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CI Arb European Branch Conference & AGM

**Anti-Globalization and International Arbitration:
Winds of Change and Protest in Europe?**

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PROGRAMME

Friday, 26 April 2019

8:45 AM

Conference Registration

9:20 - 9:30 AM

Welcome Address by:

- the President of the CIArb European Branch
- **Martin Maisner**
Independent Attorney and Arbitrator
Member of the Board of the Czech Bar Association

9:30 - 10:00 AM

Keynote Speaker: Wolf Kurzel Runtscheiner

General Counsel, Soletanche Bachy International
Vinci Group

10:00 - 11:15 AM

**Brexit & International Arbitration: the Rise of Regional
Hubs in Europe as Alternatives to London?**

If Brexit, whether soft or hard, becomes a reality, how will it affect the European arbitration market and the other major arbitration capitals on the continent? Could it actually revitalize other jurisdictions, especially those from Central and Eastern Europe in particular? What will it look like to be in Europe without being in the EU, considering the Norwegian and the Swiss Examples?

Moderator: Jalal El Ahdab (Jil Ahdab)

Partner – Bird & Bird (France)

Speakers: Jacob Grierson

Partner – McDermott Will & Emery (France)

Laura Halonen

Counsel – Lalive (Switzerland)

Nora Fredstie

Associate – Latham & Watkins (France)

Martin Magál

Partner – Allen & Overy (Slovakia)

11:15 - 11:45 AM **Refreshment Break**

11:45 - 1:00 PM **The Future of Investment Arbitration in Europe in the Wake of Achmea, for Better or for Worse...**

Achmea appears to have marked the entry into a new era, where classical investment arbitration is no longer a privileged route to protect intra-EU investments. In light of the flow of investments and related disputes between Western Europe and Central and Eastern European parties, how will there be legal security in the future in that field? Will we see a new dynamic emerge, for better or for worse?

Moderator: **Michal Čáp**

Senior Associate – ROWAN LEGAL (Czech Republic)

Speakers: **George Lambrou**

Consultant Solicitor – Keystone Law (England)

Karen Denise Akinci

General Manager – Akinci Law Office (Turkey)

Ralph Kilches

Partner – Kilches Legal (Austria)

Jaroslav Kudrna

Legal Advisor – Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic (Czech Republic)

1:00 - 2:30 PM **Lunch Break**

2:30 - 4:00 PM **International Arbitration and the Rise of Nationalism and Populism:
Is it the End... or the Beginning?**

Arbitration and justice, on one hand, and governments and politics, on the other, have always entertained complex relationships. It seems this is even truer today where the rule of law is being restricted and sometimes questioned at the highest levels and where tensions among European nations are increasing. Will arbitration suffer from this political context or does it present a new opportunity?

Moderator: **Thomas Lennarz**

Partner – CMS Hasche Sigle (Germany)

Speakers: **Nikolaus Pitkowitz**

Partner – Graf & Pitkowitz (Austria)

Jacopo Monaci Naldini

Partner – JMU Law Firm (Italy)

Tomasz Cyrol

Attorney – Tomasz Cyrol Advocate (Poland)

Jana Jandová

Director – Deloitte (France)

4:00 - 4:30 PM **Refreshment Break**

4:30 - 6:00 PM **The Ongoing Battle for More Diversity, Gender Equality and Ethics:
Is Arbitration Struggling More than Ever for Greater Legitimacy?**

While arbitration is supposed to reflect the will of equal parties and thus their diversity, it seems the goal of a more diverse, gender-equal and ethical arbitration community has not yet been reached. How far are we from this ideal world? What can we expect in the future?

Moderator: **Burcu Osmanoglu**

Partner – Osmanoglu Law Firm (Turkey)

Speakers: **Martin Maisner**

Independent Attorney and Arbitrator

Member of the Board of the Czech Bar Association

Marijke Lengyel-Verresen

Senior Counsel – Conway & Partners (The Netherlands)

Alexandre Malan

Partner – Belot Malan & Associés (France)

6:00 PM

Close of the First Day

7:00 PM

Cocktail Reception & Gala Dinner at Villa Richter

Saturday, 27 April 2019

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Arbitration as a “luxury” only Accessible to Wealthy Elitists and Experts: Time to Change the Perception?

Arbitration is sometimes, especially in Europe, criticized for being an Ivory Tower, accessible to only a privileged few, such that it is too burdensome, too complicated, and too expensive. Is this criticism still justified? Has it been remedied? How can the perception of arbitration as a privileged form of justice be improved?

Moderator: **Phillip Landolt**

Partner – Landolt & Koch (Switzerland)

Speakers: **Matthias Cazier-Darmois**
Managing Director - FTI Consulting (France)

Mária Poláková
Partner - Squire Patton Boggs (Czech Republic)

Taoufik Lachheb
Partner - Accuracy (France)

10:30 - 11:00 AM **Refreshment Break**

11:00 - 12:15 PM **CIArb Meets Czech Arbitration Institutions: A Dialogue with Representatives of the Following Institutions:**

- **Petr Hostaš**, Board Member, Czech Arbitration Court
(Arbitration Court attached to the Czech Chamber of Commerce and the Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic)
- **Martin Svatoš**, Member of the Board of Directors, International Arbitration Court of the Czech Commodity Exchange
- **Petr Poledne**, Board Member, Czech Institute for the Popularisation and Revitalisation of Arbitration (CZIPRA)

12:15 PM **Close of the Conference and Thanks**

12:30 - 2:00 PM **Lunch Break**

European Branch Annual General Meeting & Committee Meeting

2:00 - 3:00 PM **European Branch Annual General Meeting**

3:00 - 4:00 PM **Branch Committee Meeting**

FOREWORD

Dear CIArb European members and friends,
Dear Participants, Guests and Speakers,

We would like to welcome you all very warmly to what is probably one of the most colorful cities in Europe: Prague. This is one of the few times our European Branch (EB) looks towards the Central Continent, and the first time that we look towards Prague, which is an injustice we needed to repair. And it won't be the last time.

Why Prague? Of course, as you will see, a warm beauty surrounds us everywhere, with the genuinely welcoming attitude of our Czech CIArb members, but also of the Czech Bar Association. And, precisely, we are also here to debate on the future of arbitration in Europe, what we all believe is a truly beautiful and welcoming form of justice. It is undeniable that the arbitration community is in a state of ferment in the Czech Republic. Despite some old criticism, arbitration is indeed on the rise, with figures showing Prague as an increasingly attractive venue to arbitrate, while a new arbitration law in the process of being enacted, many centers are emerging, and investment arbitration is a field that is gaining local expertise... With that in mind, it was natural to conclude that, after Rome where the EB organized one of its prior events, all roads were leading to... Prague!

In contrast, these signs of warmth and readiness, not just to host events, but also to welcome new people and fresh ideas, with a view toward the future rather than back to the past, are becoming elements of scarcity in a continent increasingly tempted to draw back and close in on itself, both in mindset and in national frontiers. If this is more than an impression and perhaps a growing reality, let us also not forget that Europe remains a source of hope and ambition for people willing to come together by consent (like in arbitration) and to channel this optimism into a project that is constantly being developed, requiring the efforts of everyone and at all times. Isn't this precisely what justice also demands? Isn't it a process that takes time, requiring relentless work and adaptation in order to achieve a fair and peaceful outcome? Union is not uniformity: it is about unity and convergence. The only question is towards which goal(s)?

Despite recent challenges posed by countries wishing to depart from this long-term process of convergence, despite the rise of nationalism and other political hurdles Europe has had to cope with for some years now, our Branch has wished to debate at its very center, here in Prague, how vivid the European idea remains and whether it is still a powerful source of inspiration within our arbitration community. We will discuss how these political changes may affect the world of arbitration and how, reversely, arbitration can adapt to meet the growing, at times contradicting, demands that come from people, societies and governments.

Like Europe, can arbitration renew itself to face mounting challenges? To answer the question, we will have five unique panels on Brexit, on the questioning of investment arbitration that arose in Achmea, on nationalism and populism, on the need for more diversity and legitimacy, and on the eternal question of whether arbitration is an elitist form of justice. Finally, CIArb will have the opportunity to dialogue with Czech arbitration institutions. In that appealing menu, one should mention the starter: we will also be privileged to have a Keynote Speech, this time not from an academic, but from an actual arbitration user, the general counsel of a company that does business and builds bridges all across Europe and beyond.

Hence, where better than in Prague to foster this passionate debate, the city of a hundred spires, combining beauty (the form) and democratic aspirations (the substance), a strong identity with a genuine culture for openness? May this gathering allow us to find, humbly, some answers to this eternal debate: how can necessary change be incorporated into a process without forgetting the end goal and leaving anyone behind?

Wishing everyone a happy spring in Prague and beyond.

Jalal EL AHDAB (Jil AHDAB)

Chair of the European Branch,
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

JALAL EL AHDAB (JIL AHDAB)

Partner – Bird & Bird

France

Jalal El Ahdab (Jil Ahdab) is a Partner at Bird & Bird, Head of the firm's International Arbitration Practice in Paris. His practice covers international business law, notably in Europe, Africa and MENA region, focusing on international disputes and foreign investments.



Jil acts mainly as a counsel in a variety of sectors, such as Telecoms, Ports, Airports, Construction, Sports and more. He is also an arbitrator and an expert. Having acted in around 100 matters, he has in-depth experience in managing complex disputes involving corporate disputes, class actions, breach of negotiations, concessions, franchises, and bank guarantees.

In addition to being a regular speaker at international arbitration conferences, Jil is the author of numerous articles in the professional legal journals and the co-author of “Arbitration with the Arab Countries” (published by Kluwer in 2011), and is managing editor of the International Journal of Arab Arbitration (available on Kluweronline.com).

Jil is Chair of the CIArb European Branch. He is also a member of the ICC Court, a UNCITRAL Country Representative and Senior Vice-Chair of the IBA ARF.

MARTIN MAISNER

Independent Attorney and Arbitrator
Member of the Board of the Czech Bar Association
Czech Republic

Martin Maisner is a specialist in the field of information technology, cybersecurity, alternative dispute resolution, sports law and contract law.

He has more than 30 years of experience in the law of information technology and participated in not only the formation of a number of componential legal theories, relating to specific areas of information technology law (outsourcing, comprehensive cybersecurity), but also in the creation of the legal environment and business practices in related industries both in the Czech Republic and internationally.

Martin has in-depth experience with arbitration, both at the national and international level. He acts as an arbitrator in a number of the permanent arbitration courts in the Czech Republic as well as on the international scene. He has ruled as a sole arbitrator, arbitrator and Chairman of the arbitration board in almost 200 Disputes, many of which were particularly significant both in terms of the value of the subject of the dispute (10% of disputes over 100 million CZK, 5% of disputes over 1 billion), the participants or indeed the business context. In addition to the performance of duties as an arbitrator he also represents clients in arbitration proceedings, or participates in representations before arbitration tribunals held by Czech and international arbitration bodies.

Member of the Board of the Czech Bar Association.



WOLF KURZEL RUNTSCHNEINER

General Counsel, Soletanche Bachy

International Vinci Group

France

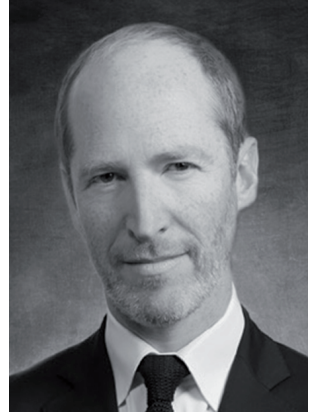
Wolf Kurzel-Runtscheiner, a French and Austrian bi-national in-house legal counsel, acquired his law degree in the Faculty of Law at the University of Salzburg, Austria in 1988. Wolf Kurzel-Runtscheiner is Legal Director of Soletanche Bachy, a worldwide leading specialist contractor in foundations and technology from the ground, based in France and subsidiary of VINCI GROUP.



He advises and provides legal assistance to the operational staff and to the General Management of the Soletanche Bachy Group in the fields of major international construction and infrastructure projects worldwide and related contracts, insurance, corporate matters, competition law, compliance, mergers and acquisitions. As part of his activities, he was involved in several international complex dispute resolution cases around the world involving dispute boards, arbitration and mediation under various rules of arbitration and conciliation. Through his previous assignments (Bouygues, Vinci Construction, Accord Services, GE Power Conversion) Wolf Kurzel-Runtscheiner gained extensive experience in complex contractual schemes related to major projects in an international environment. He has taken part as speaker within conferences on risk and contract management and dispute resolution (FIDIC, ICC Vienna).

JACOB GRIERSON

Partner – McDermott Will & Emery
France



Jacob Grierson is a partner at McDermott Will & Emery and is based in the Firm's Paris and London offices. His practice is focused on representing clients in relation to a wide range of arbitrations, including disputes arising out of the oil and gas, construction, telecom and internet industries. Jacob has represented clients in matters involving joint venture disputes, post-merger and acquisition disputes, licensing disputes and distribution and franchising disputes.

A graduate of Balliol College, Oxford University and the College of Europe in Bruges, and a qualified English barrister and French avocat, Jacob has extensive experience in arbitrations under the ICC Rules of Arbitration, as well as in many other types of arbitrations (ad hoc, ICSID, HKIAC and LCIA). He has acted as arbitrator (sole arbitrator, president and co-arbitrator) in a number of arbitrations. Additionally, he is a CEDR qualified mediator.

Jacob is the Treasurer of the Arbitration Academy, Vice-President of the Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Center (CIMAC), a Council Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law and a Member of the ICC Arbitration Commission.

LAURA HALONEN

Counsel – Lalive
Switzerland

Laura Halonen is counsel at LALIVE in Geneva. She is an English solicitor of Finnish origin.

Laura specialises in public international law and international arbitration, with particular emphasis on investment arbitration. She has acted as counsel, arbitrator and tribunal secretary in numerous arbitrations in relation to investment, privatisation, and other international contracts disputes, in particular in the energy, transport, finance and telecommunications sectors. She also advises clients on matters relating to English law and international law, including law of treaties, human rights law, law of the sea and law on natural resources. Laura co-ordinates the pro bono work of LALIVE and has taken time off her professional activities to do voluntary work in Kenya and Namibia.

Laura is a member of the International Bar Association and many arbitration-specific associations. She also chairs the advisory board of the European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration (EFILA). Laura has been educated at the University of Oxford and recognised as among the “future leaders” of arbitration in all editions of the Who’s Who Legal.



NORA FREDSTIE

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France

Nora Fredstie is an associate in the Paris office of Latham & Watkins and a member of the firm's International Arbitration Practice. Her work focuses on international investment arbitration and international commercial arbitration.



Nora act for clients across a broad spectrum of sectors, including investment, oil and gas, energy, construction, pharmaceutical, and automotive. She operates in a range of geographic locations with a current emphasis on South America related and intra-EU disputes. Nora has acted and participated in international arbitrations conducted under the ICC, ICSID, LCIA, SCC, CRCICA and UNCITRAL arbitration rules. Further to her counsel work, Nora has acted as administrative secretary to arbitral tribunals, both in commercial and in investment arbitrations. Nora has also participated in IBA and ICC projects and speaks at conferences on various international arbitration topics.

MARTIN MAGÁL

Partner – Allen & Overy
Slovakia

Martin Magál is managing partner and head of Allen & Overy's Litigation and Arbitration practice in Slovakia. He also co-ordinates the Dispute Resolution practice in Allen & Overy's CEE offices.

He advises clients on a wide range of corporate and commercial transactions including acquisitions, disposals, joint ventures and privatisations. Martin frequently acts as party representative in numerous arbitrations conducted under the arbitration rules of the ICC, VIAC, SCAI, SCCI (Court of Arbitration of the Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry) and PAC SBA (Permanent Arbitration Court of the Slovak Banking Association). He has also acted as an arbitrator in arbitrations conducted under International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), German Institution for Arbitration (DIS) and Vienna International Arbitral Center (VIAC) rules. He is currently serving as a member of the board at the Arbitration Court of the Slovak Bar Association and has been one of the key people behind the plan to develop it into one of Slovakia's most trusted domestic arbitration institutions. Martin is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.



MICHAL ČÁP

Senior Associate – ROWAN LEGAL

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Michal Čáp is a senior associate / attorney-at-law (2012) working with ROWAN LEGAL. Michal specialises in the field of international arbitration and dispute resolution. He successfully completed his LLM (Arbitration & Dispute Resolution) at the University of Hong Kong (2014).



He acquired his first master's degree (Mgr.) in the Faculty of Law at Charles University in Prague (2009). Michal is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb) and is also the Vice-Chair of the CIArb's European Branch (since 2018). Michal Čáp has been listed in the Arbitration Future Leaders 2017 to 2019 ranking, jointly organised by Who's Who Legal and GAR (Global Arbitration Review). Michal is included in the list of arbitrators of VIAC (Vienna), and he is a member of the Council of Arbitrators of the Football Association of the Czech Republic (he has served already as a sole arbitrator and also a chair of the tribunal). Michal previously gained experience in off shore jurisdictions. He has also been a trainee in international arbitral institutions (HKIAC, ICC – both in Hong Kong). Last but not least, Michal publishes and lectures on the topic of international arbitration and dispute resolution.

GEORGE LAMBROU

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George Lambrou LL.M. FCI Arb is an international dispute resolution specialist who resolves high-value and complex multijurisdictional disputes. He is a Solicitor Advocate who spends most of his time involved in arbitration and as a negotiator and overall problem solver. Throughout his career, George has advised and acted for (and against) governments, commercial entities and individuals from a wide range of countries. His unique background and language skills in Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) have proven particularly valuable in that part of the world.

George is regularly engaged in international arbitrations as counsel, co arbitrator and sole arbitrator under the ICC, LCIA, LMAA, SCC and ICSID rules sitting in London, Athens, Geneva, Stockholm and Washington DC. He has experience in construction, energy, trade, software, securities, investment treaty and maritime disputes. He has a very strong maritime background, having been a partner for many years in a leading London-based shipping law firm. He is a faculty member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS). George works in both Russian and Greek.

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Karen was born in South Africa to British parents, Dr Karen Akinci grew up in South Wales and moved to Turkey after graduating from Exeter University in 1993 in Pure and Applied Mathematics.

She has had the privilege of being part of the team representing Turkish investors in ICSID Cases and a great range of ICC and international ad hoc cases.

Her experience has ranged from construction and engineering cases, some based on the FIDIC books, through GSM and software infrastructure cases. She case manages a variety of different international corporate and litigation matters, where she acts as the liaison consultant between the foreign entity and the Turkish lawyer.

Her main focus is on ICSID and ad hoc Investor-State arbitrations as strategic advice to third party funders, parties and their counsel. Akinci Law Offices is well known for arbitration both locally and internationally and has been awarded the prestigious GAR100 accolade.

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Mag. Ralph Kilches is an experienced business lawyer with almost 20 years of professional practise in numerous working areas, also acting as arbitrator and counsel in arbitration procedures. Ralph graduated from Univ. of Graz in 1997; admitted at Vienna 2005; VIS Moot participant (arbitrator) since 2011, also VIS East since 2012, lawyer.



Career: Freshfields 1999, Schönherr 2000, Hoffmann-Ostenhof 2002, Foundation of own law firm 2006. Member of Commission on Arbitration of the ICC; Member AAA, ABA, DIS, ICC, listed with WIPO, member of Scottish Arbitration Center.

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Jaroslav Kudrna is a Legal Advisor at the International Arbitration and Investment Protection Unit of the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic. Prior to joining the Ministry, Jaroslav worked several years as an Associate in the International Arbitration group of White & Case in New York.

Jaroslav obtained a PhD in public international law at Charles University in Prague and an LLM in the International Business Regulation, Litigation and Arbitration program at the New York University (NYU) School of Law. At NYU, he graduated with the award for distinction and served as a graduate editor of the NYU Journal of International Law and Politics. Jaroslav earned a Master of Laws degree from the Sciences Po Paris Law School, a Master of European Economic Law, cum laude, from the University of Strasbourg, and a Diploma of International Business Dispute Settlement, summa cum laude, from the University Paris-Est Créteil. He has passed the New York Bar and the Paris Bar exams.

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Dr. Thomas Lennarz is a partner in CMS's international Dispute Resolution Group and the head of the firm's Corporate Litigation Group. He works and lives in Stuttgart, Germany.

Thomas advises clients in proceedings before German courts and in international arbitration proceedings as well as in complex negotiations. He also regularly acts as arbitrator. For his work he has been awarded by Who's Who Legal as Future Leader Arbitration in 2019, 2018 and 2017. In 2016 he has been named Rising Star in Commercial Arbitration by Expert Guides. He is regularly recommended in leading industry publications for corporate and energy law.



Alongside his legal practice, Thomas teaches Civil and Corporate Law at the University of Heidelberg.

Thomas joined CMS in 2004. In 2007, he qualified as a commercial mediator and in 2008 he obtained the International Commercial Arbitration Diploma from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Oxford). In 2009, he worked in the legal department of Linde AG in Sydney before being made a CMS partner in 2012.

He is the Chairman of the CI Arb European Branch's German Chapter.

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Dr. Nikolaus Pitkowitz is founding partner and head of dispute resolution at Graf & Pitkowitz, Vienna. He holds law degrees from University of Vienna (JD and PhD) and University of Sankt Gallen, Switzerland (MBL) and is also qualified and certified as a Mediator.

Dr. Pitkowitz co-founded Graf & Pitkowitz in 1995 which has since then developed into one of the leading Austrian law firms. His practice has always been predominantly international and developed from transactional work to international dispute resolution where he acted as party counsel and arbitrator in over 100 international disputes, in a range from smaller to multibillion cases.

Nikolaus Pitkowitz is Vice-President of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC), arbitrator and panel member of all leading arbitration institutions, and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb). He also acts as Vice-chair of the International Arbitration Committee of the Section of International Law of the American Bar Association (ABA) and Court Member of the Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Centre (CIMAC). He frequently speaks at seminars and is author of over 50 publications.

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Aside from proven experience in all aspects of Construction and Arbitration, Jacopo also deals with general international transactions and disputes. He is a, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (European Branch), Co-Chair of Arbit, Member of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, Member of the Club Español del Arbitraje and Member of the Italian Real Estate Lawyers Association (AGIDI).



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Jana is a Director in the Deloitte Forensic & Dispute practice with primary responsibility for dispute resolution services in Central and Eastern Europe. She is a Czech national and is based in Paris, France.



Jana has led teams and assisted experts on many international disputes, including bilateral investment treaties disputes as well as commercial disputes. She has worked on disputes including governments in Central Eastern Europe as well as other territories such as Egypt, Venezuela or Kyrgyzstan. The disputes concerned a wide range of industries, including the health insurance, real estate, electricity, oil & gas, agriculture, telecommunication, entertainment industries and also intellectual property. She also worked on several fraud investigations including investigation of a large IT company for financial misrepresentations.

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Marijke represents and advises multinational and other internationally operating companies on national and international business transactions and the resolution of disputes. She acts as counsel in national and international arbitrations as well as mediations and court litigation and provides clients with high level support in international commercial transactions.

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Attorney at the Paris Bar, Alexandre MALAN is a senior partner at BELOT MALAN & Associés, a French law firm based in Paris dedicated to arbitration and international litigation.

He has a PhD in Private International Law (Doctorat en Droit International) and was admitted to the Paris Bar in 2000. The author of many publications on international contracts and international dispute resolution, he is also a lecturer in international arbitration and civil international procedure at the Paris XII University. Earlier in his professional career, he worked for some well-known law firms; this included several years in a firm of Advocates at the French Supreme Court (Avocats à la Cour de Cassation).

Both French and British, with strong professional links in Northern and Eastern Europe as well as in Africa, Alexandre MALAN works for major private and State companies and institutions. He works in particular in insurance law, distribution and product liability.

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Phillip Landolt is an international arbitration specialist with LANDOLT & KOCH based in Geneva, Switzerland. Since 1997 he has acted as counsel, arbitrator or expert in numerous international arbitrations. He is a Charge de cours at the Law Faculty of the University of Geneva.



Qualified as an avocat (Geneva), a solicitor (England & Wales) and a barrister & solicitor (Ontario, Canada), he holds a Ph.D in the civil law of obligations from Christ's College, University of Cambridge, a J.D. from the University of Toronto, a Post-Graduate Diploma in EU Competition Law from King's College, University of London, and a B.Soc.Sci. from the Université d'Ottawa. He also studied for a year at each of the Università degli Studi, Ferrara, Italy, and the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg i. B., Germany. He has authored a number of publications many on international arbitration of competition law issues.

MATTHIAS CAZIER-DARMOIS

*Managing Director - FTI Consulting
France*



Matthias Cazier-Darmois is a Managing Director in FTI Consulting's Economic and Financial Consulting practice with extensive experience in providing expert evidence and valuation advice in complex commercial disputes and international arbitrations.

Matthias routinely estimates damages arising from breaches of contracts or international treaties, breaches of warranties and representations, breaches fiduciary duties, antitrust regulations infringements and other tortious liabilities.

Matthias gave evidence in French and English in several ICSID and ICC arbitrations and regularly acts as an expert witness at advocacy workshops for arbitration practitioners. Matthias also gives lectures on damages related issues at the University of Versailles Saint-Quentin and Paris Sud University.

Matthias is recognised by Who's Who Legal as one of the leading experts in France, and one of the leading arbitration expert witnesses globally.

In addition to his work on contentious matters, Matthias is also regularly involved in non-contentious engagements, including acquisition due diligence, valuations in the context of fairness opinions or transactions, and corporate fraud investigations.

MÁRIA POLÁKOVÁ

Partner – Squire Patton Boggs

Czech Republic



Mária Poláková's primary practice focus is investor-state and commercial international and domestic litigation cases. Her experience includes drafting substantive and procedural submissions in arbitration proceedings under UNCITRAL and ICSID rules, and work on assessments of prospective claims and representing clients at international arbitration hearings.

Mária served as a co-chair of Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration (Young ICCA) in 2013 and 2014 and subsequently served as a member of the organization's advisory board for two years. Young ICCA is a worldwide arbitration knowledge network for young arbitration practitioners that functions under the auspices of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA).

Mária is also involved in the project Guide to Arbitration Places under the auspices of Delos, a new innovative arbitration institution established in Paris in 2014. She also serves as a member of the leadership committee of Delos-Y, a platform within Delos dedicated to networking and career mentoring for younger arbitration practitioners and professionals interested in arbitration.

TAOUFIK LACHHEB

Partner – Accuracy

France



Taoufik is a partner at Accuracy, in the project advisory and disputes practice, based in Paris. Taoufik specialises in construction project management, project controls and forensic construction programming.

He acts as project expert adviser or expert witness on technical, time or quantum aspects in large construction projects worldwide across a wide range of sectors: oil and gas onshore and offshore, mining, shipbuilding, power generation, renewables, building, transport, and infrastructure.

Taoufik is a mechanical and process engineer with background in project management and controls. He is an experienced professional, has been working for contractors, owners and consultants in a variety of challenging international environments and is fluent in English and French. His live project experience was gained with both contractors and owners in the following industries: shipbuilding, nuclear and mining.

PETR HOSTAŠ

*Board Member - Czech Arbitration Court
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Member of the Board of the Arbitration Court attached to the Czech Chamber of Commerce and the Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic (Czech Arbitration Court) entrusted with the supervision of the domain names disputes and on-line dispute resolution services.



He is an expert of the ADR centre for EU, CZ and gTLD (UDRP) domain names disputes and arbitrator of the Czech Arbitration Court. Petr Hostaš has more than 20 years long practice as an attorney-at-law specialized in the telecommunications, IS/IT technologies, IP rights, trademarks, domain names, litigation and arbitration. He is actively engaged in the Intellectual Property Rights Section of the Czech Bar Association, has numerous publishing activities in the field of domain names and often lectures on the arbitration and domain names disputes at conferences and workshops.

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He is listed by the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic and by the Energy Community. His experiences in alternative dispute resolution were appreciated when he became the President of the Working group of the ICC Czech Republic for mediation. Martin has acted in numerous arbitrations both as chairman, member of the tribunal and of counsel (ICC, Czech Arbitration Court, sports law, ad hoc). He has been listed as arbitrator by the VIAC, Arbitration Court of the Czech Football Association, Czech Arbitration Court and Czech Commodity Exchange Arbitration Court).

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