

9th January 2018

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Attention: Ms. Liesel Weekes

Dear Liesel,

I hope that this letter finds you well.

As one of the organisers of Law Week, 2018, I write to inform you of a week of law related activities (Law Week) scheduled to be held in Georgetown, Guyana during the final week of April, 2018.

Law Week will comprise legal activities, including a three-day certification training course for arbitrators by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; a two-day seminar offered by the ICSID Secretariat of the World Bank (ICSID), a one-day conference on international commercial arbitration sponsored by the International Chambers of Commerce (ICC). The week's activities will cover training, commercial and investor-state arbitration, in addition to a mock investor-state arbitration, the panels of which shall be formed by international practitioners from the region and from jurisdictions outside the region.

ICSID have agreed to co-sponsor the event. We are hopeful that the ICC and the Dispute Resolution Center, Trinidad Chambers of Commerce will also agree to co-sponsor the event. The Ministry of Legal Affairs of Guyana have expressed support for Law Week.

The legal activities are tailored to lawyers, civil servants, judges, private and public sector groups, academics, civil society, members of international organisations and members of the diplomatic corp.

A word about the Sponsors.

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International Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

ICSID is the world's leading institution devoted to international investment dispute settlement. States have agreed on ICSID as a forum for investor-State dispute settlement in most international investment treaties and in numerous investment laws and contracts.

ICSID was established in 1966 by the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States (the ICSID Convention).

The ICSID Convention is a multilateral treaty formulated by the Executive Directors of the World Bank to further the Bank's objective of promoting international investment.

ICSID provides for settlement of disputes by conciliation, arbitration or fact-finding. The ICSID arbitration process is designed to take account of the special characteristics of international investment disputes and the parties involved, maintaining a careful balance between the interests of investors and host States. More than 600 such cases have been administered by ICSID to date.

The course, given by ICSID counsel, presents a unique insight into the work of the ICSID Secretariat and helps parties and counsel to better understand and anticipate procedural steps. It covers every aspect of an ICSID arbitration. The course also deals with possible non-disputing party participation, transparency and costs. The course is also designed to take account of how to avoid disputes with investors and/or to mitigate damages if and when disputes arise.

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb)

The CI Arb is an international center of excellence for the practice and profession of alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

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The membership is based across 133 countries and supported by an international network of 38 branches, including branches in the Caribbean. CIArb provides education and training for arbitrators, mediators and adjudicators. It also acts as a global hub for practitioners, policy makers, academics and those in business, supporting the global promotion, facilitation and development of all ADR methods.

CIArb offers a range of resources including guidance, support, advice, networking and promotional opportunities, as well as facilities for hearings, meetings and other events.

It is a not-for-profit, UK registered charity.

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

The ICC is the voice of world business championing the global economy as a force for economic growth, job creation and prosperity. The ICC is the world's largest business organisation working to promote international trade, responsible business conduct and a global approach to regulation to accelerate inclusive and sustainable growth to the benefit of all. ICC examines the nature and significance of major shifts taking place in the world economy. From banking and finance to innovation and intellectual property issues, policy advocacy is a major part of the ICC's work.

Consistent with ICC policy objectives, the organisation promotes the institution of arbitration through the existence of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and its Secretariat (the Court).

The Court is an administrative body which ensures that ICC arbitrations are conducted in accordance with the Rules. The Court is assisted by its Secretariat. The Secretariat is directed by the Secretary General, the Deputy Secretary General and the Managing Counsel. It is composed of teams headed by a Counsel.

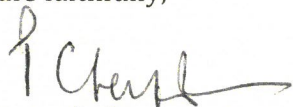
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When disputes arise, parties may turn to the market leading dispute resolution services offered by the ICC Court. The ICC offers a wide range of administered procedures as an alternative to litigation for resolving domestics and international disputes. The services are globally accessible, completely neutral and available to everyone from individuals and private sector enterprises to states and state entities.

Kindly disseminate this letter among the regional bar associations. We look forward to their expressions of interest in this exciting program.

Yours faithfully,



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