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AGENDA

14:00–14:10 Opening Remarks

Speaker: *Anna Zbiegień-Turzańska* | Vice-dean, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw

14:10–15:30 **1st discussion round:** How to Cooperate Effectively in Arbitration: Law Firm and In-House Legal Department

Speakers: *Agata Zwolankiewicz* | Addleshaw Goddard
Natalia Jodłowska | Webuild
Piotr Gołędzinowski | Wardyński & Partners
Marcin Orecki | GÜLERMAK S.A. POLSKA

Moderator: *Antoni Żukowski* | BLSK

15:30–15:45 Coffee Break

15:45–16:20 **Keynote Speech:** Innovative time- and cost-saving tools under SIAC Rules 2025

Speaker: *Vakhtangi Giogadze* | Counsel (Team Lead), Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)

16:20–16:30 Coffee Break

16:30–18:00 **2nd discussion round:** How to Prepare a Company for a Dispute Before It Arises?

Speakers: *Piotr Biernatowski* | GP Partners
Maria Dudzińska | Ekoenergetyka Polska SA
Łukasz Wydra | Jabłoński Koźmiński
Barbara Skardzińska | PKP Polskie Linie Kolejowe S.A.

Moderator: *Monika Diehl* | Clifford Chance

18:00–18:15 Closing Remarks





Opening remarks:

Professor Anna Zbiegień-Turzańska is the Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw responsible for engagement and enterprise. She is also a researcher at the Department of Commercial Law at the said faculty where she holds a seminar on corporate law. She publishes in the field of property law, commercial law and cooperative law. She is also a lecturer at the postgraduate studies in corporate law.



Faculty of Law and Administration
University of Warsaw

1st discussion round:

How to Cooperate Effectively in Arbitration: Law Firm and In-House Legal Department

Moderator:

Antoni Żukowski advises and represents clients in complex commercial disputes, with a particular focus on litigation and international arbitration. He has experience acting in proceedings conducted under the ICC Rules, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce (SA KIG), as well as before the Lewiatan Court of Arbitration and Netherlands Arbitration Institute. He also supports clients in matters concerning the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and foreign court judgments.

Antoni is the author of articles on civil procedure and arbitration and regularly speaks at conferences. He serves as a judge of the Disciplinary Court of the Warsaw Bar Association. He is currently preparing his PhD thesis at the University of Warsaw, where he also teaches students.



Antoni
Żukowski

Speaker:

Agata Zwolankiewicz represents clients in complex litigation and international arbitration disputes. Her experience encompasses advising and representing clients in arbitration and court proceedings across finance, real estate, infrastructure sectors. Additionally, she has acted in disputes concerning unfair competition. Her academic interests focus on commercial and investment arbitration. Her track record includes proceedings under the ICC, UNCITRAL, and the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce Arbitration Rules. She also has expertise in the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and foreign court judgments.

Agata holds an LL.M. from the University of Ottawa in Canada, with a concentration in international investment and trade law. She actively participates in numerous initiatives for arbitration practitioners and is a published author on international commercial and investment law. Currently, Agata is a PhD candidate at KU Leuven in Belgium, preparing her thesis in the field of investment arbitration.



Agata
Zwolankiewicz

1st discussion round:

How to Cooperate Effectively in Arbitration: Law Firm and In-House Legal Department

Speaker:

Natalia Jodłowska is a Legal Counsel at Webuild S.p.A., an international infrastructure company. She serves as an arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw and at the Court of Arbitration at the Lewiatan Confederation. She is the author of publications and a speaker at academic conferences on arbitration. She also lectures in the training program for trainee solicitors at the Warsaw Bar Association, focusing on negotiation and mediation. Additionally, she teaches in postgraduate studies at the Silesian University of Technology in the field of legal aspects of Building Information Modeling (BIM) and conducts professional training courses on arbitration.



Natalia
Jodłowska

Speaker:

Piotr Gołędzinowski is a partner at Wardyński & Partners in Warsaw. He holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Finance and Accounting from the Warsaw School of Economics. He specialises in complex court and arbitration disputes with a significant financial component, as well as in infrastructure disputes. He is qualified as a Polish attorney-at-law (radca prawny) and as a Solicitor of England and Wales. Piotr is also a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR and the ICC Task Force on AI in International Arbitration.



Piotr
Gołędzinowski

Speaker:

Marcin Orecki is an attorney-at-law, Doctor of Laws (Dr. iur.), and holds an LL.M. (MIDS) degree from Geneva. He serves as an in-house legal counsel as well as Contract & Claim Manager at Gülermak S.A. and Gülermak Ağır Sanayi İnşaat ve Taahhüt A.Ş. Since 2016, he has been involved in the construction of the second line of the Warsaw Metro. He is also a listed arbitrator with the Construction Arbitration Court at the Polish Association of Consulting Engineers and Experts in Warsaw.



Marcin
Orecki



Keynote Speech:

Innovative time- and cost-saving tools under SIAC Rules 2025

Vakhtangi Giorgadze is Counsel & Team Lead at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre. He is a qualified lawyer, admitted to the bar in Georgia, and a Singapore International Mediation Institute (SIMI) accredited mediator. Prior to joining SIAC, Vakho was a research associate at the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy where he published and contributed to the publication of peer-reviewed papers, reports, and books. In his role, he co-authored the 2nd edition of the book "The Singapore Convention on Mediation – A Commentary".

Vakho's experience includes working for the legal affairs division of the World Trade Organization where he advised a panel on the resolution of an international trade dispute between two states. He also worked for a tier-one law firm in Georgia and for the Ministry of Justice of Georgia where he contributed to the implementation of the Association Agreement between the European Union and Georgia in Georgian legislation. Vakho holds an LL.B. from the Free University of Tbilisi and an LL.M. from the MIDS – Master in International Dispute Settlement from the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.

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2st discussion round:

How to Prepare a Company for a Dispute Before It Arises?

Moderator:

Monika Diehl is an advocate and counsel in Clifford Chance's International Arbitration Group. With over 13 years of experience, Monika represents clients in international arbitration disputes across a range of sectors, including renewables, oil & gas, construction, TMT, M&A and finance. She acts as counsel for both investors and states in investment treaty cases and is recognised as an Arbitration Future Leader by Lexology (formerly Who's Who Legal). In 2023, Monika was seconded to the Clifford Chance Frankfurt international arbitration team. Since 2024, she has served on the ICC National Committee in Poland and is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. She is also a European Co-Chair of Delos-Y, a platform dedicated to networking and career mentoring for younger arbitration practitioners and professionals interested in arbitration. Monika has successfully coached the FDI Moot winning teams representing the University of Warsaw in 2014 and 2022. She is a proud recipient of an honourable mention in the Female Attorney of the Year 2020 competition organised by the Polish Supreme Bar Council, was listed among Forbes Women & Women in Law Top 25 Women Business Lawyers in 2024, and is a graduate of a prestigious leadership program at the Stanford Graduate School of Business.



Monika
Diehl

Speaker:

Piotr Biernatowski is attorney and partner at GP Partners, where he leads Dispute Resolution practice. Recommended lawyer in dispute resolution in international rankings such as Chambers and Legal500. Piotr is an attorney with over a dozen years of experience in dispute resolution and corporate law. Having handled disputes with a total value of almost one billion euros, he has acquired unique experience especially in corporate, post M&A, construction, commercial and unfair competition disputes. He is a co-author of the best-selling book 'The Little Book on Drafting Pleadings: How to Communicate and Argue in Writing'. This was the best-selling book of Wolters Kluwer Polska in 2022, published in English in 2023. Over 10000 copies. He also authored publications i.a. on corporate and construction disputes.



Piotr
Biernatowski

2st discussion round:

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Speaker:

Maria Dudzińska is an attorney-at-law specializing in the prevention and resolution of commercial disputes, with a particular focus on business relationships and corporate conflicts. She serves as General Counsel at Ekoenergetyka-Polska S.A., is a member of the Arbitration Committee of the Lewiatan Court of Arbitration, and sits on the Management Board of Strong Women in IT. Maria is actively involved in initiatives supporting the legal education of young lawyers, including as a Lead Mentor in the Women in Law Foundation's mentoring programme for young female lawyers, and she coordinated the Lewiatan Arbitration Moot Court—the largest moot court competition in Poland for bar trainees—from 2012 to 2022. She is the author of publications on procedural law and arbitration, a speaker at dispute resolution conferences, a lecturer at the Warsaw Bar Association of Attorneys-at-Law (OIRP Warsaw) and the University of Warsaw, and the creator of a social media profile dedicated to corporate disputes. In 2024, she was included in the "25 Women in Business" list by Forbes Women and the Women in Law Foundation, and she cooperates pro bono with the "po Drugie" Foundation and the "Jesteśmy Nadzieją" Association.



Maria
Dudzińska

Speaker:

Łukasz Wydra is an attorney-at-law and holds a PhD in Law. Partner at Jabłoński Koźmiński i Wspólnicy heading the Arbitration Practice. He is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Warsaw, where he teaches civil law in an international academic setting. He also serves as Chair of the Arbitration and Mediation Section of the Warsaw Bar Council. His professional practice focuses on arbitration and complex disputes before state courts and administrative authorities. He has advised and represented clients in proceedings before domestic and international arbitral tribunals, as well as before courts of all instances, including the Supreme Court and the Supreme Administrative Court of Poland. His experience includes work for international law firms and in-house legal practice for a global company. His academic interests lie at the intersection of civil procedure, arbitration, and the theory of adjudication. He is the author of academic publications and regularly participates in scholarly conferences.



Łukasz
Wydra

2st discussion round:

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Speaker:

Dr Barbara Skardzińska is a legal counsel with over 15 years of experience in corporate law, M&A, commercial and financial transactions, as well as international arbitration and dispute resolution. She currently serves as Chair of the Supervisory Board of Trakcja S.A. and General Counsel at PKP Polskie Linie Kolejowe S.A. (Polish Railway Lines), leading a legal department that supports the company's headquarters and 26 regional units across Poland. Over the past two years, her team managed the largest dispute resolution activity in the company's history, including 27 settlements valued at approximately PLN 900 million (~€190 million) in 2025. Previously, she worked in top-tier international and national law firms, advising on complex corporate, M&A, banking, and financial transactions, including cross-border and infrastructure projects. Alongside her professional practice, Dr Skardzińska maintains an active academic profile. She has studied or conducted research at over 25 scientific centres worldwide, including Stanford University, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Freie Universität Berlin, The Hague Academy of International Law, and the International Arbitration Academy in Paris. During her studies, she won 1st Prize in the International Commercial Arbitration Essay Competition organised by Rzeczpospolita and K&L Gates. She has also been involved in research initiatives funded by the Polish National Science Centre and the Polish Space Agency. Outside of her professional work, she mentors young female lawyers and law students and co-hosts the podcast Zawód Prawniczka, dedicated to career development, leadership, and work-life balance. Her achievements have been recognised in the Top 25 Women Lawyers in Business (Forbes Women), Top 50 Lawyers to Follow on LinkedIn, and the Rising Stars Lawyers ranking by Dziennik Gazeta Prawna, where she was described as a "lawyer hard to classify."



Barbara
Skardzińska

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