

**MINUTES OF THE
CLLS ARBITRATION COMMITTEE MEETING
ON 23 JULY 2024, 16:00-18:00**

Attendees: Michael Davison (Chair, Hogan Lovells), Kevin Hart (CLLS), Matthew Saunders (Vice-Chair, Ashurst), Hannah Ambrose (HSF), Robert Price (Latham Watkins), Marie Berard (Clifford Chance), Nishant Nath Singh (Stewarts Law), Andrew Sarraf (Mayer Brown), Annabel Maltby (Hogan Lovells), Joel Halliday (HSF), Alice Zhou (Latham & Watkins)

Via Zoom: Basil Woodd-Walker (Simmons & Simmons), Hannah Ambrose (HSF), Melissa Hollenders-Brown (Clifford Chance), Sarah Morreau (A&O Shearman), James Freeman (A&O Shearman)

Apologies: Alejandro Garcia (Stewarts Law), Lisa Dubot (Mayer Brown), Stuart Dutson (Simmons & Simmons), James Freeman (Allen & Overy), Chloe Edworthy (Macfarlanes)

1. WELCOME

Michael Davison took the role as Chair and welcomed the Committee members to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 16 APRIL 2024

The Committee approved the minutes without any comments.

3. SHADOW COMMITTEE : WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLE

The Chair welcomed the Shadow Committee members and Kevin Hart provided an overview of the work of the City of London Law Society.

4. ARBITRATION BILL : UPDATE : POTENTIAL FOR A CLLS EVENT

The Chair provided an update on the status of the Arbitration Bill. After a hearing on the Arbitration Bill consultation, letters were sent from the Committee to several members of the House of Lords / Houses of Parliament to ensure that the bill would be heard in the wash-up and that the bill would be put on the agenda of the new Government.

A letter was also sent to the new Prime Minister and the Lord Chancellor in order to push the Arbitration Bill. The Arbitration Bill was subsequently part of the King's Speech.

The Chair suggested to organise an event around the bill in order to also promote the involvement of CLLS. Timings considered would be early 2025, potentially around Arbitral Week with involvement of other London based key player organisations.

The Chair suggested to reply to Lord Ponsonby's letter and to enquire what the potential timeframe would be for the bill to be coming into law and then reach out to different institutions (e.g. ICC, CIAC) to join an event which would help them, in turn, to gain access to London as an arbitration seat and therefore law firms and clients.

ACTION:

- The Chair to look into contacting major partner institutions
- Kevin Hart agreed to look into budgets available via the CLLS for such an event
- Nishant Nath Singh to look into any potential liaison with CIAC

5. LITIGATION FUNDING : NEXT STEPS

Matthew Saunders provided the background to next steps in relation to Litigation Funding which is needed for large claims in London. An example is the Post Office matter.

The Committee agreed to reach out to a member of the House of Lords in order to get involvement similarly to the Arbitration Bill.

Chloë Edworthy raised that there is lobbying against Litigation Funding which might have counter-intuitive aspects.

- Kevin Hart / Michael Davison to liaise with the CLLS Litigation Committee
- Chloë Edworthy to look into potential lobbying issues

6. LCIA OUTREACH

Marie Berard confirmed that the contacts at the LCIA would be happy to join the next CLLS Arbitration Committee meeting in October together with the Shadow Committee.

- Patricia Irigei to share the October date
- The Chair to send comms to the group so they submit questions in advance to have an efficient meeting

7. OTHER INSTITUTIONS OUTREACH

The Committee discussed which other institutions could be contacted to build relationships with the CLLS Arbitration Committee.

The Committee also discussed the role of India connected to arbitrations in London. This is also impacted by new regulations in India.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON 17 OCTOBER, JOINED BY THE SHADOW COMMITTEE AND
JACKIE VAN HAERSOLTE-VAN HOF (LCIA)**