



Inaugural

Cayman Islands International ADR Conference

29-30 January 2024

The Americas & the Caribbean: Trends, Challenges and Opportunities

To be held at:

The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands
Dart Auditorium
Esterly Tibbetts Highway
Grand Cayman
Cayman Islands



- 18 Jurisdictions Represented
- 12 Conference Sessions
- 3 In-Person networking events
- 2 Days of programming
- 1 Unforgettable event!

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Venue

The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands

Dart Auditorium
Esterly Tibbetts Highway
Grand Cayman

The National Gallery is located just 950m (0.6mi) from the hotel. It is a 2km (1.24mi) drive that takes less than 5 minutes or a 15 minute walk.

Taxis are easy to get from the hotel, but if you need assistance arranging transportation from the hotel to the conference, please let us know and we would be happy to help.

About the Gallery

"Established in 1996, NCGI is a vibrant arts organisation that seeks to fulfil its mission through exhibitions, artist residencies, education/outreach programmes and research projects.

NGCI operates in both a local and global arena. As part of our mission to promote and encourage the appreciation and practice of visual arts, of and in the Cayman Islands, we send Caymanian art and artists abroad as well as having many fine international artists visit, exhibit and work in the Cayman Islands."

- From the NGCI website. For more information about the gallery and its exhibits, please visit <https://www.nationalgallery.org.ky/about/about-us/>



About CI-MAC

Opened in 2022, Cayman International Mediation and Arbitration Centre (CI-MAC) entered the market to offer modern technology and full-service support in an ideal setting. We provide efficient and flexible dispute resolution services and support for arbitration, mediation. Modern national legislation, a supportive court system, cutting-edge technology, efficient administration, flexibility, confidentiality, and access to high quality arbitrators makes CI-MAC ideal for your next arbitration or dispute resolution proceeding. CI-MAC is dedicated to promoting a sophisticated, bespoke approach to arbitration and mediation, as well as to promoting the Cayman Islands as the jurisdiction of choice.

Located in George Town, CI-MAC is a full-service dispute resolution facility, offering parties effective and efficient hearings with a full range of digital hearing solutions and comfortable, well-appointed rooms, all of which have a view of the Caribbean Sea. We can host multi-party, multi-jurisdictional hearings via in-person, hybrid and/or virtual sessions. We offer a range of hearing, meeting, and breakout rooms that can be customised to suit your needs, all of which are available for mediation and arbitration proceedings, but are also available for meetings, seminars, and conferences.

CI-MAC is a short ten-minute drive from the international airport with nonstop flights from the US, the UK, and Canada. There are numerous first-class hotels and restaurants within minutes of the centre. CI-MAC offers well-appointed hearing and breakout rooms, first-class technology, 24/7 security, extensive catering options, on-site parking and facilities, and a roster of experienced resident and non-resident arbitrators and mediators – all with a view of the Caribbean Sea. CI-MAC's experienced and attentive staff are available in-person to assist with all aspects of hearings to help ensure smooth and efficient proceedings.

We currently offer two large hearing rooms with additional, multi-use rooms that can be used for board meetings, break-out rooms, and executive offices for arbitrators, mediators, and others. For more information about CI-MAC's facility, services, or arbitration rules, please visit www.caymanarbitration.com



SCHEDULE: MONDAY 29 JANUARY

8:00AM – 8:45AM	Breakfast and Registration
8:45AM – 9:00AM	Welcome
9:00AM – 10:00AM	Session 1: Arbitration investment funding from a Caribbean perspective
10:00AM – 11:00AM	Session 2: Dispute Boards: The Next Evolution in the ADR Continuum
11:00AM – 11:15AM	Coffee Break
11:15AM – 12:15AM	Session 3: Tackling Money Laundering in International Arbitration
12:15PM – 1:00PM	Lunch
1:00PM – 2:00PM	Session 4: Resolving Construction & Commercial Disputes with Mediation*
2:00PM – 2:30PM	Session 5 Part I: Report & Recommendations of the ITA's Caribbean Task Force
2:30PM – 2:45PM	Refreshment Break
2:45PM – 4:15PM	Session 5 Part II: Insights for the Caribbean from the Development of Arbitration in Latin America

4:15PM – 5:15PM

Session 6: Med-Arb

5:15PM – 5:30PM

Closing Remarks & Prizes

5:30PM – 7:30PM

Networking Reception



SCHEDULE: TUESDAY 30 JANUARY

8:00AM – 8:55AM

Breakfast

8:55AM – 9:00AM

Welcome Remarks

9:00AM – 10:00AM

Session 7: Cybersecurity

10:00AM – 11:00AM

Session 8: Suitability of ADR to Private Client Disputes

11:00AM – 11:15AM

Coffee Break

11:15AM – 12:15AM

Session 9: Developments in the nexus between arbitration and statutory remedies

12:15PM – 2:15PM	Session 10: Lunch and Mock Mediation Demonstration*
2:15PM – 2:30PM	Refreshment Break
2:30PM – 3:15PM	Session 11: The Underutilization of ADR: Opportunities and Strategies for Growth
3:15PM – 4:30PM	Session 12: The Dajábon River Conflict and the Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Arbitration
4:30PM – 4:45PM	Closing Remarks

* panel will be appearing virtually



SESSION DETAILS

Session 1 – Arbitration investment funding from a Caribbean Perspective

This session will focus on the options in the Caribbean (trends), in particular the Eastern and Southern Caribbean, why the international funders have not established a presence (challenges), and how we can overcome the gaps (opportunities).

Speaker:

Stephon Grey

Head of Forensics & Investigations

Baker & Partners

Session 2 – Dispute Boards: The Next Evolution in the ADR Continuum

One of the more recent and successful developments in the ADR space is the introduction of Dispute Boards (DBs) into the contract and dispute-management process. Unresolved disputes can be costly and disrupt any project or contractual endeavor, specifically unresolved disputes lingering after the end of the project can cause parties to become entrenched in positions which often lead to months and years of adjudication. Today, DBs represent the only contract-management process that proactively assists parties in a project to avoid and (if necessary) resolve disputes in a timely and cost-effective manner. DB's have been proven to be an economical dispute management and dispute resolution method.

DBs are the next evolution in ADR and an additional ADR tool. More ADR tools provide people with more options to prevent and resolve disputes. That variety promotes growth in the ADR profession and has an over 90% success rate. Additionally, the DB process is the only alternative dispute resolution process that happens in real time. This program will provide an overview of the DB model, explain the process, its benefits and provide an interesting comparison/contrast to other ADR methods like arbitration and mediation.

Specifically, the program will discuss 1) the popularity of this ADR method 2) how Mediation skills and Arbitration show up in the DB process 3) how Mediators and Arbitrators are well-suited to become Dispute Board Practitioners and 4) where they can find opportunities.

Speakers:

Ann Russo (Moderator)
President
DGR Consultants
Dallas, TX

DeAndra Roaché
Cynergis Dispute
Resolution Services
Washington, D.C.

Diane Gollhofer Raines
President
DGR Consultants
Dallas, TX

Eric Britton
Partner
Britton & Iglesias
Panama

Session 3: Tackling Money Laundering in International Arbitration

Arbitration plays a pivotal role in International Business Transactions by striving to render awards enforceable across jurisdictions, contributing significantly to maintaining the integrity of international trade. However, within this landscape, certain challenges and trends have emerged.

One notable concern among arbitrators is the perceived dilemma when addressing money laundering (ML) red flags. This session will consider the obligations and tools arbitrators have to address red flags and safeguard the arbitration process as well as the difficulties that may be involved in addressing these issues. This complex landscape offers both threats and opportunities, raising issues related to corporate structure manipulation, forum selection, regulatory arbitrage, tax mitigation, and money flow tracking.

Navigating these challenges and opportunities in the evolving field of international arbitration remains a critical aspect of preserving its integrity within the context of international business transactions. This session will consider the holding in *The Federal Republic of Nigeria v Process & Industrial Developments Limited* [2023] EWHC 2638 (Comm) and look at the "weaponry" available to arbitrators to maintain the Rule of Law when rendering enforceable awards.

Speakers:

Dr. Camelia Bogdan
Investment Arbitration Advisor
Atlantic Corp. Inc.

Hon. Anthony Gafoor
Tax Appeal Court
Trinidad and Tobago

Session 4 – Resolving Construction & Commercial Disputes with Mediation

Why mediate when you can arbitrate or adjudicate? This session will explore this question, look at what has caused the UK legal and construction industry to mediate more construction and commercial claims than it takes to trial or arbitration, and consider how mediation may present an opportunity for similar claims arising in the Caribbean and the Americas. Please note that this session will be held virtually.

Speakers:

Jonathan Dingle

Joint Head of Chambers
Normanton Chambers
United Kingdom

Andrea Barnes

Joint Head of Chambers
Normanton Chambers
United Kingdom

Leah Brown

Founder, Mediator
Broadstairs Consulting
United Kingdom

Lord Ian Strathcarron

Chairman
Unicorn Publishing Group
United Kingdom

Dr Tracy Towner

Construction Company Director
Normanton Chambers Kingdom

Martyn Bould MBE

Chairman
Bould Consulting
Cayman Islands

Gordon Kwok

Mediator, Expert
Gordon & Partners
United Kingdom

Tristana Lauro

Mediator
Mindfulness Coach United
Kingdom

Stephen Malcom OBE

Mediator
The Society of Mediators
United Kingdom

Session 5 (Part I) – Report and Recommendations of the ITA’s Caribbean Task Force

Over the past 30 years, Latin America has seen significant advancement in its commercial arbitration, including the modernization of its legislation and its judicial attitudes to commercial arbitration, and the development of proficiency in arbitration among counsel and arbitrators. Different countries have taken different paths.

In recent years, developments have been occurring in several Caribbean jurisdictions to modernize arbitration approaches, build arbitration capacity, increase commercial arbitration use, and advance the economic interests of businesspeople and Caribbean nations.

What challenges do those seeking to develop arbitration in the Caribbean region face, from education and training to judicial, lawmaking, arbitration capacity building, and the development of counsel proficiency to building business and government support? What lessons might be learned for the Caribbean from the evolution of arbitration in Latin America?

In this session, the ITA Americas Initiative’s Caribbean Task Force will present its findings and recommendations, having explored these issues over the past few years with many stakeholders in a quest to ascertain how the ITA might be able to assist with the development of arbitration in the Caribbean.

Speakers:

Thomas (T.L.) Cabbage

Director, Institute for Transnational Arbitration
President, Center for American & International Law
United States

Calvin Hamilton

ITA Caribbean Task Force Co-chair
Arbitra
Barbados

Hon. Barry Leon

ITA Caribbean Task Force Co-chair
Arbitration Place, Caribbean Arbitrators
33 Bedford Row Chambers (London)
BVI

Session 5 (Part II) – Possible Insights for the Caribbean from the Development of Arbitration in Latin America

Leading arbitration practitioners from Latin America and the Caribbean will discuss what the Caribbean might learn from the Latin American experiences, practical steps that might be taken to advance arbitration in the Caribbean, and how the ITA can assist Caribbean organizations, governments, businesses, and practitioners.

Speakers:

Dancia Penn KC (Moderator)
Dancia Penn & Co
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Montserrat Manzano
Partner
Von Wobeser y Sierra
Mexico City

Theominique D. Nottage
ITA Caribbean Task Force Deputy
Chair
Government of the Bahamas
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Daniel Ávila II
Senior Associate
ReedSmith
Houston

Carita Wallgren-Lindholm
Lindholm-Walgren (Finland)
Helsinki/Anguila

Huascar Ezcurra
Bullard Falla Ezcurra
Lima

Marcela Filloy Zerr
BSK Legal
Costa Rica

Session 6 – Cybersecurity

From sponsored hacking programmes to more frequent activity of smaller scale cyber criminals, cybersecurity threats are complex, broad, and without borders. Meet the experts and learn about Cybersecurity trends, threats, and some practical business solutions.

Speaker:

RJ Sudlow

Cybersecurity Lead and Owner
Emberlake
Cayman Islands

Session 7 – Suitability of ADR to Private Client Disputes

This panel will delve into the evolving landscape of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and its suitability for addressing private client disputes. It will examine the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities and will discuss how ADR techniques such as mediation and arbitration can be tailored to meet the specific needs of private clients

Speakers:

Bhavesh Patel

Partner
Travers Thorp Alberga
Cayman Islands

Quentin Cregan

Partner
Maples
Cayman Islands

Carlos de Serpa Pimintel

Partner
Group Head – Private Clients & Trusts
Appleby
Cayman Islands

Richard Lewis

FFP
Cayman Islands

Session 8 - Med-Arb

Delve into the strategic use of Med-Arb (Mediation-Arbitration) and the opportunities it offers parties in conflict resolution. This session will explore how Med-Arb combines mediation's constructive dialogue with arbitration's binding decisions, providing parties with a versatile dispute resolution approach and demonstrate how Med-Arb empowers parties to efficiently resolve disputes while preserving their interests and how it can unlock new opportunities for effective conflict resolution.

Speakers:

Hon. Dale Sanderson

Partner
Sanderson Litigation
Vancouver

Session 9 - Developments in the nexus between arbitration and statutory remedies

This session will look at developments in the nexus between arbitration and statutory remedies, such as insolvency or rectification, in the Cayman Islands over the past year - a triumvirate of fascinating judgments: Ren Ci, the Privy Council's decision in FamilyMart and BPGIC Holdings Ltd. It will explore how these decisions have potentially changed the landscape and the implications that these decisions may have for the future.

Speakers:

Denis Olarou

Partner
Carey Olsen
Cayman Islands

Paul Smith

Partner
Forbes Hare
Cayman Islands

Session 10 – Mock Mediation Demonstration – “Cabin Pressure”

Educational and entertaining! You won't want to miss our lunchtime event on the 30th. We will have a live mediation demonstration featuring a star studded cast, including the brilliant Ann Ogbomo! Ann is known for her big screen roles in DC Comics adaptations, the Syfy series Krypton, the Netflix series The Sandman, World War Z, and others, as well as her classical theatre work at the Globe. * Please note that this session will be virtual.

"Cabin Pressure"

Fasten your seatbelts and join us as we dive into the ups and downs of this high flying mediation adventure!

Before Boeing, there was no rapid way of getting from London to the Caribbean. Some took the Flying Boats. Others Comets or Constellations. The 707 revolution changed that but, surprisingly, even in 2010 for people out on the former British-run island of Little Bracket, the only option to its sister islands was still a slow ferry. Then Bracket Airlines set up a 30 minute service using a new runway to Rum City, which was an instant hit! Bracket Airlines sold their rights to operate in Rum city to London-owned Iguana Jet in April 2023 and everything was going well until October. Now, there is trouble in paradise. A dispute has arisen between George and the others. Iguana Jet, and Rose Poldark are at a loss: the service is at risk and competitors may pounce. At the suggestion of a local builder and pilot, they agree to mediate. George and Rose have attorneys to help them.

Cast:

Jonathan Dingle
as “Mediator”

Ann Ogbomo
as “Rose”

Tristana Lauro
as “Jinny”

Steven Malcolm
as “George”

Andrea Barnes
as “Demelza”

and **Helen Chapman**
as “Narrator”

Session 11 – The Underutilization of ADR

This panel discussion will look at the underutilization of ADR in the region as well as strategies for its promotion and development. Full description coming soon, but this session will include:

- The historical reasons for the dominance of litigation in the region
- The benefits of ADR relative to litigation
- Opportunities for the greater use of ADR
- Strategies for growth

Speakers:

Andrew Pullinger

Partner
Campbells
Cayman Islands

John Templeman

Counsel
King & Spalding
New York/Miami

Rebecca Attree

Mediator
IPOS Mediation
London

Natascha Steiner-Smith

Counsel
Collas Crill
Cayman Islands

Hon. Jalil Asif

Grand Court Judge
Cayman Islands

Session 12 – The Dajábon River Conflict and the Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Arbitration

The Dajábon River, shared by the two countries, rises in the Central Cordillera – the highest mountain range in the Dominican Republic – and it forms the northern part of the border between Haïti and the Dominican Republic. The two countries are bound by the Tratado de Paz, Amistad y Arbitraje (Treaty of Peace, Friendship, and Arbitration).

This session will look at the significance of the treaty's arbitration mechanism and the significance arbitration in cross-border resource disputes, as well as the implications for sovereignty and economics, and its potential to provide guidance for future water-related disputes on the international stage.

Speaker:

Rose Rameau

Professor, Georgia State University School of Law
Principal, Rameau International Law
Atlanta/Washington D.C.



SPEAKERS



Hon. Jalil Asif KC
Grand Court of the Cayman Islands

Judge of the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands trying commercial and civil claims.

Formerly English King's Counsel, with significant experience advising and litigating disputes, with an emphasis on cases involving financial, accounting, scientific and technical issues. Followed by 10-years' experience of working in the Cayman Islands representing clients in complex cross-border disputes commercial and insolvency disputes, including matters relating to financial products and services.



Rebecca Attree
IPOS Mediation – London

Rebecca is one of the top 50 UK commercial mediators. Described as “an exceptional mediator” (2023 Legal 500), “outstanding” and “excellent on all fronts”, Rebecca has been consistently ranked in Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners as a Leading Mediator and continuously receives excellent client feedback. Mediating a wide range of disputes in the UK and internationally, Rebecca regularly mediates disputes that relate to financial institutions, shareholder, partnership, company / commercial, family business, insurance, trusts, property, aviation, workplace, employment, and the creative industries.

Rebecca is renowned for her calm, professional, persuasive approach, and exceptional ability to build trust and rapport. She is also energetic and maintains momentum throughout a mediation. Excellent preparation of each case combined with her own extensive legal and commercial experience means she can robustly yet empathically challenge when appropriate. Described as “commercially astute as well as sensitive to each party’s issues”, clients acknowledge her great ability to encourage the parties to see the dispute from the other party’s point of view.

Rebecca is comfortable mediating inter-personal disputes between parties from a wide range of cultural and linguistic backgrounds, beliefs and diversities and speaks fluent Italian and good French. Rebecca trained as a mediator with ADRg in the UK and INADR in the US. She has regularly mediated online since 2013 and has a highly effective presence. She is frequently praised for being a skilful communicator. One of the first women to graduate from Downing College, Cambridge in Law, Rebecca qualified as a solicitor in the City of London (Reed Smith, then Laytons). In 1995 she set up and ran for several years her own highly successful international solicitor's practice, Attree & Co. Since 2002 she has also been a director of a property company. She has advised overseas governments and judicial administrations how to introduce mediation into their jurisdictions. Rebecca brings her extensive experience in business and negotiating to her mediations, that often leads to a creative approach to facilitating a solution. Rebecca has experienced the full 360 degrees of mediation. Whilst she is now a full-time mediator, she has previously been a mediation advocate, party to a dispute, and co-mediator (where multiple parties were involved). This "all angles experience" gives her a deep understanding of the psychological issues underpinning a mediation and how to get quickly to the nub of what really matters in each mediation room.



Daniel Ávila II
ReedSmith - Houston

Daniel is an associate in ReedSmith's International Arbitration Group practicing in the areas of international arbitration, complex commercial litigation, and transnational investment law. As part of the firm's Latin American Business Team, Daniel assists clients on dispute resolution matters across the region in both English and Spanish.

Daniel has assisted clients in disputes across several industries including renewable energy, oil and gas, commodities, banking, transnational investments, M&A, defamation, partnership, and construction projects both domestically and in foreign countries. Daniel has extensive experience in international and domestic arbitration, handling disputes under various international and domestic arbitral institutions and rules, including under ICSID, ICC, Cámara de Comercio de Bogotá, ICDR, LCIA, UNCITRAL, and AAA Rules.

Daniel is a frequent speaker and writer regarding cross border, international, and disputes topics including recently co-authoring The Guide to Arbitration in Latin America's chapter on The Growing Appeal of Regional Arbitral Centres in Latin America and the Caribbean published by the Global Arbitration Review/Latin Lawyer. As the Communications Officer for the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA), Daniel led the publishing of the ITA Guide to Latin American Arbitral Institutions covering 30 institutions based out of 20 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Daniel is currently the Chair of the International Law Section of the Houston Bar Association, the Pro Bono Head for the Houston office of Reed Smith, and the Global Associate Chair of UNIDOS, Reed Smith's Latinx/Hispanic Business Affinity Group.



Andrea Barnes
Normanton Chambers

Andrea is a tenacious and enthusiastic advocate. She undertakes a mixture of costs, clinical negligence, personal injury and inquest work.

Andrea was Head of Costs at her previous chambers and is now joint Head of Chambers.

Andrea is an international mediator and trainer in facilitative and evaluative mediation. Whilst a large proportion of her clinical, dental and personal injury practice involves high value, complex, catastrophic or fatal incidents Andrea is equally happy to assist on lower value matters.

Andrea has a proactive and reasoned approach to any work she undertakes. She is plain speaking, commercially astute and is not afraid to advance complex or unusual legal arguments.

A high standard of work is applied to any work Andrea undertakes; preparing diligently and working closely with lay and professional clients alike to achieve the best outcomes. She strives to maintain an excellent working relationship with her clients with emphasis on communication and is regularly commended for her approachable and collaborative manner.

Prior to Call Andrea initially gained 4 years' experience in fatal and catastrophic injuries whilst working at renowned Defendant insurer solicitors Davies Arnold Cooper (now part of DAC Beachcroft). She has also acted as consultant to a leading insurer on "ways to minimize financial leakage in personal injury and clinical negligence claims". In 2015 Andrea carried out an extensive analysis of the costs market post-Jackson reforms for a leading private equity initiative. She currently specialises in complex costs issues.

Andrea has mediated over 50 disputes with over 90% settling on the day or within 3 days of mediation. Andrea has an approximate 70:30 split of Claimant/Defendant personal injury and clinical negligence work and an approximate 40:60 split of Receiving Party/Paying Party legal costs work.



Dr. Camelia Bogdan
Atlantic Corp. Inc.

Dr. Camelia Bogdan is an independent arbitrator and Investment Arbitration Advisor for Atlantic Corp. Inc. She is a former criminal judge with eighteen years of experience across high-level corruption, transnational money laundering, economic crime litigation, and investigations.

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An accomplished scholar with a doctorate in criminal law from the University of Bucharest, she has authored two monographs on asset recovery and money laundering, several practical guides to asset recovery for practitioners at the national and EU level, and over 130 judicial studies in law journals. She is an associate researcher with the Centre Régional Francophone de Recherches Avancées en Sciences Humaines et Sociales de Bucarest (CEREFREA-Villa Noël) and contributes regularly to the University of Cambridge's International Symposium on Financial Crimes. In recognition of her work, she received the 2019 Ion Ratiu Democracy Award from the Woodrow Wilson Center.

She is fluent in English, French, and Romanian.



Martyn Bould MBE
Bould Consulting Ltd. – Cayman Islands

Martyn Bould has extensive experience in all aspects of development and construction advice as well as appraisals, claims consulting, quantity surveying, cost and risk control and management, the last fifty years within the Caribbean region.

Martyn is Chairman of Bould Consulting Limited, operating throughout the Caribbean, with responsibility for the delivery of key projects with practical expertise in Development Project Management of large, fast track mixed use developments; specialty being the analysis and management of risk in construction projects in the Caribbean and skilled in strategic problem solving of complex projects.

Martyn is President of several property development and holding companies having developed for his own account office buildings, luxury residential condominiums, houses, warehousing, shopping centres and sports clubs. He is an Arbitrator, Mediator and Expert Witness for and Lecturer on, Construction Claims both large and small throughout the Region.

Significant recent instructions include acting as Project Monitor for the US\$ 3.4b Baha Mar Resort in Nassau, and Project Director on the Viceroy Casi Cielo resort in Bocas del Toro, Panama and the Four Seasons Tropicalia Resort in Miches, Dominican Republic, numerous rebuild projects following hurricanes Irma & Maria in the Eastern Caribbean.

Martyn was appointed a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth in 2012.

Martyn successfully summited Mt Kilimanjaro in August 2019 raising funds for the Red Cross and awareness of their hurricane preparedness programme.



Eric Britton
Britton and Iglesias – Panama

Eric Britton is the Partner in charge of the Litigation and Arbitration Department at Britton and Iglesias (BRIG) in Panama. He participates actively, locally and internationally, in the practice of litigation and commercial arbitration. Has acted as counsel and arbitrator in multiple proceedings based on the rules of arbitration centers such as the Chamber of Commerce of Panama, Construction Chamber of Panama, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), UNCITRAL and ICSID.

In his arbitration practice, he has been involved as arbitrator or counsel in disputes mainly related to construction, infrastructure, supply, energy, public concessions contracts, sale, distribution, banking and finance, among others. Has served as adjudicator in Dispute Boards in the construction/infrastructure industry in El Salvador. Eric Britton is frequently invited, locally and internationally, to participate as speaker to address subjects about commercial arbitration and construction law. He is currently Vice President of the Panamanian Association of Construction Law and served for 5 years as President of the Board of the Center of Arbitration of the Panamanian Chamber of Construction.

He has actively participated also in the drafting, negotiation and review of commercial agreements, in different business areas, and frequently provides counseling to foreign clients with regards to the establishment of their investment in Panama.



Leah Brown
Broadstairs Consulting Ltd. – United Kingdom

Leah Brown FRSA is a professional speaker, freelance writer and recovering corporate M&A lawyer. She is Founder & CEO of Broadstairs Consulting Ltd, a crisis advisory and mediation boutique specialising in sports, media, and politics. She hosts a weekly crisis podcast called The Longest Day, and is a regular political commentator on US-UK Mid-Atlantic Podcast.

She is also the sole director of Leah Talks Ltd. She has written a narrative nonfiction / memoir crossover book on her experience being the nearest relative under the UK Mental Health Act for which she is seeking publication. When Leah isn't navigating difficult situations, she's running the legal function in early stage businesses, giving talks on mediating a crisis or squirrelled away in a nook writing another non-fiction book.



Quentin Cregan
Maples and Calder – Cayman Islands

Quentin is a partner of Maples and Calder's Dispute Resolution & Insolvency team in the Maples Group's Cayman Islands office. His practice covers all aspects of financial/commercial disputes (including investment fund disputes and distressed situations), technology disputes (including trade secret, software, licensing, and IP), commercial litigation, arbitration, and restructuring matters. He also has extensive experience in relation to family offices and advising ultra high net worth individuals on contentious trust matters.

Quentin joined Maples Group in 2021. He was previously a barrister in both London and Australia. He has been recommended by Legal 500 where clients said he "provides digestible, reasoned and sound advice. Attention to detail is impeccable and knowledge of law and surrounding areas is solid."

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, an Accredited Mediator (Bar Council of England and Wales/Society of Mediators), and is a Member of the Bar Association of Queensland, the Chancery Bar Association, the Chatham House, the Anglo-Australasian Lawyers Society, and the Intellectual Property Bar Association.



Thomas Cabbage
Institute for Transnational Arbitration
The Center for American and International Law

Thomas (T.L.) Cabbage is Director of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration and President of The Center for American and International Law. Before joining the Center, Cabbage spent 20 years with Covington & Burling in Washington, DC, representing clients in litigation and international disputes including ICSID, LCIA, and ICC arbitrations. He also spent three years as in-house counsel for an international oil, gas, and chemicals business. Cabbage received his B.A., magna cum laude, from Southern Methodist University and his J.D., with high honors, from the University of Texas School of Law.



Jonathan Dingle
Normanton Chambers – London

Jonathan Dingle is a leading barrister, mediator and internationally experienced arbitrator who holds a part-time judicial appointment and is complimented as "inspiring", "remarkable" and "incisive" in his work over 35 years in many fields. At the Bar, he specialises in complex civil cases with a complex national or international dimension.

As an arbitrator he accepts up to six appointments annually in the United Kingdom and internationally, usually as a sole arbitrator. A member of the Chartered Institute and of the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa), as well as bodies in the West Indies, he is favoured with diverse cases in construction and mining, wet shipping, boats, and sport. He enjoys cases with multi-jurisdictional issues. His largest sole appointment to date was in a \$300million mining case arising in Africa involving seven jurisdictions and a ten-day hearing in London, handing down a fully reasoned (unchallenged) award 14 days later.

Winner of the mediation awards 2009 and 2016, he is regarded as something of an institution in Trans-Atlantic dispute resolution. His more than 1,800 mediation cases have included varied partnership, TOLATA, IP, land, environment, family farming, and employment matters; construction, civil and commercial cases, high value sports and rights contracts, equine, football and cricket issues, medical and Olympic cases. The co-founder of the Civil Mediation Council, and the Society of Mediators, he is the author of text book chapters on mediation in Powers & Harris and in Friston on Costs. Jonathan is the co-author of the best-selling textbook and handbook Practical Mediation.

His feedback from parties is "legendary". In a recent child death case, he was credited by all parties in the resolution of a very long running, difficult, and tragic matter. A solicitor commented: "Jonathan Dingle is widely regarded as the epitome of a modern mediator who brings a relaxed style and a razor-sharp mind to every mediation, helping participants resolve disputes that seemed intractable." Another: "Put simply, the case could not have settled without Jonathan's insights, skills, tact, and diplomacy – he is outstanding." His style is relaxed and informal but with a total command of detail and the facts as needed.

As a barrister, he practices from Normanton Chambers as a joint-head in London. He is available nationally, and internationally. He enjoys a strong portfolio of work. He has a deserved reputation in military law. Jonathan was called as a Barrister by the Middle Temple in 1986 following a distinguished career at sea in the Royal Navy: he had served as a Commander with NATO Navies, and in operations at sea in the Gulf War, before becoming a Judge Advocate. As such, he has consistently dealt with complex and challenging cases – working alone and as part of a team. In the MOD, he briefed Ministers and Heads of State, and ran a substantial range of sensitive projects, both led by, and leading, senior civil servants. He was fully deep-vetted to the highest levels and retains the extended security clearance in his present part-time judicial appointment.

He entered private bar practice in 1996. He has built a reputation as a leading adviser, negotiator, and practitioner in complex and difficult cases – both in the UK and overseas. He is often instructed in complex breach of duty of contract claims, as well as where fraud, partnership or regulatory issues have arisen. As a mediator, his work for more than a decade led to his appointment as Honorary Secretary of the United Kingdom's Civil Mediation Council in 2003, a post which he held for eight years. He played a major role in influencing judges, practitioners, and stakeholders in previously intractable disputes. He is presently Honorary CEO of the Society of Mediators, the mediation charity.



Huáscar Ezcurra
Bullard Falla Ezcurra – Lima

Huáscar earned his LL.M. from Yale University, United States, and his LL.B. from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. Partner of Bullard Falla Ezcurra since 2001, his experience spans domestic and international arbitration litigation in oil & gas, energy, infrastructure, construction, telecommunications, shareholders' agreements, contractual disputes, areas, among others.

Moreover, he represents investors in international investment arbitration disputes. It has been recognized as Band 1 for 16 consecutive years in Chambers & Partners "Dispute Resolution: Arbitration" category and as a Thought Arbitration Leader by Who's who Legal since 2021. Member of the General Counsel of the Centro de Arbitraje of the Cámara de Comercio de Lima and professor of commercial and investor-State Arbitration at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru and of the ESEN in El Salvador.



Hon. Anthony Gafoor
Tax Appeal Court – Trinidad & Tobago

Dr. Anthony Gafoor has chaired the Tax Appeal Court of Trinidad and Tobago for the past 20 years. This is a Superior Court of Record which employs both Judicial Dispute Resolution and Mediation techniques in resolving disputes. He is also a certified mediator, mediation trainer and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Member of Faculty of CIArb as well as a Senior Lecturer in Mediation Studies and a WIPO Neutral. He has also trained extensively in Investment Mediation and Arbitration. He serves on the Taxation Committee of the International Law Association and is a Director of the International Association of Tax Judges as well as a Member of the International Fiscal Association and a Doctoral Research Candidate in International Relations.



Diane Gollhofer Raines
DGR Consultants – Dallas

DRBF President-elect Diane Gollhofer Raines has 40 years of progressive engineering, construction management, and contract administrative experience in the construction industry overseeing major capital construction projects.

Her signature projects while at Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) included the award winning \$1B Light Rail Green Line (CMGC), the Downtown CBD Mall Line, a mile-long commuter line grade separation bridge for TRE - built during operations, and a LEED's Certified Police Headquarters in a historic trolley building. Diane's projects were all completed on-time and claims free.

As the South-Central Region Dispute Resolution Board Foundations (DRBF) Representative Diane successfully brought and implemented the DRB concept to DART, where she successfully developing the program, contracts, and agreements along with working directly with the 3-person and single member DRB panels for over 15 years.

In 2011, Diane established DGR Consultants LLC, an engineering consulting firm specializing in construction management and dispute resolution and has since worked with DFW International Airport, and TxDOT on claims avoidance and resolution.

Diane graduated from Texas A&M University with a BS in Civil Engineering specializing in Construction Management and holds a Professional Engineering License in the State of Texas.



Stephon Grey
Baker & Partners

Stephon Grey is the Head of Forensics & Investigations at Baker & Partners. He is an International Asset Tracing expert, Certified Fraud Examiner and Forensic Auditor with eighteen years experience. Stephon Grey is a Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Internal Control Auditor and Forensic CPA Educator.

His expertise has been acknowledged regionally and internationally through the performance and management of numerous assignments & speaking engagements in territories including, Hong Kong, Thailand, Ecuador Barbados, St. Kitts, St. Vincent, St. Lucia Suriname, Jamaica, Grenada, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Miami and New York.

Before specializing in Forensic and Fraud Auditing, he worked in the energy, banking, and audit services sector.



Calvin Hamilton
ITA Caribbean Task Force Co-chair
Arbitra - Barbados

Calvin A. Hamilton, C.Arb, Co-Chair (Arbitra International, hamilton arbitration). Calvin is a Chartered Arbitrator with more than 30 years' experience.

He has sat as arbitrator under ICC, ICDR, LCIA, Madrid Court of Arbitration, Zurich Chamber of Commerce, Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and UNCITRAL Rules in a variety of seats located in the Caribbean, Latin America, USA, Africa and Europe. He serves as an adjudicator on DABs in international construction contracts governed by the suite of FIDIC Conditions of Contract.

Calvin is a Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. His expertise and knowledge lie in Investor State and Commercial disputes arising from administrative and public law, retail and consumer, energy and natural resources, mergers & acquisitions, cross border transactions including distribution, agency, franchise and transfer agreements, and acquisition of assets and/or shares.

His primary focus is on the Caribbean, Latin America, London, Continental Europe and the US. Calvin's experience includes common law and civil law which he developed in his practice in Spain, the Commonwealth Caribbean, including Guyana and Barbados, and the US.

He is fluent in Spanish, proficient in French and has working knowledge of Portuguese. He is a dual national of Guyana and Spain and admitted in New York and Madrid.



Gordon Kwok
Gordon & Partners Ltd.

Gordon is currently working as an engineering contract expert, a trained negotiator, and an accredited mediator. He is also preaching the concept of "Integrated Common Data Environment", "Total Digitalisation" in the engineering industry in the context of Building Information Modelling (BIM). He is an NEC trainer for NEC Project Manager Accreditation for Thomas Telford Limited, Institution of Civil Engineers.

Gordon has been actively involved in the mediation industry both in terms of training for mediators and negotiators in workplace, and carrying out community and commercial mediations both in United Kingdom and Hong Kong. He is a trained negotiator with hands-on negotiation experience in engineering and commercial environment. Gordon is also experienced in drafting commercial negotiation strategies for engineering clients in the engineering industry. He is a frequent speaker in various events for UK and Hong Kong institutes such as Institution of Civil Engineers, Hong Kong Institute of Building Information Modelling, Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers etc.

Since early year 2000, Gordon has been working for multiple infrastructure projects involving both New Engineering Contract (NEC) and traditional contracts such as General Conditions of Contract of Hong Kong SAR Government (GCC), and Conditions of Contract in the private sector such as MTR Conditions of Contract, and MTR Target Cost Contract.

He has constant dialogues with government policy makers, engineers, quantity surveyors, BIM experts, software developers and expert witnesses and stays very much abreast of the current industrial demand, expectation in contract administration and project management. Having worked as a Civil Engineer and a Contract Advisor in both the public and private sector, Gordon is experienced in managing and delivering a number of mega-infrastructure and community engineering projects, specializing in railways and waterworks.

He serves as an accredited mediator in the Society of Mediators in United Kingdom, and an arbitrator for the Business Arbitration Services Panel of CI Arb(EAB) in Hong Kong and United Kingdom.

Gordon is a legally trained chartered Civil Engineer and an accredited Mediator, an accredited Adjudicator, and an accredited Arbitrator. He is a Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch) (FCI Arb) in Hong Kong, a Member of Institution of Civil Engineers (MICE) in United Kingdom and a Member of Hong Kong Institute of Engineers (MHKIE) in Hong Kong.



Tristana Lauro
Mediator – United Kingdom

Tristana is a mediator and mindfulness coach based in the United Kingdom. She supports individuals and couples and specialises in family mediation and focuses on connection, communication, and self-development.

She previously worked for a multinational company in London as a Translator, Coordinator, Trainer, and Internal Auditor.

Tristana offers mediation sessions, intimacy and relationship coaching, and private workshops. She is also a certified yoga teacher.



Hon. Barry Leon
ITA Caribbean Task Force Co-chair
Arbitration Place, Caribbean Arbitrators, 33
Bedford Row (London) – BVI

Hon. Barry Leon, FCI Arb is an independent arbitrator and mediator with Arbitration Place, 33 Bedford Row Chambers, and Caribbean Arbitrators, and mediator with Wyeth Thomas Mediation. For a three-year term (2015–2018), Barry was Presiding Judge of the BVI Commercial Court.

Barry is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), an International Mediation Institute Certified Mediator, and a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Barry is an Arbitrator on the American Arbitration Association National Roster of Arbitrators, and a member of the Cayman International Mediation and Arbitration Centre (CI-MAC) Rosters of Arbitrators and Mediators, the Jamaica International Arbitration Centre (JAIAC) Panel of Neutrals (Arbitration, Mediation, Facilitated Contract Re-Negotiation, Neutral Evaluation), and the Vancouver International Arbitration Centre (VanIAC) Domestic Arbitration, International Arbitration, and Mediation Panels.

He is Co-Chair of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration's Caribbean Task Force, a past Chair and active member of ICC Canada's Arbitration Committee, and a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. He is Vice Chair and Branch Committee Member of the Caribbean Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a member of the BVI Arbitration Group and its governing Committee, a member of the Board of Governors of the Canadian Guyanese Congress, Co-Chair of the Canadian Arbitration Report, a member of the Organizing Committee for Canadian Arbitration Week, a member of the International Trust Arbitration Organisation's Research Council, and a member of the North America Committee of the Campaign for Greener Arbitrations. He is an Executive Editor of the Canadian Journal of Commercial Arbitration, and a Co-Moderator of OGEMID.

Also, Barry is a Director of the International Law Association's Canadian Branch and a member of the Canadian Bar Association's International Law Section, International Arbitration Club of New York, Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society, London Court of International Arbitration, American Society of International Law, and New York International Arbitration Center.

Before 2015, Barry was Partner and Head, International Arbitration Group at Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall. Until 2009, he was a Partner with Torys LLP in its Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice, and for many years, Practice Coordinator.

Barry is a recipient of the 2023 Award for Distinguished Service in Canadian Arbitration from Chartered Institute of Arbitrators' Canadian Branch, and CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution's "Award for Outstanding Contribution to Diversity in ADR". He has been short-listed for Global Arbitration Review "best prepared arbitrator".

Barry was admitted to the Bar in Ontario, Canada (now non-practicing). He holds a law degree (University of Toronto), MBA (Richard Ivey School of Business, Western University), and BA (University of Alberta).



Richard Lewis
FFP – Cayman Islands

Richard Lewis has extensive experience in his capacity as trustee, director, receiver and liquidator providing governance to a variety of offshore structures that have found themselves in contentious circumstances with active litigation, stakeholder dispute or regulatory investigation.

With over 12 years' experience in financial services, Richard is regularly involved in managing litigation and illiquid assets, resolving valuation and investor disputes, as well as asset recovery and investigations regarding fraud, regulatory and white-collar issues.

Through his fiduciary service roles, Richard is experienced in the administration of a broad range of structures, including special purpose vehicles focused on a variety of industries including oil exploration and support, hotel management and ownership, mining, regulated hedge funds, private equity, securitisations, capital markets transactions, asset financing and leasing transactions, through both conventional and Islamic financing methods over multiple jurisdictions.

Richard also has extensive experience in private client matters including family office services and management of privately held investments including real estate and operating businesses.

Richard is well-versed in all stages of the life cycle of a structure, from initial setup and operation through to termination. With his in-depth knowledge and skills, he advises on a wide range of structures and has an extensive network of trusted advisors and legal counsel in multiple jurisdictions.

Before joining FFP, Richard worked in the asset management assurance team at PwC in the Cayman Islands, focusing on the audit of offshore hedge funds, private equity funds and other asset management vehicles.

Richard holds a BA (Hons) degree in Financial and Business Economics from Newcastle University in the UK. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), the Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants (CIIPA), INSOL International and the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP). He is also a member of the Cayman Islands Directors Association, is registered with the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority as an approved director and approved by the BVI Financial Services Commission as a director.



Ian Macpherson, Lord Strathcarron
Unicorn Publishing Group – United Kingdom

Ian Macpherson, 3rd Baron Strathcarron is a publisher and author. Lord Strathcarron spent ten years in Asia working for Time-Life as a freelance journalist and copywriter. In 1970, he founded the Japan Europa Press Agency in Tokyo. He became a partner in Strathcarron & Company and a founder and Director of Global Alliance Automotive Ltd, a transnational version of Strathcarron & Company in 1993. In 1995 he founded Strathcarron Sports Cars plc, and has been a trustee and director of the National Motor Museum in Beaulieu, Hampshire.

He is Chairman and commissioning editor of Unicorn Publishing Group and has written several biography, art and history books as well as novels and 'self-help' books.

Unicorn specialise in the publishing books in the visual arts and cultural history sector and as an art book publisher Ian has extensive knowledge of the art and publishing worlds. He is an active member of the Professional Advisors to the International Art Market.

He was a founder and director of Art Resolve, a niche mediation service dealing with all aspect of conflict relating to the art world, publishing and copyright.

He is Vice-Chair and a Trustee of the Society of Mediators, as well as a panel member of NFS, a dedicated pro bono community mediation provider and has ten years experience of mediation.



Stephen Malcom OBE
Mediator – United Kingdom

Steve Malcom OBE JP MA CSci CMarSci FIMarEST MSoM is a Civil and Commercial Mediator with a long history career in public service behind him.

Until his recent retirement after 35 years service Steve was a Captain and Hydrographer for the Royal Navy. As well as his work following the Tsunami in 2005 which led to the award of his OBE, Steve was regularly engaged in resolving conflict within the MoD and NATO.

Steve has 12 years experience as a mediator starting mediating in 2007. He has been on the training staff since 2010.

He is a skilled mediator who has applied his skills internationally as well as in cross-border disputes. Back on home soil Steve puts his energies into voluntary work with the Society of Mediators, as a Justice of the Peace in Devon as well as spending as much of the time left over as possible tinkering with his beloved collection of classic cars.

Steve is an accredited Civil and Commercial Mediator, Trustee of both the Society of Mediators and the Free Mediation Project as well as a Justice of the Peace.



Montserrat Manzano
Von Wobeser y Sierra – Mexico City

Montserrat Manzano is a partner in the dispute resolution practice of Von Wobeser y Sierra, S.C., appointed in 2017. She is part of the ESG and Energy & Natural Resources practice groups. Additionally, she co-leads the firm's Diversity & Inclusion and Ethics Committees.

Ms. Manzano acts as counsel in international commercial and investor-state disputes. She has experience in a broad range of sectors, including construction, energy & natural resources, and technology. In particular, she has experience in disputes arising from investment and infrastructure projects in Latin America. She also represents clients before Mexican courts in proceedings in support of arbitration.

Ms. Manzano also sits as an arbitrator to international commercial disputes and is specializing to arbitrate investor-state disputes. Prior to joining her firm, she worked in one of the most recognized international arbitration and public law practices in Paris. She is a Member to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. Ms. Manzano graduated (with honors) from the Universidad Iberoamericana and holds an LLM from Lucy Cavendish College, University of Cambridge. Additionally, she is an alumni to the ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy for Latin America and former Chair of the Americas Initiative of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA).



Theominique D. Nottage
Government of the Bahamas – Nassau

Theominique D. Nottage, MCI Arb, a Bahamian Counsel & Attorney-at-Law, has worked in both the public and private sectors with professional experience in civil, commercial and trusts litigation, intellectual property matters, environmental law and arbitration. Theominique presently works as a Consultant to the Government of The Bahamas on matters of international arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution processes.

In her role with the Government of The Bahamas, Theominique is responsible for the reform of the legislative framework to support arbitration, mediation and construction adjudication in The Bahamas and to establish The Bahamas as a preferred centre for arbitration in the Americas. She is considered a leading advocate for the use of alternative dispute resolution in not only The Bahamas but also the Caribbean and is a budding arbitration practitioner.



Denis Olarou
Carey Olsen – Cayman Islands

Denis is a partner in Carey Olsen's dispute resolution, litigation and insolvency practice. He advises on the laws of the Cayman Islands and of the British Virgin Islands.

Denis has over a decade of experience in helping clients resolve complex high-value multi-jurisdictional disputes. His broad practice spans all aspects of insolvency litigation, fraud litigation, shareholder and partnership disputes, as well as general contract and tort claims, including applications for urgent injunctive relief. Denis has also represented clients in international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations and advised on the enforcement of arbitral awards.

Denis acts for insolvency practitioners, corporates, high net worth individuals and government entities. He has acted for clients from a wide variety of jurisdictions, including in particular Latin America, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the East Asia region.

Denis has published a number of articles on the subjects of insolvency, litigation, arbitration, and anti-corruption regulations. He has given numerous presentations on the subjects of enforcement, injunctive relief, and asset tracing at a variety of conferences.

Denis is a member of INSOL International, the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Recovery and Insolvency Specialists Association, and the Cayman Islands Legal Practitioners' Association. Denis is also an associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Denis is a native Russian speaker. He graduated from the University of Oxford (Oriental College) with a BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics in 2006 and then from the College of Law (Guildford) with a degree in Law in 2008.

Denis joined the London office of Jones Day as a trainee solicitor in 2009. Upon qualifying as a solicitor in England and Wales in 2011, he continued as an associate in Jones Day's Global Disputes Practice.

Denis joined Carey Olsen and was admitted as an attorney-at-law of the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands in 2016. He was admitted as a solicitor of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, British Virgin Islands Circuit, in 2020.



Bhavesh Patel

Travers Thorp Alberga – Cayman Islands

Bhavesh is a partner at Travers, Thorpe, Alberga in the Cayman Islands. He is an experienced litigator specialising in commercial litigation, shareholder and company disputes, cross-border insolvency, and contentious trusts and private client matters.

Following his degree at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, Bhavesh trained and qualified into the disputes department of Herbert Smith Freehills.

During that time he was seconded to RBS and UBS where he worked on the RBS Rights Issue Litigation and LIBOR fixing claims. Since moving offshore, Bhavesh has been admitted to appear in both the Cayman Islands and the BVI.

Bhavesh has advised international clients on a variety of high profile matters, including the Abraaj Group's liquidation, the restructuring of Luckin Coffee, and currently acts as Cayman counsel to Irving Picard as Madoff Trustee. He is recognized and ranked in legal directories for commercial litigation and is listed in Legal Week's Private Client Global Elite. He is an overseas member of the Chancery Bar Association and of the American Bankruptcy Institute, and serves on committees within INSOL and RISA Cayman. He is a native English and Gujarati speaker and is also fluent in Spanish, French, and Hindi.



Dancia Penn KC

Dancia Penn & Co., Caribbean Arbitrators
BVI

Dancia is a lawyer and Alternate Dispute Resolution Practitioner in active practice. She is a British Citizen and is a former Attorney General of The Virgin Islands ("BVI"). She became Kings Counsel in 1996. Her legal experience includes contentious and non-contentious matters in corporate and commercial law including financial services, insolvency, dispute resolution, employment, hospitality, and regulatory matters as well as a wide range of other areas of private law, including trusts and estates, and public law.

Dancia regularly advises and assists clients in BVI and globally on matters of BVI law. She represents clients in major commercial disputes and has appeared in the Courts at all levels including Her Majesty's Privy Council. She has the right of audience in Court in all nine Member States of The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court and was called to the Bar of Barbados in 1999.

Dancia accepts appointments as an Arbitrator and is a qualified Mediator on The Roster of Mediators of The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court. She regularly sits as a Sole Arbitrator, Chair, or Member of various Arbitration and Ad Hoc Tribunals, and also represents parties before them.

Dancia is currently a Judge of The Caribbean Community Administrative Tribunal (CCAT) which sits on an Ad Hoc basis.

Dancia is a member of Arbitrators@33BedfordRow, London and Arbitration Place, Toronto. She is also Co-Founder of Caribbean Arbitrators in BVI and is on the Roster of Arbitrators of The BVI International Arbitration Centre and is a Founding Member of its Support Group. She is President of the BVI IAC Committee.

Dancia is a Neutral with CPR/ AAA, as well as a Neutral with the Jamaica International Arbitration Centre (JAIAC).

Dancia is an appointed Arbitrator on the Labour Arbitration Tribunal of The Virgin Islands and is regularly chosen as a party representative on that and other Tribunals.

Dancia is a Member of the Council of The Commonwealth Lawyers Association, an Overseas Member of The Chancery Bar Association of the United Kingdom and a Member of the Legal Services Panel of The Government of The Virgin Islands.

Among other distinguished awards, Dancia has been recognized as a Caribbean Luminary by The American Foundation of The University of The West Indies in New York, and she is a recipient of The Pelican Award which is the highest Peer Award from Alumnae of The University of The West Indies.

Dancia has the unique distinction of having served at the highest levels in all three branches of Government – Executive, Legislative and Judicial, and of working prominently in the private sector of the legal profession and Alternate Dispute Resolution in The Virgin Islands, and beyond.



Carlos de Serpa Pimentel
Appleby – Cayman Islands

Carlos de Serpa Pimentel is a partner in the Private Client and Trusts department of the Appleby Group.

Carlos specialises in all aspects of Cayman Islands trust law advice and trust litigation. He regularly advises trustees and ultra-high net worth individuals on the establishment, restructuring and administration of trusts, and the use of private trust companies as well as providing advice to Protectors and beneficiaries on a variety of trust related matters. He also advises on estate planning and administration of estate issues for high net worth individuals.

Carlos has substantial experience in relation to Cayman Islands and BVI trust litigation matters, acting on behalf of trustees, beneficiaries and Protectors in Court proceedings. He regularly appears in Court on their behalf as counsel.

Carlos was called to the Bar of England and Wales (now non-practising) in 1990, and practised at the Chancery Bar in London for approximately ten years in the Chambers of G.C. Vos QC, 3 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn. He worked for two years at Maples and Calder in the Cayman Islands, and then joined Appleby in 2003. He became a partner of Appleby in 2006.

Carlos speaks French and Portuguese.



Andrew Pullinger
Campbells - Cayman Islands

Andrew is a partner in Campbells' Litigation, Insolvency & Restructuring Group, where he specialises in commercial litigation, international arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. He has a wealth of experience acting for clients in a variety of complex and high value disputes, typically with a cross-border element.

He is a highly experienced litigator before first instance and appellate courts, and has acted in a significant number of institutional and ad hoc arbitrations under all of the major arbitration rules. Andrew zealously pursues his client's legal and strategic objectives.

Prior to joining Campbells in 2014, Andrew practised international dispute resolution (with a particular focus on international commercial arbitration) in London (2009 - 2014), and commercial litigation and arbitration in Australia (2006 - 2009).

Andrew leads teams in a variety of complex and high value disputes. He advises clients in respect of financial services and investment fund disputes, fraud and professional negligence claims (especially claims against directors, fund administrators, custodians and auditors), and a broad range of contractual and other commercial disputes. He also has experience in public law matters including judicial review. His clients have included sovereign states, major banks and other financial institutions, leading professional services firms, insolvency practitioners, family offices, insurers, litigation funders and multinationals spanning a number of sectors.

Andrew is concurrently Vice Chairman of the Caribbean Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) and Chairman of the Cayman Chapter of CIArb. Andrew is ranked by Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 for Cayman Islands dispute resolution, and is named a "Next Generation Partner" by Legal 500 and "Future Leader" among Cayman Islands litigation Partners by Who's Who Legal.



Rose Rameau
Rameau International Law
Washington D.C.

Rose Rameau has over 20 years of experience in international law, investment law, trade, arbitration, cross border disputes, and white-collar defense investigations (FCPA, UK Bribery Act and French anticorruption laws.)

She is currently a Visiting Professor at Georgia State University College of Law (GSU) where she teaches International Business Transactions and International Law. Prior to joining GSU, she founded and managed Rameau International Law, a boutique firm specializing in public and private international law and white-collar defense investigations. She has advised and represented sovereign states and companies on cross-border disputes. In addition, she has been appointed Sole Arbitrator, Co-Arbitrator and President of Tribunal by investors and sovereign states respectively. Professor Rameau continues to speak on international law matters worldwide and consults on trade matters with foreign states.

On July 22, 2022, she was appointed ABA Representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council. As an ABA Representative to the United Nations, she supports the rule of law abroad and defend the legal profession, liberty, human rights, and access to justice. Additionally, on December 3, 2021, the United Nations Development Program appointed her as one of the Global Arbitration Counsel in employment contract cases against the U.N. In November 2021, she was also appointed ABA Advisor to the Uniform Law Commission Study Committee on the U.N. Convention on International Settlement Agreement Resulting from Mediation. This study focuses on how ratification would affect the Uniform Mediation Act and State Contract Laws in the United States.

She is the first woman appointed on behalf of Haiti at the International Court of Arbitration in Paris and was appointed to the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague in July 2020 for a term of six years. Professor Rameau has clerked for judges and justices in the United States and abroad. Her clerkships have giving her the proper skill to draft large awards in international arbitration cases involving sovereign states and foreign investors. Professor Rameau was selected by the U.S. Department of State as a Fulbright Scholar for Sub-Saharan Africa from 2014-2016. There, she researched investment and trade laws and taught commercial and investment arbitration at the University of Ghana School of Law. Professor Rameau has practiced law in Europe, Africa, and the United States. Her experience navigating the landscape of public and private international law has allowed her to realize the importance of mentoring younger practitioners, especially women, who have been excluded from the practice of public international law and international arbitration. As a result of her mentorship and her commitment to breaking the glass ceiling, she was awarded, the Global Law and Practice Award, the Multilateral Peace Keeping Award and the 2020 ABA (SIL) Mayre Rasmusen Award for the Advancement of Women in International Law.



DeAndra Roaché
Cynergis Dispute Resolution Services –
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DeAndra Roaché, FCI Arb. is an arbitrator, mediator and DRB practitioner with a full-time domestic and international ADR practice. She specializes in labor, employment, and construction disputes, and possesses a unique/rare blend of professional skills and experiences that are highly desirable and beneficial to the industries and parties she serves. She is an adjunct professor at the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law where she teaches Mediation.

Prior to starting her ADR practice – Cynergis Dispute Resolution Services, Ms. Roaché worked at large global law firms in Washington, DC before amassing over a decade of extensive experience in the Labor/Collective Bargaining, Arbitration and Mediation processes unique to the Railroad industry as well as rail infrastructure and related projects as a labor relations professional in the Washington, DC corporate office of “America’s Railroad”– Amtrak.

Ms. Roaché is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, serves on numerous arbitration and mediation panels and permanent rosters, and is a member of the Florida Department of Transportation's Dispute Review Board. She is also a member of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation's (DRBF) Region 1 (US, Canada, Caribbean) Board of Directors and Chairs its Mid-Atlantic Region of DRB Practitioners. Ms. Roaché has co-chaired several DRB Working Groups including DRB training for the CPR International Institute and is an architect of their Dispute Board Model Rules.



Ann Russo
Dispute Resolution Board Foundation – Charlotte

Ann Russo is Executive Director of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, a non-profit association dedicated to the use of Dispute Review Boards worldwide. She is co-editor of the Dispute Board Manual: A Guide to Best Practices and Procedures, and editor of the DRBF's quarterly journal, The Forum.

Prior to joining the DRBF, she served as Public Relations Manager for J.A. Jones, Inc., an international construction and engineering firm based in Charlotte, NC, USA. She received the President's Distinguished Service Award from the DRBF in 2005.



Hon. Dale Sanderson
Sanderson Litigation – Vancouver

Since 1976 Dale has enjoyed extensive experience in civil and commercial litigation in a wide variety of areas, including hearings before administrative and arbitration panels, trials and appeals at all levels of the Courts across Canada.

Dale has been a Judge, Adjudicator or counsel in over 1500 cases in which approximately 350 written reasons have been issued. Dale was appointed Queens Counsel in 1999, acted as counsel to the Law Society of BC, and was a committee member of both the Practice Standards Committee and Conduct Review sub-Committee. He was a member of the Law Society Discipline Committee. He has been named by the Best Lawyers in Canada publication for commercial and corporate litigation. He has also provided expert opinion evidence to foreign courts on Cayman Islands Law.

Dale has also written and delivered several papers for the Continuing Legal Education Society of BC, and others, and he has lectured at the University of British Columbia and University of Liverpool Law schools. In addition to his LLB, Dale also holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Finance from the University of British Columbia.



Paul Smith
Forbes Hare – Cayman

Paul is a disputes and insolvency specialist in the Cayman Islands. Before joining Forbes Hare, he was a partner in Harneys' Litigation, Insolvency and Restructuring practice group. Paul Smith joined Harneys from DLA Piper's London office, where he was a partner in the firm's litigation and regulatory group. He has more than 20 years of legal practice, specializing in complex international commercial disputes.

In addition, Paul has been extensively involved in arbitration, mediation and regulatory investigations, with a particular focus on the banking and financial services sector. Before working at DLA Piper, he spent nearly five years with Herbert Smith Freehills in Tokyo, and he spent the first five years of his career with Slaughter and May in London.



Natascha Steiner-Smith
Collas Crill – Cayman

Natascha has a wide range of experience in commercial litigation and international arbitration.

Her practice is focused on complex multi-jurisdictional disputes arising out of commercial contracts, shareholders agreements as well as disputes involving financial institutions and high net-worth individuals. She regularly advises shareholders, insolvency practitioners, banks and energy companies in cross-border proceedings. Natascha also has experience acting in section 238 fair value appraisal proceedings.

Prior to joining Collas Crill in 2021, Natascha spent nearly three years at Maples and Calder in the Cayman Islands. Before moving to Akin Gump, Natascha trained and practised at DLA Piper in London and New York.

Natascha completed her associates and bachelors degrees at New York University with a major in Political Science and minor in Russian Literature and Language.

She then went on to complete an LLM from BPP Law School with a focus on insider trading. During her two-year training contract at DLA Piper, Natascha gained experience in restructuring, corporate and leveraged finance before deciding to qualify as a litigator in 2012.

Natascha is a member of CI Arb.



RJ Sudlow
EmberLake – Cayman Islands

RJ is a cybersecurity practitioner with more than 10 years of hands-on experience in penetration testing of network infrastructure, web applications, and social engineering assessments. He previously led teams of cyber practitioners to help organizations understand risks and identify pitfalls to prevent attacks. RJ has a wide array of certifications, including CISSP, PNPT, CEH, PenTest+, Linux+, and more.



John Templeman
King & Spalding – New York/Miami

John Templeman is Counsel in King & Spalding's International Arbitration Practice.

With more than 15 years of experience in international dispute resolution, John specializes in international commercial and investor-State arbitration. He has particular expertise in energy, mining, financial and sovereign-related matters, having represented corporations and State entities across the Americas, Europe and Africa.

Qualified in three jurisdictions (New York, England & Wales and Australia), John has handled international arbitrations around the world under all major arbitral institutions and rules, including the ICC, ICDR, ICSID, LCIA, SCC and UNCITRAL. In addition, he has served as arbitrator under the ICC Rules and has handled multi-jurisdictional litigation before the U.S., U.K. and Australian courts.

Prior to joining King & Spalding, John served as the global manager of another leading international arbitration practice in New York, and was a senior associate at a magic circle law firm in London. He has obtained an MBA from the University of London, two diplomas in international arbitration, Fellowship status of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), and is on the panel of arbitrators of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

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Dr Tracy Towner
Normanton Chambers – United Kingdom

Dr Tracy Towner is a successful and internationally experienced negotiator and financier enjoying a second consultancy career in business psychology and mediation. She is also director of a substantial construction contractor working on major NHS and government projects.

Tracy was an experienced financier working with, and in, Tier 1 multinational financial organisations nationally and cross-border. She advised on investment strategy within the global emerging markets including engaging with the governments of various Asian states. Tracy also gained significant experience working in Asia, Africa and Europe and learned by study and hands-on time to understand the importance of cultural and language differences, particularly in the negotiation and dispute resolution fields.

Tracy has brought her previous excellence in the intellectual demands of both fields to her current chosen disciplines of work.

In her mediation work, Tracy is a Chartered Psychologist as well as a commercial and family mediator. She seeks to use her wide-ranging skill set to adopt an evidence-based practice and uses her knowledge and understanding of the impact of language and communication on decision making to seek compromise and settlement.

Tracy combines strategic insight with creativity. She works in close partnership with individuals, corporates and public sector organisations to provide practical ways of implementing behavioural change. Tracy is passionate about how awareness and effective communication can enhance an adjudication outlook and decision-making.

A specialist in emotionally charged and seemingly intractable disputes, Tracy is also an educator with the Society of Mediators, the mediation charity, working from London and across the United Kingdom – as well as from her family bases in the United States and Hawaii.

Sometimes referred to as polymath, fifteen years-ago Tracy became a well-known TV personality in a Channel Four series bringing a range of interventions to difficult situations. Tracy backed this with a high-level sporting career in rowing achieving a goal of representational honours – although she now prefers golf or a hand of bridge.



Carita Wallgren-Lindholm
Wallgren Lindholm - Helsinki/Anguilla

Carita Wallgren-Lindholm is a Helsinki-based international arbitrator who began her practice in Paris in the early 1980s. Before starting her boutique Lindholm Wallgren, Attorneys, Ltd. in 2008, she spent 25 years at Roschier in corporate and dispute resolution work. She has been involved in more than 120 international arbitrations, mainly as arbitrator and chair. Institutions and rules include the SCC, ICC, FAI, LCIA, JCAA, DIA, PCA, ICSID, UNCITRAL and NAFTA and seats Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and Washington DC.

She was the Chair of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR 2018–2021 and a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration 2012–2018. As from February 2019 she serves on the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators having been on its Panel of Conciliators 2007–2018.

Since 2012 Carita only acts as arbitrator and serves in commercial and investment disputes. She is also a trained mediator. Her working languages are English, French, Swedish and Finnish, with some knowledge of Spanish. Carita Wallgren-Lindholm is inter alia ranked as a leading individual in Chambers Europe and Chambers Global (Most in Demand Arbitrators) and recognized by Who's Who Legal as one of the Thought Leaders in Arbitration.



Marcela Filloy Zerr
BSK Legal – Costa Rica

Marcela is of-counsel lawyer at BSK Legal –Costa Rica, Director of the Arbitration and International Commercial and Trade Law Department. She has 40 years in practice and more than 30 years of experience in arbitration, mediation, international negotiations, international commercial and trade law. She acts as arbitrator and counsel in national and international arbitrations.

Marcela is listed as arbitrators in national and international arbitration centers and in the list of electable arbitrators of the Ministry of Trade of Costa Rica for the FTA's ratified by Costa Rica. Moreover, she is member of arbitral court Chamber of Commerce of Costa Rica, former member of the council of the CAM CR of the Costa Rican bar association and former representative of Costa Rica in the Interamerican Commercial Arbitration Commission.

Marcela is former vice-president of the Chamber of Exporters of Costa Rica and as such, Member of the Advisory Council of the Foreign Trade of the Ministry of Trade of Costa Rica.

She holds a law degree – Cum Laude Probatus, Universidad Autonoma de Centro América, Escuela Libre de Derecho and a Masster of Law, Emphasis International Arbitration and International Trade Law, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. (Fullbright Scholar).

She has been nominated as Latin America Arbitration Lawyer of the Year by Women in Business Law Awards 2023, and listed in Leaders League 2023 as Costa Rica Best Arbitrators and WWL- Central America 2023 Dispute Resolution.

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