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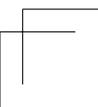
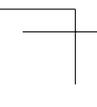
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The Beijing Arbitration Commission/Beijing International Arbitration Center (BAC/BIAC), the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), the School of International Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) and the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London (IALS) are pleased to invite you to the 2018 London Summit on Commercial Dispute Resolution in China, which will take place in London on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018. This well-established and prestigious annual event, based on the report Commercial Dispute Resolution in China: An Annual Review and Preview (2018), will bring top experts from China and the UK together to present and discuss topics in various aspects on the developments of commercial dispute resolution in China. Since 2013, The BAC/BIAC has compiled annual reports to present reviews on commercial disputes revolutions in China and has successfully hosted a series of summits in Paris, Hague, Frankfurt, Cologne, Zurich, Vienna, Hong Kong, etc. This event is also a platform where practitioners, stakeholders and industry observers can gather together to exchange views on practical and academic focus.

### Event Agenda

- 08:30-09:00** • **Registration**
- 09:00-09:15** • **Welcome Address**  
**Dr. Fuyong Chen**, Deputy Secretary General, Beijing Arbitration Commission/Beijing International Arbitration Center (BAC/BIAC)  
**Mr. James Bridgeman SC**, President, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb)  
**Prof. Loukas Mistelis**, Director, School of International Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London (QMUL)  
**Prof. Avrom Sherr**, Emeritus Professor, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London (IALS)
- 09:15-10:30** • **Session I: The Overview of Arbitration and TPF Practice in the PRC**  
**Moderator:**  
**Dr. Ismail Selim**, Director, Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA)  
**Speakers:**  
**Dr. Xuehua Wang**, Partner, Beijing Huanzhong & Partners  
**Mr. Zhi Zhang**, Partner, V&T Law Firm  
**Commentators:**  
**Mr. Steven P. Finizio**, Partner, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale  
**Mr. Michael Kor**, Consultant
- 10:30-10:45** • **Coffee Break**
- 10:45-11:45** • **Session II: The Overview of Commercial Mediation Practice in the PRC**  
**Moderator:**  
**Mr. Peter Yuen**, Partner, Fangda Partners(in association with Peter Yuen & Associates )  
**Speaker:**  
**Mr. Ning Fei**, Partner, Hui Zhong Law Firm  
**Commentator:**  
**Prof. Charles Debattista**, Barrister, St Philip Stone Chambers

- 11:45-12:45** ● **Session III: The Implications of COC, Take-or-pay, Price Review and Other Customary Energy Contract Clauses under Chinese Contract Law**  
**Moderator:**  
**Mr. Reza Mohtashami**, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer  
**Speaker:**  
**Mr. Weihua Zhang**, Vice president & General Counsel, United Energy Group Limited  
**Commentator:**  
**Ms. Jane Davies Evans**, Barrister, 3 Verulam Buildings
- 12:45-14:00** ● **Networking Lunch**
- 14:00-15:00** ● **Session IV: Latest Development in Construction Law in the PRC**  
**Moderator:**  
**Mr. Adrian Hughes QC**, Barrister and Arbitrator, 39 Essex Chambers  
**Speaker:**  
**Dr. Xianfeng Zhou**, Partner, JunHe LLP  
**Commentators:**  
**Ms. Deborah Ruff**, Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman  
**Mr. William Godwin QC**, Barrister, 3 Hare Court Chambers
- 15:00-15:15** ● **Coffee Break**
- 15:15-16:45** ● **Session V: The Overview of Private Investment and Finance Disputes in the PRC**  
**Moderator:**  
**Dr. Jalal El Ahdab**, Partner, Ginestie Magellan Paley Vincent  
**Speakers:**  
**Mr. Xiuming Tao**, Partner, JunZeJun Law Offices  
**Mr. Zhi Bao**, Partner, Baker McKenzie FenXun  
**Commentators:**  
**Mr. Robert Rhodes QC**, Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers  
**Mr. Sachin Trikha**, Senior Associate, Clifford Chance LLP
- 16:45-17:00** ● **Closing Remarks**  
**The Hon Sir William Blair**, Professor of Financial Law and Ethics, Queen Mary University of London
- 17:00-18:00** ● **Cocktail Reception**

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

### Fuyong Chen

#### Deputy Secretary General (BAC/BIAC)

Dr. Fuyong Chen is the Deputy Secretary-General of Beijing Arbitration Commission/ Beijing International Arbitration Center (BAC/BIAC) and the Vice-President of Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group (APRAG). He is a qualified PRC lawyer with a LLB from China University of Political Science and Law, a LLM from Peking University and a PhD from Tsinghua University. Dr. Fuyong Chen was a visiting researcher (2007-08) at the UC Berkeley School of Law and is a Research Fellow of the Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution at Renmin University of China. Dr. Fuyong Chen is the General Editor of Beijing Arbitration Quarterly and has published over ten journal articles on commercial dispute resolution, including "Striving for Independence, Competence and Fairness: A Case Study of Beijing Arbitration Commission", in *The American Review of International Arbitration*, v.18/no.3. His dissertation titled "The Unfinished Transformation: An Empirical Analysis of the Current Status and Future Trends of China's Arbitration Institutions" was awarded 2010 Beijing Excellent Doctoral Dissertation. Dr. Fuyong Chen is also the co-author of *Chinese Arbitration Law* (LexisNexis 2015), *China Arbitration Handbook* (Sweet & Maxwell 2011), and *International Commercial Arbitration Practice: 21st Century Perspectives* (LexisNexis 2016). He has extensive experience in handling various commercial disputes through arbitration and mediation and is a regular speaker at international conferences and seminars.



### James Bridgeman SC

#### President, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb)

Mr. James Bridgeman SC, President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators is a practising Barrister, Chartered Arbitrator and certified mediator. His practice, with a focus on civil and commercial litigation, international arbitration and ADR is based at the Law Library Dublin, Ireland and 4-5 Gray's Inn Square, London, UK. He is a member of the ICSID panel of arbitrators and conciliators nominated by the Irish government. He has received institutional appointments in international and domestic disputes from international institutions including WIPO (Geneva), ICC (Paris), CI Arb (London), NAF (Minneapolis, MN) CAC (Prague), KLRCA (Kuala Lumpur) as well as Irish institutions including CI Arb, the Construction Industry Federation, the Minister of State for Business and Employment, the Private Residential Tenancies Board, the Mental Health Commission. He is a member of the Property Services Appeal Board and formerly served as a member of the PRTB and as chair of the disciplinary committee of the Institute of Incorporated Public Accountants. In 2010 he was appointed by DG Justice of the EU Commission to the expert group advising on the revision of the Brussels 1 Regulation and arbitration. In August 2014, he was appointed by the Central Bank of Ireland as a member of the quasi-judicial panel to carry out investigations of regulated entities under the Administrative Sanctions Procedure. In November 2014 he was appointed by the Council of the EU as a member of the panel of 15 arbitrators for the Protocol on Cultural Cooperation to the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Korea (Council Decision 2014/794/EU). On 8 December 2015, he was appointed by the Irish Minister of State for Business and Employment as a member of the statutory panel of Construction Contracts Adjudicators Panel. He accepts appointments as a neutral, advocate and advisor and has been appointed arbitrator in over 300 arbitrations.



## Loukas Mistelis

### Director, School of International Arbitration (QMUL)

Prof. Loukas Mistelis is an acknowledged authority on international dispute resolution. In 2006 he was listed as one of the “leading lights in international arbitration”, is listed on the Who’s Who Commercial Arbitration since 2007, as well as the 2017 and 2018 GAR Thought Leaders in International Arbitration and is now listed amongst thought leaders and is also a member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and recipient of the GAR Award for best lecture of 2013. Prof. Loukas Mistelis is the Clive Schmitthoff Professor of Transnational Law and Arbitration and Director of the School of International Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London. He has been a visiting professor or scholar at National University of Singapore, Columbia Law School, NYU Law School, Keio University, Tokyo, LUISS, Rome and Catholic University of Portugal, Lisbon. He is a member of the Academic Committee of the Institute of Transnational Arbitration and a member of the Advisory Board of EFILA, a member of the Academic Committee of AIPN and President of the Court of CEDRAC (Cyprus Eurasia Dispute Resolution & Arbitration Centre). Prof. Loukas Mistelis was educated in Greece, France, Germany and Japan. He has been a member of the Athens Bar since 1993. He is fluent in English, German and Greek, and has good knowledge of French, and basic knowledge of Polish, Russian and Spanish. His substantial arbitration experience includes more than 70 arbitrations and covers ad hoc and ICC, ICSID, LCIA, UNCITRAL, SCC, Swiss Chambers, GCC Arbitration Centre and Moscow cases. He has also acted as counsel and expert in commercial and investment arbitration proceedings. His publications (in English, German, Greek and Russian) include more than 65 referred articles and 14 books, including Comparative International Commercial Arbitration (2013, with Lew and Kröll), Mandatory Rules in International Arbitration (2009, with Bermann), Concise International Arbitration (2nd edition, 2016), The Role of Arbitration in Shipping Law (2016, with Goldby) and the multi-volume.



## Avrom Sherr

### Emeritus Professor, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London (IALS)

Prof. Avrom Sherr graduated in Law from the London School of Economics in 1971 and qualified as a solicitor in commercial litigation with the firm of Coward (now Clifford) Chance. From 1974 to 1990 he taught at Warwick University where he was a pioneer. Prof. Avrom Sherr's main areas of interest have been the development of legal education, the sociology of the legal profession, ethics in professional work and the provision of legal services.



### **Ismail Selim**

#### **Director, Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA)**

Dr. Ismail Selim is the Director of the CRCICA and Secretary Treasurer of the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI). He graduated from Cairo University in 1997 with an LL.B., where he also obtained an LL.M in International Business Law from the I.D.A.I in 1999. He then earned his Master's degree in Public Administration from the E.N.A, in Paris in 2001. He also earned a Certificate in International Commercial Arbitration from Queen Mary University of London in 2005. In 2007, he accomplished an internship program at the ICC Court of International Arbitration. In 2009, he earned his PhD from Burgundy University (France). Dr. Ismail Selim started off his carrier at the judiciary, until he joined Zulficar & Partners in 2009



where he was promoted to Partner in 2013. Further, in May 2015, Dr. Ismail Selim joined Nour and Selim in association with Al Tamimi and Company as Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution. Dr. Ismail Selim teaches Private International Law at the IDAI since 2011 as well as international arbitration at the Sorbonne University Middle East Laws LLM. He has been constantly appointed as Presiding arbitrator, Sole Arbitrator and Co-Arbitrator and has acted as a Counsel in various ad hoc and institutional cases under various rules such as CRCICA, Swiss Rules, UNCITRAL, the ICC and the DIFC-LCIA. Dr. Ismail Selim provides Expert opinions on Egyptian and Libyan Laws in international Proceedings. He is enrolled on the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) panel of arbitrators, December 2017. Dr. Ismail Selim was recognized as "Leading Individual" by Legal 500 and has published several articles in learned Egyptian and International journals and regularly speaks in international conferences in the field of arbitration and investment. Dr. Ismail Selim is fluent in Arabic, French, English and speaks basic Chinese.

### **Xuehua Wang**

#### **Partner, Beijing Huanzhong & Partners**

Dr. Xuehua Wang is the Chief Partner of Beijing Huanzhong & Partners. He graduated from University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) with a PhD in Law. Dr. Xuehua Wang was the Associate Dean of the Law School of the University of International Business & Economics (UIBE), the Director of the Committee of International and WTO legal affairs of All China Lawyers' Association, the director of the Anti-Dumping and Anti-Monopoly Committee and the director of the International Trade and Investment Committee of Beijing Bar Association. Dr. Xuehua Wang is listed on the panels of arbitrators of Arbitration Centers such as Beijing Arbitration Commission/Beijing International Arbitration Center, China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, Shanghai International Arbitration Center, Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration, and Hainan Arbitration Commission. Dr. Xuehua Wang is also a visiting professor of UIBE, standing council member of WTO Law Research Society of China Law Society and China Academy of Arbitration Law, and council member of Chinese Society of International Law. Dr. Xuehua Wang has acted as counsel, arbitrator or Chinese law expert witness in different international arbitration cases, thus accumulating vast experiences. He published many papers on international commercial law and anti-dumping law, among which the Theory and Practice of Remedy Measures for Breach of Contract in CISG and the Comparison of Antidumping Law between PRC and USA are the masterpieces in the field of international commercial law and antidumping law. Besides, Dr. Xuehua Wang is the editor-in-chief of the very influential Huanzhong Commercial Arbitration WeChat Subscription Account.



## Zhi Zhang

### Partner, V&T Law Firm

Mr. Zhi Zhang is the founder of DS Legal Capital, a Chinese third party funder. He is also the founder of V&T Law Firm and acting as the director of the managing committee. Mr. Zhi Zhang is dispute resolution lawyer specializing in commercial litigation and international arbitration. He has over 20 years of experience representing domestic and international enterprises in many industrial sectors, including general corporate, real estate and intellectual property. Mr. Zhi Zhang is recognized for his experience and skills in handling complicated disputes for its clients. Mr. Zhi Zhang has planned and represented clients in several well known arbitration cases. Besides, he also advised clients in several M&A and financing projects. Mr. Zhi Zhang received his LL.B from China University of Political Science and Law and LL.M from City University of Hong Kong and EMBA from China Europe International Business School. He also acts as arbitrators for several arbitration institutions, including CIETAC, SHIAC, SCIA(SZAC), ACAS with over 15 years of experience and deals with over 100 arbitration cases. Mr. Zhi Zhang's working languages are Chinese and English.



## Steven P. Finizio

### Partner, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale

Mr. Steven Finizio is a member of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP's international arbitration and dispute resolution group, based in London. Mr. Steven Finizio has advised clients regarding disputes under the rules of most of the leading international arbitration institutions and in ad hoc proceedings, involving the laws of jurisdictions in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the US, as well as disputes under bilateral and regional treaties. He has assisted a government to draft new arbitration legislation and has been counsel in a number of human rights cases, including the first freedom of expression case in the African Court on Human and People's Rights. He also serves as an arbitrator. He teaches international arbitration as an adjunct professor, and is on the faculty of the International Dispute Resolution Academy (Hong Kong), the Cologne Academy of Arbitration, and the Africa International Legal Awareness (AILA) International Treaty Law and Arbitration Programme. Mr. Steven Finizio writes frequently on a wide range of issues relating to international dispute resolution, and his publications include "A Practical Guide to International Commercial Arbitration: Assessment, Planning and Strategy" (with Duncan Speller) and "International Commercial Arbitration," in The Law of Transnational Business Transactions. Mr. Steven Finizio is recognized as a leading international arbitration lawyer in Chambers Europe, Chambers UK, Legal 500, Global Arbitration Review's Who's Who in International Arbitration, the Euromoney Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration, Chambers Global, PLC Which Lawyer? and Legal Media Group's The Best of the Best. He also is recommended for public international law in Legal 500. Mr. Steven Finizio is a graduate of Georgetown University (A.B., 1988 magna cum laude), and the University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 1992, with honors, Order of the Coif). He also is a registered foreign lawyer in England and Wales.



**Michael Kor**  
**Consultant**

Mr. Michael Kor is a consultant for commercial/civil matters and litigation.



**Peter Yuen**  
**Partner, Fangda Partners(in association with Peter Yuen & Associates )**

Mr. Peter Yuen regularly acts for clients in complex international and regional arbitration and is experienced in acting as coordinating counsel in cross-border multi-jurisdictional disputes. His experience in arbitration covers both institutional and ad hoc arbitrations, in English and Chinese languages. Mr. Peter Yuen has been ranked as a Leading Individual for International Arbitration in Chambers Asia and he is praised by his clients as “detail-oriented, inventive and commercial with strong language capabilities and articulate manner” in Chambers Asia Pacific Guide 2018. Peter publishes regularly in a number of leading arbitration and dispute resolution journals. He is also a contributing editor of the Hong Kong White Book and he has recently co-authored “The International Investigations Review”. Mr. Peter Yuen is a panel arbitrator of the Beijing Arbitration Commission and the Shanghai International Arbitration Centre. He is also a dispute board committee member of the Chinese Arbitration Association, Taipei. Before joining Fangda, Mr. Peter Yuen was a partner of a magic circle firm where he was responsible for the firm’s China related dispute resolution practice.



**Ning Fei**  
**Managing Partner, Hui Zhong Law Firm**

Mr. Ning Fei is the managing partner of Hui Zhong Law Firm. Hui Zhong is a Chinese boutique law firm specialized in domestic and international dispute resolution. Mr. Ning Fei specializes in commercial litigation and arbitration. He has represented both Chinese and foreign clients in hundreds of commercial litigation cases before PRC courts at various levels up to the Supreme People’s Court. He has also participated in arbitral proceedings administered by CIETAC, HKIAC, SIAC, SCC and LCIA as arbitrator, counsel or expert witness. He is the first Mainland China lawyer who has been invited to act as a Council Member of HKIAC. Furthermore, Mr. Ning Fei has been frequently invited as speaker in prestigious international conferences held by IBA, GAR, SIAC etc. Since 2006, Mr. Ning Fei has been ranked by Chambers and Partners as one of the top dispute resolution lawyers in China. The Chambers Asia Pacific Guide ranked Mr. Fei as Band 1 lawyer in the fields of arbitration and general dispute resolution in China. Chambers and Partners remarked that “Fei Ning of Hui Zhong Law Firm maintains a highly regarded commercial arbitration practice in Beijing, which he balances with various management responsibilities.”



### Charles Debattista

#### Barrister, St Philip Stone Chambers

Prof. Charles Debattista practises dry shipping and international trade law from St Philip Stone Chambers in London, both as counsel and as an arbitrator. The central focus of his practice is in bills of lading, charterparties, international sale of goods and letters of credit. Apart from practising in these areas, Prof. Charles Debattista has for many years worked with the ICC on successive versions Incoterms and the UCP; back in the 1990s he was one of the main consultees on what was to become the UK Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1992. Prof. Charles Debattista has taken appointments as arbitrator since 2002 and regularly sits under LMAA, LCIA and ICC Rules and also in ad hoc arbitrations. Prof. Charles Debattista has sat as sole arbitrator, as chairman of tribunals and as a party-appointed arbitrator. Several of his Awards have been confirmed on reference up to the Courts and he has yet to suffer a successful challenge. In an earlier life, Prof. Charles Debattista was a University Professor teaching and writing in the same areas, and his writing, which has been frequently been cited in courts in the UK, focuses on problems which the bill of lading document faces when there is a mismatch between the contracts of sale, carriage and credit.



### Reza Mohtashami

#### Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Mr. Reza Mohtashami is an experienced partner who has represented clients as counsel and advocate in more than 75 arbitrations conducted under a variety of arbitration rules in many different jurisdictions. After spending 15 years working in Paris, New York and Dubai, where he established the firm's global arbitration practice in the Middle East, Mr. Reza Mohtashami is now based in London from where he handles disputes focusing on the energy, infrastructure and telecommunications sectors. Mr. Reza Mohtashami also regularly sits as arbitrator. Mr. Reza Mohtashami holds positions of responsibility with various international organisations, including as an officer of the IBA Arbitration Committee and president of the LCIA Arab Users' Council. Mr. Reza Mohtashami is a qualified English solicitor-advocate. He has law degrees from University College London and the University of Cambridge. He speaks English, French and Persian.



### Weihua Zhang

#### Vice president & General Counsel, United Energy Group Limited

Mr. Weihua Zhang has nearly two decades of legal experience. Before joining United Energy Group, he was the Director of the Project Management Division of the Legal Department of CNOOC Group. Other previous positions at CNOOC included Head of Consulting Team in the Legal Department and Acting Head of Merger/Acquisition Team in their Legal Department. He was a core member of legal team representing CNOOC on its USD15.1 billion acquisition of Nexen Inc. He was recognized by Legal 500 and ALB as one of Asia Pacific's top General Counsels. He currently also serves as a Committee Member for AIPN Model Contracts Drafting Committee. Before CNOOC Mr. Weihua Zhang held corporate counsel positions in both CITIC Resources and PetroChina. Mr. Weihua Zhang has sophisticated work experience on large-scale cross-border transactions with multinational companies. He has delivered legal opinions to Board and Investment Committee on major transactions and



investments, is familiar with international oil and gas industry practices and has sophisticated business negotiation skills. He received the honor of "Expert on outbound investments" from China SASAC. Mr. Zhang, as the author of 'Cross-border mergers and acquisition: a legal and practical guide' and 'M&A: Great Era', is also a guest professor of Beijing Foreign Studies University.

#### **Jane Davies Evans**

##### **Barrister, 3 Verulam Buildings**

Ms. Jane Davies Evans is ranked for energy disputes, construction and international arbitration (Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners) and recognised in Who's Who Legal: Construction. Ms. Jane Davies Evans acts as lead or co-counsel in international arbitrations and dispute boards, and counsel in arbitration related litigation. Jane's practice focuses on disputes arising in the energy, natural resources and infrastructure sectors in the Middle East, Africa, Asia Pacific, the Russian Federation and CIS and Latin America, with particular expertise in arbitrations concerning complex major and mega projects.



#### **Adrian Hughes QC**

##### **Barrister and Arbitrator, 39 Essex Chambers**

Mr. Adrian Hughes QC practises construction and commercial law from 39 Essex Chambers in London, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur. His core practice involves construction and engineering cases and major energy and infrastructure projects but he also handles a wide variety of international and domestic commercial work including shipping, trade, insurance and financial services. Much of his work has an international element and involves advising and representing foreign clients. He has a longstanding connection with China and other parts of Asia and frequently undertakes international arbitration and dispute resolution work for foreign parties in London and all the major international centres. He sits as Arbitrator, Adjudicator and Mediator on international disputes both in the UK and internationally. He is a member of various arbitration panels and has been a member of the Foreign Arbitrators Panel of CIETAC for 15 years. He also chairs and sits on Dispute Boards for international construction and infrastructure projects. For many years Adrian has run training schemes for young Chinese lawyers in the UK on behalf of the Bar Council and chaired the Bar Council's China Committee.



#### **Xianfeng Zhou**

##### **Partner, JunHe LLP**

Dr. Xianfeng Zhou specialises in construction and engineering law. Prior to joining JunHe, he served as Managing Partner of Hesent Law Firm in alliance with Pinsent Masons LLP. He was retained as an Adjunctive Professor by Tsinghua University - IIEPM, and now is the Vice Chairman of Construction Law Society (China) and arbitrator of China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC). Dr. Xianfeng Zhou specializes in all aspects of law relating to construction and engineering for energy and infrastructure projects, particularly EPC projects, construction insurance and bonds, claims and counter claims, cross-border construction disputes resolution both domestically and internationally. Based on his working experiences as engineer,



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### **Deborah Ruff**

#### **Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman**

Ms. Deborah Ruff has extensive experience in multi-jurisdictional disputes, specialising in high-value and complex international arbitration, including, amongst others, in the energy, infrastructure and construction, telecommunications, insurance and financial sectors. She has dealt with numerous disputes involving shareholder issues, mergers and acquisitions, earn-out provisions, trusts, trade finance and financial instruments. She has conducted numerous international arbitration cases, both under the various institutional rules and on an ad hoc basis. She regularly represents clients in arbitrations under the rules of the LCIA, the ICC, the Swiss, Stockholm and DIAC rules, as well as, amongst others, the CIETAC and UNCITRAL Rules. In addition to London-seated arbitrations, she has advised on and/or conducted arbitrations in the major arbitration centres such as Beijing, Hong Kong, Singapore Paris, Geneva, Zurich, Stockholm, Dubai and New York, as well as in a variety of other jurisdictions. She has advised on disputes arising out of Bilateral Investment Treaties, dealing with such issues as creeping expropriation, unfair and inequitable treatment, Most Favored Nation (MFN) clauses and windfall taxation. Deborah also represents clients in arbitration-related litigation matters, including obtaining freezing orders and other interim relief in support of arbitrations, enforcement of awards worldwide, sovereign immunity issues and jurisdictional battles. Her work has been recognised in the arbitration sections of directories such as the Legal 500 and Chambers. Chambers have described her as having "a steely focus on the key issues and driving home the arguments". She has spoken at a number of international conferences and seminars. Ms. Deborah Ruff also has "hands-on" business experience and, before becoming a lawyer, worked in a financial role in the City and for a major state oil company. Deborah conducts her own advocacy in arbitration proceedings.



### **William Godwin QC**

#### **Barrister, 3 Hare Court Chambers**

Mr. William Godwin QC is a practising barrister (Queen's Counsel) and arbitrator at 3 Hare Court Chambers in London specialising in commercial and construction law. He has been advising and acting for Chinese parties in international arbitrations and related court applications in a wide range of matters since 1998. Mr. William Godwin QC is also an arbitration panel member of CIETAC, Shanghai International Arbitration Centre and Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration, as well as Dubai International Arbitration Centre and Mauritius MARC. He was legal member of the FIDIC Updates Task Group responsible for drafting the new 2017 editions of the three main FIDIC construction contracts. A visiting lecturer in law at City, University of London, Mr. William Godwin QC has also been a visiting lecturer in Chinese arbitration at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University, and has given lectures at universities in Chongqing and Beijing. He writes and speaks widely on arbitration, commercial and construction topics, including, in 2006, having a textbook published in Beijing in the Chinese language. Mr. William Godwin QC is a graduate of University College London (first class) and Oxford University (PhD) and is a director of



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### **Jalal El Ahdab**

#### **Partner, Ginestie Magellan Paley Vincent**

Dr. Jalal El Ahdab's 20-year practice covers international business law, notably with the Arab world and Europe, in the field of international arbitration and foreign investments. His vast experience in various fields covers all sorts of institutional rules (ICC, ICSID, LCIA, CRICA, DIAC, CAS...) but also (UNCITRAL) ad hoc ones. He is qualified to practice in Paris, Beirut and New York. He is co-author of *Arbitration with the Arab Countries* (3rd ed., Kluwer, 2011) and will release in 2018 a book on *Arbitration Law in France* (Lexis). He is also managing editor of the *International Journal of Arab Arbitration*, available on [www.kluwerarbitration.com](http://www.kluwerarbitration.com). Dr. Jalal El Ahdab is a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, Lebanon's Representative at UNCITRAL, as well as the Chair of the CIARB Paris Chapter and Vice-Chair of the IBA Arab Regional Forum.



### **Xiuming Tao**

#### **Partner, JunZeJun Law Offices**

Mr. Xiuming Tao is the founding partner and managing partner of Beijing JunZeJun Law Offices. Mr. Xiuming Tao has been practicing for over 25 years focusing on the financial and capital market. He is especially experienced in arbitration regarding finance-and-investment related disputes. He is currently arbitrator of China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission ("CIETAC") (and member of the Expert Advisory Committee of CIETAC as well) and Beijing Arbitration Commission, member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR (also member of the Task Force on Financial Institutions of the ICC) and member of ICC (China), also arbitrator of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), Shanghai International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (SHIAC), Chinese Arbitration Association (Taipei, CAA), Cross-Strait Arbitration Center, Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA) and some other arbitration institutions in China.



### **Zhi Bao**

#### **Partner, Baker McKenzie FenXun**

Mr. Zhi Bao's practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, private equity and anti-monopoly, all disciplines which he made his own during his over seven years with the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) in Beijing and subsequently at a leading PRC law firm. He had worked for multinational, state-owned and private clients, such as Google, Apple, FedEx, EDF, IFC, Ericsson, Rockwell, Pola, Daiwa; CCB International, China Life, China Resources, CNOOC, COFCO; CITIC Capital, SAIF Capital, CDH Capital. At MOFCOM, he spearheaded examination of numerous foreign direct investments, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, and anti-monopoly filings for companies engaged in M&A transactions. He also was a principal draftsman of key regulations relating to restructuring of domestic and offshore companies and cross-border M&A transactions (for both unlisted and listed Chinese



target companies, as well as both inbound and outbound transactions) and funds. As the partner of FenXun Partners, Mr. Zhi Bao has pioneered (and obtained approvals for) unique, tested transformations of offshore ownership transaction structures into onshore ownership structures for important clients. Mr. Zhi Bao has advised many multinational companies on the regulatory aspects, including but not limited to anti-trust filing and national security review of their cross-border M&A transactions as well as counselling them on the regulatory risks of their business behaviour.

**Robert Rhodes QC**  
**Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers**

Education: St Paul's School, London (Foundation Scholar). Pembroke College, Oxford. Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Accredited Mediator. 1968 Called to the Bar of England and Wales 1979-89 Standing Counsel to HM Inland Revenue 1983-2017 Appointed deputy Judge 1989 Appointed Queen's Counsel 1992-2001 Deputy Chairman Investment Management Regulatory Organisation Membership Appeals Tribunal 1998-2004 Member of Appeal Tribunal of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales 2004-2012 Chair of Disciplinary Tribunals for Accountants' Investigation & Discipline Board, and Accountants' and Actuaries' Discipline Board 2012-2014 Chair of Disciplinary Tribunals for the Financial Reporting Council Member of the Bar Council of England & Wales Master of the Bench of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple. Senior International Mediation Expert of the Mainland-Hong Kong Joint Mediation Center, Hong Kong Member of the Panel of Arbitrators, Beijing Arbitration Commission Member of the Panel of Mediators & Arbitrators of Jinan LAC Member of the Panel of Mediators & Arbitrators of Lang Fang LAC Member of the Panel of Mediators & Arbitrators of Chinese Arbitration Commission, Taipei Member of the Panel of Arbitrators of Thailand Arbitration Institute Member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the Arbitration & Mediation Court of the Caribbean Member of the Panel of Mediators of the International Court of Arbitration for Sport Former Member Corporate Panel of the Dispute Board Federation Former Member of the Panel of Mediators of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade. Has lectured worldwide, broadcast and published extensively on legal matters.



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### **The Hon Sir William Blair**

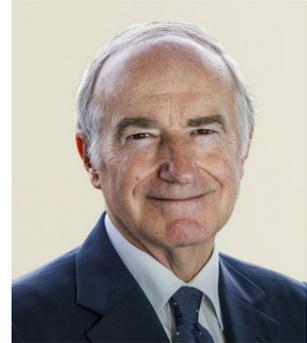
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Sir William (Bill) Blair is the Professor of Financial Law and Ethics at Queen Mary University of London, based at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies and an Associate Member of Chambers at 3 Verulam Buildings, London, in the International Advisory and Dispute Resolution Unit. He accepts appointment as an arbitrator.

He served as a High Court Judge in England and Wales for nearly ten years and was Judge in Charge of the Commercial Court in London from 2016. He helped to establish the specialist Financial List and the Standing International Forum of Commercial Courts which met for the first time in May 2017. As a Judge, he handed down many decisions in the field of arbitration and had overall responsibility for the arbitration cases as Judge in Charge of the Court. He continues to sit occasionally in the Court.

Bill served as Chairman of the Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Tribunal. At the EU level, he is President of the Board of Appeal of the European Supervisory Authorities. He is a member of London's Financial Markets Law Committee and chairs the Monetary Law Committee of the International Law Association. Bill is a member of the Expert Working Group on commercial dispute resolution set up between the Chinese and UK judiciaries, and it is an expert adviser to Oxford University OBOR Institute (socio-legal issues arising from China's belt and road initiative).

Bill graduated from Oxford University and practised at the English Bar where he specialised in the law of banking and finance. He became a QC in 1994 and was Chair of the Commercial Bar Association between 2003 and 2005. He holds visiting Professorships at the London School of Economics (LSE), Peking University Law School (PKU) and East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL), and is a Fellow of the Oxford University Commercial Law Centre. He is a member of P.R.I.M.E. Finance's Advisory Board and its Panel of Experts. Bill chairs the Law and Ethics in Finance Project, an informal group concerned with standards in the financial sector.



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