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Navigating Conflicts: Insights into the 2024 IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration

14 November 2025, Makati Shangri-La Hotel
Ayala Avenue corner Makati Avenue, Makati City, 1200, Philippines

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Overview of the 2024 IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration
- Diversity in arbitral appointments: reducing perceptions of bias
- Third-party funding and conflicts of interest



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Friday 14 November

0930 – 1600 **Registration**

1000 – 1015 **Keynote speech**

Hangil Lee *Bae Kim & Lee, Seoul; Vice Chair, Asia Pacific Arbitration Group, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

1015 – 1030 **Keynote speech**

Victor Lazatin *Chairman, PDRC, Manila*

1030 – 1145 Panel one

Overview of the 2024 IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration

Discussion on the best practices for managing conflicts, reducing challenges to arbitrators, and maintaining the integrity of the arbitration proceedings.

Moderator

Hangil Lee *Bae Kim & Lee, Seoul; Vice Chair, Asia Pacific Arbitration Group, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

Panellists

Arthur Autea *Arthur Autea and Associates, Makati City*

Gwen De Vera *University of the Philippines Law School, Manila*

Sui-Hang Hui *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, Hong Kong SAR*

Alessa Pang *WongPartnership, Singapore*

1145 – 1300 **Networking lunch**

1300 – 1415 Panel two

Diversity in arbitral appointments: reducing perceptions of bias

Discussion on the efforts to promote diversity in arbitral appointments to enhance representation, mitigate perceptions of bias and reduce the risks of undisclosed conflicts of interest. The panel will discuss issues on repeat appointments and potential conflicts, with the aim of promoting a more inclusive and balanced approach to tribunal constitution.

Moderator

Arleo Magtibay Jr *PDRC, Manila*

Panellists

Samuel Leong *SIAC, Singapore*

Maria Luisa Dominique Mauricio *Office of the Solicitor General, Manila*

Irene Mira *ICC, Singapore*

Salvador Panga Jr *PDRC, Manila*

1415 – 1430 **Coffee break**

1430 – 1545 Panel three

Third-party funding and conflicts of interest

Discussion on the growing prevalence of third-party funding in arbitration as it raises new questions about potential conflicts of interest involving funders, parties, counsel, and arbitrators. The panel will discuss issues on conflicts of interest by exploring disclosure obligations and ethical considerations when funders are involved, and how arbitral institutions and institutional guidelines are responding to these emerging challenges.

Moderator

Jay Patrick Santiago *Philippine Institute of Arbitrators, Manila*

Panellists

Elodie Dulac *King & Spalding, Singapore*

Louie Ogsimer *Romulo, Manila*

William Panlilio *LCM, Singapore*

Carla Pingul *Cruz Marcelo & Tenefrancia, Manila*

1545 – 1600 **Closing remarks**

Rogelio Nicandro *PDRC, Manila*

1600 – 1700 **Networking reception**

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