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# Dispute Resolution in the International Energy Business

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

All conference sessions will be held in Constellation Ballroom West at the Omni Houston Hotel unless otherwise stated.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024

**08:30 – 09:00 Registration and Refreshments**  
Constellation Ballroom Foyer

**09:00 – 09:15 Opening Remarks**

**Tim Martin**, Conference Co-Chair  
**Steve Andersen**, Division Vice President, AAA-ICDR  
**Michael Beirne**, 2024-2025 President, AIEN

**09:15 – 10:30 Session One: The History and Evolution of Energy Disputes**

Energy disputes have a long and distinguished history going back more than a hundred years. In addition to being the business sector that perennially dominates both investor-state and commercial disputes, energy disputes, in particular oil & gas disputes, have established the principles of investment law and international arbitration, which are now widely accepted and used throughout the world. This panel discusses the early historical cases and how they have influenced today's disputes world.

Chair: **James Loftis**, Vinson & Elkins, Houston, USA  
**Tim Martin**, Northumberland Chambers, Calgary, Canada  
**Doak Bishop**, King & Spalding, Houston, USA

**10:30 – 11:00 Refreshment Break**  
Constellation Ballroom Foyer

**11:00 – 12:30 Session Two: Boundary Disputes: Legal, Commercial & Geopolitical Issues**

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 and mineral deposits. This panel will discuss sovereign boundary disputes that have arisen in South America and the Caribbean as a result of the recent discovery of world class oil fields in offshore Guyana. Major legal, economic and geopolitical issues have arisen between adjacent states that have been exacerbated by the complexities of the shifting coastline in South America and the difficulties in delimiting the outer continental shelf.

Chair: **Mike Josephson**, Independent Arbitration Counsel, Victoria, Canada  
**Robert Volterra**, Volterra Fietta, London, UK  
**Robert van de Poll**, Fugro, Hanwell, NB, Canada

**12:30 – 14:00 Networking Luncheon**  
Constellation Ballroom East

**14:00 – 15:30 Session Three: Investor State Disputes**

The panel will present a review of investor state disputes arising from treaties & contracts. The session will focus on recent state investment disputes in the energy sector and emerging trends in their resolution. The panel will discuss investment arbitrations that have dealt with cost recovery, tax disputes, decommissioning, prudent operator standards, good oilfield practice and the stabilization of financial terms in energy investment contracts, in addition to human rights and ESG issues that are now arising in state investment disputes.

Chair: **Dawn Lannin**, TotalEnergies, Houston, USA  
**Alex Yanos**, Alston & Bird, New York, USA  
**Maria Carolina Duran**, Baker Botts, Washington DC, USA  
**Carolyn Lamm**, White & Case, Washington DC, USA

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

**16:00 – 17:30 Session Four: Joint Venture Disputes**

The energy sector's projects are predominantly done through joint ventures. The members of this panel authored the leading textbook on disputes arising from joint ventures in the energy and natural resource sectors. Their discussion will cover disputes arising from both incorporated and unincorporated joint ventures in the oil & gas, solar, wind and nuclear industries in addition to the mining sector. Their research and analysis covers nearly 400 cases from around the world, including previously unpublished international arbitral awards.

Chair: **Ann Ryan Robertson**, Locke Lord LLP, Houston, USA  
**Tim Martin**, Northumberland Chambers, Calgary, Canada  
**John Gilbert**, Bracewell, London, UK

**17:30 – 19:30 Networking Reception**  
The Landing

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### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024

**08:30 – 09:00 Registration and Refreshments**  
Constellation Ballroom Foyer

**09:00 – 10:30 Session One: Damages in Energy Disputes**

The primary remedy provided in international energy 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 such disputes and how damages are assessed in large, complex energy transactions.

Chair: **Kathleen Paisley**, Ambos NBGO, Brussels, Belgium  
**Laura Hardin**, Berkeley Research Group, Houston, USA  
**Herfried Woss**, Woss & Partners, Washington DC, USA

**10:30 – 11:00 Refreshment Break**  
Constellation Ballroom Foyer

**11:00 – 12:30 Session Two: Alternative Energy Disputes**

As alternative energy sources expand their share of energy projects, so do their disputes. This panel will discuss emerging disputes from the solar, wind, nuclear and power generation industries. These include state investment, joint venture, financing, IP technology, licensing, regulatory and construction disputes.

Chair: **Marcela Berdion-Straub**, TotalEnergies, Houston, USA  
**Oisin Brady**, Independent Expert, Strasbourg, France  
**Gretta Walters**, Chaffetz Lindsey, New York, USA  
**Nathan O'Malley**, Mussick Peeler, Los Angeles, USA

**12:30 - 14:00 Luncheon with Presentation: Upstream Processes to Resolve Energy Disputes**  
Constellation Ballroom East

**Steve Andersen**, AAA-ICDR, Los Angeles, USA  
**Cecilia Azar**, Galicia Abogados, Mexico City, Mexico  
**Teresa Garcia-Reyes**, Baker Hughes, Houston, USA

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

Energy 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 energy business.

Chair: **Elisabeth Eljuri**, Westlawn Americas Offshore, Houston, USA  
**Ed Diggs**, Bechtel, Houston, USA  
**Ajey Chandra**, Baker & O'Brien, Houston, USA  
**Salvador Fonseca**, Fonseca, Rodríguez & Perchemlian, Mexico City, Mexico

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

**16:00 – 17:30 Session Four: The Client's View of International Energy Disputes**

The clients provide their overview of the important issues in energy disputes that impact their companies. This panel of in-house counsel will discuss the critical issues from their perspective that arise from energy disputes, including what was discussed throughout this conference. You will hear what they think is important in resolving these kinds of disputes and how they prefer them to be resolved.

Chair: **Sasha Carbone**, AAA-ICDR, New York, USA  
**Ed Diggs**, Bechtel, Houston, USA  
**Teresa Garcia-Reyes**, Baker Hughes, Houston, USA  
**Almudena Otero De La Vega**, CFE, Mexico City, Mexico

**17:30 – 17:45 Closing Remarks**

**Mike Josephson**, Conference Co-Chair  
**Yanett Quiroz**, AAA-ICDR