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**The Role of the Judge in International Arbitration
Judges and Arbitrators: l'Entente Cordiale?**

Comparative perspectives

Thursday 1 December at 6pm

**In person
at Pinsent Masons, 30 Crown Place, Earl Street, London EC2A 4ES,
and online**

This event will seek to offer comparative perspectives on issues including:

- *Should parties involved in arbitration proceedings be more mindful of the judiciary?*
- *Are the parties sufficiently aware of the support that the judiciary can offer in parallel to the arbitration proceedings? Do they leverage that support and those opportunities as much as they could?*
- *On the other side of the spectrum, should parties be more mindful of the court's supervision of the arbitral process, and of the risk it can trigger with respect to the viability/effectiveness of that process?*
- *Should judges be regarded as helpful to, or in conflict with, the arbitrators and the arbitral proceedings?*

We will hear from a distinguished panel of speakers comprising judges, arbitrators, academics, and counsel (Barristers and/or Avocats) acting on both sides of the Channel:

The Rt. Hon. Dame Elizabeth Gloster DBE, PC, a former Judge at the Court of Appeal and now a full-time international arbitrator

Mrs Fabienne Schaller, Judge at the international commercial chamber of the Paris Court of Appeal

Mr Christopher Harris KC, Barrister and Arbitrator

Mr Matthieu Grégoire, Barrister

Mrs Catherine Pédamon, Senior Lecturer and President of the England & Wales Section of the Franco-British Lawyers' Society

Mr Jean-François Le Gal, Barrister & Avocat, partner at Pinsent Masons LLP, Honorary Secretary of the Ciarb's London Branch

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The speakers' respective bios are displayed below.

The panel discussion will start at 6pm and will be followed by a drinks reception.

The event is free to attend and open to all.

However, you need to register beforehand please email Sophia @ fbls@outlook.com to RSVP.

Speakers' bios:

The Rt. Hon. Dame Elizabeth Gloster DBE, PC



Dame Elizabeth Gloster DBE, PC practised as a QC at One Essex Court from 1991 until 2004, before accepting an appointment as a High Court Judge. She was then appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2013. Since retiring from the Court of Appeal in 2018, she has returned to One Essex Court to practise as a full-time international commercial arbitrator.

Mrs Fabienne Schaller



Mrs Fabienne Schaller is a Judge at the international commercial chamber of the Paris Court of Appeal. After practising as an *Avocat* at the Paris Bar and a New York attorney for a number of years, she joined the Bench in 1997. She served as a first instance judge in Paris, Evry, Nanterre and Bobigny before being appointed to the Paris Court of Appeal in 2018.

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Mr Christopher Harris KC



Mr Christopher Harris KC is an experienced advocate specialising in complex commercial disputes and appearing as counsel in disputes before courts and arbitral tribunals in England and internationally. He focusses a substantial part of his practice on arbitration-related applications before English courts, in particular the enforcement and challenges to arbitral awards. He is also recommended as a leading arbitrator and has been appointed in over 40 cases. He speaks French and studied French and Swiss law during his academic training.

Mr Matthieu Grégoire



Mr Matthieu Grégoire is a Barrister who specialises in international arbitration and commercial litigation. Prior to joining the Bar in 2013, he qualified under the New York Bar in 2011 and worked as an associate at Clearly Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in Paris. He has been shortlisted as International Arbitration Junior of the Year in 2022.

Mrs Catherine Pédamon



Mrs Catherine Pédamon is the President of the England & Wales section of the Franco-British Lawyers' Society and a Senior Lecturer at Wesminster Law School, University of Westminster, in London. Prior to joining University, she practised as an *Avocat* at the Paris Bar and as a New York attorney.

Mr Jean-François Le Gal



Mr Jean-François Le Gal is a Barrister and an *Avocat* at the Paris Bar who specialises in international arbitration and multi-jurisdictional proceedings. He acts as counsel and also sits as an arbitrator. He is a partner at Pinsent Masons LLP and the Honorary Secretary of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators' London Branch.

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