Dispute Resolution in M&A Transactions
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

Program

DAY 1

09:00 — 10:00 Registration & Morning coffee

10:00 — 10:10 Opening & Welcome

Dr hab. Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, prof. INP PAN
GESSEL, ICC Poland President, Poland

Cezary Wiśniewski
ICC Poland, Linklaters, Poland

10:10 — 10:20 ICC Court Welcome Address

Alexander G. Fessas
ICC International Court of Arbitration, France

10:20 — 11:40 Session I: Hot topics in M&A arbitration

■ 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

11:40 — 12:10 Coffee break

12:10 — 12:30 Howden M&A Case study: Insuring Known Legal Risks in M&A Transactions

Drew Naylor
Howden, United Kingdom

Edward Copeman
Howden, United Kingdom

12:30 — 13:40 Session II: Dialogue between counsel on legal nature of M&A award

- 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

13:40 — 14:00 Dentons M&A Case study: From the transaction closing party to the post closing hangover

Michał Jochemczak
Dentons, Poland

Dominika Karsznia
ValueMind, Poland

14:00 — 15:00 Lunch

15:00 — 15:40 Keynote speech: The paradigm of arbitration – yesterday,

today and tomorrow – Yves Derains in conversation with Beata Gessel

Yves Derains
Derains & Gharavi, France

15:40 — 16:50

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

■ 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

19:30

Gala Dinner

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

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09:00 — 10:00

Morning coffee

10:00 — 10:05

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10:05 — 10:35

Special Guest

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

Marcin Czepelak
Permanent Court of Arbitration, Netherlands

10:35 — 10:55

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

Jake Lowther
SCC Arbitration Institute, Sweden

10:55 — 11:15

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

Adelina Prokop
Clifford Chance, Poland

Moritz Keller
Clifford Chance, Germany

11:15 — 12:45

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

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

Moderator:

Bartosz Krużewski
Partner, 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

12:45 — 12:50 Closing of the conference

Dr hab. Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, prof. INP PAN
GESSEL, ICC Poland President, Poland

...and yes, bubbles and strawberries!!

14:00 — 16:30 ICC YAAF: Decoding the ESG: Passing Buzzword or Future Frontier for Dispute Lawyers?