

# Dr. Galina Zukova

Dually qualified in Paris and Latvia, Dr. Galina Zukova is a leading arbitration practitioner with twenty years of legal experience. She has served as an arbitrator in cases conducted under the most major institutional rules, including the ICC, LCIA, DIS, VIAC, SCC and Milan Chamber of Arbitration. She also regularly represents clients (individuals, corporate and state entities), and acts as expert in international arbitration proceedings. Before founding her own firm in 2019, Dr. Zukova was a Partner with a boutique law firm and a lawyer in the top International Arbitration Practice Group of a major international law firm based in Paris. Prior to this, she worked as Counsel at the ICC International Court of Arbitration. Dr. Zukova is a Member of the ICC Court, a Board Member of the Finland Arbitration Institute, a Vice-Chair of the Arbitration Council of the Georgian International Arbitration Centre, and a Council Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law. She is also an Associate Professor at the University of Versailles and the Riga Graduate School of Law. A Latvian lawyer by training (LLB, University of Latvia), Galina has a PhD from the European University Institute (Florence, Italy) and an LLM from the University of Exeter (UK). She was also a Visiting Scholar at the Yale University (US). In 2021, Who's Who Legal ranked her as Thought Leader – Arbitration.

## 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 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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## Coffe break

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## Howden M&A Case study

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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

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14:00

Michał Jochemczak, Dentons, 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 Collage London, United Kingdom/Italy

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## **Treats & Meads**

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19:30

## **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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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

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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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- 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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