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International Arbitration Forum

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SPEAKERS

Ann Ryan Robertson, C.Arb FCIArb | Sagar Patel | Kathleen C. Laird | David E. Harrell | Reem Ayad | Jeremy Heep | R. Zachary Torres-Fowler | John J. Gazzola | Victoria A. Alvarez | Thomas Kinney | Leslie Davis

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Join us for a half-day CLE seminar that includes a networking lunch and discussions on the latest topics in the field. Our distinguished presenters, comprised of practitioners, arbitrators, in-house counsel, and representatives from arbitral institutions, will delve into subjects such as artificial intelligence (AI), energy, construction, ethics, and more.

The event will offer 4 hours of CLE credit (3 hours substantive and 1 hour ethics). The panels will encourage audience participation and engagement.

Schedule

8:00 a.m. | Registration and Breakfast

8:45 a.m. | Opening Remarks

9:00 a.m. | Insights into Energy and Construction
Energy and construction-related disputes have long dominated the landscape of international arbitration, presenting unique challenges and opportunities for legal practitioners. This panel aims to delve into the intricate world of international construction arbitration and energy disputes, exploring the complexities, nuances, and

intersections between these two critical sectors. By examining real-world cases and emerging trends, the panel will provide practical insights and strategies for effectively managing and resolving these disputes and their predictions for future industry trends.

- Reem Ayad, Troutman Pepper Locke
- Leslie Davis, Troutman Pepper Locke
- David Harrell, Troutman Pepper Locke
- Zach Torres-Fowler, Troutman Pepper Locke

10:15 a.m. | Artificial Intelligence in Arbitration: A Round Table Discussion

Artificial intelligence promises to revolutionize the practice of law in a number of ways, and international arbitration is no exception. Join us for a roundtable discussion of the practical, legal, and ethical considerations associated the use of A.I. in international arbitration.

- Hon. Bridget McCormack, AAA-ICDR
- Tom Kinney, Troutman Pepper Locke

11:30 a.m. | Emergency Arbitration and Expedited Arbitration

Emergency arbitration and expedited arbitration procedures were developed by arbitral institutions to enhance the efficiency of dispute resolution and address some limitations of traditional arbitration. However, now that these procedures have become commonplace, the question remains: have they lived up to expectations? This panel will share their experiences with these procedural devices, discussing their benefits, potential drawbacks, and practical applications, and explain how to use these mechanisms effectively to achieve clients' objectives.

- John Gazzola, Troutman Pepper Locke
- Jeremy Heep, Troutman Pepper Locke
- Ann Ryan Robertson, Troutman Pepper Locke
- Mark Stadnyk, thyssenkrupp nucera

12:30 p.m. | Lunch and Networking Break

1:30 p.m. | Ethics in International Arbitration

Gain a comprehensive understanding of the diverse legal practices and professional responsibilities across international jurisdictions through this insightful session. We will explore key differences in legal practices, such as the British restriction on speaking with witnesses compared to the American approach, and the contrasting techniques in cross-examination. The discussion will include the complexities of attorney-client privilege, particularly for in-house attorneys, and how these privileges are managed differently across jurisdictions.

- Victoria Alvarez, Troutman Pepper Locke
- Kathleen Laird, Troutman Pepper Locke
- Paul Neufeld, Youssef + Partners
- Sagar Patel, Troutman Pepper Locke

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