



Advanced Seminar on: Due Process in International Arbitration

- ◆ Balancing due process and the need for time and cost efficiency in arbitral proceedings
- ◆ Due process as a limiting factor for arbitral discretion
- ◆ Curing the due process paranoia
- ◆ How to combat the misuse of due process effectively
- ◆ Lack of due process as a ground for setting aside
- ◆ Lack of due process as ground for refusal of recognition and enforcement
- ◆ Introducing Global Guidelines for Due Process in International Arbitration
- ◆ From theory to practice: case studies on due process:
 - Examples where a violation of due process was upheld by the courts
 - Defining safe havens for arbitrators

07 + 08 May 2021

Venue to be announced

07 May: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

08 May: 9.00 am – 2.00 pm

Vienna, Austria

Target Group

- ◆ **General Counsel**
- ◆ **Attorneys at law**
- ◆ **Arbitrators and Counsel**
- ◆ **Financial and Economic Experts**
- ◆ **Project-, Contract- and Claim-Managers**

Background & Objective

Due process comprises one of the most fundamental guarantees of judicial procedure. It performs the dual function of safeguarding the legitimacy and ensuring the accuracy of the outcome of judicial proceedings.

What originally developed as a defensive right against the exercise of State authority, has equally become one of the core pillars of private justice in arbitration proceedings. Among others, Article V (1) (b) of the New York Convention recognizes this fundamental role of due process by allowing State courts to refuse recognition and enforcement.

As of today, no coherent body of case law on due process has developed. This has increasingly motivated recalcitrant parties to use due process as a strategic tool. By alluding to the Damocles sword of set-aside or refusal of recognition and enforcement, these recalcitrant parties attempt to nudge arbitral tribunals into directions that are strategically advantageous for the parties; in a worst-case scenario, this conduct may even be geared at undermining the enforceability of a future award.

Examples from practice in which parties have resorted to these techniques are regrettably abundant. It is not uncommon for parties to phrase simple procedural requests as matters of due process, capitalize on due process to file new evidence or misuse due process as a pretext to submit unsolicited submissions. Arbitral tribunals that are risk-adverse – critics speak of arbitral tribunals suffering from “due process paranoia” – may be open to giving in to such demands. They thereby put at risk the very hallmarks of international arbitration, i.e., the prospect of obtaining an enforceable award in expeditious proceedings.

The objective of this seminar is to explore how due process sets limits to arbitral discretion across jurisdictions, while also examining how to balance due process with the need for a time and cost efficient procedure. The seminar is based on a global study on due process in international arbitration conducted by the Speakers.

Partners



Speakers

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Programme*

DAY 1 – 07 May: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

- The normative framework on due process and its interpretation
- The due process paranoia and its potential to undermine the efficiency of arbitration proceedings
- Due process and party autonomy (including waivers)
- The standard of review on due process issues (including threshold issues)
- Due process and the right to comment (including administration of deadlines)
- Due process and the taking of evidence
- Due process and surprising decisions/directions by the tribunal

DAY 2 – 08 May: 9.00 am – 2.00 pm

- Due process and case management decisions (language, costs decisions)
- Due process and non-participating parties/issues of proper notice
- Due process and arbitrators – when does procedural conduct give rise to concerns as to the independence and impartiality of arbitrators
- The project for “Guidelines on Due Process in International Arbitration”: creating a safe haven
- Concluding remarks

**Programme is subject to change*

Registration Form

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Registration – closing date 23rd April 2021

	07 + 08 May 2021	07 May 2021
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