Second Houston Annual Conference Oil and Gas Investment Arbitration 2015

The conference will focus on the legal regime applicable to oil and gas contracts and arbitration practice. The event features an introductory session on the investment environment for oil and gas. There will be two panels on arbitration and the legal regime applicable to oil and gas contracts in the 21st century. The conference culminates with a keynote presentation by Prof. Ahmed El-Kosheri that focuses on Lex Petrolea and the arbitration practice in the oil and gas industry over the past 40 years.

Four Seasons Hotel – Houston
1300 Lamar Street, Houston, TX 77010
Friday, October 30, 2015 Time: 8 am – 1 pm
Texas CLE available

Registration Fees
Practitioners $300
Academics $175
Students $75 (Limited to 20 students)
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PROGRAM

Co-Chairs: Julian Cardenas (Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Center, Univ. of Houston); Ian Laird (Crowell & Moring LLP; ILI); Frédéric Sourgens (Washburn Oil and Gas Law Center)

7.30 - Registration

8.00 – 8.20. Welcoming Words. Dean Leonard Baynes, Dean of the University of Houston Law Center, and Prof. Bret Wells, Director of the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Center.


This panel will discuss the new trends in recent oil and gas arbitration cases deciding issues of taxation, environmental issues, enforcement of arbitration awards and annulment proceedings. The published and available decisions are creating a new source of law that is used by investors and States involved in arbitration cases related to oil and gas projects. The panel will provide an update on these trends and the lessons learned that may impact contract and litigation practices.

Speakers: Mark Stadnyk (Norton Rose Fulbright – New York); Stephen Anway (Squire Patton Boggs – New York); Richard D. Deutsch (Andrews Kurth); Edward G. Baldwin (Baker & McKenzie)and Hugh Carlson (Three Crowns). Moderator: Frédéric Sourgens (Washburn Oil and Gas Law Center)

10.30 – 12.00. Panel 2: Recent Developments on the Study of the Lex Petrolea

Since the expansion of the oil and gas industry around the world, legal scholars and practitioners have questioned the reality of the legal regime that governs petroleum contracts and arbitration. These studies have brought different approaches to the idea of the Lex Petrolea: whether it is a source of law created by a comprehensive collection of arbitral awards; whether it is the autoregulation of the industry through its standards and model contracts; or whether the lex petrolea is something more than a specialized inventory of sources of law. This panel will present the views of the latest works analyzing these important questions to understand the legal regime applicable to oil and gas investments.

Speakers: John Bowman (King & Spalding), Dr. Alexandra S. Wawryk (University of Adelaide); Tim Martin (Arbitrator - Invited); Dr. Achille Ngwanza (Univ. Paris XI); Dr. Tarek Riad (Kosheri, Rashed & Riad – Cairo) Dr. Alfredo De Jesús (Advisor and Arbitrator/CREMDIMI). Moderator: Julián Cárdenas (EENR UHLC)
Luncheon and Special Keynote Speaker Celebrating the 40 years of Study of the Lex Petrolea and The Hague Academy Conference: “The Legal Regime Created by Petroleum Participation Agreements”, The Hague, 1975

By Prof. Ahmed El-Kosheri,

12.00 pm. Dr. Ahmed S. El-Kosheri will present his view of the last 40 years of oil and gas Arbitration and contracts, based on his extensive career advising the main actors of the industry and acting as arbitrator in landmark cases that go from the Aminol v. Kuwait case to the ExxonMobil v. Venezuela Case. The study of the Lex Petrolea proposed by El-Kosheri at the Hague Academy Course in 1975, represented an avant-garde idea in the study of the legal regime of the petroleum industry. Today, in a globalized economy, his approach has gained acceptance and proved to be at the heart of the idea of a transnational law that governs investments in the petroleum sector.

Dr. Ahmed S. El-Kosheri, Senior Partner of Kosheri, Rashed and Riad Law Firm, is Professor of Law and former President of the International University for African Development (Alexandria, Egypt), former ad hoc judge at the International Court of Justice (ICJ), Member of the International Counsel for Commercial Arbitration since 1986, Vice-President of the International Chamber of Commerce’s Court of Arbitration (ICC) since 1998, Member of the Redesign Panel on the UN System of Administration of Justice (Feb.1 – July 31, 2006). Dr. El-Kosheri also serves on the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes Panel of Conciliators and of Arbitrators (ICSID).
Who should attend

Energy In-house attorneys, arbitrators, professionals, academics and students interested or involved oil and gas transactions and arbitration.

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These fees include the conference attendance, materials, refreshments and lunch.

Registration

You can register contacting Elaine I. Fiala at 713.743.2106 or by email: efiala@uh.edu. Or paying online with debit or credit card following this link: https://lnkd.in/eh2E3np

Travel

The conference will take place in the Four Seasons Hotel, 1300 Lamar Street, Houston, TX 77010. Friday, October 30, 2015 Time: 8 am – 1 pm
A limited number of rooms are available at a special rate for the conference participants.

Houston is well-known as the Energy Capital of the World and its International Airports offer domestic and international flights.

Further information

For any inquiries you also can contact Prof. Julian Cardenas at jcardena@central.uh.edu