



## Speaker Biographies



### Pierre Bienvenu, Ad. E.

#### **Senior Counsel, IMK Avocats Advocates, Montreal, Quebec, Canada**

Pierre Bienvenu, Ad. E. is a disputes lawyer with more than 35 years' experience in international commercial arbitration, corporate and commercial litigation, and constitutional law. He has acted as counsel or served as arbitrator in international arbitrations involving disputes in energy, transportation, telecommunications, mergers and

acquisitions, construction, pharmaceuticals, international distribution and joint ventures, and foreign investment.

As co-chair of the IBA Arbitration Committee, Pierre oversaw the 2010 revisions to the IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration and later worked on the 2014 revisions to the IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration.

In parallel to his international arbitration practice, Pierre maintained a busy practice as counsel before Canadian courts. He has participated in numerous challenges to the constitutional validity of provincial and federal legislation and has extensive experience in public law litigation.

Pierre is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He was awarded the distinction *Advocatus Emeritus* by the Quebec Bar in 2008, and the Paul-André Crépeau Medal by the Canadian Bar Association in 2013 for his contribution to the advancement of the international dimension of private law and commercial law in Canada. He has been ranked among the top 25 most highly regarded individuals in the practice of international arbitration worldwide in Who's Who Legal's International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration.



## **Paul Di Pietro**

### **Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, United States**

Paul is Counsel at the North America case management team of the International Court of Arbitration at International Chamber of Commerce.

Originally qualified in Venezuela, Paul joined the ICC International Court of Arbitration in 2015 as Deputy Counsel for Latin America, Spain, and Portugal, and was stationed at the ICC headquarters in Paris.

In July of 2020, Paul assumed the role of ICC Counsel for North America, where he currently leads the case management team based in New York City.

In this capacity, he oversees a diverse portfolio of over 200 pending arbitration proceedings spanning various sectors, including energy, construction, telecommunications, and life sciences.

Prior to his tenure at the ICC, Paul clerked with prominent multinational firms working in international arbitration hubs including Paris, Geneva, and London.

Paul studied law in Venezuela, Spain, and France and holds a Master's degree in Economic Law from the Paris Institute of Political Studies



## **John Fellas**

### **International Arbitrator, Fellas Arbitration, United States**

John Fellas is an award-winning, full-time arbitrator with over three decades of experience in international dispute resolution.

Until December 2020, he was a partner and co-chair of the International Arbitration group at Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP in New York, where he practiced for more than 30 years. John has acted as counsel and served as co-arbitrator, chair, or sole arbitrator in proceedings across the globe, under all major arbitration rules and in a wide range of sectors.

He is consistently recognized as a leading international arbitrator by top legal directories, including Chambers USA, which describes him as “one of the best—his reputation is phenomenal and deserved.”

Over the years, John has received numerous accolades for his work. He was named Best Lawyer in New York for International Arbitration – Commercial by Best Lawyers in 2019 and later recognized as a Global Elite Thought Leader by Who’s Who Legal, which praised him as an “eminent” and “excellent arbitrator.” In 2022, Best Lawyers again honored him, this time for International Arbitration – Governmental. Most recently, in 2025, he received the Global Arbitration Review Award for Best Prepared/Most Responsive Arbitrator.

John has practiced in both the US and the UK. He is a member of the New York Bar and a (non-practising) solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. He holds a B.A. (Hons.) in law from the University of Durham, as well as an LL.M. and S.J.D. from Harvard Law School.

In addition to his arbitration work, John is an Adjunct Professor at New York University School of Law and an Honorary Professor of Law at Durham Law School in the UK, where he teaches international arbitration.



## Jennifer Glasser

**Partner, White & Case LLP, United States**

Jennifer Glasser is a partner in the top-ranked International Arbitration group at [Firm Name], based in New York. She represents corporate and sovereign clients in high-stakes international arbitrations and cross-border disputes, and is recognized for securing victories of up to US\$1 billion in commercial and investment treaty cases. She is a skilled oral advocate and experienced arbitrator with a reputation for resolving complex

matters through arbitration, negotiation, mediation, and strategic litigation. Jennifer's practice spans major arbitral rules—including ICC, AAA, ICDR, CPR, ICSID, and UNCITRAL—and diverse sectors such as energy, technology, financial services, life sciences, luxury goods, and joint ventures.

Fluent in English and French, Jennifer also advises clients on arbitration-related U.S. court proceedings, foreign investment protections, political risk insurance, and treaty structuring. She is the co-editor of The CPR Corporate Counsel Manual for Cross-Border Dispute Resolution and has contributed to the ICCA's Guidelines on Standards of Practice in International Arbitration. Jennifer serves on the Advisory Council of CPR and the North American Steering Committee for the Campaign for Greener Arbitration. She has held leadership roles within CPR, including Chair of the Arbitration Committee and member of both the Cybersecurity and Virtual Hearings Task Forces.

Jennifer is an active mentor and leader within the firm, serving as Staffing Partner for the Americas Arbitration section and Partner Sponsor of the Americas Arbitration Academy. Before entering private practice, she clerked for Judge Koen Lenaerts at the European Court of Justice. Jennifer earned her J.D. cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School, her B.A. with honors from Northwestern University, and also studied at Université de Paris IV (La Sorbonne). She is admitted to practice in New York and has been recognized by Chambers USA 2025 as a Top Ranked International Arbitration Counsel (Up & Coming) and by Who's Who Legal as both a Recommended Practitioner and a Future Leader in Arbitration.



## Mélida Hodgson

**Partner, Arnold & Porter; Vice Chair,  
ICC Institute of World Business Law,  
United States**

Mélida Hodgson is a *Chambers* ranked investor-state and commercial arbitration practitioner and arbitrator. Mélida is president of the American Society of International Law.

With three decades of experience practicing at the intersection of international arbitration and sovereign obligations, she represents clients operating worldwide across the range of arbitration

fora, including the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), The Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), American Arbitration Association (AAA/ICDR), and under the rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

She is particularly respected as an arbitration expert in Latin America—and is consistently rated as one of the top lawyers for the region—where she has handled matters for sovereign clients Venezuela, Panama, and Peru. Her areas of expertise are infrastructure, construction, mining, transportation, energy, and business combination disputes.

In May 2024, President Joe Biden designated Mélida to the ICSID Panel of Conciliators. She will serve the standard six-year term on the ICSID panel. Mélida is also a vice chair of the ICC Institute of World Business Law and serves on the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and its Task Force on Corruption in Arbitration, as well as on the Council of the AAA/ICDR. She is a founding member of the Washington Women in International Arbitration.

Earlier in her legal career, Mélida was a U.S. government litigator at the U.S. Department of Justice, where she litigated claims brought by bank shareholders against the United States, and an associate general counsel at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, where she litigated international trade disputes before the WTO and provided counsel in NAFTA Chapter 11 investor-state arbitrations involving the United States, Canada and Mexico. Before entering the legal profession, she was a banker at Chemical Bank (now JP Morgan Chase).

Mélida is active in the profession beyond her immediate practice, frequently speaking at conferences and writing articles on international investment and commercial arbitration and international law, issues, as well as serving in leadership roles of related organizations.



## Sara Nadeau-Seguin

### Partner, Teyner Pic, France

Sara is an experienced arbitration practitioner based in Paris, with a strong foundation in both civil law and common law traditions. She holds degrees from McGill University and the London School of Economics and is triple-qualified in England and Wales, France, and Canada (Québec).

Sara advises and represents clients in international disputes, including both ad hoc and institutional arbitration proceedings under the rules of major arbitration centers and applying various substantive laws. She also assists clients in court proceedings related to arbitration, particularly in actions to set aside international arbitral

awards. In addition to acting as counsel, Sara serves as an arbitrator and advises on other forms of dispute resolution, such as mediation. Her experience spans a range of sectors, including shareholder disputes, energy, telecommunications, aerospace, and engineering.

She is also frequently involved at the pre-dispute stage, assisting with the negotiation and drafting of dispute resolution clauses. In parallel, she maintains a litigation practice, particularly before Canadian courts.

A committed thought leader in the field of international arbitration, she actively contributes to the global arbitral community. She serves as Co-Chair of the LCIA's Young International Arbitration Group and sits on the editorial boards of the ICC Bulletin, the Arbitration and Mediation Institute of Canada, and the Canadian Journal of Commercial Arbitration. She is a frequent speaker at international conferences and a regular contributor to academic and professional publications.

She is consistently recognized as a leading arbitration practitioner by directories such as Who's Who Legal.





## **Patricia Shaughnessy**

**Associate Professor, Stockholm University,  
Law Department, Sweden; Alternate Member,  
ICC International Court of Arbitration**

Dr. Patricia Shaughnessy is a prominent international arbitration expert and Associate Professor at Stockholm University, where she has taught procedural, commercial, and international arbitration law for over two decades. She is the founder and former director of the Master of International Commercial Arbitration Law Program and frequently lectures at leading institutions worldwide. Prior to academia, she practiced civil and commercial litigation in

Hawaii for ten years.

Dr. Shaughnessy consults widely on legal reform, acts as an arbitrator, and has served in legal development roles in over 50 countries through organizations such as SIDA, USAID, the EU, and the IFC. She has held numerous appointments, including as a member of the ICC Court of Arbitration (Sweden), Vice-Chair of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, and board member of the Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law. She is listed in Who's Who Legal as a "Thought Leader" in arbitration and serves on panels for major arbitral institutions including CIETAC, SIAC, and the China Marine Arbitration Commission. A graduate of Gonzaga University School of Law (JD), she earned her LL.M. and Doctor of Juridical Science from Stockholm University and is widely respected for her contributions to arbitration practice, education, and reform.



## **Allison Stowell**

**Senior Counsel, Mitsubishi Corporation  
(Americas), New York, NY, United States**

Allison Stowell is Senior Counsel at Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas), which she joined in 2020. There, she advises Mitsubishi Corporation's US holding company and its North American affiliates on a wide range of matters, including claims and disputes, investigations, and regulatory compliance.

Before joining MCA, Ms. Stowell gained over a decade of experience arbitrating and litigating complex commercial disputes at a large international law firm, where she was a member of the firm's global arbitration coordinating committee. Her practice focused on Latin America disputes and included disputes involving mergers and acquisitions, commercial contracts, intellectual property, and environmental law.

Ms. Stowell is a member of the New York Bar. She was a law clerk to the Honorable Susan P. Read of the New York Court of Appeals, and graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and Brigham Young University.