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*
    **Anthony Wilson**, 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