

A stylized map of the Pacific Rim region, including parts of North America, South America, Australia, and Asia, set against a dark blue background with a yellow diagonal stripe.

# 8th Annual USC-JAMS Arbitration Symposium

## ARBITRATION IN THE PACIFIC RIM

In collaboration with the Singapore  
International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and  
California Arbitration (CalArb)

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**Friday, September 13, 2024 • 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM PST**  
**Gibson Dunn • 333 S. Grand Avenue • Los Angeles, CA 90071**

The USC-JAMS Arbitration Symposium is proud to collaborate with the **Singapore International Arbitration Centre** and **California Arbitration** this year. Enjoy a full day of networking and interactive programming including a keynote address by **Samaa Haridi**, Global Disputes Partner at King & Spalding, Vice-President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and Former Co-Chair, IBA Arbitration. Panel discussions will cover critical topics affecting international arbitration such as International Human Rights and Arbitration, International Sanctions and Arbitration, and the latest developments in the New York Convention—exploring whether enforcement is becoming more challenging. Additionally, we will examine Arbitration in the Pacific Rim, focusing on bridging legal landscapes between the US and Asia.

## **Symposium Co-Chairs:**

Laura C. Abrahamson, FCI Arb  
Nathan D. O'Malley

## **Honorary Chair:**

Richard Chernick

## **Committee Members:**

Ivana Cingel  
Brody K. Greenwald  
Robin Maness  
Adriana Uson  
Katia Yannaca-Small

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## **REGISTRATION**

- General Admission: **\$50.00**
- Special Registration (sponsors, judges, and in-house counsel): **\$35.00**
- Students: **\$25.00**

To register click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code:



***Please note:** Separate registration is required for the Symposium Opening Young Arbitration Program and Reception on Thursday, September 12, 2024 (See Page 3).*

# Symposium Opening Young Arbitration Program and Reception

September 12, 2024

5:30-8:30 PM



JAMS International Arbitration Center  
555 West 5th St., 32nd Fl., Los Angeles, CA 90013

## The Future Speaks: Young Practitioner Perspectives on the International Arbitration of Tomorrow

A panel of dynamic young international arbitration practitioners will explore their vision for the future of international arbitration in 2034 and beyond. Panelists will cover a wide range of critical topics, providing insights into how upcoming changes and innovations will shape the field, with the objective of inspiring future conversations. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the evolving landscape and the role young lawyers will play in driving these transformations. Potential topics will include a brief conversation around technology, procedural updates, emerging hubs of arbitration and specialty courts, progress in diversity, and the growing role of mediation and bespoke ADR mechanisms within dispute resolution.



**Dr. Ryan Abbott, FCI Arb**  
(MODERATOR)  
Arbitrator & Mediator  
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**Katie Connolly**  
Senior Associate  
Norton Rose Fulbright  
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**Giorgio A. Sassine**  
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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

September 13, 2024

9:00-9:30 AM

Registration and Continental Breakfast

Welcome Remarks by the  
USC-JAMS Arbitration Symposium Co-Chairs



**Laura C. Abrahamson, FCI Arb**  
Arbitrator & Mediator  
JAMS  
Los Angeles



**Nathan O'Malley**  
Partner & Head of International  
Arbitration and Litigation Practice Group  
Musick Peeler  
Los Angeles

9:30-10:15 AM

Keynote & Fifth Annual Dorothy Nelson Lecture Address

*Innovation in Arbitration: How the Pacific Rim is Leading the Way*



**SAMAA HARIDI**

Global Disputes Partner at King & Spalding  
Vice-President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration  
and Former Co-Chair, IBA Arbitration  
New York

10:15-10:30 AM Coffee Break

10:30-11:30 AM

Panel Session 1

International Human Rights and Arbitration

**Katia Yannaca-Small**  
(MODERATOR)

Senior International Arbitration  
Advisor, Arnold & Porter; Lecturer  
USC Gould School of Law  
Washington, D.C.



**Cherine Foty**  
Senior Associate  
Covington & Burling LLP  
Washington, D.C.



**Christina G. Hioureas**  
Partner and Global Co-Chair,  
International Arbitration &  
Litigation, Chair, United Nations  
Practice Group - Foley Hoag LLP  
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**Meriam Nazih Al-Rashid**  
Partner, Global Co-chair of  
International Arbitration, Co-Head of  
Latin America Arbitration Practice  
Eversheds Sutherland  
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**Janet Whittaker**  
Senior Counsel  
Clifford Chance  
Washington, D.C.



**Brody K. Greenwald**  
**(MODERATOR)**  
*Partner*  
*White & Case*  
*Los Angeles*



**Tony Cole, FCI Arb**  
*Arbitrator & Neutral Evaluator*  
*JAMS*  
*New York & London*



**Brian J. Egan**  
*Partner*  
*Skadden*  
*Washington, D.C.*



**Dr. Nicolas Wiegand**  
*Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution*  
*CMS*  
*Hong Kong*



**Kristen Young**  
*Partner*  
*Boies Schiller Flexner*  
*Washington, D.C.*

12:45-1:15 AM **Lunch Break**

1:15-2:15 PM

**Corporate Counsel Lunch Roundtable**

This session will bring together in-house counsel from leading multinational companies to discuss global trends in international dispute resolution and share experiences for managing cross-border disputes. The panel will explore the evolving landscape of international arbitration and how companies are navigating these complexities, balancing cost and efficiency, and responding to geopolitical shifts in the arbitration arena.



**Laura C. Abrahamson, FCI Arb**  
**(MODERATOR)**  
*Arbitrator & Mediator*  
*JAMS*  
*Los Angeles*

2:15-3:15 PM

**Panel Session 3**

**New York Convention Update:  
Is Enforcement Becoming Increasingly Difficult?**



**Ivana Cingel**  
**(MODERATOR)**

*Chief Corporate Litigation Officer  
AECOM  
Los Angeles*



**Diora Ziyaeva**

*ICC Court member and Partner & U.S.  
Co-Lead of Mining and Natural Resources  
Dentons  
New York*



**Nilufar Hossain**

*Investment Manager and Legal Counsel  
Omni Bridgeway  
San Francisco*

*Additional speakers  
to be announced.*

3:30-4:30 PM

**Panel Session 4**

**Arbitration in the Pacific Rim:  
Bridging Legal Landscapes between the US and Asia**

**Adriana Usón**  
**(MODERATOR)**

*Director & Head (Americas),  
Singapore International  
Arbitration Centre  
New York*



**Kabir Duggal**

*Senior Arbitrator Advisor  
Arnold & Porter  
New York*



**Alex Hao**

*Partner  
Junhe  
New York*



**Amb. (Ret.) David Huebner,**  
**FCI Arb, C.Arb, FColl Arb**

*Mediator & Arbitrator  
JAMS  
Los Angeles*

4:30-6:00 PM **Closing Reception**

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