

# GAR Live: Women in Arbitration



1 December 2022, Drapers' Hall, London  
Showcasing the leading women in arbitration

## PROGRAMME

All times are in Greenwich Mean Time (UTC +00:00)

**09:00-09:30** Welcome coffee and registration

**09:30-09:40** Co-chairs' opening remarks

Domitille Baizeau, partner, LALIVE

Ruth Byrne KC, partner, King & Spalding

**09:40-10:10** Fireside chat – A view from top practitioners

Interviewer:

Clea Bigelow-Nuttall, partner, Pinsent Masons

Speakers:

Juliet Blanch, arbitrator, Arbitration Chambers

Mélanie van Leeuwen, partner, Derains & Gharavi

**10:10-11:25** Arbitration and politics

More than ever, recent global disruption has brought the intersection between politics and international arbitration into sharp relief. With it, the increased expectation on lawyers to represent the 'good' clients and walk away from those who are potentially problematic. This trend of firms and lawyers dropping clients and refusing to work with sanctioned entities raises difficult questions about ethics and access to justice for everyone. Is this a knee-jerk response to disruption, and would the response have been the same in the past? Why have things changed?

The session will discuss:

- Obligations of lawyers and their role in ensuring access to justice
- How should access to justice be defined in this context? Does access to justice require free choice of lawyer?
- Expectations on lawyers – is it right to demand that lawyers shouldn't act for sanctioned entities? Or disreputable entities? Or entities tainted by association? Is this a matter of fairness or law?
- Who is or should be the arbiter of this issue – the press, the public, the legislator, or lawyers themselves by reference to their ethical responsibilities?

Moderator:

Jennifer Glasser, partner, White & Case

Panel:

Dana MacGrath, independent arbitrator

Ayse Yazır, global head of origination, Bench Walk Advisors

Rebecca Zaman, barrister, 3VB

**11:25-11:55** Coffee break

**11:55-13:10** GAR Live: Question Time – Energy transition and what it may mean for arbitration

With a focus on the energy transition, this session provides an opportunity for the audience to pose questions directly to an esteemed panel of arbitrators and advocates.

Moderator:

Laura Sochat, associate principal, CRA International

Panel:

Laura Abrahamson, arbitrator and mediator, JAMS

Anneliese Day KC, barrister, Fountain Court Chambers

Colleen Hanley, barrister, Twenty Essex

Sarah Stockley, partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe

**13:10-14:10** Lunch break

**14:10-15:25** GAR Live: What would you do?

Intentional or not, minor or serious; all women have a story to share about the everyday sexism they face at work

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and in the wider world. In this session, our panel of practitioners will introduce and discuss scenarios based on examples of the everyday sexism that women face in the workplace, before asking the audience and other panellists to vote on how they would respond, giving the session its title. As well as offering a platform for women to share their experiences, the session allows women to discuss the ways they would and have addressed sexism in their work.

Facilitators:

Anya George, partner, Schellenberg Wittmer  
Isabel Kunsman, managing director, AlixPartners  
Sarah Lancaster, chambers director, Arbitration Chambers

**15:25-15:55      Coffee break**

**15:55-17:10      GAR Live Horizons: a conversation with leading female specialists from Eastern Europe**

In what is becoming a tradition for GAR Live: Women in Arbitration, we turn the focus to a jurisdiction, and spotlight leading women to discuss their experiences and challenges. This year, GAR is pleased to welcome practitioners from across Eastern Europe to share their views on topics discussing the impact and challenges arising out of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, including on the legal practice, the legal profession, and prospects.

Moderator:

Chloe Carswell, partner, Reed Smith

Panel:

Milena Djordjevic, director of centre for legal skills, University of Belgrade Faculty of Law  
Iryna Moroz, partner, AGA Partners  
Olena Perepelynska, partner, Integrites

**17:10-17:20      Co-chairs' closing remarks**

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