIAC, etc.). He established his own arbitration practice in May 2015, after having founded Castaldi Mourre & Partners in 1996. Alexis has been a Court member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration for 12 years, first as Vice-President (2009-2015) and then as President (1 July 2015- 30 June 2021). He was Vice President of the ICC Institute of World Business Law (2011-2015), co-chair of the IBA Arbitration Committee (2012-2013), LCIA Court member (2012-2015) and Council member of the Milan International Chamber of Arbitration (2006-2014).

He is the author of numerous books and publications in the field of International Business Law, Private International Law and Arbitration Law. He is founder and former editor in chief of *Les Cahiers de l'Arbitrage - The Paris Journal of International Arbitration*, a leading publication in the field of international arbitration.

Alexis is a member of a large number of scientific and professional institutions dedicated to Arbitration and Private International Law. He is the founder and former president of Paris Place d'Arbitrage/Paris the Home of International Arbitration. He is fluent in French, English, Italian and Spanish, and has a working knowledge of Portuguese.

Reshma Oogorah, Independent Arbitrator

Reshma Oogorah is an international arbitrator and legal counsel with over a decade of experience in high-value and complex commercial disputes. She focusses on the construction, technology and energy sectors, and has represented clients in both common and civil law jurisdictions. She has sat as Sole and Presiding arbitrator and acted as counsel in ad hoc arbitrations, and under most major arbitration rules.

Prior to setting up her arbitration and legal practice, Niyom Legal, Reshma spent time working with leading law firms in the United Arab Emirates, Mauritius, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia, and with a top London Barrister's chambers. Throughout her career, Reshma has advised and represented clients in transactions and disputes worth up to US\$25 billion.

Reshma is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), an elected committee member and Public Relations Officer of the CI Arb UAE Branch, and General Editor of the Branch's quarterly newsletter.

Sean Hugo, Partner, CBBG Group

Sean is a Partner of CBBG Group. Sean has extensive experience in the specialist disciplines of delay and disruption analysis. Prior to becoming a Delay and Disruption Expert full-time, Sean held senior project-based positions, including Project Manager, Project Controls Manager and Planning Manager on complex projects. Sean has been appointed as an Independent Delay and Disruption Expert, drafting numerous reports providing an independent opinion relating to construction project delay and disruption. Sean is well versed in the best practice protocols of AACE International Recommended Practice No. 29R-03 and the SCL Delay and Disruption Protocol. Sean has testified as a delay and disruption expert and is robust under cross-examination. Additionally, Sean has received formal expert witness and advanced cross-examination training.

Sean has been appointed as an independent delay/disruption expert in arbitration under ICC, DIAC and QICCA Arbitration rules.

Julian Cohen, Arbitrator & Barrister, Resolution Chambers International

Julian has 30 years of specialist experience of heavyweight international, and domestic, disputes. Sums in dispute in his cases vary from small to in excess of USD 2 billion. In addition to acting as counsel, he also regularly sits as an arbitrator. Julian has over 10 years' experience in the MENA region, including 2 years based full time in Dubai, and an ongoing long-term commitment to the region. Julian has been involved in projects and disputes in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Oman, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Benin, Sierra Leone and Mali.

Julian was called to the Bar in England & Wales in 1990. He was with Pinsent Masons' Construction Disputes practice in London and Hong Kong from 1993 to 2009. He left Pinsent Masons as a partner in 2009, and was called to the Bar in Hong Kong in 2010. Julian is particularly well known for his heavy weight practice in relation to the Construction and Engineering sectors, the Energy, Oil and Gas sectors and International and domestic arbitrations.

Arvin Lee, Partner, Wee Swee Teow LLP

Arvin Lee is a Partner of Wee Swee Teow LLP, a 111-year-old Singapore law firm. He is an Arbitrator of the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board, the Beijing Arbitration Commission, the Chinese Arbitration Association (International), an Adjudicator of the Financial Institutions Dispute Resolution Centre (Singapore), and a Member of the Appeals Board of the Ministry of National Development, Singapore.

He focuses on energy-related disputes (conventional and renewables). Arising from the downstream oil and gas work, he has built up a commodities trading and trade finance disputes practice, which recently includes acting as co-lead counsel on letter of credit issues governed by Singapore law for a Pertamina subsidiary against the paying bank in relation to an LC dispute in excess of US\$23m before the Singapore International Commercial Court (and the appeal before the international division of the Singapore Court of Appeal filed by the opponents); being lead counsel for an established Taiwan petrochemical trader against a Big 5 global commodities trading house in relation to a sale and purchase dispute in excess of US\$6 million in two consolidated SIAC arbitrations, and for a PRC mining company in 2 SIAC trade finance arbitrations (amounts in dispute in excess of US\$7 million) against another Big 5 global commodities trading house and a regional petrochemical trading company.

On the renewable energy front, he has a focus on wind and solar, and his experience includes being lead counsel for a Southeast Asian wind power developer in its project finance claims against private equity investor in an SIAC arbitration, with total amount in dispute in excess of US\$20 million, for a Southeast Asian wind power developer in relation to attempts by private equity investor to exercise conversion rights to take over control of the developer at project level pursuant to an accelerated repayment provision; and for a Fortune 100 Enterprise's renewables arm in a solar dispute against a regional contractor in ICC arbitration.

Arvin started his dispute resolution career with Michael Hwang S.C., working in his Chambers as an Associate and at the DIFC Courts as Manager - Law and Policy (Consultant). Arvin is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and the International Dispute Resolution Academy (HK). He holds a certificate in Hedging and Management of Energy Price Risk (2021) from the SMU Academy. He holds law degrees from Harvard (LL.M.) and the LSE (LL.B., Hons. 1st).

Dr Michael Hwang S.C., Senior Counsel & Chartered Arbitrator, Michael Hwang Chambers; Former Chief Justice, DIFC Courts

Dr Michael Hwang S.C. currently practises as an international arbitrator and mediator based in Singapore with a selective practice as Senior Counsel of the Supreme Court of Singapore. He served as the Chief Justice of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts from 2010 - 2018. Michael's other past appointments include: Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Singapore; Singapore's Non-Resident Ambassador to Switzerland and Argentina; President of the Law Society of Singapore; Commissioner of the United Nations Compensation Commission; Vice Chairman of the ICC International Court of Arbitration; Vice President of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration (ICCA); Visiting and later Adjunct Professor of the National University of Singapore. He was educated at undergraduate and postgraduate levels at Oxford University, where he won a college scholarship by open competitive examination. He has been conferred an Honorary LLD by the University of Sydney.

Celine Kanakri, Partner, Kennedys

Celine is a partner in our Dubai office who specialises in UAE and international arbitration. She qualified in Lebanon in 2005 and is also a registered legal consultant in Dubai.

With over 10 years' experience practicing in the Middle East, Celine's expertise in domestic and international arbitration spans a range of industry sectors. Her focus is on UAE and international arbitration across a range of industry sectors, including real estate, commercial and construction disputes. She also has considerable experience of corporate, civil and commercial law within the UAE and has been involved in drafting several UAE decrees, laws and regulations. Predominantly acting for multi-national corporates, construction companies and high net worth individuals, Celine has also been involved with drafting training materials for the Dubai Legal Affairs Department.

She is also fluent in Arabic, English and French, and is a member of the UAE International Chamber of Commerce and Arbitral Women. Celine also sits as arbitrator with leading institutions such as the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Dubai International Financial Centre and London Court of International Arbitration (DIFC-LCIA), and Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) - from whom she was awarded best sole arbitrator under the age of 40 in 2018.

Celine has been ranked as one of the MENA Super 50 lawyers for 2022 in the Asian Legal Business by Thomson Reuters and have been repeatedly ranked in Legal 500 for construction and dispute resolution.

Robert Lewsley, Senior Legal Counsel & Regional Head, Disputes and Government Investigations Legal, AME, Standard Chartered Bank

Robert is the Regional Head of Disputes and Government Investigations (Africa & Middle East) at Standard Chartered Bank. Robert studied law at the London School of Economics (2003, LLB Hons first class), was called to the Bar of England & Wales in 2004 and practised in London before moving to Dubai in 2009. He spent seven years in the arbitration team at Al Tamimi & Co. handling complex commercial disputes, and appeared regularly before the DIFC Courts and arbitral tribunals as an advocate. He joined Standard Chartered Bank in 2017. Robert has published widely, contributing articles to Global Arbitration Review, the International Arbitration Law Review, and chapters on the DIFC as a seat for arbitration.

Pui-Ki Emmanuelle Ta, Chief Executive Officer of eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited

Ms Ta is currently the Chief Executive Officer of eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited. With over 15 years of experience in international arbitration and case management, she has supervised hundreds of international arbitration cases in a wide range of jurisdictions and economic sectors. As Counsel of the Secretariat of the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC, Asia Office in Hong Kong (2016-2021), she was responsible for managing the Hong Kong team, including administration of Asia-related arbitration cases. She is qualified to practice at the Paris bar.

Dr. Dania Fahs, Director, Arbitration and ADR, MENA, ICC International Court of Arbitration

Before joining ICC in 2018, Dania had a (13 +) years of mixed experience as attorney in private practice and in-house counseling. She is specialized in transactional, commercial and IP law and has advised clients on a broad range of commercial contentious and non-contentious matters as well as assisted in negotiating complex cross border transactions in various sectors (pharmaceutical, technology, FMCG, luxury...)

Prior to joining ICC, Dania was a senior legal counsel at Oracle Corp. She has an extensive international experience in advising multinational boards on a wide range of legal and strategic issues. Prior to relocating to UAE, Dania was a former lecturer in American Business Law (American University of Beirut), and in Intellectual Property Law (La Sagesse University)

Dania holds a Phd in Contractual Law (2007 University Montpellier I -France) Dir. Prof. Jacques Raynard and an Executive MBA from INSEAD (2018). She also holds a post graduate microprogramme degree in IP and Alternative Dispute Resolution (University of Montreal). She is certified as Trainer of Trainers by the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Centre, member of Arbitral Women and a certified CEDR mediator.

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