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Eduardo specialises in complex litigation and arbitration, restructuring and insolvency, corporate and M&A. He is the author of several publications relating to arbitration, including “Price determination in the sale and purchase of a company. Arbitrio de tercero, expert determination and arbitration”, Miguel Ángel Fernández-Ballesteros. Liber Amicorum, La Ley, 2024 and “Intra-corporate arbitration”, Practical manual on arbitration, Francis Lefebvre, 2020 (co-author of both with Jesús Almoguera). He was a member of the ICC Task Force on Court Proceedings in Antitrust Damages Actions (2018-2021). Before joining J. Almoguera in 2018, he was an associate at CMS Albiñana & Suarez de Lezo (2014-2018), Oslwang (2010-2014) and Bird & Bird (2008-2010).

DAY 1

09:00

Registration & Morning coffee

10:00

10:00

Opening & Welcome

10:10

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

Cezary Wiśniewski, ICC Poland, Linklaters, Poland

10:10

ICC Court Welcome Address

10:20

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

10:20

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

11:40

Coffe break

12:10

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Howden M&A Case study

12:30

Drew Naylor, Howden, United Kingdom

Edward Copeman, Howden, United Kingdom

12:30

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

13:40

- 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

Dentons M&A Case study

14:00

Michał Jochemczak, Dentons, Poland

14:00

Lunch

15:00

15:00

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

15:40

Yves Derains, Derains & Gharavi, France

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Session III: Voice of reason or hired gun? The

16:50

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 Collage London, United Kingdom/Italy

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Treats & Meads

19:30

Gala Dinner

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

DAY 2

09:00

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

10:35

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

10:55

Jake Lowther, SCC Arbitration Institute, Sweden

10:55

Clifford Chance Case Study

11:15

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

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

12:45

Closing of the conference

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

...and yes, bubbles and strawberries!!

14:00

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

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