

A PRESENTATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Ivar Alvik is a professor of law at the Scandinavian Institute of International law. He received his law degree in 2000, an M.Jur from the University of Oxford in 2001, and his doctorate at the University of Oslo in 2007. His main research interests is in the general field of national and international economic law, especially contract law and arbitration, international investment law, administrative law and constitutional law. Before he came back to the Faculty of Law in 2011, he was a Senior Associate in the Norwegian law firm Thommessen from 2008-2011, where he mainly worked with arbitration and litigation of disputes in the shipping and offshore sector.

Asbjørn Berg is partner in the Norwegian law firm Selmer and Head of Selmer's litigation department and has more than 30 years of experience in litigation and corporate law matters. He is a dispute resolution expert and regularly litigates cases within a wide variety of sectors and legal disciplines, both before the ordinary courts and in arbitrations. He has acted as lead counsel in several significant matters related to transactions, ship design and construction, patents, real estate development, pensions, telecom and contractual liability, and has extensive experience in planning and litigating complex disputes. He is also appointed as arbitrator. Besides his litigation practise, Asbjørn is advising in construction, public procurement, distribution and transport matters. He has years of experience as counsel to property owners and real estate developers, providing advice throughout all stages of real estate development. In addition, he advises both public authorities and suppliers in public procurements. Asbjørn also represents Norwegian and international companies in distribution matters as well as with securing and commercialisation of intellectual property rights, including agency and licensing agreements. Within the transportation sector, he has extensive experience as advisor on issues relating to passenger transport, transport of goods, logistics and third-party solutions.

Michael Joachim Bonell (mj.bonell@unidroit.org) is Professor Emeritus at the Law Faculty of the University of Rome I "La Sapienza". He was awarded Law Degrees Honoris Causa by the University of Louvain-La Neuve and by the University of Basel, and is Membre titulaire of the International Academy of Comparative Law. He acted as the Chairman of the Working Group for the preparation of the UNIDROIT of the Principles of International Commercial Contracts (1994, 2004 and 2010 edition). He was Delegate at the 1980 Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of the U.N. Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) and in 1990 appointed as Chairman of the XXIII^o Plenary Session of the United Nations Commission of International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). He was Visiting Professor at the Columbia University School of Law in 1993, 1999 and 2001, at the University of California School of Law at Davis in 1997 and at the University of Oxford in 1998. He served as Commissioner of the U.N. Compensation Commission, Category "F" Claims, and acted as Sole Arbitrator or Member of the Arbitral Tribunal in numerous domestic and international arbitration proceedings. He is Editor in chief of the database "UNILEX - International Case Law & Bibliography on the CISG and the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts" at <http://www.unilex.info>.

Knut Boye, Area of Practice: Litigation and dispute resolution, Contract law, Corporate law, Finance law and Aviation law. He has wide experience in litigation, arbitration and mediation. Approved mediator by the Norwegian Bar Association. He has substantial experience in the areas of contract law, company law, loan- and equity finance, project finance and secured transactions, mergers and acquisitions and restructuring. Professional Career: 1983 Partner: Simonsen Advokatfirma DA, 1979 – 1983 Associate: Simonsen & Musæus Advokatfirma DA, 1976 – 1977 and 1979 Norwegian Tax Directorate. Professional Education: 1977 – 1978 Master of Business Administration, Columbia University Graduate School of Business, New York, 1976 Candidate of jurisprudence, Oslo University. Admitted to the Norwegian Bar 1980. Admitted to the Supreme Court 1995. Board memberships: Member of the Norwegian Bar's Committee on civil procedure, Member of the Norwegian Jurists' Council for continuing legal education – division re civil procedure, Member of the management committee of European Air Law Association. Lecturer for the Norwegian Bar Association, for the Council for Continuing Education of the Bench and for other institutions on litigation and related topics. Member of: The Norwegian Bar Association, The Norwegian Jurists Association, The International Bar Association, The Center for International Legal Studies, The European Air Law Association, The Norwegian Maritime Law Association and The Norwegian MBA Association.

Are Lysnes Brautaset is senior legal counsel with Statoil ASA and currently Head of Legal Affairs and Compliance Officer at Statoil Tanzania, based in Dar es Salaam. Brautaset has 16 years' experience as in-house legal counsel and has worked all areas of the up- and midstream oil and gas industry in Norway and internationally, with a particular focus on gas related projects. Before joining the oil and gas division of Norsk Hydro (and subsequently Statoil), he was research assistant at the Department of Petroleum Law at the University of Oslo and associate with an energy law firm in Oslo.

Luka Castellani is the secretary of UNCITRAL Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce) and is involved in the promotion of the adoption and uniform interpretation of UNCITRAL texts in the area of international sale of goods. He joined the United Nations Secretariat in New York in 2001 and the UNCITRAL Secretariat, which is based in Vienna, Austria, in 2004. From March 2012 to November 2013 he was the first head of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific, located in Incheon, Republic of Korea. He published several articles, dealing, in particular, with sale of goods, electronic commerce and trade law reform in developing countries.

Christine Chappuis is a professor at and presently dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva, where she teaches contract and tort law, with a focus on international harmonization. She has published extensively in these fields. She was admitted to the bar in Switzerland in 1982, after graduating from the University of Geneva. Beside her academic activity, she also takes part in arbitrations on commercial litigations. She was a member of the Working Group for the preparation of the 3d edition (2010) of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts and of the Working Group on long-term contracts. During the same period of time, she took part in a funded project on a restatement of the Swiss Code of Obligations (<http://or2020.ch/>). Together with Sylvain Marchand and Laurent Hirsch, she is also co-editor and author of the *Recueil de contrats commerciaux, Modèles en français et en anglais commentés selon le droit suisse*, Basel (Helbing & Lichtenhahn) 2013 (<http://www.helbing.ch/detail/ISBN-9783719029708/Recueil-de-contrats-commerciaux>).

Neil B. Cohen, the Jeffrey D. Forchelli Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School, teaches courses in domestic and international commercial law, contracts, and conflict of laws. For over two decades, Professor Cohen has been a key participant in major domestic and international law reform projects with respect to commercial transactions. In recognition of his accomplishments, in 2014 Professor Cohen received both the American Law Institute's John Minor Wisdom Award and the Homer Kripke Lifetime Achievement Award of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers. He was the Reporter for Revised Article 1 of the Uniform Commercial Code and for the American Law Institute's Restatement of the Law of Suretyship and Guaranty; in honor of his accomplishments as Reporter for the Restatement, he was named as the Institute's R. Ammi Cutter Reporter. Professor Cohen currently serves as the Director of Research of the Permanent Editorial Board for the Uniform Commercial Code. In addition, he has been a member of several drafting committees for revising various articles of the Uniform Commercial Code, including the two most recent revisions of Article 9 (Secured Transactions). Professor Cohen has been active since 1995 in the modernization, harmonization, and internationalization of international commercial law. He has served as a member of United States delegation to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for its work on harmonizing and modernizing the law of secured credit, as a member of the Working Group at the Hague Conference on Private International Law that prepared the Hague Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts, and as an observer and working group member for the work of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (Unidroit) in its development of principles for international contracts. Since 2009, he has been a member of the United States Department of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law.

Giuditta Cordero-Moss, Dr. juris (Oslo), PhD (Moscow), is Professor at the Law Faculty of the University of Oslo. She teaches primarily International Commercial Law, International Commercial Arbitration, Private International Law and Norwegian Law of Obligations. An originally Italian lawyer, she started her career in the mid-eighties working with international commercial contracts as an in-house lawyer in multinational companies, first in the Italian Fiat S.p.A., then in the Norwegian Norsk Hydro ASA. Since she joined academia at the end of the century, she has been researching on the questions that she had met as an in-house lawyer and on those that she meets acting as a legal advisor within her fields of specialization and as an arbitrator. She has published numerous books and articles in Norway and internationally (among others, *International Commercial Contracts*, Cambridge University Press, 2014), and is often invited to lecture at universities and organisations all over Europe. In 2014 she held the special lectures at the Hague Academy of International Law, on the topic Party Autonomy in International Commercial Arbitration. She is a judge at the Administrative Tribunal, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (since 2007), the delegate for Norway at the UNCITRAL Working Group on Arbitration (since 2007), member of the Commission on Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris (since 2003), member of the Norwegian National Committee, International Chamber of Commerce (since 2001), and is active in numerous associations. Since 2014 she is Vice Chairman of the Board of the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway, and since 2015 she is member of the Norwegian Tariff Board.

Maria Beatrice Deli, Secretary General of the Associazione Italiana per l'Arbitrato (AIA - Italian Association for Arbitration) since 2011 and Secretary General of ICC Italy since 2013. Professor of International Law at the University of Molise and of International Organizations at LUISS Guido Carli, Rome. Attorney-at-law, practicing in a major law firm in Rome until 2011, mainly advising on Public and Private International Law issues and in international commercial arbitration. Member of the board of Editors of *Diritto del Commercio Internazionale* and *Rivista dell'Arbitrato*. Lecturer for Master Programs and international conferences focusing on international law, private international law, international investment law and arbitration. Author of articles and chapters in international commercial law and private international law.

Risteard de Paor is an Associate in the International Arbitration Group in White & Case LLP, Paris where he has worked on major commercial and construction arbitrations under the ICC Rules. Prior to joining White & Case, Risteard worked in the London and Paris offices of an international law firm, focusing on the areas of corporate law and international arbitration under the LCIA Rules. He has also worked in the in-house legal teams of large property investment and investment management companies, as well as of a public aviation body.

François Dessemontet. Born in 1948, Professor François Dessemontet holds a PH.D. in law (Lausanne 1974). He has been admitted to the Bar in 1975 (Lausanne). Prof. Dessemontet served as full time professor at Lausanne Law Faculty starting 1976, and permanent invited professor in Fribourg University since 1977, teaching law of corporations, law of contract, law of internet and intellectual property law for 30 years. Prof. Dessemontet has served as Dean of the Faculty of Law of Lausanne University and has founded the Centre for Business Law (CEDIDAC) there. He has published 250 books and articles. Now emeritus Prof. Dessemontet is active in international commercial arbitration and academic research. Prof. Dessemontet is past president of the International Association for the Advancement of Research and Teaching in Intellectual Property and of the Swiss Society of Jurists. He has been a member of the Committee of the Swiss Arbitration Association from 1994 through 2014.

Sondre Dyrland is partner in the Norwegian law firm Wiersholm. He works mainly with petroleum law and contract law for the oil and gas industry. His areas of expertise include the regulatory framework set out in the Petroleum Activities Act and Regulations, Joint Operating Agreements and other types of agreements used in the industry, various product sale agreements and offshore construction contracts. Dyrland's assistance to oil companies and suppliers include contract negotiations/contract work, legal opinions/reports and dispute resolution on these areas of expertise. He is also frequently used as an arbitrator.

David Echenberg is Chief Compliance Officer at General Electric Corporate and is currently based in Milan, Italy. David forms part of the Project Management Organisation recently established to assist GE's transition from a product company to a product and project company by way of a Project Risk Board, Project and Functional Execution Excellence and Project Enterprise Risk Management. Before joining GE Corporate, David worked for a number of years in private practice and in house with GE at Oil & Gas in Florence, Italy as of 2007. In this capacity, David was responsible for managing high value contracts and early dispute resolution as part of O&G's global procurement organisation. In 2010, David joined Power & Water in Milan where he supported the European and North Africa regions in the negotiation of multimillion dollar deals, the resolution of high value commercial disputes and was responsible for regional compliance matters. David's expertise is in the fields of commercial law and compliance. David grew up in Montreal, Canada and has a BA in Political Science and History from Trent University, Canada, a LLB/MA in Law with distinction from Sheffield University, UK and a LLM from Cornell Law School in the US. David is qualified as an attorney in New York and as a solicitor in England and Wales.

José Angelo Estrella Faria is the Secretary-General of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT). He was appointed by the UNIDROIT Governing Council in 2008 and confirmed for a second term in 2013. Until October 2008, he was a Senior Legal Officer with the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), in Vienna, where he had worked since February 1996. Mr Faria was the Secretary of UNCITRAL Working Group I (Privately Financed Infrastructure projects) during the preparation of the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide and the UNCITRAL Model Legislative Provisions on Privately Financed Infrastructure Projects, adopted in 2001 and 2003, respectively; he was also the Secretary of and UNCITRAL Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce) during the negotiation of the UN Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts, adopted in 2005. As a Senior Legal Officer, between October 2005 and October 2008, he supervised the secretariat support to UNCITRAL Working Group III (Transport Law) during the final years of negotiation of the UN Convention on Contracts for the International carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea ("Rotterdam Rules"). Prior to UNCITRAL, Mr. Faria had worked at the General Legal Division of the UN Office of Legal Affairs, in New York, from 1992 to 1996. Before joining the UN, Mr. Faria had worked as an attorney in private practice in Brazil specialised in commercial and trade law matters. Mr. Faria graduated from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (Porto Alegre, Brazil) and holds a Master on European Law from the Europa Institut der Universität des Saarlandes (Saarbrücken, Germany). He has published various articles and books on legal harmonisation, commercial law and international law. He is member of the American Law Institute, the European Law Institute and lecturer at the University of Vienna.

Mads Fuglesang is partner in the Norwegian law firm Selmer. He has particular expertise and experience within cross-border contracts and works primarily with the areas of construction, dispute resolution and oil and gas. Fuglesang advises contractors, owners and consultants on contract negotiations, claims management and disputes. Through his time in Selmer and his former employer Alstom Norway AS, he has participated in large procurement processes with main responsibility for contract strategies and implementation. Fuglesang regularly litigates cases before the ordinary courts and courts of arbitration. Fuglesang heads Selmer's contract group and lectures on contract law for students on the Faculty of Law on a regular basis.

Pietro Galizzi is the Retail Market Gas & Power Legal Assistance Senior Vice President with Eni, the largest Italian company and one of the largest integrated energy companies in the world. He was previously in charge of all legal assistance to the Eni's International Downstream activities (i.e. Gas Retail, Refining & Marketing and Chemicals). Before joining Eni, Pietro spent eighteen years with Saipem, which is one of the largest companies in Italy and the world's leading and most international contractor in the oil and gas industry. In particular, in the years 2002-2013 Pietro was the General Counsel of Saipem. In these roles, Pietro has been in charge of Legal Departments with lawyers predominantly based in Milan, Rome, Paris, Bruxelles, London, UAE, Singapore and Houston. Pietro has covered, and been responsible for, a wide cross section of legal activity, including compliance, litigation/arbitration, contract negotiation, contract administration and the full range of corporate legal activities. He has participated in the UNIDROIT Working Group on International Long-Term Contracts, as observer, and in the ICC Commission on Arbitration, Working Group on the Role of In-house Counsel in Dispute Resolution.

Paul-A. Gélinas has for some twenty five years concentrated his practice in the field of International Commercial Arbitration and Dispute Boards. He served as the Canadian Member on the ICC International Court of Arbitration (1974 – 1990) and was Chairman of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR (1996-2001). Before devoting his full time to dispute resolution, he advised clients involved in international joint ventures; for some 20 years, he was counsel to Elf, now Total, for its international oil and gas projects. In 1985, he acted for the successful tendering French consortium for the construction of the Channel Tunnel.

Charles Grey. Currently a Senior Legal Counsel, Yara Group Legal Department (March 2004 to date) and before that Senior Legal Counsel, Norsk Hydro Group Legal Department (August 1996 - March 2004) – now recently returned to the UK following 17 years in Oslo, Norway. Prior to these posts, I was an assistant Solicitor then partner with Simmons and Simmons, London, UK (and including 1 year's secondment to Minter Ellison, Sydney, Australia in 1989/90). Education: University of Exeter, UK (LLB – 1978-81), Guildford College of Law (Solicitors' Finals – 1981-2) and Université d'Aix-Marseille, France (DESU – 1982-3).

Erlend Haaskjold is partner in the Norwegian law firm Arntzen de Besche. He is part of the Dispute Resolution and Litigation Group at the Oslo office and is admitted to the Supreme Court of Norway. He primarily litigates and has presented a great number of cases before all instances of regular courts. Haaskjold has also litigated before the European Human Rights Court in Strasbourg and has extensive experience as an arbitrator in national and international disputes. He lectures commercial law at the Law Faculty at the University of Oslo.

Borgar Høgetveit Berg is partner in the Norwegian law firm Thommessen. He works with matters concerning dispute resolution. He assists clients on torts, bankruptcy law, contract law and administration law. He has litigated more than two hundred civil suits, a large number of these before the court of appeal. He regularly litigates cases before the Supreme Court and has extensive experience as an arbitrator.

Kai Uwe Karl attended the University of Tübingen and graduated with a J.D. degree in 1997. He then lectured civil, commercial and corporate law at the University of Tübingen, and subsequently clerked at the regional court of Stuttgart. He is a member of the Frankfurt bar and holds a PhD in commercial law from the University of Tübingen, Germany. From 2001 to 2007, Mr. Karl was with the international law firm Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton based in Brussels, where he represented clients in disputes before the European Courts, the European Commission, as well as national regulators. His practice included advising multinational companies and sovereign clients in European competition and state aid law, as well as general EC law. Mr. Karl joined General Electric's Oil & Gas business in 2008. He represents his division in disputes world-wide, including work in negotiations, mediation, arbitration and litigation. He also leads policy initiatives aimed at managing and reducing the risks of disputes.

Anette Kavaleff, LL.Lic (University of Helsinki) has worked as company lawyer and director of project finance at Imatran Voima Oy and at its successor Fortum Oyj (1985-2000). From 2000 she has through her firm Oy Kavaleff Consulting Ab acted as legal consultant mainly to energy companies and organizations. Her tasks involve inter alia assistance in large procurement projects, project sales, dispute resolution and contractual consultancy in projects in the field of nuclear energy. For more information see www.kavaleffconsulting.com

Johannes Koepf is a partner in the firm's International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Group. He is recognized by Chambers, Legal 500, Euromoney, The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration and Global Arbitration Review as one of the leading specialists in the field. His practice focuses on international arbitration, both commercial and investor-state. He has represented clients before most major arbitral institutions, as well as in ad hoc proceedings. For example, Dr. Koepf has participated in international arbitrations sited in London, Paris, Geneva, Stockholm, Hong Kong, Vienna and Munich, governed by the substantive laws of England, Poland, Greece, the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland. He is particularly experienced in multijurisdictional disputes arising out of energy, joint ventures, telecommunications and financial services.

Kåre Lilleholt, Dr. Juris, born 1952, is Professor at the Law Faculty of the University of Oslo. He has been Professor at the Law Faculty of the University of Bergen and at the Norwegian School of Economics and also a practising lawyer. Leader of the Working Team on Lease of Movables in the Study Group of a European Civil Code.

Alberto Mazzoni is partner in the Italian law firm Mazzoni and associati. He is full-tenure Professor of Commercial Law and Professor of International Trade Law, Catholic University of Milan; Expert specially appointed by the Government to represent the Republic of Italy at several UNCITRAL Working Groups; Member, editorial staff of several law reviews; President, Collegio dei Probiviri of Borsa Italiana – Italian Stock Exchange; former member of the Arbitration Council (Consiglio Arbitrale) of the Milan Chamber of Commerce (mandate expired at the end of March 2011), President of the Governing Council of Institut International pour l'Unification du Droit Privé (UNIDROIT).

Laurel Mittenthal is a Solicitor (England & Wales) and EEA-qualified member of the Norwegian bar association (MNA). She is currently a Legal Counsel with Siemens AS, where she is advises on industry and marine projects, contracts and disputes under English and Norwegian law. Previously she worked in the trade and energy department of the London law firm Clyde & Co LLP, focusing on energy projects and contracts and renewable energy and climate change-related issues. She also has experience from the international IT and telecommunications sector, as well as human rights and non-profit work focusing on China. Ms Mittenthal speaks fluent Norwegian, and advanced Chinese, German, Russian and French.

Gustaf Möller is of counsel in the Finnish law firm Krogerus. He works as an international arbitrator and adviser in demanding legal proceedings. He is one of northern Europe's leading international arbitrators. Prior to joining Krogerus, Mr Möller has served as a Justice at the Supreme Court of Finland. He has also served as the chairman of the board for the Arbitration Institute of the Finland Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. Mr Möller has numerous domestic and international memberships and positions of trust. He has written many articles, mainly in the fields of arbitration, civil procedure and private international law.

Georgios Petrochilos is partner in the international law firm Three Crowns. Formerly the head of the Paris arbitration team of a leading international firm and of that firm's public international law group, Georgios has a broad practice covering inter-state, investment, and commercial disputes. He has represented States, international organizations, and private parties in more than 70 disputes, including the largest maritime delimitation case to date in the International Court of Justice (Peru v Chile), the ground-breaking "Black Economic Empowerment" case before ICSID (Foresti and ors v South Africa), and some of the most critical cases in the European energy industry in the past decade. He is an Avocat (France) and an Advocate of the Supreme Court (Greece), and registered with the Law Society of England & Wales. Georgios has published extensively on international law and international arbitration, including the well-known monograph Procedural Law in International Arbitration, and he is the co-author, with Jan Paulsson, of a forthcoming commentary on the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. Georgios represents a Member State at UNCITRAL since 2007; is a visiting professor at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland; and the current rapporteur of the International Law Association International Arbitration Committee. He holds graduate degrees, including a doctorate, from Oxford, as well as degrees from Strasbourg and Athens. His working languages are English, French, and Greek.

Linn Hoel Ringvoll works as a lawyer in Kluge Advokatfirma AS in Oslo. Her academic background includes a one year master thesis written at the Nordic Institute for Maritime Law, University of Oslo, regarding the law applicable to environmental claims under the Rome II regulation, and two stays at the Hague Academy of International law (2009, 2011). Linn works on assignments within financing, corporate law and private international law. She has particular expertise and experience with international contracts and cross-border transactions in the area between corporate law, mortgage/contract law and tax law, including setting up corporate and financial structures and drafting the documentation for the same. She has particular experience with financing of capital intensive assets, such as ships, ROVs and helicopters, and on project financing within the wind energy sector. She is experienced with financing provided by commercial banks, export finance agencies, NIB, EIB and loans provided to state owned entities and municipalities, and has long experience with international standard financing agreements such as LMA's standards, ISDA agreements and ISLA agreements.

Catherine A. Rogers is a professor at Penn State Law, with a dual appointment as Professor of Ethics, Regulation, and the Rule of Law at Queen Mary, University of London, where she is also Co-Director of the Institute of Regulation & Ethics. Professor Rogers is a Reporter for the American Law Institute's Restatement of the U.S. Law (Third) of International Commercial Arbitration, a Member of the Court of Arbitration for the Jerusalem Arbitration Center (appointed by the ICC Palestine), and co-chair, together with William W. "Rusty" Park and Stavros Brekoulakis, of the ICCA-Queen Mary Task Force on Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration. She is the founder and CEO of Arbitrator Intelligence, a non-profit entity that aims at increasing transparency, fairness, and accountability in the arbitrator selection process. Her book, *Ethics in International Arbitration*, was recently published by Oxford University Press.

Christopher R. Seppälä, Partner in the law firm of White & Case LLP, Paris, France, his main areas of practice are international commercial arbitration and international construction. He has acted as counsel, arbitrator or independent expert in many international commercial arbitration cases under the rules of the principal international arbitration institutions or systems (e.g. ICC, LCIA, JCAA, UNCITRAL). He is the Legal Advisor of the FIDIC Contracts Committee (since 2000) and recipient of the Louis Prangey Award, FIDIC's highest accolade. He is a former Vice-President Emeritus, ICC International Court of Arbitration, and Associate Member, ICC Institute of World Business Law. He is also member of the New York and Paris Bars.

Patricia Shaughnessy directs the Master of International Commercial Arbitration Law Program (LLM) at Stockholm University and teaches and researches in related fields. She chairs the “Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Section” of the Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law. Patricia is the Vice-Chair of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC) and has served on its Board since 2006. She has been an active member of the SCC committees that have drafted the SCC Rules. Recently she served as a government-appointed expert in the committee that has proposed revisions to the Swedish Arbitration Act. She has acted as an arbitrator and expert, and as a consultant, she has led numerous projects related to commercial law and dispute resolution in a number of countries.

Thomas K. Svensen is a partner in the Norwegian law firm BA-HR. He works mainly with energy related clients and is generally considered a leading energy lawyer in all international and domestic rankings. He advises both Norwegian and international energy clients and is involved in transactional work, the drafting of energy related contracts and dispute resolution. He frequently handles domestic litigation and both national and international arbitration, and is also frequently appointed as arbitrator. He has previous experience from the Attorney General (civil affairs) and as management consultant with McKinsey & Company. He is a board member of the Arbitration Institute of the Oslo Chamber of Commerce.

Erik Thyness is a partner at Wiersholm, Oslo, specialising in corporate law and having vast experience in both domestic and cross-border M&A transactions over a period of almost three decades. In addition to transactional work, Erik Thyness also acts in contentious matters (both as advocate and arbitrator) relating to transactions, contracts, tax and more generally matters requiring insight into finance and accounting in addition to legal expertise. Prior to joining Wiersholm, Erik Thyness had been associate judge, in-house lawyer at Norsk Hydro ASA and general counsel of Hafslund Nycomed ASA.

Amund Bjøranger Tørum is dr. juris and partner in Schjødt. He primarily works with dispute resolution, arbitration and projects, often in an international context. He has extensive experience from international arbitration and he is frequently representing clients in cross-border litigation related to i.a. the Lugano Convention. Amund is dr. juris on a thesis on contract law, co-author of the standard textbook on Norwegian petroleum law and he has a number of publications in contract law and construction law. Amund has been associate professor at the Faculty of Law (University of Bergen) where he was responsible for offshore contracts, construction law, international contract law and arbitration law. Whilst being an associate professor, Amund participated in the Study Group on an European Civil Code ("SGEC"), the project which prepared the DCFR.

Don Wallace has long and distinguished careers as a Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center; as Chairman of the International Law Institute; as the U.S. Delegate to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL); Legal Adviser to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID); President of the American Bar Association Section on International Law; Presiding officer of International Institute for the Unification of Private Law Foundation (UNIDROIT); and Of Counsel to a number of prominent international law firms including Winston & Strawn LLP, Morgan Lewis LLP, Arnold & Porter LLP, and Shearman & Sterling LLP. among others.

Trine Lise Wilhelmsen is professor and director of the Scandinavian Institute of maritime law. Her area of expertise is marine insurance/insurance law, maritime and transport law, contract law and tort law. She is chairman of the Norwegian Claims Board for Casualty Insurance Disputes and chairman for the Standing Revision Committee for revision of the Nordic Marine Insurance Plan 2013. She is also chairman of the Board of the Norwegian Pharmacy Liability Insurance company and the Petroleum Price Board. She has extensive national and international practice as legal expert concerning questions in insurance and marine insurance law, maritime law and contract law and ad hoc arbitration practice concerning insurance-, reinsurance-, transport-, maritime and contract law.
