

ARBITRATION 2.0

18-22 NOVEMBER 2019
BVI International Arbitration Centre

About the conference

We at Business BVI are pleased to convene the 3rd BVI International Arbitration Conference, in partnership with the BVI International Arbitration Centre, from 18 to 22 November, 2019, under the theme Arbitration 2.0. The main conference will take place from Thursday the 21st to midday Friday the 22nd, with side events and lectures throughout the week.

Less than ten years ago, the BVI embarked on the journey to develop as an international arbitration jurisdiction, in that short span of time, it:

- Enacted a highly flexible and modern UNCITRAL-based legislation;
- Became a party to the New York Convention;
- Adapted its immigration and labour laws to welcome and facilitate the business of arbitration in the territory;
- Most impressively, the Act established the creation of the BVI International Arbitration Centre, which opened a state-of-the-art arbitration facility, published modern rules and selected a world-class Panel of Arbitrators. The institution is now actively administering cases.

The above, together with the globally respected quality of the BVI legal framework and a stable political environment have positioned the territory to become a leading arbitration hub across the Americas and the Caribbean.

Appropriately, the conference programme, under the theme "Arbitration 2.0," will explore how arbitration has "come of age," and not just in the BVI. Shifting legislation, rules and practices and an ever-more-diverse roster of players must constantly adapt to the new realities of a changed landscape, both in our region and across the globe. For its international roster of attendees, Arbitration Week 2019 in the BVI will offer a kaleidoscope of networking opportunities, including lectures and presentations from an esteemed international cohort of speakers, daily social events and even a post-conference Friday afternoon day sail to experience all the beauty and excitement the Yachting Capital of the Caribbean has to offer. Delegates to the Conference will have the opportunity to join ancillary events such as CI Arb or Arbitral Women trainings and workshops to further sharpen their skills and prepare for the challenges of Arbitration 2.0.

Conference Program

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Tuesday, November 19th

09:00 am to 11:00 am

OPEN Workshop:

Russian and CIS Arbitration Network ("RCAN")

The Enforcement of Awards in the BVI & Russia, Current Arbitration Trends in Russia/CIS and the Prague Rules (REGISTER NOW)

Sponsored by **Conyers** and **BVI IAC**

Speakers: **Anton Asoskov**, **Tameka Davis**, **James Clanchy**, and **Drew Holiner**

11:45 am to 12:45 pm

Open Seminar: A Conversation with **Alain Choo Choy, QC** Arbitration related enforcement and interim measures in the BVI – points of interest and recent developments

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9:00 am to 17:00 pm

Construction Projects and Dispute Management Training (REGISTER NOW)

Speakers: **Dr. Christopher Malcolm**, **Karen Gough**, & **Christopher Graham**

19:00 pm to 20:30 pm

Open Lecture: 3rd **Dr. J. S. Archibald, O.C. Memorial Lecture**

BVI: A Frontline Focus for Resolving Future Climate Change Related Disputes

Speaker: **Wendy Miles, QC**.

20:30 pm to 22:30 pm

Cocktail Reception sponsored by the **BVI IAC** and BVI Bar Association

Wednesday, November 20th

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

BVI Arbitration Group Seminar (REGISTER NOW)

Moderator: **Nicholas Burkill**

Panel 1: "What parties look for in their arbitration seat"

Dr. Benoit Le Bars, Ioannis Alexopoulos, Jeremy Andrews

Panel 2: "How does the BVI meet parties' needs?"

Justice Adrian Jack QC, Michael Fay QC, Dancia Penn OBE QC, Jonathan Addo

12:30 pm to 13:30 pm

Lunch, sponsored by **BVI IAC**

13:30 pm to 15:30 pm

Open Roundtable Discussion: Strategies for Engaging the Caribbean Commercial Bar in Arbitration

15:30 pm to 16:00 pm

Afternoon Tea, sponsored by **BVI IAC**

16:00 pm to 18:00 pm

OPEN Workshop: ArbitralWomen Seminar on Diversity. (REGISTER NOW)

What does the term "diversity" mean in different parts of the world and how can we achieve it?

Speakers:

Hagit Muriel Elul, Shan Greer, Wendy Miles, QC, Rose Rameau.

Moderated by Francois Lassalle

18:00 pm to 19:00 pm

ArbitralWomen Cocktail Reception, sponsored by **BVI IAC**

Thursday, November 21st

8:00 am to 8:30am

Breakfast & Registration Main Conference

8:30 am to 9:15 am

Opening Ceremony:

Welcome Remarks: **Russell Harrigan**, Managing Editor of Business BVI

Welcome Remarks: **John Beechey**, CBE, Chairman of the Board of Directors, BVI IAC

9:15 am to 10:45 am

Session 1: International commercial arbitration in an era of retreating globalism

Moderator: **Lawrence S. Schaner**

Panel: **Yasmine Lalhoul, Shelby Grubbs, Akima Paul Lambert, Niccolò Landi**

10:45 am to 11:15 am

Short Session 1: The role of the Tribunal Secretary / Institutional Arbitration vs. Ad Hoc

Panel: **João Vilhena Valério**

11:15 am to 12:45 pm

Session 2: Belt and Road disputes: a mountain to climb?

Moderator: **Bertha Cooper Rousseau**

Panel: **Charles Rosenberg, Drew Holiner, Peter Ferrer, Karen Gough**

12:45 pm to 13:45 pm

Lunch

13:45 pm to 15:15 pm

Session 3: Cybersecurity, Blockchain & Fintech in Arbitration

Moderator: **João Vilhena Valério**

Panel : **Katharine Menendez de la Cuesta, Hagit Muriel Elul, Sophie Nappert, Dr. Peter Maynard**

15:15 pm to 15:45 pm

Short Session 2: Anti-arbitration Injunctions

Panel: **Drew Holiner**

15:45 pm to 17:15 pm

Session 4: Spotlight on the Americas: Developments Affecting the Hemisphere

Moderator : **Katharine Menendez de la Cuesta**

Panel: **Clifford Hendel, Calvin Hamilton, John Rooney, Murray Smith**

17:15 pm to 18:30 pm

Free time

19:30 pm to late

BVI Cultural Evening/Dinner (Dress Code: Resort Chic)

Keynote Address: **Patrick Pearsall**

Friday, November 22nd

8:30 am to 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 am to 10:30 am

Session 5: Potential New Class of Claims in Arbitration

Panel: **Dr. Diane Desierto, Wendy Miles, OC, Christina Beharry, Nicola Peart, Mark Baker**

10:30 am to 11:00 am

Short Session 3: Economics of an Arbitration

Dr. Laura T.W. Olive

11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Session 6: Ethics in International Arbitration?

Moderator: **Dr. Christof Siefarth**

Panel: **Rose Rameau, Arabella Di Iorio, Apoorva J. Patel, Dr. Chris Malcolm**

12:30 pm to 12:45 pm

Closing remarks

13:00 pm to 17:00 pm

Sailing & lunch on an Outer Island

17:00 pm to 19:00 pm

Free time

19:00 pm to late

Unofficial Delegate Dinner

Keynote Speaker



PATRICK W. PEARSALL

Partner, Jenner & Block, Washington, DC

Mr. Pearsall is partner and chair of the Public International Law practice at Washington, DC-based Jenner & Block. He has over 15 years of experience representing parties in complex international disputes and served in the US State Department from 2009-2017. He was the chief of investment arbitration from 2015 onward under President Obama and President Trump. He has arbitrated claims involving billions of dollars on behalf of the United States, other sovereign states and private investors in both commercial arbitration and investment arbitration.

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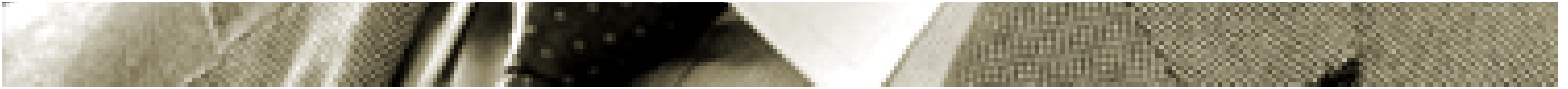


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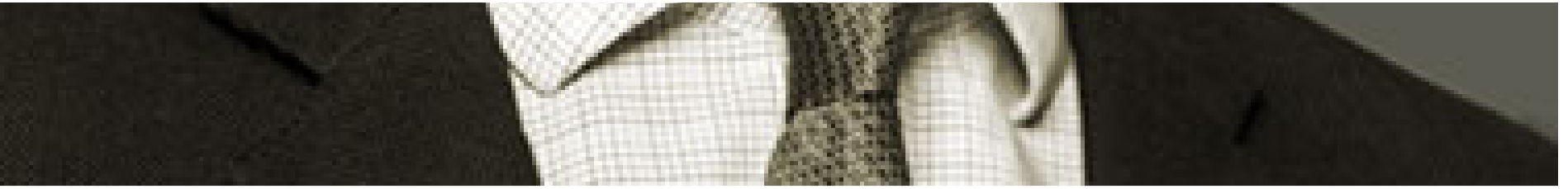


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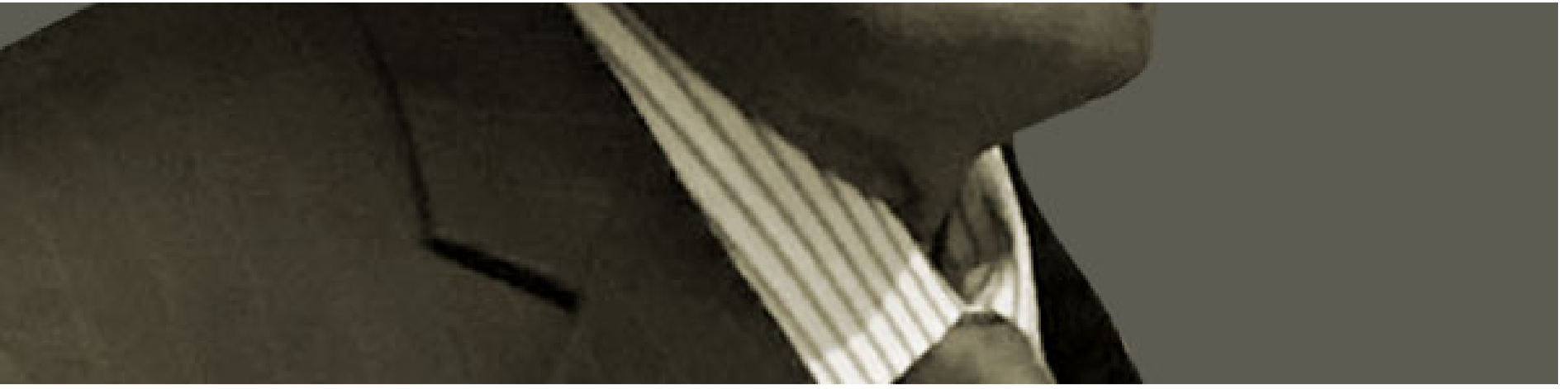


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Sessions

Session 1: Belt and Road disputes: A Mountain to Climb

The panel discusses the role of arbitration in relation to the Belt and Road initiative. This initiative from China involves infrastructure and risk on an unprecedented scale. The Belt and Road initiative will generate complex, cross-border disputes and force investors and lawyers to look closely at how to respond to a fast-changing landscape across Asia and beyond. This panel will discuss the risks associated with Belt and Road investments with a focus on energy, infrastructure and construction disputes, and will evaluate the available fora and mechanisms for resolving those disputes.

Session 2: International Commercial Arbitration in an Era of Retreating Globalism: How to Deal with the Backlash against Globalism?

Will the rise of nationalist sentiments affect how businesses resolve cross-border disputes? Will the relationship between national courts and arbitral tribunals be affected? How might anti-globalism affect the competition among venues positioning themselves as cosmopolitan and friendly to international arbitration?

Session 3: New Class of Claims in International Arbitration

This plenary will discuss emerging new types of claims in international arbitration. Such claims are starting to arise under international, national or regional laws. Globalisation and the increasingly transboundary nature of many transactions under different legal systems is creating a caseload of new claims, pushing arbitration to adapt.

This panel will explore how arbitration in the future might become a forum for resolving disputes under new international and national laws, international policy and emerging norms on climate change, corruption, human rights, labour laws, health and safety, protection of indigenous peoples and other affected populations and environmental and climate change commitments.

(Examples: Climate change-related arbitrations, South China Sea, Bangladesh, human rights in the Amazon, etc.)

Session 4: Cybersecurity, Blockchain and Fintech in Arbitration

With the back of hacking threats, a conversation on cybersecurity and FinTech and now arbitration can remain relevant in this new technological age.

Session 5: Ethics in International Arbitration

This plenary will discuss whether the current architecture is sufficiently robust to ensure the required integrity and ethics in international arbitration proceedings. A discussion about the issue of conflicts of interest or codes of conduct and how they are handled in international arbitration by various stakeholders including counsel, arbitrators, parties and experts. In particular, it will try to answer the question: does more need to be done to safeguard the arbitration framework from such violations?

Session 6: Spotlight on the Americas: Developments Affecting the Hemisphere

Arbitration in the Americas is fast-changing: this plenary will discuss the changing legal landscape including recent legislative changes (e.g. California), noteworthy case law and investor-state dispute resolution reform and implications.

Who Should Attend

- Arbitrators
- Dispute Resolution & Corporate practitioners
- Corporate Counsel
- In-house Counsel
- Mediators
- Experts
- Business professionals
- SME executives involved in international business activities
- Mid level department managers and senior public servants – Those involved in contract negotiations
- Persons / businesses keen on providing support and ancillary services to the arbitration centre
- Students – (Particularly those studying law)

Registration

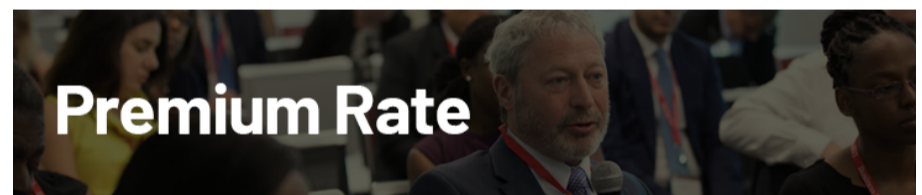
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Accommodations

Scrub Island Resort

Scrub Island Resort is located on Scrub Island which is approximately 10 minutes by ferry from Trellis Bay adjacent (3 minutes) to the TB Lettsome International Airport. The ferry runs regularly between Scrub Island and Trellis Bay throughout the day. On arrival at the Airport please indicate to the taxi dispatcher that you will be staying at Scrub Island. From Trellis Bay to the the BVI International Arbitration Centre at Ritter House in Road Town, the capital of the BVI is approximately 30 minutes by taxi. Please see the receptionist at the Resort about arranging a taxi before you depart the resort.

Ocean View Guest Rooms - \$329 (25% Discount)

Ocean View One Bedroom Suites - \$429 (33% Discount)

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Start Date: Monday, November 18, 2019

End Date: Friday, November 22, 2019

Last Day to Book: Friday, October 18, 2019

Here's your reservation link your guests can use to make reservations:

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Wyndham Lambert Beach Resort

Lambert Beach Resort is located on an expansive beach approximately 15 minutes west from the TB Lettsome International Airport on the northeastern side of Tortola. On arrival at the Airport please indicate to the taxi dispatcher that you will be staying at Wyndham Lambert Beach Resort. From the resort to the the BVI International Arbitration Centre at Ritter House in Road Town is approximately minutes by taxi 25 minutes. A Taxi can be arranged by the receptionist at Lamber Beach Resort.

Beachfront - \$180

Beachfront Suite - \$270

Garden View - \$150

Ocean View - \$165

Family - \$280

15% discount on any room types from the attached rate sheet.

The website for Wyndham Lambert Beach Resort is still under construction, reservations must be made via email

reservation@lambertbeach.com each reservation must come with code: **BVIA2019-30**

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Maria's By the Sea Hotel

Maria's By the Sea is located in the centre of Road Town, the capital of the BVI approximately 30 minutes west from the TB Lettsome International Airport. On arrival at the Airport please indicate to the taxi dispatcher that you will be staying at Maria's by The Sea. From Maria's to the BVI International Arbitration Centre at Ritter House in Road Town is approximately 10 minutes by taxi which can be arranged by the receptionist.

Premium City View (King Bed) – \$212.00 per night

Premium Ocean View (King Bed) – \$239.50 per night

Reservations: Rooms will be registered under the name of Arbitration Conference 2019. Rooms Available until **October 15th, 2019**. Requests for rooms after that date will be at our regular rate and based on availability.

Rate Plan: Rates quoted above are for single or double occupancy with one king bed or 2 full beds, and it is inclusive of 7% Government tax, \$25.00 hotel fee per day

Reservations will be required. This should include guest name, requested type of room, requested bed type (i.e. king, double/double,) check-in and check-out dates, and VIP status. Any requests for special room arrangements should be indicated on the rooming list.

Reservations must be made via info@mariasbythesea.com

Quito's Luxury Inn

Quito's Luxury Inn a beach chic hotel is located on the beautiful Cane Garden Bay on the Northwestern side of Tortola and approximately 20 minutes by taxi or rent a car from Road Town, recently opened with 21 luxury rooms all named after the legendary entertainer's songs. The Inn includes a conference room, spa, gift shop, pool, guest office space, pool table and piano in the lobby. The Inn has a parking area on the ground floor. Adjacent to the Inn and right on the beach is the equally globally known Quito's Gazebo – the Inn's restaurant and entertainment centre.

We are pleased to be offering a beach chic hotel in our home of Cane Garden Bay and welcoming you to the newest secret in Nature's Little Secrets, the British Virgin Islands. Amenities include high speed internet, a fitness room, locally made bath products, kitchenettes, robes, In-room safe, balconies and an elevator.

All Rooms are discounted at 15% for the BVI International Arbitration Conference

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