



International Arbitration Symposium

Hong Kong

Jointly presented by

International Chamber of Commerce, Young Arbitrators Forum (ICC-YAF), HK45 and Asia-Pacific Forum for International Arbitration (AFIA)

Tuesday 28 March 2017 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Venue and Sponsor

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11/F One Pacific Place
88 Queensway
Hong Kong

AGENDA

6:00 6:15 pm **Registration**

6:15 7:15 pm **Keynote Session and Q&A**

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Günther J. Horvath, Partner, Freshfields, Head of the International Arbitration Group in the Vienna office: "*Guerrilla Tactics in International Arbitration*"

Moderators: Tomas Furlong, Herbert Smith Freehills (HK45) and James Ng, Counsel, HKIAC (AFIA)

7:15 8:00 pm **Panel session**

Panelists: Abhinav Bhushan, Director, South Asia, ICC Arbitration & ADR (ICC-YAF), Janie Wong, Dechert (ICC-YAF), Adam Bryan, Allen & Overy (HK45) and Katie Chung, Norton Rose Fulbright (AFIA)

8:00 pm **Canapés and Drinks**

Attendance is free of charge

ABOUT OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Günther Horvath is known for his wide range of expertise in international arbitration. He has acted as counsel and arbitrator in more than one hundred high-profile disputes in the last 35 years and has developed his skills as an "*outstanding strategist and heavyweight in ICC and Vienna rules arbitration*". Described by *Legal 500* as "*undoubtedly first class in arbitration*", Günther has been counsel in more than seventy arbitration matters under the Rules of the ICC, VIAC and in ad-hoc arbitrations. His practice specialises in international commercial arbitration with a primary focus on energy matters and corporate disputes as well as industrial engineering.

Günther is the incoming President of the Vienna International Arbitral Center (VIAC), a former member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, past-Chair of the IBA Committee on Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises, Chairman Emeritus of Lex Mundi Ltd. He is a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, ASA (Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage) and DIS (German Institution of Arbitration). He has co-authored the following books: *Cost in International Arbitration* (Linde 2008) and *Guerrilla Tactics in International Arbitration* (Kluwer Law 2013). Günther holds law degrees from the University of Graz and New York University. He speaks German, English and some Italian.

TOPICS FOR THE PANEL SESSION

Participants are encouraged to submit by **24 March 2017** any questions or topics for discussion to Betty Nguyen (betty.nguyen@hoganlovells.com). The submission should contain a brief explanation of the topic or question and the reason why it is proposed for discussion.

Participants who have submitted questions or topics may be asked to introduce them at the event. If you wish to submit a question or topic but do not want your name to appear on the topics list, please let us know and one of the panelists will introduce it on your behalf.

For more information on the symposium, please contact James Kwan (james.kwan@hoganlovells.com). To register, please complete and return the attached registration form.

ICC INTERNATIONAL COURT OF ARBITRATION AND ICC YAF

The ICC International Court of Arbitration has a distinguished and long standing history of international dispute resolution spanning over 90 years. Since its creation in 1923, the ICC Court has handled over 20,000 cases located worldwide. In 2013, parties from South & East Asia accounted for 13.5% of the total number of parties involved in new cases commenced with the ICC Court.

In December 2008, the Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration established its first branch outside Paris in Hong Kong. Staffed by a case management team with the professional, cultural and linguistic expertise required for handling cases linked to South and East Asia, the office brings a new proximity to the Court's services (contact Pui-Ki Ta Emmanuelle, Counsel of the Secretariat, ICC International Court of Arbitration– Asia Office; ica8@iccwbo.org or telephone +852 3607 5600).

In line with the ICC's commitment to the Asia Pacific region, in recognition of its growing importance in dispute resolution services, the ICC created the ICC Regional Office, Asia in Singapore in December 2009, as a dedicated liaison office for the promotion and business development aspects of the ICC Dispute Resolution Services. It promotes ICC's dispute resolution services in the region and also organises training programmes and regional arbitration forums (contact Abhinav Bhushan, Director, ICC Arbitration and ADR, South Asia Tel: +65 6814-0247; abhinav.bhushan@iccasia.org).

The ICC was the first non-Asian headquartered dispute resolution institution to establish an office in mainland China in 2016 (contact Mingchao Fan, Director, ICC Arbitration and ADR, North Asia Tel: +86 21 6194 6611; Mingchao.FAN@iccwbo.org).

WHAT IS ICC YAF?

ICC YAF is a global network of almost 6000 members spread across five Regional Chapters (Africa, Middle East & Turkey; Asia; Europe & Russia; Latin America; and North America). Its mission is to bring together young lawyers and in-house counsel to strengthen ties among younger members of the international arbitration community and provide networking opportunities.

ICC YAF organizes an average of 50 events per year worldwide. These are "local" initiatives to attract the younger generation of arbitration practitioners to get together and share experiences in arbitration. ICC YAF events are organized in traditional arbitration hubs like London, Paris, Hong Kong, New York, as well as in cities like Quito, Punta Cana, Kiev, Ramallah and Lagos. Such ICC YAF conferences are most often hosted by a law firm. They are short, interactive and are usually followed by networking drinks or another social activity.

ICC YAF's activities are globally coordinated by the ICC YAF Global Coordinating Committee (GCC) and organized in each region by the ICC YAF Regional Head of Chapter.

Becoming a member of ICC YAF is simple and free: visit www.iccyaf.org and enter your contact details on the "How to get involved" page. Once you are registered, ICC YAF will send you the latest information on the range of events organized in your region. For further questions, please contact Abhinav Bhushan (abhinav.bhushan@iccasia.org) and Mingchao Fan (Mingchao.FAN@iccwbo.org).

ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM FOR INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION (AFIA)

AFIA provides practitioners, especially younger members, with a forum to discuss issues and developments in international arbitration, with a particular focus on the Asia-Pacific region. AFIA currently has over 500 members globally, with a strong presence in Asia-Pacific.

Since its inauguration in 2004, AFIA has held regular symposia in the Asia-Pacific region, where attendees participate in informal discussions and can ask questions and share knowledge based on their international arbitration experience. Each of the discussions is led by a more experienced panel and is based on topics suggested by members and circulated to attendees prior to the symposium.

The topics range from current legal developments both in the region and further abroad, to practical hints on the conduct of international arbitration. We welcome attendees from all professional backgrounds, irrespective of their level of expertise or experience in the area of international arbitration.

AFIA provides an important opportunity for the forging of professional relationships amongst practitioners spanning the Asia-Pacific region and globally. It also offers opportunities for its members to benefit from AFIA's developing associations with similar organisations around the world. Membership of AFIA is free. For further questions about AFIA, please contact the Co-chairs Jonathan Lim (Jonathan.Lim@wilmerhale.com) and Elodie Dulac (edulac@kslaw.com). Those interested in joining should contact Monica Chong Wan Yee, Secretary of AFIA (monicawy.chong@wongpartnership.com).

Information about AFIA is available at www.afia.asia.

ABOUT HK 45

HK45 is a group for professionals who are under 45 years of age and who are interested in the practice of arbitration. The mission of the group is to promote interest in and knowledge of issues relating to arbitration. HK45 is formed under the auspices of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, and is intended to provide opportunities for both professional development and social interaction. Membership in HK45 is free. To join HK45, please fill out the form at

<http://www.hkiac.org/images/stories/hk45/hk45membershipregistration.html>.

For further questions about HK45, please contact the Co-chairs Robert Rhoda (robert.rhoda@twobirds.com) and Tomas Furlong (Tomas.Furlong@hsf.com).

REGISTRATION FORM

I wish to register for the joint ICC YAF-HK45-AFIA Symposium to be held on Tuesday, 28 March 2017 in Hong Kong.

Name:

Firm/ Organisation/ Company:

Address:

Telephone:

Facsimile:

E-mail:

Please return this registration form by **24 March 2017** to Betty Nguyen (betty.nguyen@hoganlovells.com).

Please note that there is limited capacity for this event and you will receive a confirmation email if your registration is successful.