

GAR LIVE Shanghai

27 June 2024 | Shanghai, China

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Agenda

All times are in Local Times

09:00 – 09:30 **Welcome coffee and registration**

09:30 – 09:40 **Co-chairs' opening remarks and welcome from GAR**

Philip Dunham, partner, **Signature Litigation**
Tao Jingzhou, arbitrator, **Arbitration Chambers**

09:40 – 10:10 **Keynote address**

Michael Polkinghorne, partner, **White & Case**

10:10 – 11:10 **The year in review**

Delegates will receive a roundup of the 'need to know' developments from across the globe. The panel of leading international names will also share the potential implications these developments may have in China and what we could expect for the rest of the year and looking into 2025.

The panel are expected to explore:

- Institutional updates
- Notable changes in laws, trends, and initiatives across the globe
- The B&R initiative: investment treaty disputes in the construction and infrastructure sectors

11:10 – 11:40 **Coffee break**

11:40 – 12:40 **The future of ISDS involving China and Chinese companies**

Leading investor-state specialists will give the audience a crash course on the fundamentals of investor-state arbitration by examining notable and ongoing cases. They will also explore the evolution of investor-state arbitration in China and debate whether we will see an increase in cases involving Chinese companies in the coming years.

The panel will cover:

- What does the increase in investor-state claims mean for the region's future?
- Notable cases involving Chinese companies against host states
- Domestic law of state party as force majeure?

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12:40 – 14:00 Networking lunch

14:00 – 15:00 International arbitration and IP disputes

The proliferation of technologies has made protecting IP rights involving patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets more important than ever. Although litigation has traditionally been the ADR choice to resolve such disputes, clients are now looking at arbitration as an alternative. The panel will highlight the positive developments the field of international arbitration is making to accommodate the complex nature of IP disputes.

The panel will discuss:

- Legislative developments and updates to make arbitration more IP-friendly
- The rise of special IP-related dispute centres: PRC National IP Administration and CIETAC Intellectual Property Arbitration Centre

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:30 The GAR Live Debate

In Oxford Union style, we will hear teams of debaters argue in favour of, or against, a motion. This interactive session will see our judge voice their opinion on what has been heard, involve the audience, and finally find in favour of a winning side, giving reasons for their decision.

Debate motion:

“This house believes artificial intelligence will eliminate unconscious bias in international arbitrations”

16:30 – 16:35 Co-chairs’ closing remarks

16:35 – 17:35 All delegates are welcome to a drinks reception kindly hosted by Zhong Lun Law Firm
