

EASTERN EUROPEAN DISPUTE RESOLUTION FORUM TO TAKE PLACE IN MINSK IN SEPTEMBER FOR THE THIRD TIME

This autumn Minsk will host the annual <u>Eastern European Dispute Resolution Forum (EEDRF)</u>. Lawyers from all over the world will unite for a few days in order to discuss key topics related to dispute resolution in international commercial arbitration and state courts at this year's event, which is organized under the slogan «Know your expert».



EEDRF will take place during 20-21 September 2018 at the Minsk Marriott Hotel.

The distinctive feature of the Forum is its exceptional practical focus and this year the main topic of discussion will be "Experts and expertise" and we are going to take a look at the following issues:

- choice of experts and novel services they may provide
- use of experts by the parties in the most efficient manner
- experts from the Tribunal's perspective

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMME OF THE FORUM

More than 25 speakers confirmed participation, among them:

- > Jennifer YOUNAN, Partner, Shearman & Sterling (France)
- Susanne HEGER, Partner, Heger & Partner Rechtsanwälte (Austria)
- Noah RUBINS, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (France)
- > Annette MAGNUSSON, Secretary General, SCC
- > Doug HALL, Partner, Head of Forensic services, Smith & Williamson (United Kingdom)
- ➤ Glenn HENDRIX, Partner, Arnall Golden Gregory (USA)
- **Roman KHODYKIN,** Partner, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (United Kingdom)
- ➤ Julia ATAMANOVA, Advocate, Counsel, LCF Law Group (Ukraine)
- Alexander BELOHLAVEK, Partner, The Law Office of Prof. Dr. Alexander Bělohlávek (Czech Republic)



Keynote speaker of this year - LOUIS FLANNERY QC, head of International Arbitration at Stephenson Harwood LLP in London, named as a leading international arbitration practitioner in "Who's Who Legal: Arbitration Lawyers 2018". Louis has acted or advised in relation to commercial disputes for over 25 years and has been involved in many reported decisions in England.

Announced panel of speakers is going to share experience on the following topics:

- Fishing for the appropriate expert (qualification, experience, costs and ethics).
- ➤ Somebody that I used to know experts and conflict of interest concept.
- ➤ The role of business intelligence in support of litigation.
- Expert: best friend of the tribunal or parties?
- Thin line between providing an independent expert opinion and advocacy.
- ➤ Use or Abuse: party-appointed experts in arbitration.
- Approaches to expert witness cross-examination.
- Need for speed: tribunals' tools to manage the use of experts efficiently.
- > Appealing expert's results. Experience of Ukraine.
- Additional Weapon: practical tips for effective expert conferencing and "Hot-Tubbing" of experts in international arbitration.
- ➤ Role of tribunal in appointment of experts: "inquisitorial" and "adversarial" perspectives.

THIS YEAR THE EEDRF-2018 WILL TAKE PLACE OVER THREE DAYS:

September 20 – "Prague Rules Event" and Master class from the partners of the Forum followed by a special social program «Discovering Minsk: Every Street Has a Story to Tell».

September 21- Main EEDRF Programme and Cocktail Dinner.

September 22 – Unique traveling weekend from a partner of the Forum.

JOIN THE DISCUSSION AND BE A PART OF AN ARBITRATION COMMUNITY

Minsk is ready and waiting to meet more than 200 lawyers at the EEDRF, which will include major players from the world of dispute resolution, including representatives of international law firms, corporate and inhouse lawyers, experts in the field of litigation and arbitration from Central and Eastern Europe, the Baltic States, CIS, Western Europe and the United States, as well as, law students, members of the academic community and the public sector. Heads of major European arbitral centers and institutions have already confirmed their participation.

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