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Petroleum Negotiators



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# Dispute Resolution in the International Oil & Gas Business

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The Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN) is the leading professional membership organization of commercial negotiators and energy lawyers in the international oil & gas industry, serving more than 3,500 professionals in some 110 countries. AIPN develops petroleum model contracts that are widely used throughout the industry, provides educational seminars and conferences around the world, publishes leading research on emerging energy issues and is the premier forum for dialogue on oil and gas transactions amongst companies, government and their advisors.

## About ICDR

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## Conference Program

**Thursday, October 24, 2019**

All conference sessions will be held in the Regency Ballroom A-B.

**08:30 – 09:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast**  
Regency Ballroom Foyer

**09:00 – 09:15 Opening Remarks**

**Chair: Tim Martin**, Conference Chair, Calgary, Canada  
**India Johnson**, President & CEO of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), New York, USA  
**Bill Cline**, 2019-2020 President, Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN), Houston, USA

**09:15 – 10:45 Session One: Corporate Counsel Roundtable**

The clients provide their overview of the important issues in oil & gas disputes that impact their companies. This panel of in-house counsel will discuss the critical issues from their perspective that arise from energy disputes. You will hear what they think is important in resolving these kinds of disputes and how they prefer they be resolved.

**Chair: Tomasz Sikora**, Counsel, ExxonMobil, Houston, USA  
**Marcela Berdion-Straub**, Lead Counsel Litigation, Total, Houston, USA  
**Ed Diggs**, Counsel, Bechtel, Houston, USA  
**Suzana Blades**, Assistant General Counsel, ConocoPhillips, Houston, USA

**10:45 – 11:15 Refreshment Break**  
Regency Ballroom Foyer

**11:15 – 12:45 Session Two: Joint Operating Agreement Disputes**

The Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) is one of the cornerstone contracts in the upstream oil & gas business. Most petroleum upstream investments are made through JOAs, which generate some of the most complex and high impact disputes in the industry. The AIPN commissioned a research study that completed the most comprehensive review of JOA disputes from around the world. This panel will discuss the results of this study.

**Chair: Tim Martin**, Managing Director, Northumberland Chambers, Calgary, Canada  
**John Gilbert**, Partner, Bracewell, London, UK

**David Harrell**, Partner, Locke Lord LLP, Houston, USA  
**John Bowman**, Partner, King & Spalding, Houston, USA

**12:45 – 14:00 Luncheon**  
Regency Ballroom C-D

**14:00 – 15:30 Session Three: Midstream & Downstream Disputes**

The midstream and downstream sectors of the energy business have unique problems and disputes. They cover pipelines, rights of way, gathering & processing facilities, refineries, petrochemical plants, price redeterminations and destination restrictions. The speakers will present a review of those disputes in multiple jurisdictions, including the Americas, European and Asian markets.

**Chair: Jaime Ramirez**, Counsel, Valero Energy, San Antonio, USA  
**Stephen Anway**, Partner, Squire Patton Boggs, New York, USA  
**Teresa Garcia-Reyes**, Senior Counsel, Baker Hughes (GE), Houston, USA  
**Dave Tamm**, Senior VP, Baker & O'Brien, Houston, USA

**15:30 – 16:00 Refreshment Break**  
Regency Ballroom Foyer

**16:00 – 17:30 Session Four: Human Rights & Environmental Disputes**

This session will focus on emerging disputes amongst states, oil & gas companies & NGO's in the areas of human rights and the environment. The panel will discuss the leading cases, human rights and environmental treaties, international law & standards in this rapidly evolving area.

**Chair: Jose Luis Martin**, Managing Counsel, Chevron, San Ramon, USA  
**Carol Wood**, Partner, King & Spalding, Houston, USA  
**Graham Coop**, Partner, Volterra Fietta, London, UK  
**Suzanne Spears**, Partner, Allen & Overy, London, UK

**17:30 – 19:30 Networking Reception**  
Regency Ballroom Foyer

## Conference Program

**Friday, October 25, 2019**

All conference sessions will be held in the Regency Ballroom A-B.

### 09:00 – 10:30 **Session One: Boundary Disputes**

The delimitation of boundaries is a major area of disputes amongst sovereign states. A large majority of them deal with competing governments wanting to access oil & gas reserves. This panel will discuss sovereign boundary disputes involving oil & gas fields around the world and the role of the energy sector in those disputes.

**Chair: Jason Doughty**, General Counsel, Kosmos Energy, Houston, USA

**Derek Smith**, Partner, Foley Hoag, Washington DC, USA

**Christine Sim**, Associate, Herbert Smith Freehills, New York, USA

**Martin Pratt**, Director, Bordermap Consulting, Calgary, Canada

### 10:30 – 11:00 **Refreshment Break**

Regency Ballroom Foyer

### 11:00 – 12:30 **Session Two: Damages in Oil & Gas Disputes**

The primary remedy provided in international oil & gas arbitration awards is damages, whether in state investment or commercial disputes. This segment will review the kinds of valuation methods and compensation standards applied in oil & gas disputes and how damages are assessed in large, complex energy transactions.

**Chair: Mark Kantor**, Arbitrator, Washington DC, USA

**Kathleen Paisley**, Partner, Ambos NBGO, Brussels, Belgium

**Daniel Johnston**, Petroleum Economist, Guilford, CT, USA

**Laura Hardin**, Managing Director, Alvarez and Marshall, Houston, USA

### 12:30 - 14:00 **Luncheon**

Regency Ballroom C-D

### 14:00 – 15:30 **Session Three: Infrastructure Disputes**

Oil & gas companies are involved in some of the largest construction projects in the world. This session provides an in-depth analysis of the infrastructure and construction disputes that arise in the international oil & gas business.

**Chair: Lucy Greenwood**, Chartered Arbitrator, Houston, USA

**David Haigh QC**, Partner, Burnett Duckworth & Palmer, Calgary, Canada

**Peter Rees QC**, Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers, London, UK

**Kate Brown de Vejar**, Partner, DLA Piper, Mexico City, Mexico

### 15:30 – 16:00 **Refreshment Break**

Regency Ballroom Foyer

### 16:00 – 17:30 **Session Four: State Investment Disputes**

This panel will present a review of state investment disputes arising from treaties & contracts. The session will provide a review of recent state investment disputes in the energy sector and emerging trends in their resolution. The panel will also discuss some of the recent arbitrations arising from oil & gas granting instruments, including production sharing contracts.

**Chair: Carolyn Lamm**, Partner, White & Case, Washington DC, USA

**Alex Yanos**, Partner, Alston & Bird, New York, USA

**James Loftis**, Partner, Vinson & Elkins, Houston, USA

**Michael Young QC**, Partner, Quinn Emanuel, Paris, France

### 17:30 – 17:45 **Closing Remarks**

**Tim Martin**, Conference Chair, Calgary, Canada

**Eric Tuchmann**, Senior Vice President, International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), New York, USA