

**CML SEMINAR SERIES****Appeals in Arbitration and the Effect of the English Law Commission  
Arbitration Law Reform Project****Speaker****Dr Kyriaki Noussia**

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**27 March 2025, Thursday | 4.30pm to 6.00pm****The Executive Centre, Level 4 Ocean Financial Centre, 10 Collyer Quay, Singapore 049315****ABOUT THE EVENT**

The Arbitration Act 1996 was founded on the principle that arbitration gives effect to the parties' choice to refer their disputes to arbitration and courts should only intervene in order to support arbitration, and not displace it. Section 69 permitted appeals on points of law under strict requirements, ensuring that courts would intervene only in exceptional cases. In practice we have increasingly observed the misuse of the appeals mechanism, as often questions of fact have been 'cloaked' as questions of law. This issue has been further compounded by the varying application of the right to appeal across different categories of disputes, hence, also reflecting the distinct expectations of the parties. Notwithstanding the above, the interpretation and application of s 69 by the judiciary has demonstrated that although there exist a number of instances of appeals on points of law, only few are actually successful due to the high threshold established and maintained by English courts. Notably, the decision not to reform s 69 in the new Arbitration Act 2025, reinforces the efficiency of arbitration as a dispute resolution method, while preserving the courts' role in ensuring legal accuracy.

**ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

Dr Kyriaki Noussia has research interests in arbitration law (international commercial and investment), insurance/reinsurance law, maritime law, environmental law, energy law (oil and gas), AI and the law (the use of technology and innovation, use of data within AI and new technologies). She has published in the above fields. She is also a highly experienced legal practitioner with more than 25 years of experience in shipping, insurance, reinsurance, oil and gas and is interested in the 5.0 era in legal dispute resolution, AI, tribunals and the future of law and decision-making. Kyriaki is an Associate Professor in Commercial Law at the University of Reading, having previously taught at the University of Exeter and the University of Birmingham. In the past, she has held prestigious fellowships and awards such as the Exeter – Tsinghua Fellowship (2018), the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Award (Columbia Law School, 2013) and the Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship (University of Hamburg, Max Planck Institute 2008-2010) and has been a visiting academic at universities in Australia, China, Greece, Italy, Latin America, Türkiye, and the USA.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

Maritime lawyers, in-house counsel and legal officers in the shipping, energy and offshore industry, arbitrators, dispute resolution lawyers, and professionals in areas affiliated with shipping.

**EVENT PROGRAMME**

4.00pm : Registration

4.30pm : Start of Seminar

5.45pm : Discussion (Moderated Q&amp;A)

6.00pm : End of Seminar



Public CPD Points: 1.5  
Practice Area: Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Training Level: General

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