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# International Arbitration Symposium Hong Kong

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

Wednesday 18 March 2015

6:00 pm

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23rd Floor Gloucester Tower  
15 Queen's Road Central  
Hong Kong

## Agenda

6:00 – 6:15 pm **Registration**

6:15 – 7:10 pm **Keynote Session and Q&A**

Keynote Speaker: José Feris (Deputy Secretary General, ICC International Court of Arbitration; Co-Chair, ICC-YAF Global Coordinating Committee)

Moderator: Lei Shi (ICC-YAF), Jun Bautista (HK45)

7:10 – 8:00 pm **Panel session**

Panellists: Janie Wong (ICC-YAF), Eleanor Hughes (HK45) and Ruth Stackpool-Moore (AFIA)

8:00 pm **Canapés and Drinks**

### About our Guest Speaker

José Ricardo Feris serves as ICC International Court of Arbitration Deputy Secretary General and Co-Chair of ICC Young Arbitrators Forum. Before being appointed Deputy Secretary General he held the positions of Deputy Counsel, Counsel in charge of Latin America and the Iberian Region, and Managing Counsel.

He received his law degree “magna cum laude” from the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra in the Dominican Republic and his LL.M. in International Legal Studies from New York University, where he was Graduate Editor of the Journal of International Law and Politics. He is admitted to practice in the Dominican Republic. His experience in international dispute resolution includes being a law clerk to Judges Rezek and Kooijmans at the International Court of Justice in The Hague. He also worked for the Legal Advisor to the President of the Dominican Republic and represented the Dominican Republic before the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas’ negotiation rounds. In 2006 he was recognized by Junior Chamber International as “Outstanding Young Dominican.” He has also been identified by Latin Lawyer as one of the most noteworthy careers of the Latin American diaspora. In addition to Spanish, his native language, he speaks English, French and Portuguese.

## Topics for the Panel Session

Participants are encouraged to submit by **15 March 2015** any questions or topics for discussion to Ms. Janie Wong ([jwong@orrick.com](mailto:jwong@orrick.com)). The submission should contain a brief explanation of the topic or question and the reason why it is proposed for discussion.

The questions or topics chosen for discussion will be notified to all participants prior to the symposium. 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 conference chairs will introduce it on your behalf.

For more information on the symposium, please contact Ms. Janie Wong ([jwong@orrick.com](mailto:jwong@orrick.com)) or Ms. Sylvia Tee ([drs@iccasia.com.sg](mailto:drs@iccasia.com.sg)). To register, please complete and return the attached registration form.

*Attendance is free of charge.*

The ICC International Court of Arbitration has a distinguished and longstanding 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 [ica8@iccwbo.org](mailto: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 [drs@iccasia.com.sg](mailto:drs@iccasia.com.sg) or telephone +65 6225 9081).

### 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](http://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.

## 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. Those interested in joining should contact Mr. Christopher de Waas, Secretary of AFIA ([christopher.dewaas@nortonrosefulbright.com](mailto:christopher.dewaas@nortonrosefulbright.com)).

Information about AFIA is available at [www.afia.asia](http://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/hk45\\_membership\\_registration.html](http://www.hkiac.org/images/stories/hk45/hk45_membership_registration.html).

## Registration Form

I wish to register for the joint ICC YAF-HK45-AFIA Symposium to be held on Wednesday, 18 March 2015 in Hong Kong.

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Please return this registration form by **15 March 2015** to [jwong@orrick.com](mailto:jwong@orrick.com).

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