



International Arbitration Panel Debate: ICSID arbitration in the age of populism; the case for reform

At the next Quadrant Chambers International Panel Debate, our panel will debate the topic "ICSID arbitration in the age of populism; the case for reform".

We are delighted to have joining our panel: Emma Johnson, partner at Ashurst, Timothy Foden, partner at LALIVE and Guy Blackwood QC from Quadrant.

They will consider the following points before opening up the debate to the floor:

- The criticisms levied against the ISDS system, are they right and why it matters - Emma Johnson, Ashurst
- The rule changes and their implications - Guy Blackwood QC, Quadrant Chambers
- Why the populists have got it wrong - Timothy Foden, LALIVE

Venue: Library, Quadrant House, 10 Fleet Street, London EC4Y 1AU

Registration: 5:45pm

We do hope you will join us for what promises to be an excellent event. Please register using the button below:



Emma Johnson, Partner, Ashurst



Emma is a partner in Ashurst's London international arbitration practice. Emma has experience of advising on arbitrations under all of the major arbitral rules and has acted on arbitrations arising out of the energy, mining, telecommunications and construction and infrastructure sectors. She has particular experience of advising on energy disputes (including gas price reopener and renewables disputes), arbitrations seated in or subject to the laws of Scandinavia, and African disputes, and has conducted advocacy before both civil and common law tribunals.

Emma also has public international law experience, having acted in proceedings for and against States, both under the ICSID Convention and before the International Court of Justice. She regularly advises clients on the extent to which they might be able to take advantage of the investor protections afforded under bilateral and multilateral investment treaties and has published a number of articles on ISDS.

Emma was recognised as a Next Generation Lawyer in Legal 500 UK 2018, as a rising star in Legal 500 UK's International Arbitration Powerlist 2019, and as a Next Generation Partner in Legal 500 2019.

Timothy Foden, Partner, LALIVE



Timothy ("Tim") Foden joined LALIVE in 2018 and is a partner of LALIVE (LONDON) LLP. His practice focuses on investor-treaty and complex commercial arbitrations in the mining and energy sectors, with additional experience in technology licensing, commodities and hospitality.

Over the last 10 years, he has represented dozens of investors in bringing claims against States under the Energy Charter Treaty and various bilateral investment treaties and represented multiple global mining and energy corporations. Tim also has extensive commercial arbitration experience, having represented, inter alia, international chemical engineering firms, global mining concerns, a leading international hospitality management company and a major aluminium smelter.

He has acted in proceedings under the ICSID, ICC, SCAI, UNCITRAL, LCIA and ICDR arbitration rules and has extensive experience in the enforcement of commercial and ICSID arbitration awards in the courts of the United States, England and Belize.

Tim currently serves as a board member of American Qualified Lawyers in London. He acted as co-Chair of Young ICCA (2011-2014), deputy editor of the European International Arbitration Review (2011-2016) and speaks regularly on international arbitration matters around the world. He has been recognised by Global Arbitration Review and Who's Who Legal as a "Rising Star in International Arbitration" for the past two years.

Guy Blackwood QC



Guy has a comprehensive commercial practice, which includes large contractual disputes, international arbitration, insurance & reinsurance, banking & finance, civil fraud, energy & utilities, public international law including bilateral investment treaty arbitration, commodities and shipping. The breadth of Guy's practice is evident from the recent cases in which he has been instructed, including *Taurus v SOMO* [2018] AC 690 (Supreme Court, enforcement, sovereign immunity, Guy represented the successful arbitral creditor), *The B Atlantic* [2019] AC 136 (Supreme Court, war risks insurance, Guy represented the successful insurers) and *Bilta v SVS* (Financial List, alleged dishonest assistance in carbon trading).

The majority of Guy's practice involves disputes under contracts which contain arbitration agreements and almost all of these disputes are international in nature. Most of the arbitral disputes in which Guy is involved are very high value in nature. Much of Guy's time over the last 2 years has been taken up acting as lead advocate for the Hellenic Republic in a series of ICC and ICSID (ARB/16/20) arbitrations, the "Greek Submarines Arbitrations", which have been widely reported on in publications such as *Global Arbitration Review*. He is currently involved in a large Brazilian mining dispute.

Guy is listed as a leading silk in the leading directories in commercial litigation, insurance and reinsurance, commodities and international arbitration. "An absolute legend ..." (*Legal 500*, 2020)

To view Guy's full website profile, please [click here](#).

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