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Integration and International Dispute Resolution in Small States

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Wilmer Hale, 49 Park Lane,
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Programme

The aim of this 1 1/2 day conference is to bring together representatives of Small States, as well as lawyers litigating in or for Small States (defined as those states with a population of 1.5m or less) and academics, to discuss the particular issues these jurisdictions face in regard to international dispute resolution and regional integration.

Small States are a micro-cosmos and allow the study of some legal phenomena more easily. On the other hand, Small States face specific issues due to their demographical, geographical size, and the size of their economies. Of particular interest are the commercial relations between large economies and Small States, the role of Small States as financial centres as well as B2B and State to State dispute resolution involving Small States.

DAY 1, 19 May 2016: SETTING THE SCENE

12.30–13.00: *Registration*

13.00–14.45: *Integration in Small States*

Keynote Panel:

- Edwini Kessie, Office of the Chief Trade Advisor, Pacific Island Countries, Vanuatu
- Mele Tupou, Chief Executive, Ministry of Justice, Tonga
- Dr David S Berry, Dean of Law, University of the West Indies, Barbados

Commentators:

- Professor Francesco Schurr, University of Liechtenstein
- Professor Baldur Þórhallsson, Centre for Small States, University of Iceland
- Elizabeth Bakibinga, Commonwealth Secretariat
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Chair: Steven Finizio, partner Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, London

14.45–16.30: *Commercial Relations with Small States*

- **WTO & Free Trade**
Dr David S Berry, Dean of Law, University of the West Indies, Barbados
Jan Yves Remy, Sidley Austin LLP, Washington
- **Anti-dumping & Competition Policy**
Professor George Barker, Australian National University, Canberra & research fellow
BIICL
- **Intellectual Property Consequences - a View from the Pacific**
Professor Sue Farran, University of Northumbria, Newcastle
- **Integrated Energy Programmes of Small Island Developing States**
Agnieszka Ason, Technische Universität, Berlin

Chair: James Bridgeman, FCI Arb, Dublin

Commentator: Her Excellency Dr Len Ishmael, Ambassador, Embassies of the Eastern Caribbean States, Brussels

16.30–17.00: *Coffee break*

17.00–18.15: *Small States as Financial Centres*

- **Regional Frameworks for the Supervision and Regulation of Financial Entities**
Professor Gordon Walker, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha
- **Tax Law**
Françoise L.M Hendy, Special Advisor & Lead Treaty Negotiator, Barbados High Commission, London
- **Influence of Big States on Small States**
Professor Francesco Schurr, University of Liechtenstein

Chair: Dr Eva Lein, Herbert Smith Senior Research Fellow in Private International Law, BIICL

18.15: *Concluding Speech* Professor Robert G Volterra, University College London, partner
Volterra Fietta

from 19.00: *Reception*

DAY 2, 20 May 2016: DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND SMALL STATES

09.30–11.30: *Dispute Resolution involving States*

- **Experiences of Small States in State-to-State Dispute Resolution**
Stephen Fietta, partner Fietta, London
- **Cost-Efficiency in State-to-State Dispute Resolution**
Brian McGarry, Director, Centre for Diplomacy & International Security, London Centre
of International Law Practice
- **The politics of investment treaties involving Small States**
Lauge Poulsen, University College London
- **Investor-State Disputes involving Small States**
Dominic Roughton, partner Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, London

Chair: N Jansen Calamita, Director, Investment Treaty Forum, BIICL

11.30–12.30: *Key Note Speech by Gary Born, partner Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, London*

International Commercial Arbitration: Law for Small States?

12.30: *Lunch break*

13.30–17.00: *International B2B Dispute Resolution*

1) **International Litigation**

- Justice Winston Anderson, Caribbean Court of Justice, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago
- Barbara Dohmann QC, Blackstone Chambers, London
- Alex Layton QC, 20 Essex Street, London

2) **International Arbitration**

- **International Commercial Arbitration in Pacific Island States**
Desley Horton, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, London
- **International Commercial Arbitration involving Small States**
Conway Blake, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, London
- **The Bilateral Arbitration Treaty Regime- the Answer for SMEs in Small States**
Jack Graves, Touro College of Law, Central Islip, New York

3) **International Mediation**

- **Commercial Mediation in the Asia Pacific**
Geoff Sharp, Clifton Chambers, Wellington
- **Mediation in the Channel Islands**
Michel Kallipetis QC, Independent Mediators Limited and Quadrant Chambers, London

Chair: Tony Willis, Brick Court Chambers, London

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