12th Annual ITA-ASIL Conference

Corruption in International Arbitration: Evidence and Remedies

April 8, 2015
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Highlights

• Keynote Presentation: Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Foreign Bribery and Corruption But Were Afraid to Ask

• Allegations of Corruption in the Underlying Claim:
  o The Evidentiary Challenges
  o Remedies Available to the Arbitral Tribunal

• Networking Luncheon

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The conference will focus on issues of corruption in international arbitration, both investor-state and commercial, from the perspective of counsel and arbitrators.

Leading practitioners and arbitrators will assess challenges, consequences and effects of allegations or proof of corruption in the underlying arbitration claim. Specifically, the panelists will discuss issues of evidence, including burden and standard of proof and arbitrators’ duty to investigate and assist domestic proceedings.

Panelists will also focus on the remedies that should be considered when corruption has been found to have taken place, including duties to report, dismissal or staying of a claim, and how claims of corruption may affect and limit the jurisdiction of the tribunal.

8:00 REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

— R. Doak Bishop, ITA Chair, King & Spalding LLP, Houston, Texas

9:05 KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT FOREIGN BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

— Nicola Bonucci, Director for Legal Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Paris, France

CONFERENCE COMMENTATOR:

— W. Michael Reisman, Myres S. McDougal Professor of International Law, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut

9:35 ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION IN THE UNDERLYING CLAIM: THE EVIDENTIARY CHALLENGES

This session will focus on the issues confronted by tribunals when allegations of corruption in the underlying claim are made, typically although not always by respondents in either investor-state or commercial claims. Should the standard of proof be any different with respect to such allegations? Are there situations that justify inversion of the burden of proof? Since not every case has the type of clear evidence that was available in the World Duty Free case, how should tribunals and counsel approach these fact-intensive issues? What is the relationship of arbitral proceedings to national proceedings?

INTRODUCTION AND MODERATOR:

— Lucinda A. Low, Conference Co-Chair, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Washington, D.C.

PANELISTS:

— Andrea J. Menaker, White & Case LLP, Washington, D.C.
— Stanimir A. Alexandrov, Sidley & Austin LLP, Washington D.C.

Commentary and Q&A.

10:45 BREAK
11:05 ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION IN THE UNDERLYING CLAIMS: WHAT REMEDIES ARE AVAILABLE TO THE ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL?

This panel will address the fundamental issue of what arbitrators can and should do when there are allegations — and proof — of corruption in the underlying claim. Specifically, the panelists will discuss and assess available remedies. Questions addressed will include: What duties to report does the tribunal have in case of alleged or suspected corruption? How should a tribunal respond to a pending investigation by domestic courts? What should the tribunal do if corruption is found? Should the case be dismissed? How does the law of state responsibility, succession and attribution apply in this context? How should the Tribunal consider issues of unjust enrichment and compensation?

INTRODUCTION AND MODERATOR:
— Chiara Giorgetti, Conference Co-Chair, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, Virginia

PANELISTS:
— Hon. Charles N. Brower, Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal, The Hague; 20 Essex Street Chambers, London, UK
— John Crook, George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.

Commentary and Q&A.

12:15 CONCLUDING REMARKS
— Prof. Andrea K. Bjorklund, Chair, ITA Academic Council, L. Yves Fortier Chair in International Arbitration and International Commercial Law, McGill University Faculty of Law, Montreal, Canada

12:20 NETWORKING LUNCHEON

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Conference papers will also be published in the 2015:3 issue of ITA’s law journal, World Arbitration and Mediation Review (WAMR).

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