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# ICDR® India Conference

October 19, 2024 | 10:00 am–7:00 pm IST  
The Imperial, New Delhi



We are excited to present the inaugural ICDR India Conference in Delhi, set for October 19, 2024. This landmark event, the first conference organized by the ICDR in India, will offer a platform to address critical topics in international commercial arbitration. Industry leaders and legal experts will guide discussions on the impact of geopolitical forces on dispute resolution, the complexities of institutional arbitration in India, the strategic role of emergency arbitration in securing interim reliefs, and the transformative influence of artificial intelligence on global dispute resolution.

This conference provides a unique opportunity to engage with pioneering arbitration practices, delve into emerging trends, and foster valuable connections with esteemed professionals from across the globe.

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10:00 am-10:30 am	<b>Registration and Networking (Tea/Coffee)</b>
10:30 am-10:40 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Mr. Tejas Karia, Partner and Head – Arbitration, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas
10:40 am-11:00 am	<b>Keynote</b> Prof. George A. Bermann, Professor, Columbia University School of Law
11:00 am-12:00 pm	<b>The Global Chessboard: Geopolitical Forces in International Commercial Arbitration</b> <u>Speakers</u> Ms. Bridget M. McCormack, President and CEO, AAA-ICDR® Hon’ble Mr. Justice P.S. Narasimha, Supreme Court of India
12:00 pm-12:15 pm	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12:15 pm-1:30 pm	<b>Panel 1: Ad-hoc or Institutional Arbitration: Indian Perspective</b> <u>Speakers</u> Ms. Smitha Sehgal, DGM (Legal), Engineers India Limited Mr. Ajay Bhargava, Partner, Khaitan and Co. Mr. Thomas Snider, Partner and Head of International Arbitration, Charles Russell Speechlys, Dubai Justice Nageswara Rao, Independent Arbitrator Ms. Aastha Chawla, Director, AAA-ICDR <u>Moderator</u> Mr. Shashank Garg, Independent Counsel; Secretary, Arbitration Bar of India
1:30 pm-2:45 pm	<b>Lunch</b>



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2:45 pm-4:00 pm **Panel 2: Seeking Interim Reliefs through Emergency Arbitration**

Speakers

- Mr. Darius Khambatta, Senior Counsel
- Mr. Francis Xavier SC, Regional Head Dispute Resolution Group, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP
- Ms. Anuradha Dutt, Founder and Managing Partner, DMD Advocates
- Ms. Varuna Bhanrale, Partner, Trilegal
- Mr. Amit Sibal, Senior Advocate

Moderator

Ms. Kshama Loya, Partner, Dentons Link Legal

4:00 pm-4:15 pm **Coffee Break**

4:15 pm-5:30 pm **Panel 3: From Algorithm to Awards: AI's Influence on Global Dispute Resolution**

Speakers

- Mr. Dharendra Negi, Partner, JSA Advocates and Solicitors
- Mr. Stephen Strick, Independent Arbitrator
- Ms. Chittu Nagarajan, Co-Founder, ODR.com
- Mr. Alipak Banerjee, Head-International Dispute Resolution (New Delhi), Nishith Desai Associates
- Ms. Suruchi Rungta, Head of Legal, Zensar Technologies

Moderator

Mr. Akshay Kishore, Partner, Bird & Bird

5:30 pm-5:45 pm **Closing Remarks**  
Mr. Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General of India

5:45 pm-6:00 pm **Launch of ICDR India Committee**  
Ms. Thara Gopalan, Vice President, AAA-ICDR

6:00 pm onwards **Networking Drinks**



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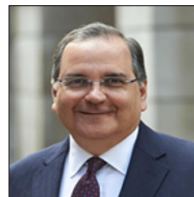
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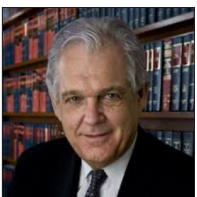
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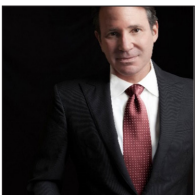
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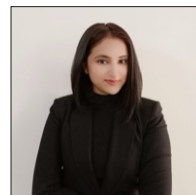
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