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CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT ARBITRATION
20 January 2010, Wednesday, 9.00 AM - 5.00 PM, Supreme Court, Singapore

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DISCUSSION TOPICS

8.30AM REGISTRATION
9.00AM WELCOME REMARKS BY CHIEF JUSTICE CHAN SEK KEONG, Supreme Court of Singapore
9.15AM OBJECTIVE, PURPOSE BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, QC
9.30AM ARE TRIBUNALS SETTING NEW LIMITS ON ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTION?
CHAIR
Michael Hwang, SC (President, Law Society of Singapore)

SPEAKERS
John Savage (Shearman & Sterling LLP)
Prof Brigitte Stem (University of Paris, 1 Panthéon Sorbonne)

RAPPORTEUR Michael Ewing-Chow (Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore)

Question & Answer

10.30AM Refreshment Break
10.45AM CORRUPTION: HOW SHOULD TRIBUNALS DEAL WITH EVIDENCE OF CORRUPTION IN THE MAKING OF AN INVESTMENT OR THE SECURING OF GOVERNMENT PERMITS?

CHAIR
Florentino Feliciano (Former Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines)

SPEAKERS
Doak Bishop (King & Spalding LLP)
Andrea Menaker (White & Case LLP)
Constantine Partasides (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP)

RAPPORTEUR Daren Tang (Attorney-General’s Chambers, Singapore)

Question & Answer

12.00NN LUNCH with Guest Speaker on “ICSID, ITS ROLE AND PROSPECTS”
LUNCHEON SPEAKER (12.30pm)
Meg Kinnear, Secretary-General of ICSID

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1.30PM  IS THERE A SPECIAL ROLE FOR PRECEDENT IN INVESTMENT ARBITRATION?
CHAIR
Prof Michael Pryles (Chairman, Singapore International Arbitration Centre)
SPEAKERS
Judith Gill, QC (Allen & Overy LLP)
Lucy Reed (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP)
Zachary Douglas (Cambridge University/Matrix Chambers)
RAPPORTEUR Romesh Weeramantry (City University of Hong Kong)
Question & Answer

2.45PM  THE ARTICLES ON STATE RESPONSIBILITY: HOW HAVE TRIBUNALS DEALT WITH THEM?
CHAIR
Prof M Sornarajah (CJ Koh Professor of Law, National University of Singapore)
SPEAKERS
Prof James Crawford, SC (Cambridge University/Matrix Chambers)
Robert Volterra (Latham & Watkins LLP)
RAPPORTEUR Jürgen Kurtz (University of Melbourne)
Question & Answer

3.45PM  Refreshment Break

4.00PM  RAPPORTEURS’ SUMMARIES AND CLOSING REMARKS

5.00PM  End of Day

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PROFILE OF CHAIRPERSONS & PANEL SPEAKERS

Doak Bishop (King & Spalding LLP)

Mr Bishop is a litigation partner and a member of the firm’s Latin American Practice Group. He has over 27 years experience focusing on international arbitration and litigation of oil and gas, energy, construction, and environmental disputes. He has developed a national reputation for his experience in international arbitration, serving both as an arbitrator and counsel in large business disputes.

Prof James Crawford, SC (Cambridge University/Matrix Chambers)

Professor Crawford has an extensive practice in international law and international arbitration, appearing before the ICJ, ITLOS, ICSID and ICC tribunals. He has been an arbitrator in ICSID and ad hoc arbitrations as well as in interstate cases; he is a member of the ICSID panel of arbitrators, author of numerous books, and co-editor of the British Yearbook of International Law.

Zachary Douglas (Cambridge University/Matrix Chambers)

Mr Douglas has been instructed by States in relation to proceedings in the International Court of Justice and the Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. He has acted as counsel in investment treaty arbitrations and commercial arbitrations under the ICC, LCIA, SCC, UNCITRAL and ICSID Arbitration Rules and in cases before the English courts and other municipal courts relating to state immunity, human rights, state succession, challenges to investment treaty awards and money-laundering.

Florentino Feliciano (Former Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines)

Justice Feliciano is well-known in the field of international arbitration. He acted as both an arbitrator and as counsel for parties in numerous international commercial and investment arbitration disputes. In addition to his work for ICC and ICSID, Justice Feliciano has served as the President in a Stockholm Arbitration Institute case and as a Member of the Arbitration Tribunal under Chapter XV of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

Judith Gill, QC (Allen & Overy LLP)

Ms Gill specialises in international arbitration, both institutional and ad hoc, under ICSID, LCIA, ICC and AAA Rules. She also sits as an arbitrator. Judith is qualified as a Solicitor Advocate and frequently appears as an advocate in arbitration proceedings. Ms Gill’s practice covers a broad range of subjects including insurance, joint ventures, distributonships, healthcare, banking and investment treaty arbitration. She is a Director of the LCIA, a former member of the LCIA Court and a member of the ICC UK Arbitration Group. Judith has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.
Michael Hwang, SC (President, Law Society of Singapore)

Mr Hwang holds numerous arbitration appointments, having been involved in many arbitrations and mediations involving a variety of countries both in the Asia Pacific region and beyond. He also conducts training courses for arbitrators from time to time under the auspices of the ICC, the AAA/ICDR, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, King’s College, London, in Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Dubai. He is a Vice President of ICCA, a former Vice Chair of the IBA Arbitration Committee, and a Vice Chairman of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He also serves as a Court member of the LCIA and serves as a Trustee of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre. Mr Hwang is also currently the President for the Law Society of Singapore.

Meg Kinnear (Secretary-General of ICSID)

Ms Kinnear was elected Secretary-General of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in February 2009. Previously, Ms Kinnear was Senior General Counsel and Director General of the Trade Law Bureau, a joint legal unit of the departments of Justice and Foreign Affairs and International Trade. In that capacity, she has been responsible for the conduct of all international investment and trade litigation involving Canada. Ms Kinnear has also been responsible for providing advice on international investment and trade questions as well as legal support for investment and trade treaty negotiations and for the implementation of such treaties. She has appeared as counsel before international investment tribunals, participated in the negotiation of bilateral and multilateral investment and trade treaties and advised on Canada’s international investment and trade obligations. In November 2002, Ms Kinnear was named Chair of the Negotiating Group on Dispute Settlement for the Free Trade of the Americas Agreement.

Andrea Menaker (White & Case LLP)

Ms Menaker serves as counsel in complex cases involving contentious political issues, with a significant part of her practice focusing on international arbitration and public international law. She has extensive experience in matters involving treaty-based claims, international investment protections, sovereign immunity, and the enforcement of foreign arbitral awards. Ms Menaker has represented clients in arbitrations before ICSID and its Additional Facility, the ICC and other arbitral institutions, as well as in ad hoc arbitration under the rules of the UNCITRAL.

Constantine Partasides (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP)

Mr Partasides has appeared as counsel on some of the largest commercial arbitrations of the last decade, relating to the energy, telecommunications and satellite sectors. Mr Partasides has also advised and represented a variety of investors and states in relation to disputes under relevant bilateral and multilateral investment treaties, and was recently counsel of record in high profile ICSID successes for the Republic of Kenya in World Duty Free v. Republic of Kenya, and for the Republic of Lithuania in Parkerings v. Republic of Lithuania. Mr Partasides currently heads the Freshfields international arbitration group in London.

Prof Michael Pryles (Chairman, Singapore International Arbitration Centre)

Professor Pryles has experience of both ad hoc and institutional commercial arbitrations under the UNCITRAL, ICC, LCIA, SIAC, HKIAC, CIETAC, SCC, JCAA, KLICA and Swiss rules, and investor-state arbitrations under the ICSID rules, the ICSID Additional Facility Rules and the UNCITRAL Rules (BITs, NAFTA and state investor protection laws). These have involved investment, construction, energy, commercial, technology-transfer and joint venture disputes with sums claimed up to US $5 billion. Professor Pryles is the Chairman and a Director of the SIAC’s Board of Directors.

Lucy Reed (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP)

Ms Reed is co-head of our global international arbitration group. A specialist in international commercial arbitration and particularly in investment treaty disputes, she advises private and public clients and serves as arbitrator in arbitrations under the AAA, ICC, ICSID, LCIA, UNCITRAL and other rules. Ms Reed is also an arbitrator on the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission, and served as a co-director of the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Accounts in Switzerland (the Holocaust tribunal).
John Savage (Shearman & Sterling LLP)

Mr. Savage is a partner of Shearman & Sterling, based in the firm’s Washington, D.C. office. He also maintains an office in Singapore. John Savage is the deputy leader of the firm’s International Arbitration practice. He has represented governments, corporations and high net worth individuals in over 90 international arbitrations, both institutional and ad hoc, including many corporate, construction and investment treaty disputes. These arbitrations have had a variety of applicable laws, venues and subject matters. In addition to his work as counsel, Mr. Savage has been appointed as chairman, sole arbitrator and co-arbitrator in ICC, ICSID, KLRC, SIAC and ad hoc arbitrations. He is also a director of the SIAC.

Prof M Sornarajah (CJ Koh, Professor of Law, National University of Singapore)

Professor Sornarajah is CJ Koh Professor of Law at the National University of Singapore. He has taught courses on International Commercial Arbitration, Foreign Investment Arbitration, International Investment Law and Public International Law at leading universities in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, China and Sri Lanka. He is admitted to practice law in England and Wales, Singapore and Sri Lanka. He is on the Regional Panel of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration. Professor Sornarajah specialises in settlement of disputes arising from foreign investment.

Prof Brigitte Stern (University of Paris, 1 Panthéon Sorbonne)

Professor Stern is an Expert for International Organizations and Governments - she has been a member of the legal team of the Bosnian Government in the Genocide Case against Yugoslavia before the International Court of Justice. She works as a Counsel in several arbitrations - as well as an International Arbitrator (Sole Arbitrator, Member or President) in numerous ICSID, ICC, UNCITRAL and NAFTA arbitrations. She is also a Member of WTO List of Panellists, nominated by France, and a Member of the General List of Arbitrators of the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Prof Stern has been for 7 years, until October 2005, the President of the French Commission for the Elimination of Landmines, and is presently a Judge of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (UNAT).

Robert Volterra (Latham & Watkins LLP)

Mr Volterra advises and represents governments, international organisations and private clients on a wide range of contentious and non-contentious public international law and international dispute resolution issues, including: international investment agreements and BITs; international arbitration and litigation; diplomatic and consular law; boundaries and territorial integrity; State responsibility; treaty interpretation; ICSID; NAFTA; the Energy Charter Treaty; trans-boundary resources and pipelines; joint-development zones and straddling resource regimes; the laws of war; and sanctions. He has acted as counsel and advocate before the International Court of Justice and ad hoc international arbitration tribunals, including under the Permanent Court of Arbitration, ICSID, ICC, SCC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, WTO and UNCLOS rules. Mr Volterra regularly sits as an arbitrator on international arbitral tribunals.

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