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Join California Arbitration, Inc. (CalArb) and Vancouver International Arbitration Centre (VanIAC) practitioners for an engaging panel discussion about international arbitration issues.



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3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. PST

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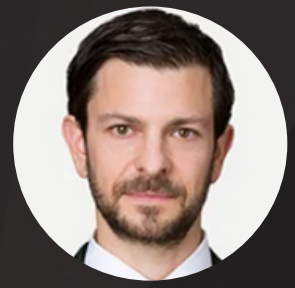
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Meet the Panelists

Laura Cundari (moderator) is a Partner at Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, an experienced advocate and one of Benchmark Litigation's Top 100 Women in Canadian Litigation. She has extensive experience litigating and arbitrating disputes in the energy, mining, cannabis, hospitality, entertainment, technology and infrastructure sectors. Laura also regularly advises or acts as dispute resolution counsel regarding disputes in the private equity and investment fund sector. Laura is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) and has extensive expertise in the arbitration of complex domestic and international disputes. She was appointed in 2021 by the Government of British Columbia to serve a five-year term as a roster member for BC's Bid Protest Mechanism and Dispute Resolution panels, which were established under the New West Partnership Trade Agreement and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement. Although she primarily acts as arbitration counsel, she occasionally serves as an independent neutral and has been appointed to the rosters of several arbitral institutions. Laura is co-chair of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR)'s Canada Advisory Board, co-lead of the North American Group of the Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Center, a member of ICDR's Canada Advisory Committee and an ICC Canada Arbitration Committee member. She also sits on the board of CanArbWeek. At Blakes, Laura is co-chair of the Vancouver Student Committee and past chair of the Vancouver Women@Blakes Committee and sits on the Firm's Partnership Committee.

Nilufar Hossain leads Omni Bridgeway's international arbitration investments in the U.S. market and is also a member of Omni Bridgeway's Latin America Group. Based in the company's San Francisco office, Nilufar works with clients and attorneys across the U.S. and globally to source and structure investments, conduct and oversee legal due diligence, and manage funded claims through to resolution, with a focus on international arbitration and cross-border litigation and judgment enforcement matters. Nilufar provides legal risk management, analysis and strategic advice on funding international arbitration and commercial litigation matters to law firms, claimants, and commercial litigants based on nearly 20 years of combined experience as a funder, in-house counsel, and a practicing attorney with top global law firms. Earlier in her career, Nilufar represented US and global clients in cross-border disputes and complex commercial litigation matters with the New York offices of King & Spalding LLP and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP. Nilufar received her J.D. from New York University School of Law, her M.A. from Middlebury College, and her B.A. from Harvard College, where she graduated magna cum laude.

Andrew Riccio is a Partner in Baker McKenzie's New York office and co-chair of Baker McKenzie's North America International Arbitration Group. Andrew represents clients in international and domestic disputes before institutional (ICC, ICDR, LCIA, JAMS) and ad hoc tribunals, investment and treaty disputes before ICSID tribunals, and commercial litigation filed in federal and state courts. Andrew also has experience litigating contested matters arising in the restructuring and insolvency context in bankruptcy courts. Andrew focuses his practice on international and domestic dispute resolution, with emphasis on the energy and tourism sectors.

Joe McArthur, KC is a Partner with Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP and regularly appears in ad hoc and institutional domestic and international arbitrations as arbitration counsel and is available for appointment as arbitrator. He has represented companies in a range of industries, including mining, infrastructure, utilities, financial services, pharmaceuticals and technology. Joe is the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Vancouver International Arbitration Centre (VaniAC). He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and has been recognized with Chartered Arbitrator status (C.Arb). Joe is a member of the ICC Canadian Arbitration Committee, the American Arbitration Association's International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) Panel of Arbitrators, the panel of neutrals of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR), and the Domestic and International Arbitration Panels of VaniAC.