

INVESTOR-STATE MEDIATOR TRAINING

1-3 December, 2020

Online, via Zoom

There is increasing interest in the potential for mediation to resolve Investor-State disputes. Recent international treaties contain specific provisions on the use of mediation in such disputes, and much work has been done by organizations and institutions to promote the availability and benefits of mediation in this context. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought greater attention to the use of alternative methods, such as mediation, for the timely and cost-effective resolution of investment disputes, and continues a policy trend in this area. The Singapore Convention on the enforcement of cross-border mediated commercial disputes, which entered into force in September 2020, is also a key development.

WHY ATTEND?

This 3-day interactive, practice-based Investor-State Mediator Training, designed jointly by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the International Mediation Institute (IMI) and the International Energy Charter, will cover the context of investor-State disputes within the ISDS landscape and will provide experienced mediators with knowledge and skills to mediate investment disputes including Stakeholder mapping and analysis, process design, co-mediation and intercultural considerations.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Course registration is open to –

- Individuals who have participated in basic mediator training (40 hours minimum)* and;
- Individuals who have practical experience serving as mediator.*

Experience in investor-State arbitration is desirable but not essential.

** To be assessed by CEDR during the application process.*

COURSE REGISTRATION & FEE

- US \$2,500 for the 3-day course. Visit the webpage [here](#) to book

DATE & VENUE:

The course will be held from 1-3 December 2020, online via [Zoom](#) from 13.00-21.00 GMT / 08.00-16.00 Eastern US.

YOUR TRAINERS



James South

James South is the Managing Director of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), lead trainer of CEDR Mediator Training Faculty and a highly experienced dispute resolution consultant. James, a qualified lawyer in his native New Zealand has 20 years' experience as a mediator. He acts as mediator both in the UK and internationally, specialising in corporate and commercial disputes, with particular experience in International commercial contracts, Insurance & Finance, Property, Sales of Goods & Services and Employment & Workplace. Boards, leadership teams and other groups which find themselves in conflict.



Wolf von Kumberg

Wolf is a qualified arbitrator and mediator with a wide-ranging interest in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and conflict management. He has global investment experience as GC to several multi-national companies. In addition, he has been involved in a large variety of international commercial and investment litigation and arbitration proceedings in multiple jurisdictions. He has worked extensively with the ECT, ICSID and CEDR to develop the field of Investor State Mediation.



Frauke Nitschke

Frauke is a senior counsel at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). Frauke serves as the team lead for ICSID staff handling proceedings in English. Frauke also serves as Secretary of tribunals, conciliation commissions and ad hoc committees in investor-State proceedings conducted pursuant to the ICSID Convention and the ICSID Additional Facility Rules involving a variety of economic sectors and legal instruments. Frauke further leads ICSID's investor-State mediation activities, including the drafting of the proposed Mediation Rules and amendments to ICSID's conciliation frameworks.



Alejandro Carballo Leyda

Alejandro is General Counsel and Head of the Conflict Resolution Centre at the International Energy Charter. He led the discussions (2015-2016) for updating the Conciliation Rules for state-state transit disputes (including a commentary), as well as the drafting of the Model Early Warning Mechanism for state-state transit disputes (2014), the Guide on investment mediation (2016), the best practices in regulatory reform (2017) and the (2018) Model Instrument on Management of Investment Disputes.

TESTIMONIALS

The Investor-State Mediation Training session provided a comprehensive and worthwhile training course for anyone interested in how investor-state mediation can proceed.

– **Gary Sampliner, Mediator; Senior Counsel (retired), U.S. Treasury Department, Washington, DC**

“A stellar cast of trainers and lecturerscoupled with an engaging interactive programme all but ensures a level of instructions and training that is both thought provoking and enjoyable!”

– **Tat Lim, Partner, Aequitas Law LLP, Singapore**

“This well taught course provides a comprehensive overview and understanding of the complexities of investor-state mediation and the practical tools to overcome them.”

– **Joe Tirado, Partner, Co-Head of International Arbitration and ADR, Garrigues UK LLP, London**