ICC Institute of World Business Law

Interest in international arbitration: how to get it right? Economic, legal and procedural considerations

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Programme

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08.30-09.00 *Registration and welcome coffee*

09.00-09.05 **Welcome address**

- **Thomas C. Childs**, Counsel, King & Spalding LLP, New York, NY, United States

09.05-09.10 **Introduction and presentation of the ICC Institute of World Business Law and the training**

- **James Hosking**, Founding Partner, Chaffetz Lindsey LLP, New York, NY, United States

09.10-10.10 **An introduction to interest – from an economic perspective**

Interest in international arbitration is an important yet poorly understood topic. In this first session, participants will be introduced to the economic basis and rationale for awarding interest. Economic experts will outline the different types of interest and identify the relationship between interest rates and currency, exchange rates, and inflation. Throughout the session, speakers will illustrate concepts using examples.

- **Tara Singh**, Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting, Toronto, Canada
- **Isabel Santos Kunsman**, Partner & Managing Director, Alix Partners, Washington, D.C., United States

10.10-10.40 **Q&A**

10.40-11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00-12.00 **Legal basis for awarding interest**

This session builds on the previous one. Once participants have understood the foundations of interest, it will be time to turn to the legal basis for awarding interest. In this session, participants will cover four topics, (i) legal authority for awarding interest, (ii) choice of rate of interest, (iii) period of interest – pre- and post-award interest, and (iv) simple v compound interest. In this session, speakers will adopt a comparatist approach to contrast approaches in different jurisdictions, and set out relevant considerations such as applicable law, mandatory v discretionary rules, and public policy considerations.

- **Edna Sussman**, Independent Arbitrator, Scarsdale, NY, United States
- **Thomas C. Childs**, Counsel, King & Spalding LLP, New York, NY, United States

12.00-12.30 **Q&A**

12.30-13.30 *Lunch break*

13.30-14.30 **Case scenarios on Legal basis for awarding interest**

14.30-15:30 **Practical and procedural issues: tips and potential pitfalls**

In this final session, speakers will guide participants through practical and procedural issues and provide tips on how to navigate potential pitfalls. The topics covered will include the timing and format of submissions and calculations, how to work with evidence, and how to approach interest when drafting submissions and awards. The session will approach these issues from the perspective of what is expected of both counsel and tribunals.

- **Christina L. Beharry**, Partner, Foley & Lardner LLP, Washington, D.C., United States
- **James Hosking**, Founding Partner, Chaffetz Lindsey LLP, New York, NY, United States
- **Paul di Pietro**, Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, New York

15.30-16.00 **Q&A**

16.00-16.20 *Coffee break*

16.20-17.20 **Case scenarios on Practical and procedural issues: tips and potential pitfalls**

17.20-17.30 **Concluding remarks**

- **James Hosking**, Founding Partner, Chaffetz Lindsey LLP, New York, NY, United States