

The New York International Arbitration Center (NYIAC) Presents

The Grand Central Forum

April 16, 2015, 4:00-8:00 p.m., at 150 E. 42nd St., 17 Fl.

This event will bring together business, legal and diplomatic leaders from the New York City region to discuss key issues in the resolution of high-value international disputes. After a welcome from NYIAC's leadership, speakers will address developments in the past year that no one can afford to miss.

The first panel, "2014 in a New York Hour," will cover as yet unpublished statistics from the leading institutions that administer international arbitrations: what kinds of cases are being filed, in what industries, with how much in dispute? Participants will then hear from experts on two controversial topics: conflicts of interest in international arbitration; and how arbitral awards against sovereign states are being enforced in United States courts.

The second panel is a keynote conversation with Mrs Cherie Blair, CBE, QC, a specialist in international dispute resolution and an expert on the intersection of business and human rights issues. Mrs Blair will address the topic "Managing Risk in Cross-Border Disputes" with reference to arbitration disputes and strategies concerning both commercial and sovereign state parties.

Registration is limited. Please email rsvp@nyiac.org to be added to the waiting list.

Detailed Program

I. Registration (4:00-4:30 p.m.)

II. Welcome and Introduction (4:30-5:00 p.m.)

The Chair of the Board of NYIAC and the institution's Executive Director will reveal statistics about the cases hosted at the Center since its inception in mid-2013: How many commercial cases vs. investment treaty cases? What arbitration rules are parties choosing? Which industries are most represented? The speakers will also highlight NYIAC's new initiatives for 2015.

- *Judith S. Kaye (Chair of the Board) and Alexandra Dosman (Executive Director)*

III. First Panel (5:00-6:00 p.m.)

2014 in a New York Hour: Recent Developments in International Arbitration

Learn about key developments in the law and practice of international arbitration over the last year, with a focus on New York. This panel, in three parts, promises a rapid-fire update on the most important news from 2014 in the field for arbitration practitioners and corporate representatives.

- *Moderated by Joseph Neuhaus, Partner, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP*

A. Filing Trends: The View from Administering Institutions

- *Luis Martinez, Vice President, International Center for Dispute Resolution*
- *Rocío Digón, Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Sicana, Inc.*
- *Olivier André, Vice President, CPR Institute*

B. Ethics Update: IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest

- *Caline Mouawad, Partner, King & Spalding LLP*

C. Enforcement: ICSID Awards and Sovereign Immunity

- *Alexander Yanos, Partner and Co-Chair, Treaty Arbitration Group, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP*

IV. Second Panel (6:00-6:45 p.m.)

Keynote Address: “Managing Risk in Cross-Border Disputes”

Cherie Blair, CBE, QC, Founder and Chair of Omnia Strategy (London and New York), in conversation with John V.H. Pierce, Partner, WilmerHale

V. Concluding Remarks (6:45-7:00)

- *Anibal Sabater, Partner, Chaffetz Lindsey LLP and NYIAC Program Committee Chair*

Reception – Generously Sponsored by WilmerHale (7:00-8:00 p.m.)

About the New York International Arbitration Center

NYIAC, founded in 2013, is a not-for-profit in the service of New York’s role as a leading hub for the resolution of international disputes. NYIAC does not administer arbitrations or provide arbitrators. Working with arbitral institutions, practitioners, arbitrators, business leaders, and the academic community, NYIAC facilitates discussion and offers educational programs on key issues in the field. NYIAC also operates a world-class hearing center that provides a neutral, private, modern space for the conduct of international arbitrations (either ad hoc or under any institutional rules) and other alternative dispute resolution hearings. Visit us at www.nyiac.org.