BVI IAC Welcomes Nine New Arbitrators To Its Panel

The BVI IAC’s arbitration panel features over 200 highly regarded international arbitrators and other dispute resolution practitioners, drawn from both common law and civil law jurisdictions, who will be able to conduct arbitrations in a number of languages including English, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Chinese, French, German and Italian.
ELIZABETH BLACKBURN QC

Elizabeth Blackburn QC has been in practice as a specialist shipping and maritime barrister at the Commercial and Admiralty Bar since 1980 and took silk in 1998. She also has a significant practice as an ICC Arbitrator, specialising in commercial contracts, such as large scale supply contracts in the energy section, shipbuilding contracts and international trade disputes.

CARLOS F. CONCEPCIÓN

Carlos Concepción, Partner at Jones Day, practice concentrates on international litigation and arbitration involving financial services, construction disputes involving audit and defect claims, and transnational disputes involving parties and witnesses from multiple jurisdictions. He has substantial trial experience with multilingual and multicultural teams that provide a strategic advantage in dealing with parties and evidence from different legal systems, especially in South America, Brazil, and the Caribbean.
Tony Cole is an internationally-recognised expert in international and domestic arbitration, cross-border commerce and international investment law. In addition to serving as arbitrator and as Of Counsel at Gentium, he currently holds the position of Reader in Arbitration and Investment Law at the University of Leicester (UK). He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Member of the New York Bar, and previously worked at a leading international law firm in New York City, practising both arbitration and litigation (cross-border disputes, banking disputes, U.S. securities law disputes).

Mélida Hodgson, partner at Foley Hoag’s New York office, focuses on Investor-State and commercial arbitrations, counseling governments and state-owned entities with respect to international investment protection obligations, as well as World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute resolution and international trade policy issues. Mélida was selected for inclusion on the list of international arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association’s International Center for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), and was appointed to the list of panelists eligible to hear WTO disputes. She is also an arbitrator of international trade disputes initiated under Chapter 19 of the NAFTA.
ANN RYAN ROBERTSON

Ann Ryan Robertson, International Partner in the Houston office of the global firm of Locke Lord LLP, focuses primarily on commercial and energy-related disputes. Named to Global Arbitration Review’s “Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration” for the years 2015 – 2017, Ms. Robertson has also been recognized by The Best Lawyers in America, receiving the distinction of Lawyer of the Year, International Arbitration – Governmental (Houston) in 2014 and 2017.

JONATHAN SUTCLIFFE

Jonathan Sutcliffe is a partner in Baker Botts’ Dubai office. He has significant experience in energy, construction, hospitality, real estate, defense, insurance, international joint venture and film sectors international arbitrations and litigations and on investor-state disputes. Mr. Sutcliffe is qualified in England and Wales and is registered as an advocate in the DIFC Courts. He is recommended for international arbitration and projects and energy disputes by various leading legal guides, including Chambers, The Legal 500 and The International Who’s Who of Commercial Arbitration.
JOSEPH TIRADO

Joe Tirado is Co-Head of International Arbitration and ADR at leading Spanish and Latin American firm, Garrigues. He has handled hundreds of cases across a broad range of industry sectors as counsel, arbitrator, mediator and expert determiner in over 50 jurisdictions. He has also conducted and advised on international commercial and investment arbitration under all the major international arbitration rules before the leading international arbitration institutions.

MICHAEL TSELENTIS QC

Michael Tselentis QC (England & Wales), SC (South Africa) practices principally as an international commercial Arbitrator, with wide-ranging experience which includes disputes relating to energy and natural resources, shipping, commodity trading/international sale of goods, agency, distribution/franchising, shareholder disputes, insurance and reinsurance, construction and engineering. He also accepts appointments in investment arbitrations, adjudications and mediations.
Reynaldo Urtiaga has extensive experience as counsel and arbitrator in transnational disputes arising from IP licensing agreements, M&A, government contracts, insurance policies, franchising, distributorships, NAFTA, among other subjects. He has appeared as an Expert Witness on Mexican law in international arbitration proceedings. Areas of expertise include international commercial law, intellectual property law, information technology law.

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