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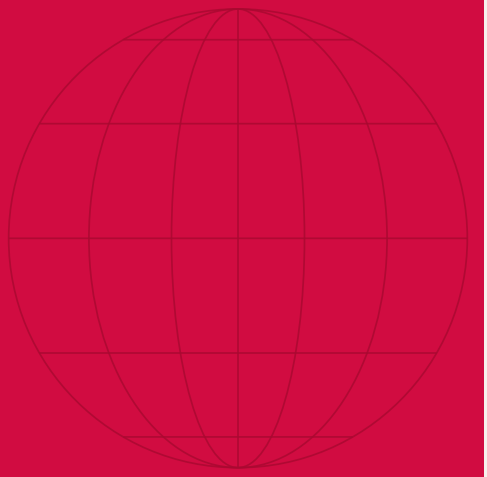

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The day at a glance

All times Eastern Standard Time (EST) · Myron Taylor Hall, Cornell Law School

9:00–9:15 AM	**WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS** Cornell International Arbitration Society
9:15–10:15 AM	**The Evolution of Institutional Arbitration Rules: ICDR and ICC Perspectives** Martin F. Gusy · Bracewell LLP
10:15–11:00 AM	**Coffee & Breakfast Mixer** Informal networking with speakers and attendees
11:00 AM–12:00 PM	**Balancing Sovereignty and Investor Protection** Dr. Daniela Cala Pérez · Freshfields
12:00–1:30 PM	**Lunch Mixer** Lunch and informal conversations
1:45–2:45 PM	**Enforcing International Arbitral Awards in U.S. Courts** James E. Berger · DLA Piper
3:00–4:00 PM	**Arbitral Awards as Assets: Monetization and Secondary Markets** Peter R. Griffin · GBS Disputes
4:15–5:15 PM	**Career Pathways in International Arbitration** Sophia Sepúlveda Harms · SLB

Meet our speakers

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Martin F. Gusy

PARTNER & CO-CHAIR, INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

BRACEWELL LLP

Martin Gusy is a dual-licensed common-law and civil-law disputes attorney and arbitrator who co-chairs Bracewell's international arbitration practice. With more than 20 years of experience, he has advised commercial parties and sovereigns in over 100 high-stakes cross-border disputes and transactions, including commercial and investor-State arbitration. He has also served as arbitrator in more than three dozen proceedings. With James M. Hosking and Gretta Walters, he co-authored the third edition of *A Guide to the ICDR International Arbitration Rules* (Oxford University Press, 2026). He also co-authored the AIEN paper "A Global Review of Joint Operating Agreement Disputes" (2020). He has worked in Frankfurt, Singapore, Paris, Houston and São Paulo and advises clients across Europe, the Americas, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Australia. His professional activities include the Executive Committee of NYIAC, AAA/ICDR committees and the ICC Commission's Task Force on Disability Inclusion in International Arbitration. He has also helped draft institutional arbitration rules.

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Dr. Daniela Cala Pérez

SENIOR ASSOCIATE, INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

FRESHFIELDS

Dr. Daniela Cala Pérez is a senior associate in Freshfields' international arbitration group in New York. Her practice focuses on Latin American disputes, particularly energy and natural resources matters. She has advised clients in oil and gas, electricity and construction and has acted in arbitrations under ICSID, CRCICA and CCB rules. She holds an LL.M. and a J.S.D. from Cornell Law School, where her research focused on investment arbitration and public international law. She previously obtained degrees in economics and law from Universidad de los Andes in Colombia. Before joining Freshfields, she worked at law firms in Bogotá and London on matters including international arbitration, antitrust and data privacy, and interned at ICSID.

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James E. Berger

PARTNER, LITIGATION

DLA PIPER

James E. Berger is a litigation partner at DLA Piper, based in New York and Washington, D.C. He focuses on international and sovereign disputes, especially cross-border enforcement of arbitral awards and judgments in the United States and globally, as well as multi-jurisdictional asset recovery. He has served as lead counsel in U.S. trial and appellate litigation involving the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, the New York and Panama Conventions, ICSID, the Energy Charter Treaty, the Uniform Foreign Money Judgments Recognition Act and 28 U.S.C. § 1782. A frequent writer and speaker on international dispute resolution, he has guest-lectured at NYU, Fordham and Renmin University law schools, while cases he litigated have formed the basis of courses at NYU and Fordham. He conceived, edited and contributed to *International Aspects of U.S. Litigation* (American Bar Association, 2017), a two-volume treatise, and has published analyses in *Bloomberg Law* and *Law360* and contributed commentary to the *South China Morning Post*.

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Peter R. Griffin

PARTNER

GAILLARD BANIFATEMI SHELBAYA DISPUTES

Peter R. Griffin is a partner in the New York office of Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes. He has more than 30 years of international arbitration and litigation experience, having practiced in London, Paris and New York. He has handled cases across sectors including oil and gas, extractive industries, construction, life sciences, semiconductors, technology, financial services and telecommunications. He has extensive experience enforcing and collecting international judgments and arbitral awards, particularly sovereign claims, and has successfully enforced claims against sovereigns in the Americas, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. He has also advised claimants and investors on high-profile award monetization transactions and is considered a pioneer of that market. In addition, he has acted as a senior strategic adviser to oil and gas and telecommunications clients on important financings and acquisitions.

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Sophia Sepúlveda Harms

REGIONAL COUNSEL

SLB

Sophia Sepúlveda Harms is Regional Counsel at SLB, an international energy technology company. She previously practiced in King & Spalding's International Disputes group in Houston, working on international commercial, investor-State, construction and award-enforcement disputes, including matters in the energy and infrastructure sectors. In 2025, she received an oral submissions award in the Delos Dispute Resolution Remote Oral Advocacy Americas Program. She authored "Toward a Green New Treaty Deal: Reforms to ISDS amid Environmental Crisis" (*Houston Law Review*, 2020). She earned her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center and is admitted to practice in Texas.

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