International Conference:
“FROM ARBITRATION LEGISLATION REFORM TO ENHANCING THE BUSINESS CLIMATE”

Date: 28th and 29th March, 2019
Location: Economic Chamber of Macedonia (Skopje), meeting hall 4, fifth floor

- AGENDA -

DAY 1
THURSDAY, 28TH MARCH, 2019

9:30 - 10:00 Registration
10:00 - 10:25 Welcoming addresses

– Goran Rafajlovski Ph.D., president, Permanent Court of Arbitration attached to the Economic Chamber of Macedonia
– Kocho Angjushev Ph.D., Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of North Macedonia, responsible for economic affairs and coordination with the economic sectors
– Renata Deskoska Ph.D., Minister of justice in the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia
– H.E. Sybille Suter Tejada, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Switzerland in North Macedonia

10:25 - 11:15 PANEL I: MODERNIZING THE ARBITRATION LEGISLATION: WHAT IS THE RIGHT DIRECTION?

– Pavle Pensa, Law office “Jadek & Pensa”, Ljubljana, Slovenia - “What changes are needed to enable technology based arbitration?”

11:15 - 11:30 Discussion
11:30 - 12:00 Coffee/Tea break
12:00 - 13:10 **Panel II: Regional Angle on Arbitration - What Can We Learn from Others’ Success Stories or Mistakes?**

- Elisabetta Silvestri, Ph.D., University of Pavia, Italy - “Italy: No Country for Arbitrators?”
- Bartosz Karolczyk, Law office “Domański Zakrzewski Palinka sp.k.”, Warsaw, Poland - “Commercial arbitration in Poland: what went wrong or are we just fine?”
- Dragan Psodorov, Law office “Joksovic, Stojanovic & Partners” Belgrade, Serbia - “Psychological aspects of regional arbitration”

13:10 - 13:25 Discussion

13:25 - 14:40 **Panel III: Trends in Organizing Arbitration Proceedings**

- Boris Porobija, Law office “Porobija & Porobija”, Zagreb, Croatia - “Consolidation of Arbitrations - Trends and Challenges”
- Tanja Planinic, “Pestalozzi”, Zurich, Switzerland - “Soft law in the organization and conduct of commercial arbitration proceedings - A brief overview of the ICC Note to Parties and Arbitral Tribunals”
- Amanda Neil, “Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer”, Vienna, Austria - “Legal tech in arbitration - how is it changing case preparation”

14:40 - 15:00 Discussion

15:00 - 16:00 Cocktail Lunch

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**Day 2**

**Friday, 29 March 2019**

10:00 - 11:30 **Panel IV: Arbitration and Construction Disputes**

- Denis Rizaov, Granit AD, Skopje, North Macedonia - “Claim Avoidance Principle”
prof. Toni Deskoski, Ph.D., Faculty of Law “Iusinianus Primus”-University “Ss.Cyril and Methodius” Skopje, North Macedonia - “Multi-tier dispute resolution clauses in FIDIC contracts”

– Ana Pepeljugoska Ph.D., Law office Pepeljugoski, Skopje, North Macedonia - “The role of the Dispute Adjudication Board (DAB) in solving disputes under the FIDIC Red Book”

11:30 - 11:45 Discussion

11:45 - 12:15 Coffee/Tea break

12:15 - 13:45 PANEL V: INVESTMENT ARBITRATION - OUTLOOKS

– Ilija Mitrov Penushliski, Shearman & Stearling LLP, Paris, France - “What, if anything, can we learn from some recent setting aside decisions about the future of ISDS?”

– Alan Uzelac, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia - “ISDS v. Investment Courts: Why Arbitration is (Still) Preferable”

– Ana Stanic, E&A Law Ltd., London, UK - “Implications of Achmea decision on the future of investment treaty arbitration in the EU”

– Aleksandar Godzo, Law office Godzo Novakovski Kiceec, Ohrid, North Macedonia - “Structuring of investments, preparation of investment disputes and challenges”

13:45 - 14:00 Discussion

14:00 - 15:00 Cocktail Lunch