

Statement by Jarrod Wong supporting his nomination to the Steering Committee

I am Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Global Center for Business and Development at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, and submit this statement in support of my nomination to the Steering Committee of the ISDS Academic Forum.

I presently serve as the American Society of International Law's (ASIL) observer delegate at UNCITRAL WGIII. In that capacity, I have attended in person many of the WGIII formal sessions in Vienna and New York over the last two years, and anticipate continuing to do so in the immediate future. Participation in person is key at these meetings as delegates participating remotely are not able to intervene during discussions, and it would benefit the Academic Forum to have as many of its Steering Committee members as possible participate actively in and keep abreast of developments at WGIII meetings.

I believe further that my scholarly engagement with the work of WGIII situates me well to serve on the Steering Committee. By way of background, I am a scholar and teacher in international investor-state arbitration, and have been published in the *Yale Journal of International Law*, *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*, *NYU Journal of International Law and Politics*, *Minnesota Law Review*, *George Mason Law Review*, *Florida State University Law Review*, *Tulane Law Review* and *Pepperdine Law Review*, among other journals. My recent works-in-progress investigate various proposed reforms by WGIII. Specifically, in a forthcoming article on "Transparency, Accountability and Influence in the International Investment Law System," my coauthor, Jason Yackee, and I propose a theory linking transparency, accountability and influence, and then consider various reforms proposed by WGIII — including with regard to the Investment Law Advisory Centre, appellate mechanism and the Code of Conduct — in light of that theory. Additionally, I am working on a chapter on Article 11 of the Code of Conduct (regarding its compliance) in a forthcoming book edited by Chiara Giorgetti and Michele Potestà.

I have also been an active participant in various events organized by the Academic Forum, and would welcome the opportunity to help organize them as well. Most recently, my coauthor and I presented our aforementioned draft paper on Transparency at the outstanding Academic Forum conference organized by Julian Arato and Catherine Titi at the University of Michigan Law School. Having co-chaired various international law symposia — including the ASIL Annual Meeting, the ASIL research forum, the Institute for Transnational Arbitration

(ITA) annual meeting and the ITA winter conference — I have the experience and would be delighted to help plan and organize similar conferences in the future.

Thank you for considering my candidacy; it would be my pleasure and privilege to serve on the Steering Committee.

Warmly, Jarrod Wong