

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

ARBITRATION AND NATIONAL COURTS: CONFLICT AND COOPERATION

The Permanent Court of Arbitration, the Houston International Arbitration Club, Inc., and the University of Texas School of Law will host *Arbitration and National Courts: Conflict and Cooperation* on May 13-14, 2010, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Houston, Texas. The program builds on 2009's international arbitration conference in The Hague, and brings together an internationally renowned faculty and a sophisticated legal audience in a special conference focused on the roles of arbitrators and the courts. This conference returns to The Hague in May 2011.

The 2010 program features keynote presenters Lord Leonard H. Hoffmann of Chadwick, Retired Law Lord, Brick Court Chambers, London, U.K., speaking on conflicts between arbitrators and national judiciaries, and Mariano Gomezperalta Casali, General Counsel for Trade Negotiations of the Ministry of the Economy, Mexico City, Mexico, speaking on representation of state parties in investment arbitration. The program includes major presentations dealing with: *Injunctions in Favor of and Against Arbitration*; *The Second Look Doctrine: Twenty-Five-Plus Years after Mitsubishi*; *Argentine Impasse: Enforcing Awards Against State Parties*; *Escaping National Court Review: ICSID Annulment*; and additional presentations and panels. For a complete program agenda and schedule, visit www.utcle.org/conferences/IA10.

The program closes with a general counsels' forum led by a distinguished panel of corporate counsel, with moderator Alan R. Crain Jr. of Baker Hughes Incorporated and panelists Robert W. Baker of El Paso Corporation, Jason E. Doughty of ConocoPhillips, David A. Isenegger of Shell U.K. Limited, and Mark E. Lowes of KBR, Inc. providing the client perspective on critical issues in a company's decision to arbitrate.

Additional conference faculty includes:

- Kevin M. O'Gorman and C. Mark Baker of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., Houston, TX
- R. Doak Bishop and John Bowman of King & Spalding LLP, Houston, TX
- Andrea K. Bjorklund, University of California, Davis School of Law, Davis, CA
- David D. Caron, University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA
- W. Laurence Craig, Orrick, Paris, France
- Ben H. Sheppard, Jr., University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX
- James L. Loftis and Timothy J. Tyler of Vinson & Elkins, U.S. and U.K.

- Brooks Daly, Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, Netherlands
- Rt. Hon. Sir Anthony Evans, Chief Justice, Dubai International Financial Centre Courts, and Arbitrator, London, U.K.
- Michael S. Goldberg and Alejandro A. Escobar of Baker Botts LLP, U.S. and U.K.
- Pierre Mayer, Professor, École de Droit de la Sorbonne; Partner, Dechert LLP, Paris, France
- Alan S. Rau, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX
- W. Michael Reisman, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT
- Hon. Dominique T. Hascher, Cour d'Appel, Paris, France
- Toni D. Hennike, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Houston, TX
- Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler, Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, Geneva, Switzerland
- John M. Minor, Alliant Emerging Markets, Chicago, IL
- Loukas Mistelis, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London, London, U.K.
- Tomasz J. Sikora, El Paso Corporation, Houston, TX

The University of Texas School of Law will provide a detailed and complete set of written materials to conference attendees. Papers, PowerPoints and audio files will also be available electronically shortly after the conference. Select papers and conference proceedings will be published in *The American Review of International Arbitration*.

For additional information and to register for *Arbitration and National Courts: Conflict and Cooperation*, visit www.utcle.org/conferences/IA10.