

# Alexander G. Fessas

As Secretary General, he is responsible for the operational management and coordination of the ICC Court's Secretariat and other dispute resolution services in Paris, Hong Kong, New York, Sao Paulo and Singapore. He joined the Secretariat in late 2011 and held consecutive positions in three case management teams, of which two as counsel. Prior to his appointment as Secretary General, he was the Secretariat's Managing Counsel over a three-year term. He read law at the University of Athens, Greece having specialized in international commercial transactions and conflict of laws. Prior to joining the ICC Court, he practised as counsel out of Athens where he established a sole practice in 2008. He was previously an associate at an Athens-based law firm. During the same period, he was also the editor-in-chief of the *Revue hellénique de droit international*. He is admitted to the Athens Bar and speaks English, French and Greek.

## DAY 1

09:00

### Registration & Morning coffee

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10:00

### Opening & Welcome

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10:10

Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Conference Chair, GESSEL, Poland

Cezary Wiśniewski, ICC Poland, Linklaters, Poland

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### ICC Court Welcome Address

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Alexander G. Fessas, ICC International Court of Arbitration, France

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### Session I: Hot topics in M&A arbitration

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- Impact of impecunious party on arbitration agreement
- Post M&A ESG disputes - sources; is the arbitration a fitting forum?
- Interim relief around M&A: emergency arbitrators limiting state courts?
- W&I Insurance: procedural challenges in arbitration dealing with 'insurance towers'
- Share Transfer Agreement + Shareholders' Agreement + Accession Agreement - How does Cour d'appel de Paris interpret the parties' agreement to arbitrate in the case of multiple arbitration clauses.

#### Moderator:

Alicja Zielińska-Eisen, YAAF, Queritius, Poland/Germany

## **Panellists:**

Christian Borris, Borris Hennecke Kneisel, Germany

Joanna Kisielińska-Garncarek, GESSEL, Poland

Joanna Kolber, Strelia, Belgium

Dr. Ioana Knoll-Tudor, Addleshaw Goddard, France

Annet van Hooft, van Hooft , France

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## **Coffee break**

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## **Howden M&A Case study: Insuring Known Legal Risks in M&A Transactions**

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Drew Naylor, Howden, United Kingdom

Edward Copeman, Howden, United Kingdom

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## **Session II: Dialogue between counsel on legal nature of M&A award**

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- Price adjustment made by the tribunal
- Is the award declaratory or constitutive and what are its practical effects?
- Interests computation

## **Moderator:**

Mary Mitsi, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom/Greece

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## **Dentons M&A Case study: From the transaction closing party to the post closing hangover**

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Michał Jochemczak, Dentons, Poland

Dominika Karsznia, ValueMind, Poland

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## **Lunch**

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## Keynote speech: The paradigm of arbitration - yesterday, today and tomorrow - Yves Derains in conversation with Beata Gessel

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Yves Derains, Derains & Gharavi, France

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### Session III: Voice of reason or hired gun? The independence and impartiality of party-appointed experts in M&A disputes

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- The difference between party-appointed and tribunal-appointed experts
- The role of geography
- The role of soft laws
- Expectations of the parties and the tribunal

#### Moderator:

Mark Kantor, , USA

#### Panellists:

Folashade Alli SAN, Folashade Alli and Associates, Nigeria

Luminita Popa, Suciu Popa, Romania

Alexander Demuth, , Germany

Renato Nazzini, King's College London, United Kingdom/Italy

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### Gala Dinner

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Venue - Look Up! Skyliner building, 67 Prosta Street (upon separate registration)

## DAY 2

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### Morning coffee

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### Opening & Welcome

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Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Conference Chair, GESSEL, Poland

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## Special Guest

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**Special Guest's address: The Permanent Court of Arbitration: 125 years of Peace through Justice**

Marcin Czepelak, Permanent Court of Arbitration, Netherlands

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## Presentation: M&A Arbitration in Wartime under the SCC Rules

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Jake Lowther, SCC Arbitration Institute, Sweden

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## Clifford Chance Case Study: Is it a case for an expert or arbitrator? Financial disputes under M&A contracts

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Adelina Prokop, Clifford Chance, Poland

Moritz Keller, Clifford Chance, Germany

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## Session: M&A Arbitration in Wartime - Breaking up is never easy

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12:45

- M&A disputes risks when exiting high-risk jurisdictions
- Case studies from jurisdictions in the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa

### Moderator:

Bartosz Krużewski, Clifford Chance, Poland

### Panellists:

Timur Bondaryev, Arzinger, Ukraine

Joshua Kelly, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, United Kingdom

Steven Finizio, Wilmer Hale, United Kingdom/USA

Jacob Enoch, M. Firon&Co. Advocates, Israel

Judith Mulholland, Baker McKenzie, UK

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## **Closing of the conference**

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Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Conference Chair, GESSEL, Poland

**...and yes, bubbles and strawberries!!**

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14:00

## **ICC YAAF: Decoding the ESG: Passing Buzzword or Future Frontier for Dispute Lawyers?**

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