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The Context, Legitimacy and Future of Anti-arbitration Injunctions in Investment Arbitration

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



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INTRODUCTION

Anti-arbitration injunctions issued by domestic courts have come into sharp focus recently in the investment treaty cases of *Standard Chartered Bank v Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited* and *British Caribbean Bank Ltd. v. Belize*. The seminar will examine the attempts by domestic courts to restrain these two arbitrations. It will compare these cases with examples of anti-arbitration injunctions that have taken place in the context of international commercial arbitration. The discussion will also traverse the question of the legitimacy of anti-arbitration injunctions and attempt to identify future trends in this field.

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