

IAC: A New International Arbitration Centre for Eurasia

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NUS Law (Bukit Timah Campus)



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On 22 October 2019, the Centre for Banking & Finance Law (CBFL) at NUS Law hosted a seminar by Ms Barbara Dohmann QC, Chairman of the International Arbitration Centre (IAC) and Mr Christopher Campbell-Holt, the Registrar and Chief Executive of the AIFC Court and IAC on the new International Arbitration Centre (IAC) at Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC) located in the Republic of Kazakhstan. The IAC is committed to providing independent, economical and expeditious alternative dispute resolution other than court litigation to solve civil and commercial disputes.

Ms Barbara Dohmann QC spoke about the background leading to the establishment of the IAC in Kazakhstan and introduced the features of IAC; emphasising its uniqueness in being independent, accessible, reliable, fair and flexible. She also shared the vision of promoting the IAC to be the number one choice for arbitration and mediation in Eurasia.

Mr Christopher Campbell-Holt shared his experiences in establishing and promoting the AIFC Court and IAC in Kazakhstan, cooperating with local courts to build trust and enforce arbitration awards, and the day-to-day management of arbitrations and mediations. The seminar was moderated by Associate Professor Dora Neo, Director of the CBFL and attended by practitioners and academics.



CBFL SEMINAR SERIES

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By Barbara Dohmann QC, Chairman, International Arbitration Centre & Christopher Campbell-Holt, Registrar and Chief Executive, AIFC Court and International Arbitration Centre

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The International Arbitration Centre ("IAC") at the AIFC provides an independent, economical and expeditious alternative to court litigation, operating to the highest international standards to resolve civil and commercial disputes in the AIFC. The IAC has its own panel of outstanding international arbitrators and mediators who are greatly experienced, independent, impartial and of the highest integrity. The IAC offers parties maximum choice and flexibility in choosing the rules and procedures they wish to use to resolve their disputes at the IAC.

The IAC provides fundholding for arbitrators' fees and the holding and disbursing of advances paid to cover the reasonable costs of the IAC's own services and facilities. The IAC is an appointment authority, offering the appointment of arbitrators and mediators from its panel, for arbitrations and mediations conducted at the IAC or elsewhere.

Arbitration awards of the IAC are enforceable in the Republic of Kazakhstan as Orders of the AIFC Court, supported by a robust enforcement system. They are also enforceable internationally under the New York Convention.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Academics, banking lawyers, in-house bank counsel, policymakers

ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR BANKING & FINANCE LAW

The Centre for Banking & Finance Law (CBFL) at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, seeks to generate scholarship and promote thinking about the vibrancy, robustness and soundness of the banking sector, capital markets and other financial services. Through the research our scholars undertake and the events we organise, we seek to create and share knowledge, to engage stakeholders in an exchange of ideas, and to enhance the appreciation of legal and regulatory issues. We aim to bring greater theoretical and analytical clarity to these issues, to examine their policy impact, and to be a catalyst for ideas on how to improve banking and financial systems at the national, regional and global levels. Visit our website at <https://law.nus.edu.sg/cbfl/>.

Tuesday, 22 October 2019 • 4.00pm to 5.00pm

(Registration starts at 3.30pm)

Lee Sheridan Conference Room

Eu Tong Sen Building, NUS Law (Bukit Timah Campus)



Barbara Dohmann QC has been one of the UK's leading commercial barristers and an international arbitrator for many years. She began practice at the Bar of England and Wales in 1973 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1987. She is a member of the London Court of International Arbitration. She has been appointed as arbitrator at the LCIA, at the London Metal Exchange (where she is an Arbitration and Arbitration Appeals Panel member), at the Paris International Chamber of Commerce, and at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. She is a CEDR accredited Mediator. Her arbitration experience includes international joint ventures, metal trading, oil and gas trading, North Sea oil drilling contracts, the true construction of bare boat

charters, alleged breaches of charter parties, property. She has extensive experience of appearing before foreign courts in very large commercial disputes, including in Bermuda, Gibraltar, Singapore, Brunei.



Christopher Campbell-Holt has many years of legal experience gained while living and working in the UK, the US, the Middle East, and Eurasia. He was the Registrar at the international financial centre commercial court and alternative dispute resolution centre in Qatar under the Presidency of Lord Woolf. He also worked at international and regional law firms and practiced broad international commercial law and dispute resolution. He is an Honorary Professor at the M. Narikbayev KAZGUU University, a leading Kazakhstan law school. He is a member of the AIFC Legal Advisory Council and the AIFC Academic Council. He is a member of the Bar of New York State, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb) and is a CEDR accredited mediator.

REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee for this event, but seats are limited.



Register at:
<https://nus.edu/2abMwji>
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Closing Date: Friday, 18 October 2019

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