



ICDR® America's Conference 2020

December 1 & 2, 2020

The ICDR is organizing a Virtual America's Conference in 2020. The format will allow for participants to get to know and interact in a small group discussion format in our "Tertulia" session. Another session with corporate counsel will provide insights, concerns, and changes going forward in the practice of international mediation and arbitration. The conference will also provide a discussion and report on ICDR rule changes and current developments throughout the America's. The culmination will allow active participation and an education shared among distinguished faculty around the hemisphere.

CLE Credit Information

This program has been submitted to West LegalEdcenter for continuing legal education (CLE) credits on behalf of American Arbitration Association®. We have requesting CLE credits in California, Illinois, New York, and Texas. Credit amounts vary by attendance verification, jurisdictional rules, and are subject to approval in the above states. CLE cannot be confirmed in advance of the program.

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DECEMBER 1, 2020

12:00-12:15 PM ET

Welcome Remarks and ICDR 2020 Case and Activity Update

Eric Tuchmann, Senior Vice President & General Counsel; AAA-ICDR®, New York City

12:15-1:10 PM ET

Tertulia Sessions – ICDR Y&I Sponsored

Our virtual roundtable discussion groups invite participants to discuss, debate, exchange ideas and network with conference participants from jurisdictions in the Americas. These popular small-group question and discussion formatted sessions will cover topics from the anticipated 2021 ICDR rule changes including mediation, arbitral jurisdiction, arbitral tribunal secretaries, early disposition, cybersecurity, electronic signatures, publication of awards, and more. Attendees will hear summaries and highlights from the various group discussions shared the following day.

Tertulia Reporters:

Alan Crain, Independent Arbitrator; Houston

Lucía Ojeda Cárdenas, SAI Law & Economics; Mexico City

John Townsend, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP; Washington, D.C.

Tertulia Moderators:

Eliana Baraldi, Baraldi Mariani Advogados; São Paulo

Laura Cundari, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP; Vancouver

Maria Chedid, Arnold & Porter; San Francisco

Christian Díaz Barcia, LPA Legal & Consulting; San José, Costa Rica

Salvador Fonseca González, Fonseca, Rodríguez & Perchemlian Abogados; Mexico City

Rodrigo de Oliveira Franco, Guandalini, Isfer & Oliveira Franco Advogados; São Paulo

Charles Harris, II, Mayer Brown LLP; Chicago

Manuela de la Helguera, Independent Arbitrator; Washington, D.C.

Ana Lombardia, ICDR; Miami

James Loftis, Vinson & Elkins; Houston

Montserrat Manzano, Von Wobeser y Sierra, S.C.; Mexico City

Nathan O'Malley, Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP; Los Angeles

Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Arent Fox LLP; Washington, D.C.

Yanett Quiroz, ICDR; Houston

Marie-Claude Rigaud, Université de Montréal; Montréal

Gretta Walters, Chaffetz Lindsey LLP; New York City



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1:10-1:15 PM ET

Break

1:15-2:15 PM ET

Corporate Counsel Dialogue

The successful outcome of arbitration and mediation is the resolution of a business dispute in a timely and cost-effective manner. Both mediation and arbitration need to be managed carefully in order to assure the quality of its output. There are a number of measures, which have increased because of the COVID-19 pandemic, that corporate counsel can employ to ensure that the outcome meets the expectation of their companies. On the other hand, previous practices and approaches may require adjustment or rethinking in the face of new challenges posed by pandemics and other issues affecting travel and international business. Sharing the new and seasoned strategies to keep arbitrations and mediations on track, the panelists will point out pertinent considerations for corporate counsel to address at each step of the process.

Moderator:

Steve Andersen, AAA-ICDR; Los Angeles

Faculty:

Marine Assadollahi, Fives Solios Inc.; Montréal

Ethan Berghoff, Baxter International, Inc.; Chicago

Ed Diggs, Bechtel Corporation; Houston

Karl Hennessee, Airbus; Paris

Claudio Enrique Hernandez Careaga, ICA Fluor; Mexico City

Mimi Lee, Chevron Upstream; San Ramon, USA

DECEMBER 2, 2020

12:00-12:55 PM ET

ICDR Tertulia Sessions – Focus on the ICDR Arbitration Rule Revisions

Members of the ICDR Rules Advisory Committee will share summaries and highlights from the Tertulia sessions as well as general observations from the rules change process and outcome.

Moderator:

Ann Ryan Robertson, Locke Lord LLP; Houston

Reporters:

Lucía Ojeda Cárdenas, SAI Law & Economics; Mexico City

John Townsend, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP; Washington, D.C.

Alan Crain, Independent Arbitrator; Houston

Eric Tuchmann, AAA-ICDR; New York City

12:55-1:00 PM ET

Break



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1:00-2:15 PM ET

Around the Americas – Rapid-Fire Discussion on Current Developments

An exciting and quick-moving session covering key legal and practice developments pertaining to jurisdictions in the Americas. In rapid succession, experts will answer questions and provide updates on relevant topics, all under tight time frames managed by the moderator. Conference attendees will have the rare opportunity to listen, compare and analyze the international dispute resolution landscape as presented by highly respected expert representatives from each listed jurisdiction.

Moderator:

Luis Martinez; AAA-ICDR; New York City

Faculty:

Argentina: **Mariana Lozza,** DLA Piper Argentina; Buenos Aires

Brazil: **Mauricio Gomm Santos,** GST LLP; Miami

Canada: **J. Brian Casey,** Independent Arbitrator; Bay Street Chambers; Toronto

Colombia: **Irma Rivera Ramirez,** Brigard Urrutia; Bogotá

Ecuador: **Xavier Andrade,** Andrade Veloz, Abogados; Quito

México: **Elsa Ortega,** Ortega & Gómez Ruano; México City

Peru: **Roger Rubio,** Rubio Arbitration Law; Lima

Chile: **Elina Mereminskaya,** Wagemann Lawyers & Engineers; Santiago

Western U.S.: **Gary Benton,** Independent Arbitrator; Palo Alto, USA

Eastern U.S.: **James Hosking,** Chaffetz Lindsey LLP; New York City