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Thursday, 23 April 2026, 9:15am – 5:30pm

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel, Dubai

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SPEAKERS



David Brynmor Thomas, K.C.
International Arbitrator &
Mediator
Chairman



Gary Born
Chair, International Arbitration
Practice Group, Wilmer Cutler
Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP
Keynote Speaker



Euan Lloyd
Partner, Al Tamimi & Company
Moderator – 1st Grand Panel



Julian Cohen
Arbitrator & Barrister,
Resolution Chambers



Shobna Chandran
Director, Shobna Chandran LLC



Leonora Riesenborg
Independent Chartered
Arbitrator and Accredited
Mediator, INTADR DMCC



Victor Leginsky
Independent Arbitrator,
Arbitralis



Marcus Khoury
Head of Legal, Averda

9:15 – 9:30	Welcome Message by Chairman David Brynmor Thomas, K.C., International Arbitrator & Mediator
9:30 – 9:50	Welcome Address by Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)
9:50 – 10:10	Keynote Session: Global Issues in Arbitration 2026 – What to Watch Out for Going Forward Gary Born, Chair, International Arbitration Practice Group, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP
10:10 – 10:35	Tech Disputes: Crypto Regulations, Compliance and Outlook for 2026 In the Region
10:35 – 11:15	1 st Grand Panel: Managing Construction Disputes in the Region from A-Z in The New Era of Tariffs – Effects on Scheduling, Supply Chains & Influences on Project Delivery Moderator: • Moderator: Euan Lloyd, Partner, Al Tamimi & Company
11:15 – 11:40	Networking & Morning Refreshments
11:40 – 12:00	Understanding Complex Construction Disputes & The Beneficial Roles the GC's Can Play Julian Cohen, Arbitrator & Barrister, Resolution Chambers
12:00 – 12:20	Shareholder, Stakeholder & Director Disputes in the UAE & Cross-border Issues to Consider in 2026
12:20 – 13:00	2 nd Grand Panel: The Trade Wars: Who Wins, who Loses? Complex Issues in Enforcing Awards in Geopolitical Tensions – Regional & Global Issues and Contract Guidance from the Experts Moderator: • TBC Panellist: • Victor Leginsky, Independent Arbitrator, Arbitralis
13:00 – 14:00	Networking Lunch
14:00 – 14:45	3 rd Grand Panel: Interim Relief in Cross-Border Disputes: Freezing Assets, Preserving Evidence, Securing Leverage -Legal Strategies, Tactical Timing and Enforcement Realities Moderator: • TBC Panellist: • Leonora Riesenborg, Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator, INTADR DMCC
14:45 – 15:05	The Future of Appropriate Dispute Resolution in ASEAN and Beyond Shobna Chandran, Director, Shobna Chandran LLC
15:05 – 15:25	Deep Dive into Cross-border Asset Recovery – Essential Tips for GCs
15:25 – 16:10	4 th Grand Panel: Navigating M&A & JV Disputes & Transactions & the Effects of Tariffs - Outlook for later in 2026 and at What Cost!
16:10 – 16:40	Short Break & Afternoon Refreshment
16:40 – 17:25	5 th Grand Panel: Generative AI in Arbitration, Mediation & Investigations: Risks, Benefits, Integrity & The possible Changes & Outlook for the Coming Year! Moderator: • TBC Panellist: • Marcus Khoury, Head of Legal, Averda
17:25 – 17:30	Closing Remarks & Lucky draw
17:30 – 18:30	Networking Drinks

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David Brynmor Thomas, K.C., International Arbitrator & Mediator

David Brynmor Thomas is King's Counsel of England and Wales and now exclusively sits as a leading international commercial arbitrator and mediator. He is also an honorary professor of law in the School of International Arbitration at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies at Queen Mary University of London where he teaches International Construction Contracts and Arbitration. David has more than 30 years of experience in international arbitration in which he has been arbitrator or counsel in over 30 jurisdictions globally. David has been appointed in over 70 disputes as sole, party-appointed or presiding arbitrator in ad hoc and institutional commercial arbitrations. He is presently sitting in arbitrations in a range of seat arising from EPC contracts for infrastructure projects, Upstream Energy projects and general commercial and investment disputes.

Gary Born, Chair, International Arbitration Practice Group, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP

Gary Born is Chair of the International Arbitration Practice Group at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP and the world's pre-eminent authority on international commercial arbitration and international litigation. He has served as counsel in over 675 arbitrations, including several of the largest arbitrations in ICC and ad hoc history, and has sat as arbitrator in more than 250 institutional and ad hoc arbitrations.

Mr. Born has published a number of leading works on international arbitration, international litigation and other forms of dispute resolution. He is the author of *International Commercial Arbitration* (Third Edition, Kluwer 2020), the leading treatise in the field, which has received the American Society of International Law's Certificate of Merit for High Technical Craftsmanship and OGEMID's Book of the Year award for 2009. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of St Gallen, Switzerland and Tsinghua University, Beijing, and teaches regularly at law schools in Europe, Asia and North and South America.

Mr. Born is a former President of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Court of Arbitration, a member of the International Advisory Board of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), a member of the International Arbitration Committee of the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB), a member of the Global Advisory Board of the New York International Arbitration Center (NYIAC), and a member of the Jerusalem Arbitration Center's Court of Arbitration.

Among many accolades, Mr. Born has received the Global Arbitration Review inaugural "Advocate of the Year" award, the Client Choice award for "Best International Arbitration Practitioner" and the Best Lawyers "London Arbitration Lawyer of the Year" award. He is one of only two practitioners in London and globally to achieve "starred" status for international arbitration in the Chambers guides. In 2018 Chambers recognized him for his "Outstanding Contribution to the Legal Profession," describing him as the world's foremost authority on international arbitration and litigation, "in a class of his own" and "revered around the world for his work on international commercial and investor arbitration."

Euan Lloyd, Partner, Al Tamimi & Company

Riyadh-based partner Euan Lloyd leads Al Tamimi & Company's Construction & Infrastructure practice. Qualified as a solicitor in both England & Wales and New South Wales, Euan has practised across a wide range of civil and common law jurisdictions throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Asia Pacific. He also served as Group General Counsel for a global construction and engineering company for more than four years. This combination of private practice expertise and senior in-house experience gives him a unique, commercially grounded perspective that clients value on complex, high-stakes projects.

Euan brings extensive experience in both contentious and non-contentious construction matters, including arbitration, court proceedings, expert determination, and mediation or conciliation, and advises on high-value concession agreements, construction contracts, O&M agreements, and consultancy arrangements across power, utilities, infrastructure, building, and large-scale development projects.

Recognised as a Leading Partner for Real Estate and Construction in the 2025 edition of The Legal 500, Euan is noted for his work on market-leading projects across Saudi Arabia.

Julian Cohen, Arbitrator & Barrister, Resolution Chambers

Julian has 30 years of specialist experience of heavyweight international, and domestic, disputes. Sums in dispute in his cases vary from small to in excess of USD 2 billion. In addition to acting as counsel, he also regularly sits as an arbitrator. Julian has over 10 years' experience in the MENA region, including 2 years based full time in Dubai, and an ongoing long-term commitment to the region. Julian has been involved in projects and disputes in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Oman, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Benin, Sierra Leone and Mali.

Julian was called to the Bar in England & Wales in 1990. He was with Pinsent Masons' Construction Disputes practice in London and Hong Kong from 1993 to 2009. He left Pinsent Masons as a partner in 2009, and was called to the Bar in Hong Kong in 2010. Julian is particularly well known for his heavy weight practice in relation to the Construction and Engineering sectors, the Energy, Oil and Gas sectors and International and domestic arbitrations.

Shobna Chandran, Director, Shobna Chandran LLC

Shobna Chandran graduated with First Class Honours from NUS Law, and was a Justices Law Clerk to the then-Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong and the Court of Appeal bench until 2008. Shobna has worked with 3 Senior Counsels in her 15-year career (Davinder Singh SC, Philip Jeyaretnam SC, and Chelva Rajah SC). Shobna's expertise is in high-value cross border commercial litigation, arbitration, insolvency and appellate matters. Shobna's boutique firm offers Shobna's extensive experience thriving in appellate advocacy and high stakes cross-border commercial disputes. Shobna has successfully argued cases, winning all the way up to the Court of Appeal against Senior Counsel. Shobna has handled arbitration cases ranging from telecommunications to pharmaceutical industry to solar/renewable energy, shareholder disputes, banking and finance disputes, of more than a billion dollars. Shobna was recognised as one of the top lawyers under 40 by Singapore Business Review in 2017, and in 2023 and 2024 commended as "Litigation Star" by Benchmark Asia Pacific. In October 2023, Shobna was named as Singapore Rising Star by Asian Legal Business for her exceptional work in the disputes space. In June 2024, Shobna was named as one of the top arbitration lawyers in the region by Benchmark Asia Pacific's Top 40 under 40.

Leonora Riesenborg, Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator, INTADR DMCC

Leonora Riesenborg is an Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator at INTADR DMCC, Dubai, and an International Tenant at 4-5 Gray's Inn Square in London. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIarb), a Fellow of Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR), and stands as a leading figure in international arbitration, mediation and adr in Middle East, Asia, and the UK. Leonora specialises in complex disputes across key sectors, notably in investment, infrastructure, construction, real estate, joint ventures, banking and finance, and receives routine Chairmanship appointments. Her affiliations with prestigious arbitral institutions—among them the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, DIAC, ADCCAC, SCCA, MIAC, AIADR—further solidify her standing as a leading figure in international arbitration. Leonora's leadership is reflected in her previous roles as Branch Chair of CIarb UAE, as an Elected Member of the Board of Management for CIarb London, and member of DIFC Courts Arbitration Division Working Group. She is a member of LCIA Arab Users' Council and a member of the Swiss Arbitration Association. Leonora is a highly in demand faculty member for the CIarb globally and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) in the MENA Region and in the UK, playing a pivotal role in shaping the next generation of dispute resolution practitioners. Her global influence extends through her service with leading institutions worldwide, including in Asia, the Governing Council of the Hyderabad Arbitration Centre (HAC) in India as well as the Global Advisory Panel for Musalih International Centre for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (MICADR) in Pakistan.

Victor Leginsky, Independent Arbitrator, Arbitralis

Victor P. Leginsky, Canadian citizen, is an experienced international arbitrator and mediator resident in the United Arab Emirates since 2007. Victor has earned the internationally-recognized designations of Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is appointed to the CIarb Panel of Arbitrators. Victor is a CEDR (Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, London) accredited mediator and mediation experience as Chair, Manufactured Home Park Dispute Resolution Committee (Attorney General of British Columbia, Canada, appointment) and in mediations. Victor is appointed to the panels or lists of arbitrators in a number of international centres and is a committee member of the International Court of Arbitration (ICC) Canada. He has instructed and assessed in respect of Mediation though the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the CIarb. He is the past Middle East Regional Director of the Association of International Energy Negotiators (AEN). He is a member in good standing of the Law Society of British Columbia, Canada.

Marcus Khoury, Head of Legal, Averda

Marcus Antoine Khoury is Head of Legal at Averda. Marcus has been working as an inhouse legal counsel in the construction industry in the GCC, in particular in Saudi Arabia and in the UAE, for the past 20 years. He is both German and Lebanese and has graduated at the Sorbonne in Paris and the Universities of Cologne and Munich. In his spare time Marcus loves to hike and considers having walked more than 1000 km to the Spanish city of Santiago de Compostela as one of his greatest experiences.

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