



DRIG-Steptoe Oral Argument Workshop

July 2020

Call For Participation

ASIL's Dispute Resolution Interest Group together with Steptoe & Johnson LLP invites you to participate at the upcoming oral argument workshop!

Overview: This training will take the form of an application for provisional measures. It will consist of a single round of short written submissions (10-page limit) followed by an oral hearing by video-conference before the mock tribunal's president. This is not a competition, but rather an opportunity for junior lawyers to practice making submissions in an investor-state context and to receive feedback from an established lawyer. It is also an opportunity for participants to test video-conference hearings. The counsel roles can be performed by individuals or by pairs. The oral arguments will be preceded by an online conference on video hearings to be held in early July 2020.

"Counsel" Participants:

- **Eligibility** – ASIL members only, including practitioners, academics or advanced students who have at least 1 years' practical arbitration experience. This includes experience gained during internships or during work at an arbitral institution.
- **Application process** – Applications must be submitted by email to DRIG's Co-Chairs at DRIG@asil.org and Thomas Innes at tinn@steptoe.com under subject line "Counsel Role - Advocacy Training" by midnight GMT on 4 June 2020. The email should attach a short CV or link to an online CV, and should state (in EST) the times of day that the applicant would typically be available. For those applying as a pair, the email should state that and include CVs for both participants.

"Arbitrator" Participants:

- **Eligibility** – Practitioners or academics who: (i) have served as arbitrator in one or more arbitrations (investor-state or commercial); or (ii) have at least 7 years' experience serving as arbitration counsel. "Arbitrator" participants do not need to be ASIL members.
- **Application process** – Applications must be submitted by email to DRIG's Co-Chairs at DRIG@asil.org and Thomas Innes at tinn@steptoe.com under subject line "Arbitrator Role - Advocacy Training" by midnight GMT on 4 June 2020. The email should attach a short CV or link to an online CV, and should state (in EST) the times of day that the applicant would typically be available.

Timeline:

- 4 June 2020 – Deadline for applications
- 9 June 2020 – Applicants notified of outcomes
- 23 June 2020 – Earliest deadline for claimants' written application
- 7 July 2020 – Earliest deadline for respondent's written reply
- July-August 2020: Oral Arguments via video-conference to be scheduled