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SEPTEMBER 24, 2024
5:30–9:00PM ET
ALLEN & OVERY SHEARMAN
599 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022

[**EVENT REGISTRATION HERE**](#)

SPEAKERS



Chiann Bao (Tribunal)
Independent, International Arbitrator



Hon. James (Jay) Francis, IV (Ret.) (Keynote)
Mediator, Arbitrator & Special Master
JAMS



Meaghan Gragg (Debater)
Partner
Hughes Hubbard & Reed



Grant Hanessian (Tribunal)
Independent, International Arbitrator
Hanessian ADR



Miriam K. Harwood (Debater)
Partner
Katten Muchin Rosenman



Patrick W. Pearsall (Debater)
Partner
A&O Shearman



David W. Rivkin (Tribunal, Panel Moderator)
Independent, International Arbitrator
Arbitration Chambers



Robert G. Shaw (Debater)
Co-Managing Director, Sea Trade Holdings &
Independent, International Arbitrator

AGENDA

5:30pm: Opening Remarks

5:40pm: Introduction of Keynote

5:45pm: Keynote Address

6:05pm: Debate

6:45pm: Moderated Discussion

7:30pm: Cocktails & Canapés

9:00pm: Farewell

PROGRAM

In this multi-segment session, talented speakers broadly explore early disposition of issues in arbitration across different types of cases, applicable rules, and standards. After the keynote, four debaters take the stage before a presiding tribunal to argue for/against the proposition posed in the title, followed by a moderated panel discussion. A session not to be missed!