

# India Johnson

## **President and Chief Executive Officer American Arbitration Association/ International Center for Dispute Resolution**

Ms. Johnson is President and CEO of the AAA/ICDR. As Chief Executive Officer, she has responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the organization as well as strategic initiatives and she is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Arbitration Association as well. Ms. Johnson is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR-AAA), a member of the Council, the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI), is on the board of trustees of the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy, and is a member of Arbitral Women. Ms. Johnson has participated in numerous organizations and efforts supporting alternative dispute resolution and has assisted various state legislatures, courts and other organizations in learning about or implementing dispute resolution programs. She has made many presentations to business executives, advocates and neutrals regarding arbitration and mediation and has authored articles for both legal and business audiences. Over the years, Ms. Johnson has mediated a number of AAA arbitration cases and other cases to settlement and has also served on volunteer arbitrator panels on non-binding arbitrations of small-claims cases administered by other organizations. Ms. Johnson earned her B.A. from the University of Miami and an M.B.A. from Georgia State University.

## DAY 1

09:00

### **Registration & Morning coffee**

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### **Opening & Welcome**

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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

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■ 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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12:30

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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15:00

15:00

## 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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12:50

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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