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INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION IN PAKISTAN: OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Islamabad, Pakistan, 15 and 16 November 2019

The YAG Inaugural Conference will explore the future of international arbitration in Pakistan, bringing together members of Pakistan's Government, academia, judiciary, and business community, as well as local and international arbitration practitioners.

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PROGRAM ME**15 November 2019 (Day 1), Serena Hotel, Shamadan Hall III**

- 08:30-09:00 **Registration**
- 09:00-09:10 **Opening remarks**
Rana Sajjad, Founder & President, CIICA
- 09:10-09:40 **Keynote address International arbitration in Pakistan: present and future challenges**
The Honourable Mrs Justice Ayesha Malik, Justice of the Lahore High Court
- 09:40-10:40 **Panel discussion Pakistan's experience in investment arbitration: how to revisit the approach and rise to challenges**
Moderator: Saadia Bhatti, Gide Loyrette Nouel
Panelists: Sarah Vasani, Addleshaw Goddard LLP
Mahnaz Malik, 20 Essex Street Chambers
Ahmer Bilal Soofi, ABS & Co
Feisal Naqvi, Bhandari, Naqvi & Riaz
Ruba Ghandour, Permanent Court of Arbitration
- 10:40-10:50 **Coffee break**
- 10:50-11:50 **Panel discussion Arbitrating power disputes: recurring issues and how to resolve them**
Moderator: Antonia Birt, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP
Panelists: Dimitrios Katsikis, Shearman & Sterling LLP
Mian Sami-ud-din, Bhandari, Naqvi & Riaz
Kevin Nash, Singapore International Arbitration Centre
Samar Abbas, 39 Essex Chambers
- 11:50-12:50 **Panel discussion The effect and relevance of corruption in international arbitration**
Moderator: Paul Key QC, Essex Court Chambers
Panelists: Mark McNeill, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP
Stephen Osuhar, Driver Trett
Emilie Gonin, Doughty Street Chambers
Khurram Khan, Addleshaw Goddard LLP,
Imad Khan, Winston & Strawn
- 12:50-14:00 **Lunch break**
- 14:00-15:00 **Panel discussion Disputes in the ChinaPakistan Economic Corridor and effective methods for their resolution**
Moderator: Salman Rahim, Mohsin Tayebaly & Co
Panelists: Emmanuel Jacomy, Shearman & Sterling LLP
Samantha Lord-Hill, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP
Kiran Saghera, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
Olga Boltenko, Fangda Partners
Taimur Malik, Clyde & Co LLP

15:00-16:00 **Panel discussion 'Next Gen': perspectives from Pakistan's young international arbitration practitioners and opportunities for young Pakistani lawyers**
 Moderator: Scheherazade Shiraz, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP
 Panelists: Harris Azmat, Kilam Law
 Adil Bandial, Bandial & Associates
 Mian Shaoor Ahmed, Office of the Attorney General of Pakistan
 Neshay Aqueel, Fatima Group,
 Komal Anwar, Fazle Ghani Advocates

16:00-16:30 **Closing Remarks**
 Makhdoom Ali Khan SA, former Attorney General for Pakistan

16:30-17:00 **Refreshments and Networking**

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10:30-11:00 **Registration and Tea**
 11:00-12:00 **Arbitral Women Roundtable Discussion**
 Introductions: Saadia Bhatti, Gide Loyrette Nouel
 Panellists: Sarah Vasani, Addleshaw Goddard LLP
 Mahnaz Malik, 20 Essex Street Chambers
 Aneesa Agha, Raja Mohammed Akram & Co
 Maham Naveed, Office of the Attorney General of Pakistan
 Maria Farooq, Axis Law Chambers,
 Maryam Hayat, Kilam Law

12:00-13:00 **Lunch**

13:00-17:00 **Training workshop Introduction to the practice of international arbitration: tools and skills for international arbitration practitioners in Pakistan**

13:00-13:10	Welcome Remarks Saadia Bhatti, Gide Loyrette Nouel Rana Sajjad, Center for International Investment and Commercial Arbitration (CIICA)
13:10-13:30	Introduction to Arbitration in Pakistan: How to navigate the waters of domestic legislation Komal Anwar, Fazle Ghani Advocates
13:30-14:30	Introduction to International Commercial Arbitration: Case Study Samar Abbas, 39 Essex Chambers Kevin Nash, Singapore International Arbitration Centre
14:30-14:45	Coffee Break
14:45-16:00	Introduction to International Investment Arbitration: Case Study Emilie Gonin, Doughty Street Chambers Imad Khan, Winston & Strawn LLP, Saadia Bhatti, Gide Loyrette Nouel
16:00-17:00	Top Tips for Advocacy Paul Key QC, Essex Court Chambers Mark McNeill, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP Samar Abbas, 39 Essex Chambers

CIICA - About us

The Center for International Investment and Commercial Arbitration (CIICA) was established in 2015. CIICA is Pakistan's first and only international arbitration center that offers arbitration, mediation and a wide range of other dispute avoidance and resolution services. CIICA's panel of arbitrators includes leading local and foreign arbitrators from the US, Australia, China, Canada, Hong Kong and the UK.

CIICA is a registered, independent organization that is also involved in training and capacity building in the area of international arbitration in particular and alternative dispute resolution in general. CIICA's objectives also include research, publications and legislative reform in connection with international arbitration.

More details about CIICA are available on its website: <http://ciica.org/>.

Young Arbitration Group (YAG)

The Center for International Investment and Commercial Arbitration (CIICA) is inaugurating its Young Arbitration Group (YAG). The aim of YAG is to bring together young lawyers, law students, and young members of the business community and government sector with keen interest and/or a background in arbitration. Membership is open to law students, practitioners, in-house counsel, academics, government employees and other members of the business community under the age of 45.

For details on membership, please visit <https://ciica.org/young-arbitration-group-yag/>.

YAG Inaugural Event

The inauguration of the YAG is taking place over two days on 15-16 November in Islamabad, Pakistan. The event is kindly sponsored by Shearman & Sterling, Addleshaw Goddard, Gide Loyrette Nouel, Driver Trett and Rana Ijaz & Partners. A number of well-known international arbitration institutions are supporting the event, including the ICC, UNCITRAL, ICDR, HKIAC and BIAC. The first day comprises discussion panels and the second day will cover a training workshop for young lawyers and students as well as a breakfast event on women in arbitration, run by ArbitralWomen.

President, CIICA



Rana Sajjad Ahmad FCI Arb

Founder & President, CIICA; Partner, Rana Ijaz & Partners

Rana Sajjad is a dual-qualified lawyer (licensed in New York and Pakistan) having over 15 years' experience of practicing law in Pakistan and the US. He has advised clients in the energy, technology, telecom, manufacturing and retail sectors on business establishment, regulatory compliance, contracts and dispute resolution. He has also represented clients before courts and arbitral tribunals in matters involving contractual, commercial and investment disputes. He has taught and conducted training workshops on international arbitration at leading universities in Pakistan and the Lahore High Court. He is a global speaker and has also written extensively on international arbitration.

YAG Global Advisory Board



Antonia Birt

Partner, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, Dubai

Antonia acts as counsel and advocate in commercial and construction arbitrations for state, national and multi-national clients, with a focus on energy, oil and gas, infrastructure, engineering and distribution. Antonia has acted under the key arbitral rules, including the ICC, LCIA, DIFC-LCIA, DIAC and UNCITRAL Rules. She also sits as arbitrator. Antonia is admitted as a Solicitor of England and Wales and registered as a foreign practitioner in Dubai, where she has been based for more than 9 years. She is a member of the CPR's Y-ADR Steering Committee, the international advisory board to the Young Arbitration Group of Pakistan's CIICA, and a 'Pledge Champion' for the MENA region for the Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge.



Dimitris Katsikis

Associate, Shearman & Sterling, Singapore

Dimitris has advised on a wide variety of matters, including oil and gas, electricity, mining, joint venture, and ship-building disputes. He has worked on both investment and commercial arbitrations, doing so under ICC, LCIA, LMAA, CRCICA, SIAC, UNCITRAL, and ICSID Rules, and has experience in litigation related to arbitration. Dimitris also has various published articles on arbitration to his name. He has presented on and taught aspects of investment and commercial arbitration to students and practitioners alike.



Jocelyn Lim Yean Tse

Partner, Skrine, Malaysia

Jocelyn sits as an adjudicator and is a panel adjudicator and arbitrator of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC). Jocelyn focuses on construction and engineering disputes. She advises on and is well-versed in all major standard forms of construction and consultancy contract, including FIDIC, PAM, JKR or Public Works Department (PWD), CIDB, IEM and BEM forms.



Murphy Mok

Registered Foreign Lawyer (England & Wales) Herbert Smith Freehills, Hong Kong

Murphy is a solicitor qualified in England & Wales and Australia (New South Wales). Murphy has advised Chinese and international clients in the power, oil and gas and transport sectors on complex construction and infrastructure projects across Asia, Middle East, Africa and South America. He is also qualified as Tribunal Secretary at the HKIAC and has been appointed as tribunal secretary in international arbitration. He is fluent in English, Mandarin and Cantonese.



Rick Gal

Senior Associate, Allen & Overy, London

Rick has acted for a range of corporate and State clients in cross-border commercial and investment treaty arbitrations under the major institutional rules, including the ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, CIArb and ICSID Arbitration Rules. He has acted on a broad range of disputes, with a particular focus on disputes in the energy and natural resources sector. Rick has acted for the Government of Pakistan in separate ICSID, ICC and CIArb arbitrations against two separate investors.



Saadia Bhatti

Counsel, Gide, London

Saadia is a dual qualified attorney (NY and Paris bars) specialized in international arbitration. She has over a decade of experience handling arbitrations as counsel to states and non-state entities, subject to the laws of common law and civil jurisdiction, especially in the energy, oil & gas and construction sectors, especially in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Prior to working for Gide in London she was part of the international arbitration and public international law groups of major law firms in Paris, and New York. Saadia is part of the board and steering committees of various arbitral organizations including ArbitralWomen, EFILA, CPR Y-ADR, and the Pakistan Centre for Law and Society, and of the arbitral panels of the major arbitral institutions, including those with a regional focus such as CRCICA, SIAC, and the OHADA Court. Saadia regularly lectures students and trains practitioners and government officials across the globe including in Pakistan.

YAG Steering Committee

**Fakhar-un-Nisa**

Specialist, Procurement, contracts and claims, Karachi

Fakhar-un-Nisa is a civil engineer with a degree in Construction Law & Arbitration. She works on procurement and contracts in the construction industry with leading national and international firms. She contributes to mega projects involving financial liability and national interest. She is a member of the CI Arb, ICC-YAF and Construction Management Association of America (CMAA).

**Komal Anwar**

Associate, Fazle Ghani Advocates, Karachi

Komal is a Pakistani lawyer with expertise in disputes. She holds an LLM specializing in international arbitration from the London School of Economics (LSE). She is a member of the LCIA and SIAC Young Arbitration Groups. She has recently written a book on arbitration law in Pakistan, including an analysis of arbitration from three jurisdictions; Pakistan, India and the UK.

**Sarah Kazmi**

Lawyer/Partner, Energy Resource Management, Islamabad

Sarah was Called to the Bar (England & Wales) and is an Advocate of the High Court in Pakistan. She is a partner at Energy Resource Management in Islamabad and provides legal services and capacity building trainings for companies in the oil & gas, energy, engineering, procurement and construction sectors. Sarah has teaching experience in International Commercial Arbitration, Law of the Sea, Law of Treaties and Human Rights law.

**Sarmad Aziz**

Advocate, SA Associates, Karachi

Sarmad is a High Court Advocate with over five years' litigation experience. He is a lecturer at SZABIST Law School and Institute of Business Management. Sarmad previously worked in the Sindh Judicial Academy and as in-house legal counsel in a leading multinational pharmaceutical company. He received mediation accreditation by the Institute for Strategic Conflict Resolution & Development (ISCRD), and is trained in the Singapore mediation model as well as the EMTPJ mediation model approved by the European Commission.

**Scheherazade Shiraz**

Associate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Dubai

Scheherazade trained and qualified as a solicitor at DLA Piper in London. She has experience in English High Court and international disputes, UK and EU regulation and international aviation law experience. Scheherazade is also a Pakistani lawyer, and has advised on warranty claims, contractual liability in English law governed documents and power sector disputes. Scheherazade is working on various international arbitrations as part of the international arbitration team at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Dubai. She writes frequently and is interested in public international law amongst her other practice areas.

Speakers List

Keynote and Closing



Keynote

Justice Ayesha Malik

Honourable Justice of the Lahore High Court

Justice Ayesha Malik was elevated to the Bench in 2012. She is one of the very few female judges in the country. Most recently, Justice Ayesha delivered a landmark judgment (*Orient Power Company (Private) Limited v Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited through its Managing Director, Lahore*) in relation to foreign arbitral awards and Pakistan's obligations under the New York Convention. Before elevation, Justice Ayesha was engaged in private practice on corporate transactional and contentious matters, including working on the *Hubco v WAPDA* arbitration.



Closing

Makhdoom Ali Khan

Former Attorney General of Pakistan

Makhdoom Ali Khan is a Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and a former Attorney General for Pakistan. He sits as an arbitrator in ad hoc and institutional domestic, international commercial and investment arbitrations. He has experience in BIT issues and public international law matters and was involved in the drafting of the laws that incorporated the New York Convention and the International Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and the Nationals of other States into Pakistani law. He is a member of the Governing Body of ICCA. He is on the panel of arbitrators of SIAC and KLRCA and has been designated as an arbitrator on the ICSID panel.

Panel Speakers and Workshop Trainers



Adil Bandial

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Adil Bandial is an advocate of the High Court. He has extensive international arbitration experience in Pakistan and holds an LLM in International Investment and Arbitration Law. Adil has worked on and represented state and private entities in various arbitration proceedings conducted under the LCIA rules, and expert proceedings conducted pursuant to multi-tier alternative dispute resolution clauses in power purchase agreements.



Ahmer Bilal Soofi

Senior Managing Partner, ABS & Co., Lahore/Islamabad

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Ahmer has more than thirty years of experience in representing the federal and provincial governments, ministerial departments, regulatory bodies, financial institutions, listed/unlisted companies, high-net individuals and foreign sovereigns on a broad range of contentious matters that include commercial, constitutional, tax, employment, trade, energy and other investment disputes. He regularly advises the government on international treaties, international sanctions, UNSC Resolutions, BITs and other bilateral and multilateral issues related to public international law.



Aneesa Agha

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Aneesa Agha is an Advocate of the High Court in Pakistan and was called to the Bar (Lincoln's Inn). She specialises in a broad range of corporate legal work, both contentious and non-contentious. She focuses on constitutional and administrative law, arbitration, corporate matters, regulatory affairs, customs and taxation, and company law.



Emilie Gonin

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Emilie specialises in investment treaty arbitration, public international law, human rights and international commercial arbitration. Having joined the Bar from the International Arbitration and Public International Law group of Allen & Overy in London, she has extensive experience in these fields. Emilie has represented States, sovereign entities and corporations in both investment treaty and commercial arbitrations. She has experience of arbitrations conducted under the major arbitration rules (ICC, LCIA, ICSID, HKIAC, SCC, UNCITRAL) across a range of sectors, including energy, real estate, finance, mining and telecoms. She also has

expertise in proceedings related to arbitration disputes before English and other Commonwealth courts, including enforcement of arbitral awards.



Emmanuel Jacomy

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Emmanuel has extensive experience advising and representing companies, State-owned entities and governments in international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations under all major arbitration rules (including ICSID, ICC, HKIAC, LCIA, SIAC and UNCITRAL), with a focus on investment, oil & gas, energy and mining disputes, as well as disputes having an Asian and African nexus. He also acts as an arbitrator. Emmanuel also represents clients in litigation before national courts and international criminal courts. He is Adjunct Professor at the University of International Business and Economics (Beijing) and a visiting Lecturer at Tsinghua University (Beijing), where he teaches international commercial and investment arbitration. He publishes and speaks regularly on issues of investment arbitration and international commercial arbitration.



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Harris provides wide ranging legal advisory, corporate, transactional, arbitration and litigation services to a broad spectrum of companies and high profile individual clients. Harris has personally conducted more than 500 cases before the courts in Pakistan which include a wide variety of trial and appellate work in civil, criminal, commercial and banking matters.



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Imad Khan

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Imad is an international disputes lawyer with particular expertise in investment treaty arbitration, having represented foreign investors and host States in over a dozen ICSID/UNCITRAL arbitrations, and commercial arbitration under rules of the ICC, ICDR, HKIAC, and LCIA. He advises companies across diverse economic sectors, including energy, oil and gas, electricity, renewables, waste management, mining, and pharmaceuticals. In addition to his practice, Imad teaches courses in international law and arbitration at the Washington University School of Law, where he chairs the law school's International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution

Symposium program. Imad also holds leadership positions with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution.



Kevin Nash

Deputy Registrar and Center Director, SIAC, Singapore

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Kevin assists the Registrar in the administration of all cases filed with SIAC, and the supervision of SIAC's multinational Secretariat. Kevin worked at one of Canada's prominent 'Seven Sister' law firms and then went on to study an LL.M. in International Commercial Arbitration at Stockholm University. He is qualified as a Barrister and Solicitor with the Law Society of Upper Canada.



Kiran Sanghera

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Kiran Sanghera is the Business Development Deputy Director at HKIAC. Prior to taking her position at HKIAC, Kiran worked as Director of Litigation Funding at Harbour Litigation Funding where she was responsible for developing the third party funding market across Asia. Kiran previously worked at HKIAC as counsel handling the administration of commercial arbitrations involving parties from Asia, Europe and the Americas. She has also worked at the Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris.



Khurram Khan

Legal Director, Addleshaw Goddard, Dubai

Khurram is a US-trained litigator whose practice is focused on international arbitration. He has acted across a broad range of sectors, including telecoms, construction, and financial disputes. Khurram has represented parties before institutional and ad hoc proceedings under the AAA, ADCCAC, CIETAC, DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, HKIAC, ICC, ICDR, LCIA, SCAI, SIAC, QICCA, and UNCITRAL rules.



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Maham is a member of the New York Bar and holds an LLM with a focus in private and public international law. She has worked as a trainee in the International Arbitration department of Shearman & Sterling LLP, Paris, before joining the Attorney General's office in Pakistan. Maham is one of the few female next generation lawyers in Pakistan with a specific focus in international arbitration.



Mahnaz Malik

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Mahnaz is a barrister and arbitrator and has acted as counsel on behalf of both investors and states in several investment and commercial disputes including ICC, ICSID, LCIA and PCA administered arbitrations. Mahnaz's appointment as an arbitrator in EuroGas Inc and Belmont Resources Inc v Republic of Slovakia makes her one of the youngest ever appointed to an ICSID Annulment Committee since records began, and the youngest woman. She serves on the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and was on the editorial board of the ICSID Review.



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Maria Farooq is an Advocate of the High Court. Maria is well-known for her power sector disputes expertise and has extensive international commercial arbitration experience involving the institutional rules of ICC and LCIA. Maria is also experienced in pre-arbitration, 'expert determinations' arising out of power purchase agreements and domestic commercial arbitrations under the Arbitration Act, 1940.



Mark McNeill

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Mark is admitted to practice in New York, Paris and England & Wales. He has also been an Attorney-Adviser in the Office of the Legal Adviser of the U.S. Department of State, where he represented the United States in investor-State arbitrations under the investment chapter of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). For over two decades, Mark has acted as an advocate representing companies and States in numerous commercial and investment treaty arbitrations, including in matters involving intellectual property, technology, nuclear construction, pharmaceuticals, business combinations, oil & gas, taxation, mining, insurance and reinsurance. He also serves as an arbitrator and he lectures on international investment arbitration at Sciences Po Law School in Paris.



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Maryam is an advocate of the High Court and has been called to the Bar (England & Wales). She has extensive disputes experience, having drafted and reviewed international arbitration agreements and represented clients in local Pakistan-based arbitrations. She is one of the few female Pakistani lawyers with extensive advocacy and disputes experience.



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Sami specialises in international arbitration and has represented and advised clients in arbitration matters under the LCIA, ICC, SIAC, ICSID, and UNCITRAL rules. His experience includes acting as an advocate and as an expert on Pakistani law before international arbitral tribunals. His work arises out of the energy, oil & gas, construction, international trade, corporate, and IT industries. He also has extensive experience in cross-border litigation and matters relating to conflict of laws. Sami has been called to the Bar of England and Wales (Lincoln's Inn), is an Advocate of the High Court of Pakistan and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Asian Institute of ADR. He has also recently been appointed to the panel of arbitrators of the SAARC Arbitration Council and takes appointments as an arbitrator.



Mian Shaoor Ahmad

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Shaoor is a member of the Government's legal teams representing Pakistan in its investment disputes and commercial arbitrations. He has also been a part of the counsel team that represented Pakistan at the ICJ, and advises on other matters of international law, including national security.



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Neshay holds an LLM specialising in Dispute Resolution and has worked as a research assistant to the Director of the Scheinman Institute of Conflict Resolution at Cornell University. Before joining Fatima Group, Neshay worked at Axis Law Chambers, specializing in energy, power and infrastructure projects. Neshay, with her specialist knowledge of the energy sector, was also an integral part of the disputes team at Axis and advised clients on ongoing and potential LCIA and ICC arbitrations in the energy sector.



Olga Boltenko

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Olga is an investment and trade lawyer with over ten years' experience in public international law and investor-state dispute resolution. She acted as legal counsel in investor-state disputes under the auspices of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, ICSID, SCC, ICC, LCIA, and as tribunal secretary in dozens of commercial disputes in a wide array of industries including oil and gas, infrastructure, construction, telecommunications and pharmaceuticals, across Asia and beyond. Olga teaches a master of laws degree in arbitration and ADR at The University of Hong Kong. She is listed as arbitrator on the HKIAC, SIAC, AIAC, and CIETAC panels of arbitrators.



Paul Key QC

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Paul specialises in both international commercial arbitration (including ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, SCC and ARIAS) and investment treaty arbitration (including ICSID). He has appeared as advocate in over 300 major international arbitrations worldwide, as well as appearing regularly before the English Courts (at all levels) and foreign courts on arbitration matters. He has been lead counsel in a large number of BIT/investment arbitrations. He is Visiting Professor in international arbitration law at King's College, London. He has been a long-standing UK representative on the ILA International Commercial Arbitration Committee and is a delegate for the UNCITRAL Working Group on Arbitration.



Stephen Osuhar

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Stephen holds a BSc in Quantity Surveying and professional memberships with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, CIArb, and is a RICS Nominated Expert Witness. Stephen has over 25 years' industry experience across a wide range of construction sectors in the UK, UAE, Oman, Qatar and Asia Pacific, with particular skills in dispute resolution, contract administration, commercial management, development management and risk management. More recently, Stephen has provided independent third-party determinations for the settlement of construction disputes and has been appointed as a quantum expert in a DIAC arbitration.



Ruba Ghandour (via video link)

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Salman Rahim

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Salman Rahim was Called to the Bar (England and Wales) and is an Advocate of the High Court in Pakistan with over 11 years of legal experience, ranging from arbitration to corporate financing matters.

**Samantha Lord-Hill**

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Samantha focuses her practice on commercial, natural resources and major capital projects-related arbitration disputes throughout the Middle East and Asia regions. She has advised and appeared under many of the major arbitration rules including ICC, LCIA, DIFC-LCIA, ICSID, DIAC, ADCCAC, SIAC and UNCITRAL Rules, with a variety of seats. Samantha was a speaker on the “New Voices” panel at ICCA 2018 in Sydney Australia, selected to showcase the energy and talent of the next generation of arbitration leaders. She is the co-author of the UAE chapter of the ICCA International Handbook on Commercial Arbitration and also publishes regularly on a variety of international arbitration and construction-related topics.

**Samar Abbas**

Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers, London

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International arbitration constitutes a sizeable proportion of Samar’s practice, along with litigation concerning arbitration. He has experience of both ad-hoc and institutional arbitrations, in particular those conducted by ICC, LCIA, HKIAC, SIAC, JCAA and JAMS. A significant portion of his arbitration practice touches upon construction and infrastructure disputes, and he writes frequently on the subject (including the arbitration chapter of the most recent (3rd) edition of Wilmot-Smith on Construction Contracts).

**Sarah Vasani**

Partner, Addleshaw Goddard, London

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Sarah Z. Vasani leads Addleshaw Goddard's Investor State Dispute Resolution Practice. She specializes in both international commercial arbitration and investor state disputes. Sarah represents clients before the LCIA, ICC, ICDR, WIPO, SIAC, HKIAC, SCC, ICSID and in arbitrations conducted under the UNCITRAL Rules, and under foreign investment laws. Sarah also sits as arbitrator.

**Taimur Malik**

Partner, Clyde & Co., Dubai

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Apart from his Middle East and Africa focused work, Taimur leads Clyde’s global Pakistan practice. He is also a part of the firm's global public international law, corporate and energy practice groups and the Belt and Road Initiative (with a special focus on the China Pakistan Economic Corridor).

Islamabad

About the venue

Islamabad is the capital city of Pakistan. It is a planned city, built in the 1960s and is located at the base of the Himalayas. It is a safe, modern, well developed, green and clean city, with many restaurants, including international fast food chains and shops.

For those new to Pakistan and averse to spicy food, non-Pakistani food is very readily available in low, mid and high-end restaurants. Western wear is common in Islamabad, such as jeans, trousers, long skirts, long dresses, blouses etc. The weather in November is pleasant and sunny during the day (early 20s degrees Celsius) and colder at night (temperatures can go down to around 8 degrees Celsius).

Arriving in Islamabad

The new Islamabad International Airport was opened in 2018 and is located slightly outside Islamabad. The airport is around a 45 minute drive away from the Serena Hotel, depending on traffic. Visitors can use taxis or have transit pre-arranged by their hotel. Getting round by car is easy as taxi mobile apps such as Uber and Careem are commonplace in the major cities in Pakistan.

The Serena Hotel is a 5-star hotel located close to Constitutional Avenue, a road populated by many important buildings, such as the Supreme Court of Pakistan and Prime Minister House.

Things to do

Islamabad is home to many forests, parks and hiking trails. It is a relaxed and green city with many places to eat and unwind. Some suggested attractions are:

- **Saidpur Village**, a restored village from historic times, including a small Hindu temple with many Pakistani cuisine restaurants.
- Sunset meal at **Monal**, a famous restaurant in the hilltops with panoramic views of the city just 30 minutes away.
- **Hiking** in the Margalla Hills; Trails 3, 5 and 6 are popular.
- **Lok Virsa Museum**, presenting the history and living traditions of the people of Pakistan both from the mainstream and the remotest regions of the country.
- **Faisal Mosque**, one of the largest mosques in the world.
- For outdoor dining spots, Kohsar Market, just a 10 minute drive from Serena Hotel.
- Shopping for Pakistan handicrafts.
- If you have extra time, the **Khewra Salt Mines** (the largest salt mines in the world, home to Himalayan pink salt) are around a 2.5 hour drive from Islamabad and make for an enjoyable outing.

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