Investment Treaty Forum

Tenth Public Conference

Investment Treaty Awards:
Post-Award Remedies: the latest swing of the pendulum?

9 May 2008
09.15 – 15.30
Brunei Gallery, Thornhaugh Street, London WC1H0XG

Programme

8.45 - 9.15  Registration & Coffee

9.15 - 9.20  WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Norah Gallagher, Director, Investment Treaty Forum, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

9.20 - 9.40  KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Recent developments relating to investment awards: annulment enforcement & appeals
Gavan Griffith QC, Essex Court Chambers

9.45 - 11.00  SESSION ONE

Chair: Dr Laurence Shore, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP
Speakers:
1. Overview of the ICSID annulment process; procedure and statistics
   Ruth McKenzie, University College London

2. Composition of ad hoc Committees: implications
   Professor Nicolas Angelet, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Liedekerke - Wolters-Waelbroeck – Kirkpatrick

3. Annulment decisions: scope of review, obiter statements and impact on investment jurisprudence
   Zachary Douglas, Matrix Chambers, Faculty of Law Cambridge University
11.00 - 11.20  Tea & Coffee

11.20 - 13.00  SESSION TWO

Chair:  Dr. Julian DM Lew QC, 20 Essex Street

Speakers:

1. *Scope of domestic review of investment awards; recent cases; inconsistencies*
   Ken Fleuriet, King & Spalding LLP

2. *Implications of recent ad hoc committee decisions, impact of withdrawal from ICSID; de facto refusal to enforce*
   Matthew Weiniger, Herbert Smith LLP

3. *Compliance by parties with awards: ICSID Convention v New York Conventions obligations*
   Stanimir A. Alexandrov, Sidley Austin LLP Washington

   Lee Caplan, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State

13.00 - 14.00  Lunch

14.00 - 15.15  SESSION THREE

Chair:  Professor Dr. Hans van Houtte, University of Louvain

Speakers:

1. *Revising the system for review of investment awards*
   Professor Christoph Schreuer, University of Vienna

2. *Inconsistencies in the ICSID Annulment Process: Would a Standing Annulment Committee work better?*
   Professor Thomas Wälde, CEMPLP, University of Dundee & Essex Court Chambers

3. *Commentator: State Perspective*
   Gabriel Bottini, Coordinator of the International Affairs Department, Office of the Attorney General, Republic of Argentina

15.20 - 15.40  CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSE

Robert Volterra, Latham & Watkins LLP
Nigel Blackaby, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Paris

15.40-16.00  Tea & Coffee