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Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration

# Dispute Resolution in the International Energy Business

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Monday, November 14, 2022

**08:00 – 09:00 Registration and Refreshments**  
New York Ballroom Foyer

**09:00 – 09:15 Opening Remarks**

**Tim Martin**, Conference Co-Chair, AIEN, Calgary, Canada  
**Victor Leginsky**, Conference Co-Chair, AIEN, Dubai, UAE  
**Dr. Waleed Abanumay**, Chairman, SCCA, Riyadh, KSA  
**Jennifer Josefson**, Immediate Past President, AIEN, Abu Dhabi, UAE

**09:15 – 10:45 Session One: State Investment Disputes**

This panel will present a review of state investment disputes arising from treaties & contracts. The session will provide a historical review of the historical cases in the Middle East, along with recent state investment disputes in the energy sector in the region. This will include recent arbitrations arising from granting instruments, including production sharing contracts.

**Chair: Dr. Saud Al-Ammari**, Chair, Al-Ammari Law Firm, Al-Khobar, KSA  
**Robert Volterra**, Partner, Volterra Fietta, London, UK  
**Tim Martin**, Managing Director, Northumberland Chambers, Calgary, Canada

**10:45 – 11:15 Refreshment Break**  
New York Ballroom Foyer

**11:15 – 12:45 Session Two: Upstream Commercial Disputes**

Energy companies deal with a multitude of disputes arising from their commercial transactions and contracts in the upstream business. Speakers will discuss a variety of such disputes, including those involving joint operating agreements, unit agreements, farmout agreements, confidentiality agreements, service contracts, and property acquisitions.

**Chair: Afshan Akhtar**, Chief Legal Counsel & Board Secretary, The Bahrain Petroleum Company (BAPCO), Awali, Bahrain  
**Alexandre de Gramont**, Partner, Dechert LLP, Washington, DC, USA  
**Ann Robertson**, Partner, Locke Lord Bissell, Houston, USA  
**Dorine Farah**, Partner, Baker Botts, London, UK

**12:45 – 14:00 Luncheon**  
New York Ballroom Foyer

**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, transportation agreements, rights of way, gathering & processing facilities, refineries, and petrochemical plants. Some of the largest disputes in terms of value include price redeterminations and destination restrictions in gas and LNG contracts. The speakers will present a review of these disputes in multiple jurisdictions, including the Middle East, Africa, the Americas, Europe and Asia.

**Chair: Tim Martin**, Managing Director, Northumberland Chambers, Calgary, Canada  
**Kirsten O'Connell**, Partner, Allen & Overy, Dubai, UAE  
**Kevin Waguespack**, CEO, Baker & O'Brien, Houston, USA  
**Elizabeth Oger-Gross**, Partner, White & Case, Paris, France

**15:30 – 16:00 Refreshment Break**  
New York Ballroom Foyer

**16:00 – 17:30 Session Four: 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: Victor Leginsky**, Arbitralis ADR, Dubai, UAE  
**Gordon Blanke**, Founding Partner, Blanke Arbitration, Dubai, UAE  
**Erin Rankin**, Partner, Freshfields, Global  
**Essam Al-Tamimi**, Chairman, Al-Tamimi & Co., Dubai, UAE

**17:30 – 17:45 Closing Remarks**

**Tim Martin**, Conference Co-Chair, AIEN, Calgary, Canada  
**Dr. Hamed Merah**, CEO, SCCA, Riyadh, KSA

**17:45 – 19:30 Networking Reception**  
New York Ballroom Foyer

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