



PERMANENT MISSION OF ARMENIA TO THE UN



“Emerging Issues in Legal Practice: Ethics, Representation and International Dispute Resolution”

Wednesday, 26 October, 13:15-14:45
United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 6

In the age of social media and disinformation, the shifting standards with respect to decisions about clients, cases and strategies that lawyers can select necessitate revisiting the voluntary and binding ethical standards governing the conduct of advocates before international courts and tribunals. Against the backdrop of the growing number and complexities of inter-state disputes, it is important to take a look at the expanding body of practice in international law.

The event will discuss the evolution of the area of legal practice related to the ethical considerations in representation. The discussions will focus on the role played by the practitioners in developing, implementing and enforcing ethical standards, as well as the role of the international community in supporting such processes. Drawing on examples from both commercial and interstate proceedings, the panelists will aim to identify recommendations and suggestions as to how ethical standards governing the conduct of advocates representing state clients before international courts and tribunals can be improved and further implemented.

PROGRAMME

Welcoming remarks by **H.E. Mher Margaryan**, Ambassador,
Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations

Panelists:

- **Chiara Giorgetti**
- **Arman Sarvarian**
- **Meriam Al-Rashid**
- **Alexander Bedrosyan**

Moderated by **Grant Hanessian**

Light lunch will be served from 12:30

RSVP by Monday, 24 October at <https://bit.ly/3yhzWax>



Grant Hanessian is an independent arbitrator and neutral in New York, specializing in international, investor-state and complex commercial disputes, and an Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham Law School, where he teaches the International Commercial Arbitration and LL.M. International Arbitration Practicum courses. Prior to July 2020, he was a partner at Baker McKenzie, where he practiced for 33 years, and served as global co-head of the firm's International Arbitration Practice, head of its International Arbitration Practice in North America and head of its New York office Litigation Department. He is a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, and was U.S. member of the International Chamber of Commerce's International Court of Arbitration in Paris from 2015 to 2021 and chair of the Arbitration Committee of the U.S. Council for International Business from 2015 to 2020; he was a member of the ICC's Commission on Arbitration and its Task Forces on Arbitration Involving States or State Entities (2013-15) and on Financial Institutions and International Arbitration (2017-19). He is also a member of the American Arbitration Association—International Centre for Dispute Resolution's International Advisory Committee and its Advisory Committee on Brazil, Vice President (for U.S.) of the London Court of Arbitration's North American Users' Council, a member of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre's User's Council, the International Arbitration Club of New York, the Arbitration Committee of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, the New York City Bar Association's Committee on International Commercial Disputes, Club Español del Arbitraje, and the Panel of Recognized International Market Experts in Finance (P.R.I.M.E.) Arbitration Rules Drafting Committee, a fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators and a founding board member of the New York International Arbitration Center. He is editor of ICDR Awards and Commentaries Vol. I (Juris Pub. 2012) and Vol. II (forthcoming Juris Pub. 2022), co-editor of International Arbitration Checklists (Juris Pub., 3rd ed., 2016), Gulf War Claims Reporter (ILI/Kluwer, 1998), and former editor of Baker & McKenzie's International Litigation & Arbitration Newsletter, and Baker & McKenzie's International Arbitration Yearbook.



Chiara Giorgetti is a Professor of Law at Richmond Law School and Senior Fellow at Columbia's Law School' International Claims and Reparations Project. She is a Vice-President of the American Branch of the International Law Association, an elected member of the American Law Institute and immediate past Chair of ITA's Academic Council. Her work focuses on public international law and she has lectured in many universities around the world and for the UN Regional Courses in International Law. Her lectures are recorded in the UN Audiovisual library for international law. She writes on issues of international dispute resolution and international investment arbitration and has authored/edited nine books and over 50 Articles. Her main publications include: *The Rules, Practice, and Jurisprudence of International Courts And Tribunals*; *Litigating International Investment Disputes - A Practitioner's Guide*; *Challenges and Recusal of Arbitrators and Judges in International Courts and Tribunals*; and *International Claims Commissions – Righting Wrongs After Conflict*. She holds a first degree in law from Bologna University, an MSc from the London School of Economics and an LLM and JSD from Yale Law School.



Arman Sarvarian is Reader in Public International Law at the University of Surrey (United Kingdom). A public international law generalist of broad interests, he has served as legal adviser and delegate of Armenia to the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly (2019, 2022), ICSID Rules and Regulations Amendment Process (2019-2021) and UNCITRAL Working Group III (2021-Present). He also served as judge ad hoc at the European Court of Human Rights in 2020. His monograph *Professional Ethics at the International Bar* (Oxford University Press, 2013) was the first comprehensive work on the subject and has been widely cited, including in proceedings before the ICJ, ITLOS and investor-State arbitral tribunals. He served as Co-Rapporteur of the ILA Committee on the Procedure of International Courts and Tribunals (2016-2020), which produced a series of proposals for improvements to the procedural rules and working practices of the ICJ, ITLOS, WTO DSS and inter-State arbitration. He also participated in the drafting of the IBA Guidelines on Party Representation in International Arbitration 2013, which inspired the London Court of International Arbitration to enact the first binding ethical rules for counsel in international commercial arbitration in 2014. Dr. Sarvarian is currently embarked on a book project under commission from Oxford University Press in its Library of International Law Series entitled *The Law of State Succession: Principles and Practice*.



Meriam Al-Rashid represents and advises clients on complex international disputes with a focus on public international law including issues related to human rights, international investment arbitration, international commercial arbitration, and foreign investor risk management. She has served as counsel in disputes and transactions involving parties from across the globe, including the Americas, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Europe and Oceania. As a member of the firm's ESG team, she is focused on the intersection and implications of climate change as it relates to international dispute resolution and the business of human rights. She assists global companies on the definition and design of their worldwide human rights strategies with particular attention to international initiatives/guidelines, USA, and UK. Meriam also works on matters surrounding post-conflict peace negotiations and governance, and investigation and adjudication of war crimes.



Alexander Bedrosyan is an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Hughes Hubbard & Reed. His practice focuses on public international law, investment treaty arbitration, and international commercial arbitration. He has particular experience assisting in disputes involving former Soviet republics and territorial issues. His pro bono practice consists largely of international human rights law matters. He has represented parties before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, European Court of Human Rights, and UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. His billable and pro bono cases have involved questions of first impression in public international law. For the past two years, Alex was recognized by The Legal 500 in the United States in the field of International Arbitration.