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Nicolas Wiegand is Co-Head of the firm's dispute resolution group, Head of APAC International Arbitration and Managing Partner of the CMS Hong Kong office. Nicolas is specialised in international commercial and investment arbitration with a focus on corporate, post M&A, joint venture, commercial, sales and distribution and IP disputes as well as the energy, pharmaceutical, healthcare, automotive, construction and infrastructure sectors. He is particularly experienced with arbitration in or in relation to Asia, specifically Hong Kong, China, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Australia, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia as well as other South-East Asian jurisdictions. Nicolas has so far been involved in more than 140 international arbitrations under all major arbitration rules (mainly ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, KCAB, JCAA and DIS but also LCIA, DIAC, ASA, VIAC, SCC and others) as well as in ad hoc arbitrations. He also acted in numerous investment disputes (ICSID, UNCITRAL) and disputes involving state and state-owned enterprises. To date, Nicolas has sat as arbitrator in 37 international arbitrations mostly in Asia, Europe and the Middle East. He is on the panel of arbitrators of numerous international arbitral institutions. The substantive laws applicable to the arbitrations he has sat in include, amongst others, Korean, Japanese, Hong Kong, Singaporean, German, Swiss, U.S., Mongolian and Sri Lankan law.

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

11:40

- 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

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

15:40

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

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

- 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

16:50

Treats & Meads

19:30

Gala Dinner

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

DAY 2

09:00

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Morning coffee

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10:05

Opening & Welcome

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

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

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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!!
