WITNESSES IN ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS

How to deal with fact witnesses before and during the hearing
29 April 2022, 16:00-19:00 | Zurich

ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (ICC YAF) is back in Zurich with an in-person event to spark a lively debate on the use of fact witnesses in arbitration

In arbitration proceedings, fact witness testimony is often an essential form of evidence. Parties usually provide written witness statements in the context of their written submissions. The witnesses are then subjected to direct and cross-examination, as well as questions from the arbitral tribunal, during the evidentiary hearing.

During this conference, panelists from different backgrounds will share their experience dealing with fact witnesses in arbitration proceedings.

- A first panel will address the pre-hearing phase and discuss, among other topics, how to select your witnesses, how to draft written statements and how to address any duties of confidentiality and loyalty to which a witness may be subject.

- A second panel will address three essential topics at the hearing phase: how do you best prepare your witnesses for the hearing, how do you examine a witness, and what obstacles may arise during the examination?

Join us to share your own experiences, learn about best practices and receive practical tips. This conference is aimed at young arbitration practitioners – external counsel, experts, in-house counsel, academics and budding arbitrators – of approximately 40 years of age or under (although anyone interested in the topic is welcome to attend).

Venue

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Working language

English

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COVID Information: Attendees will be informed of applicable Covid-19 measures upon registering for the event.

PROGRAMME | 29 April 2022

16:00-16:30   REGISTRATION

16:30-16:50   WORDS OF WELCOME
Cinzia Catelli (Bär & Karrer / Zurich)
Andrea Roth (Wartmann Merker / Zurich)
Benjamin Moss (Sidley / Geneva) (ICC YAF Representative)

16:50-17:40   SESSION I
WITNESSES IN THE PRE-HEARING PHASES
Moderator

Benjamin Gottlieb
Senior Associate (Schellenberg Wittmer)
Zurich

Speakers

Andrea Meier
Partner (Walder Wyss)
Zurich

Stefanie Pfisterer
Partner (Homburger)
Zurich

Shirin Saif
Partner (Roschier)
Stockholm

17:40-18:00   BREAK

18:00-18:50   SESSION II
WITNESSES IN THE HEARING PHASE
Moderator
Cinzia Catelli
Partner (Bär & Karrer)
Zurich

Speakers
Stefano Fornara
Partner (Walder Wyss)
Lugano
Sarah Ganz
Special Counsel (WilmerHale)
London
Hanna Roos
Partner (Hanna Roos dispute resolution)
London

19:00   DRINKS ON ROOFTOP

SPEAKERS

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Partner, Bär & Karrer (Zurich)

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