

WELCOME ADDRESS SPEAKER

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Mr John Christopher Thomas QC has acted as counsel or legal advisor in GATT, Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, WTO, and NAFTA disputes, having acted both for private industry interested in the outcome of a particular dispute, and directly for governments (both as complainants and as respondents). He has acted as a Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement panelist, a GATT panelist, and argued the first State-to-State dispute to arise under the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement. He has appeared in proceedings before NAFTA and WTO Panels and the WTO Appellate Body. He is Senior Principal Research Fellow at the Centre for International Law at the National University of Singapore.



Mr Thomas has appeared as counsel in many investor-State disputes, judicial review applications involving investor-State arbitration awards, and has acted as an arbitrator or is currently acting as an arbitrator in many investment treaty claims. He has also acted as an arbitrator, including as presiding arbitrator, in various other arbitral fora, ranging from LCIA commercial arbitration to dispute settlement proceedings under Canada's Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT).

PROFILE OF PANELISTS (According to Surnames)

Michael **Ewing-Chow**, Head, Trade Law & Policy, Centre for International Law

Michael **Ewing-Chow** is an Associate Professor and WTO Chair at the Faculty of Law, NUS as well as the Head, Trade/Investment Law & Policy at CIL, NUS. He has been a Fellow at NYU. He has First Class Honours degree in law from NUS and a Masters from Harvard Law School. Michael worked in Allen & Gledhill before joining NUS. He then started the first World Trade Law course in Singapore and was involved in the negotiations for some of Singapore's early FTAs. He has been a consultant to the Singapore Government, the ADB, ASEAN, UNCTAD, the World Bank and the WTO. Michael has advised government officials in Asia and Latin America on trade and investment law as well as corporate governance. He also assisted the Singapore Company Law Reform and Frameworks Committee in 2001 with a major overhaul of corporate law and in 2008 was appointed to a Working Group of the Steering Committee to review of the Companies Act. Michael also volunteers with NGOs and co-founded aidha, an NGO which provides financial education and microfinance opportunities for domestic migrant workers. For his work, he was awarded the Social Entrepreneur of the Year 2007. He has received several Teaching Excellence Awards and was awarded the Inspiring Mentor Award in 2009.



Mark **Feldman**, Peking University School of Transnational Law, Shenzhen, China

Mark **Feldman** is Assistant Professor of Law at the Peking University School of Transnational Law. He previously served as Chief of NAFTA/CAFTA-DR Arbitration in the Office of the Legal Adviser at the U.S. Department of State. As Chief, Mark represented the United States as a Respondent or Non-Disputing Party in more than a dozen investor-State disputes and provided legal counsel supporting the negotiation of U.S. BITs and investment chapters of FTAs. Mark's government experience also includes service as a law clerk to Judge Eric L. Clay on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Lesotho during South Africa's transition to democracy. In the private sector, Mark practiced law for several years at Covington & Burling. Mark holds a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and a J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a James Kent Scholar, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and recipient of the Parker School Certificate in International and Comparative Law.



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Bernard **Hanotiau** is a member of the panel of arbitrators of, or receives appointments as arbitrator by, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC, Paris), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), ICSID, the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, SIAC (Singapore), HKIAC (Hong Kong), CIETAC (Beijing), BAC (Beijing), the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association, KLRCA (Kuala Lumpur), KCAB (Seoul), the Permanent Court of International Arbitration (PCA, The Hague), WIPO (Geneva), Cepani (Belgium), the Nederlands Arbitrage Instituut (NAI), the Geneva Chamber of Commerce, the Dubai International Arbitration Center (DIAC), the Danish Institute of Arbitration, the Cairo Center of Arbitration, the French Arbitration Association, the French-German Chamber of Commerce (Paris), IATA (Geneva), the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS, Lausanne). He is also frequently appointed as arbitrator in UNCITRAL and other *ad hoc* arbitration cases.



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Dr. Sabine Konrad is a partner in the law firm of McDermott Will & Emery LLP and is based in the Firm's Frankfurt office. She focuses her practice on international dispute resolution, with an emphasis on commercial international arbitration and public international law. Sabine has advised investors and governments in matters of investment protection. She also has experience representing clients in a broad range of industries, including energy and infrastructure. In 2007, Sabine was designated by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Panel of Arbitrators of the World Bank's International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). She also founded the Frankfurt International Arbitration Moot Court, the leading moot court internally in the investment treaty field. In 2005, Sabine was involved in setting up the Frankfurt International Arbitration Center, a cooperation facility of ICSID for investment treaty arbitrations in Germany. Sabine is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a member of the American Society of International Law, the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, the International Law Association, the Working Group on Investment Protection Law of the German Branch of the ILA, the London Court of International Arbitration, the Swiss Arbitration Association, the Austrian Arbitration Association and is a member of the Steering Committee of the Alumni and Friends of School of International Arbitration of the University of London. Sabine is admitted to the Landgericht/Amtsgericht Frankfurt Bar.



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Mark **McNeill** is a partner in Shearman & Sterling's International Arbitration Group in Paris. He specializes in international investment arbitration and international commercial arbitration. He has advised corporate clients and governments in dozens of international arbitrations before the ICSID, the ICC and other arbitral institutions, as well as in *ad hoc* arbitrations under the UNCITRAL Rules, with a focus on investment, construction, joint venture and intellectual property disputes. Prior to joining Shearman & Sterling in Paris, Mark spent four years at the U.S. State Department where he represented the United States in investor-State arbitrations under the investment chapter of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and participated in the drafting of the United States' bilateral investment treaties and investment chapters of free trade agreements. Mark is admitted to the New York and Paris bars. He is currently Co-Chair of the International Investment and Development Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of International Law, and has served as the Vice-Chair of the Section's International Arbitration Committee. He was an Adjunct Professor at the American University Washington College of Law, teaching International Investment Law and Arbitration. Mark speaks English, Japanese and French. He holds a J.D. from New York



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Daniel M. **Price** serves as arbitrator and counsel in major international treaty and commercial disputes. He has spent more than 30 years in private law practice and government service. He has extensive experience in disputes arising under bilateral investment treaties and free trade agreements, including NAFTA and the WTO. He has served as counsel for both company and government parties as well as arbitrator. He has also negotiated both inter-governmental and commercial agreements. He was a partner with Sidley Austin LLP, having founded and chaired the firm's 60-member International Trade & Dispute Resolution group. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the American Arbitration Association and, by Presidential appointment, on the Panel of Arbitrators of the World Bank's International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).



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Peter brings more than 15 years' experience and wide-ranging expertise to international arbitration. He has acted as counsel and sat as arbitrator in more than 100 international arbitrations, under both ad hoc and institutional rules. He also takes part in ADR (alternative dispute resolution) proceedings. In the past ten years Peter has specialised in investor-state arbitrations. His expertise, analytical skills and attention to detail have earned him key mandates from clients in sectors ranging from energy and investment banking, to mining and agro-industry. He excels at getting to know his clients' businesses, and as a result has a good understanding of their issues and concerns. Peter is a consummate advocate and has represented clients in more than 20 witness hearings before arbitral tribunals.

