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INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION CONFERENCE

July 9 and 10, 2021

Inauguration: July 9, 5:00 PM Indian Standard Time (IST)

Technical Sessions: July 10, 4:00 PM IST

About This Conference

The International Mediation Conference will provide the attendees with the opportunity to gain insight on:

- Social Justice Through Mediation**
- Online Mediation**
- Singapore Convention**
- Standardising Mediation Training**
- Role of the State, Judiciary and Institutions in Promoting Mediation**



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INAUGURAL CEREMONY 9TH JULY, 5:00 PM I.S.T



Hon'ble Dr Justice D Y
Chandrachud
Judge
Supreme Court of India



Ms. Athita Komindr
Head, UNCITRAL - Regional
Centre for Asia and the
Pacific (RCAP), Seoul.

5:00 PM- Introduction

by Mr. B.C. Thiruvengadam
Honorary Director, BIMACC

5:05 PM - Welcome speech

by Hon'ble Mr. Justice SR Bannurmamath,
Chairman, Karnataka State Law
Commission
Vice-Chairman, BIMACC

5:15 PM - Chairman's address

by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Cyriac Joseph
Lok Aayukta, Kerala
Chairman, BIMACC

5:25 PM - Keynote address

by Hon'ble Dr Justice D Y Chandrachud
Judge, Supreme Court of India.

5:40 PM - Speech

by Hon'ble Ms. Athita Komindr
Head, United Nations Commission on
International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) -
Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific
(RCAP), Seoul.

5:55 PM - Ceremony Concludes



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Cyriac
Joseph
Lok Aayukta, Kerala.
Chairman - BIMACC



Hon'ble Mr. Justice SR
Bannurmamath
Chairman - Karnataka State
Law Commission
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Mr. B.C. Thiruvengadam
Honorary Director -
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SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Session 1

4:00 PM - 5:20 PM I.S.T.

Covid-19 Pandemic and Online Mediation

Moderator:

Ms. Fabienne van der Vleugel
International Mediator & Arbitrator
President - UIA World Forum of
Mediation Centres
Belgium/France



Mr. Pasquale (Lino) Orrico
Advocate, International Mediator
and Trainer, Italy



Ms. Kimberly Schreiber
Attorney, Mediator and Trainer,
the U.S.A



Mr. Thiruvengadam B C
Advocate, International
Mediator, Arbitrator and
Master Trainer BIMACC), India



Mr. Kuyper Gérard
Lawyer, Mediator, Trainer
Head of bMediation, Brussels,
Director of BECI (Brussels
Chamber of Commerce), Belgium



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Session 2

5:30 PM to 6:50 PM I.S.T.

Should there be an inclusion of cross-border family business disputes and cross-border e-Commerce (B2C) disputes within the scope of the Singapore Convention?



Moderator:

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice P S Dinesh Kumar
Judge, High Court of Karnataka**

Speakers:

**Mr. Chuan Wee Meng
CEO of Singapore International
Mediation Centre (SIMC)
Singapore**



**Ms. Ana Sambold
Attorney, Mediator
Arbitrator, the U.S.A.**

**Mr. Lomesh Kiran Nidumuri
Advocate, Arbitrator - YSIAC
Convenor Indian Arbitration
Forum (IAF),
India**



**Mr. Andrew Miller QC
Barrister, Mediator
and Arbitrator,
United Kingdom**



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Session 3

7:00 PM to 8:20 PM I.S.T

Standardising Mediation Training

Moderator:

Mr. Niranjana J Bhatt
Lawyer, Mediator, Master
Trainer



Speakers:

Dr. Prof. Nadja Alexander
Professor and Director, Singapore
International Dispute Resolution
Academy
Arbitrator, Singapore



Mr. Shiv Kumar
Advocate, Mediator, Master Trainer,
BMC & BIMACC), Civil and
Commercial Mediator, India



Dr. Natalia Gaidaenko
International Commercial
Mediator & Trainer
Russia



Ms. Laurence Baradat
Lawyer and Mediator, Director - IHEMN, Nîmes
University for Mediation and Negotiations
President - Pole Sud Mediation Centre and Vice
President of the French Federation of Mediation
Centres (FFCM)
France



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Session 4

8:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Promoting Mediation – Role of Government, Courts and Institutions



Moderator:

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice S R Bannurmath
Chairman, Karnataka State Law
Commission**

Speakers:

**Mr. (Datuk) Joy Wilson Appukuttan
Advocate, Solicitor, Mediator -
Malaysian Mediation Centre,
Malaysia**



**Mr. K. R Sekar
Partner - Deloitte India, Vice President
(President-Elect) Bangalore Chamber of
Industry & Commerce, Member - India
Board of International Fiscal Association
India**



**Mr. Priyantha Gamage
Advocate, Arbitrator, Mediator,
Commissioner LegalAid Commission -
Sri Lanka, Chairman- Sabaragamuwa
Zonal Tas Force on Reconciliation
Mechanisms,
Sri Lanka**



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HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D Y CHANDRACHUD

Hon'ble Dr Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud is a judge of the Supreme Court of India. He was previously the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court (October 2013 – May 2016) and a judge of the Bombay High Court (March 2000 – October 2013). He joined the Bombay Bar after obtaining an LLM and SJD from Harvard Law School. Justice Chandrachud graduated with a BA (Honours) in Economics from St Stephens's College, Delhi. He completed his LL. B from Delhi University.

During his career as a lawyer, he was visiting Professor of Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Mumbai and taught International Law at the University of Oklahoma. He was designated as a Senior Advocate (1998) and was Additional Solicitor General for India (1998-2000).

He has been a guest lecturer at Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, Australian National University, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa and the University of Hawai'i. He has been invited by several organizations as a speaker, including the United Nations High Commission on Human Rights, International Labour Organisation, United Nations Environmental Program, the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts.

Since his appointment to the Supreme Court in 2016, Justice Chandrachud has delivered several seminal judgements, including on decriminalization of homosexuality; decriminalization of adultery; declaration of privacy as a fundamental right; caste and gender discrimination; protecting the rights of the disabled; environmental jurisprudence; and insolvency and bankruptcy.

As the Chairperson of the e-Committee of the Supreme Court of India, he is spearheading a digital transition of the judicial system in India, with an aim of ensuring access to all litigants. During his tenure, the e-Committee, inter alia, developed the:

- (i) National Judicial Data Grid to track pendency of cases;
 - (ii) Virtual courts to deal with traffic violations through online adjudication;
 - (iii) E-Filing software for digital filing of cases;
 - (iv) Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System for live electronic exchange of data between the police and judiciary;
 - (v) Portal for electronic payment of fines, fees, and deposits;
- and,
- (vi) Judgement search portal with a free text search engine.

Under his guidance, the e-Committee has also taken steps to ensure that digital services are accessible to marginalized sections. e-Sewa Kendras have been created in court complexes to provide digital aid to people who do not have access to the internet or electronic equipment. Measures have been taken to make websites accessible to persons with disabilities. Justice Chandrachud also constituted a sub-committee to specifically look into the issues faced by women, the LGBTQIA+ community, and persons with disabilities in accessing digital services. The e-Committee is currently undertaking projects relating to digitisation of court records, live streaming of court hearings, and enhancing the security and privacy of data of users accessing e-Courts services. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the e-Committee ensured that courts across the country – the District judiciary, High Courts, and Supreme Court – continued to hear cases through video conferencing platforms.

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HON'BLE MS. ATHITA KOMINDR

Ms. Athita has twenty years of experience in the fields of international trade and economic law, arbitration, multilateral dispute resolution, and the rule of law and development. Prior to joining the United Nations, Ms. Athita mainly advised and worked with numerous Thai agencies, including the Thailand Institute of Justice, the Thai Ministry of Science and Technology, and the Thailand Arbitration Center where she managed the Arbitration and Legal Affairs Divisions. She also worked for the Thai Ministry of Commerce in Bangkok (2002-2005) and Geneva (2005-2010), representing Thailand in bilateral, regional, and multilateral trade negotiations, WTO dispute settlement, and treaty drafting.

Hon'ble Athita Komindr is Head of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP), managing technical assistance and capacity building programming available to over 50 States in Asia and the Pacific in key areas of commercial law, including dispute resolution, MSMEs, international contract practices, sale of goods, electronic commerce, transport, insolvency, international payments, secured transactions, and procurement. In that capacity, she coordinates with Governments and international and regional organizations with respect to trade law reform activities aimed at achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

Admitted to the New York Bar, Ms. Athita has experience in both common and civil law traditions in the public and private sectors and holds degrees from Harvard College, Georgetown University Law Center, and Harvard Law School.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S R BANNURMATH

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. R. Bannurmath is a Science and Law graduate, and in 1979 he started independent practice in Belgaum dealing in various branches of law. After moving to Bangalore, he predominantly practiced in Criminal and Constitutional cases in Karnataka High Court and appeared regularly in India's Supreme Court. In 1990, he was appointed as an Additional State Public Prosecutor, and in 1994 he was appointed as State Public Prosecutor. In June 1997, he was elevated as a Judge of the High Court of Karnataka. Justice Bannurmath has rendered hundreds of landmark judgments in all branches of law, including the Haseena case also known as the acid victim case. He not only sentenced the accused to imprisonment for life but also ordered the accused to pay monetary compensation to the victim, a first of its kind order in the country, and directed the Govt. to implement a scheme framed by him for such acid victims, including medical and monetary help, rehabilitation, etc.

The Supreme Court designated him to Monitor the Mental health of citizens of Karnataka. He was the founder President of Bangalore Mediation Centre (BMC) and contributed to its growth and fame. As the Chairman of Court Computerisation Committee, Karnataka High Court was the first High Court in India to develop its Operating System to manage entire court procedure like filing, scrutiny, certified copies etc. He was elevated as Chief Justice of Kerala in 2009 and retired on 22.01.2010. He was the Chairman of, Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission from September 2013 till January 2018. He is presently the Chairman of the Karnataka State Law Commission.

A regular guest resource person to the National Law School Universities at Bangalore and Mumbai and various law institutions in the country, Justice Bannurmath is also the patron of CARE INDIA MEDICAL SOCIETY Pune, a palliative cancer care Centre Pune. He is an Honorary Vice-Chairman of Bangalore International Mediation and Conciliation Centre (BIMACC).

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CYRIAC JOSEPH

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Cyriac Joseph is the Honorary Chairman of BIMACC. He is presently the Lok Ayukta (Ombudsman) of the State of Kerala. A law graduate from Government Law College, Trivandrum, was admitted to the Bar in 1968 and practised in Kottayam and Kerala High Court. He held the office of Additional Advocate General, and on 6th July 1994, he was appointed as Judge of Kerala High Court. On 7th July 2008, he got elevated as a judge of the Supreme Court. Before that, he was a judge of Delhi High Court, Chief Justice of Uttarakhand High Court and Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court.

During his tenure as the Chief Justice of Karnataka, he spearheaded the establishment of the famous Bangalore Mediation Centre, India's largest court-annexed mediation centre at that time. Post-retirement, he was a member of the National Human Rights Commission and also officiated as a Chairman.

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**MS. FABIENNE VAN DER
VIEUGEL**

MODERATOR - SESSION 1

Ms. Fabienne van der Vleugel is Belgian and French national. She is a lawyer specializing in the transfer and restructuring of enterprises and is practising law since 1995. A former member of the Brussels Bar and presently a member of New York Bar and Meaux Bar (East Paris). She studied law in Belgium (Namur, magna cum laude); Bachelor of Laws (Louvain la Neuve, magna cum laude); in Spain (Seville, Erasmus, magna cum laude); LL.M from Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC. She is the managing founding partner of her law firm VDV AVOCATS (France, Serris) and Associate Professor at the University Gustave Eiffel-Meaux in business law. She is a trained CMAP and accredited mediator CAP'M®, IEAM, AMIDIF, CMCC, MCIArb, bMediation and Belgian Federal Commission.

She is the President of the UIA World FORUM Mediation Centres, a member of various professional bodies, and a French Foreign Trade Advisor. She has served as a judge/mediator for multiple ICC International Commercial Mediation Competitions, Paris, since 2011. She has authored various published articles, is also a regular speaker at various international seminars and conferences, and an acclaimed arbitrator.

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MR. GÉRARD KUYPER

SPEAKER - SESSION 1

Mr. Gérard Kuyper is a member of the Brussels Bar since 1992 and an accredited mediator since 2008. He has been an associate and then a partner in several large law firms. He is co-founder of Alterys Law & Mediation, the first Belgian law boutique where all partners are accredited mediators.

He mainly practices commercial law (including company law and transport law) and civil law (in particular liability law).

He was an assistant at the ULB law faculty (1992-2004) and graduated from the ICHEC PME Start programme in SME creation and management. He holds a master's degree in management sciences (Louvain School of Management - 2017-2018).

Gérard Kuyper is a certified mediator in civil and commercial matters and is regularly entrusted with mediation assignments. He chairs bMediation - business mediation centre of Brussels and is a director of BECI (Brussels Chamber of Commerce).

Passionate about communication techniques and their use in conflict resolution, he has chaired the Communication Institute of the Brussels Bar and provides training in communication, negotiation and advocacy. He was a laureate of the Brussels Bar's pleading competition (Janson Prize 1995).

He has been a member of the Council of the French Bar Association of Brussels and has carried out various missions for the Brussels Bar Association.

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MR. PASQUALE ORRICO

SPEAKER – SESSION 1

Mr. PASQUALE ORRICO (Lino Orrico) graduated with a law degree from the University of Milan, Italy and has been a member of the Milan Bar since 1997. His areas of practice include inheritance, real estate, domestic and international contract and tax law. He is a Vice President of the Milan Forensic Movement. He is an accredited mediator and actively participates in various mediation activities and associations around the world.



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MS. KIMBERLY SCHREIBER

SPEAKER – SESSION 1

Ms. Kimberly is an attorney licensed in Tennessee and Indiana. Her law practice is primarily commercial law and mediation. She spends the majority of her time training for companies and private law firms. She is a Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Listed Mediator and approved trainer in Civil/General and Family Mediation. Additionally, she is Specially Trained in Domestic Violence Issues and Elder Mediation. Ms. Kimberly has had the privilege of training mediators all over the world for the past several years and was a finalist Judge for the International Chamber of Commerce's annual mediation competition. She is a FINRA Arbitrator. Ms. Kimberly enjoys speaking about law, ethics, DUI and mediation through seminars, approved CLE/CME courses, television appearances and international keynote speaking engagements. In her spare time, she enjoys mediating disputes between her FOUR teenage sons.

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MR. B C THIRUVENGADAM

SPEAKER – SESSION 1

Mr. B. C. THIRUVENGADAM (Thiru) is a lawyer since 1983. He has degrees in Commerce and Law from Bangalore University and an Intermediate Degree in Chartered Accountancy. He is a Patent Agent of the Government of India and a Certified U.S. Patent Process Prosecutor from Sunnyvale, California; He is a Certified Mediator by ISDL San Francisco and High Court of Karnataka. Thiru is a specialist in several areas of commercial law, including Corporate, IPR, Banking, Energy and Insolvency.

As an arbitrator and mediator, he has resolved several domestic and cross-border disputes. He was involved in establishing several court annexed mediation centres in India - including Bangalore Mediation Centre. He has trained thousands of mediators, including lawyers, including sitting judges of the High Court and Supreme Court, company secretaries and chartered accountants in India and abroad.

He is a guest faculty in various law schools in India and the U.S.A. In addition, he has rendered several lectures and technical papers in various universities and institutions in India and abroad. He is the Honorary President of the Corporate and Administrative Law Foundation (CORAL). He is an active member of several international professional bodies. He is a partner of Thiru & Thiru, a Legal500 law firm.

He is featured in the prestigious Lexis Nexis “100 Legal Luminaries of India 2016”, Asialaw Journal’s Leading Lawyer, Legal500, Chambers & Partners and Asian Business Law. In addition, on 27th April 2017, David A Clarke School of Law, University of District of Columbia has honoured him to recognize his contribution to the worldwide legal community. He is a co-founder and honorary director of BIMACC.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P S DINESH KUMAR

MODERATOR – SESSION 2

Hon'ble Justice P. S. Dinesh Kumar was a National Merit Scholar Certificate in High School. After graduating in law, he was admitted to the Bar in the year 1990 and worked in the chambers of Mr. Justice Shivaraj V. Patil, former judge, Supreme Court of India. In the year 1998, he functioned as an Additional Central Government Standing Counsel in the year 19983. In 2003 he became a Senior Standing Counsel for the Government of India. He has served as a Senior Panel Counsel for the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Union Public Service Commission, University Grants Commission, All India Council for Technical Education, National Council for Teacher Education and several other organisations. Has appeared in several important cases in different High Courts and Supreme Court in matters concerning appointment of Director, CBI, Disinvestment of ITDC Hotels, Defamation case against the Union Finance Minister, Corruption cases against former Union Minister and former Chief Minister, Language Policy of the State etc., He has worked with eminent law officers of the Country.

Before his elevation in January 2015 as a judge of the Karnataka High Court, he rendered pro-bono service as a Mediator at the Bangalore Mediation Centre and was also a trainer in mediation. As a sitting judge of the High Court, he has been a great supporter of mediation.

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MR. CHUAN WEE MENG

SPEAKER – SESSION 2

Mr. Wee Meng is an experienced General Counsel of 30 years working in Beijing, Hong Kong and Singapore. Prior to joining SIMC, he served as General Counsel of IBM Greater China and Nortel Networks Asia Pacific for about 20 years.

He has advised senior leadership of MNCs as lead counsel on legal and regulatory issues arising out of doing business in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, India, Japan, Korea, ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand.

As an active board member of US-China JVs, he has managed a wide range of emerging market risks with leading international best practices. He believes the high risk/high potential Asia Pacific markets require a robust management practice that balances creativity with integrity to ensure sustainable business growth.

Leveraging his deep regional experience, he is currently leading SIMC to promote mediation to resolve complex, commercial cross-border disputes in the Asia Pacific region.

Wee Meng is an accredited mediator of the Singapore International Mediation Institute. He graduated with a law degree from the National University of Singapore and holds a Master of Laws from the University of Hong Kong. He is called to the Singapore Bar and Hong Kong's Roll of Solicitors.

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MS. ANA SAMBOLD

SPEAKER – SESSION 2

Ana Sambold, Esq. is an internationally recognized mediator, attorney, and leader in the field of conflict resolution. She is the Principal and Founder of Sambold Law & ADR, a California firm dedicated to providing mediation, arbitration and dispute resolution services. Ms. Sambold has served as a neutral in over 1,000 cases across a broad spectrum of civil litigation matters involving commercial, insurance, property, employment, succession, multinational and multilingual parties. She is a Diplomat Member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, an International Mediation Institute (IMI) Certified Mediator, an International Council for Online Dispute Resolution member, and international ArbitralWomen.

Ms. Sambold has taught extensively in conflict resolution, ADR, negotiation, and the Singapore Convention on Mediation. She was invited by the Singapore government to the historical signing ceremony of the Singapore Convention in 2019. Ms. Sambold is also a prominent leader in the legal and ADR field and actively advocates and advances mediation and ADR through her different leadership roles. Ms. Sambold is an Executive Officer of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Dispute Resolution, Co-Chair of the ABA Advanced Mediation and Advocacy Skills Institute, Chair of the San Diego County Bar Association ADR Section, and President of the San Diego Law Library Foundation.

She received her Masters from the University of San Diego School of Law (USD) and her training and credentials in dispute resolution from Harvard Law School- Program on Negotiation, Pepperdine University School of Law - Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) and Columbia Law School. For more information about her practice, visit <http://www.sambold-law.com/> She can be reached at sambold@sambold-law.com

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MR. ANDREW MILLER QC

SPEAKER – SESSION 2

Mr. Andrew Miller QC is a barrister with over 30 years of experience in dealing with and resolving commercial disputes both domestically and internationally. He now practices as a Mediator and Arbitrator in a wide range of commercial sectors, including in the areas of construction, energy, property damage, insurance and reinsurance and professional negligence.

Andrew is the current NMA Civil & Commercial Mediator of the Year 2020/21 (Awarded September 2020).

Andrew has been involved in the mediation of disputes since 1995. He has experience of over 200 mediations across a wide range of disputes. Andrew has acted as lead mediator in commercial disputes valued from £50,000 to £50 million.

Andrew has mediated disputes with parties in the UK, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Jersey, Lithuania, Maldives, Philippines, South Africa, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey and the USA.

Andrew regularly speaks about mediation in the UK and internationally. Over the last two years, he has been involved with a series of workshops and seminars in India and the judging of several of the prestigious Mediation and Negotiation competitions held in India. In January 2020 he was invited to speak at the Supreme Court of India on Mediation and its relationship with Litigation.

Andrew Miller FCIArb also sits as an arbitrator and has been a trustee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators since 2019.

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MR. LOMESH KIRAN NIDUMURI

SPEAKER – SESSION 2

Mr. Lomesh has wide experience advising and representing clients in arbitrations (domestic and international arbitration) and complex commercial disputes. He acts as lead counsel in many disputes before the arbitral tribunals (conducting trial and arguments), as well as courts. He also acts as an arbitrator. He obtained his master's in law from the New York University School of Law, with a focus on international arbitration and dispute resolution.

Mr. Lomesh has been selected to be a member of the SIAC Reserve Panel of Arbitrators. He has also been appointed to the committee of the Young Singapore International Arbitration Centre (YSIAC) for the term 2019 to 2020, and for the renewed term of 2021 to 2022. He is one of the conveners of the India Arbitration Forum (IAF). Asian Legal Business featured him in its 3rd edition of Forty Under Forty lawyers in the Asia-Pacific region for 2017. Lomesh has been recognized for Dispute Resolution by the Chambers and Partners Global and Asia Pacific Guides 2021. The Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2017, 2020 and 2021) lists Lomesh as a recommended lawyer for Dispute Resolution. AsiaLaw Profiles (2019, 2020 and 2021) recognized him as a Notable Practitioner for Dispute Resolution. Benchmark Litigation (2020, 2021) featured him as a Disputes Star in the categories of international arbitration and commercial transactions, respectively. He regularly speaks at conferences and has authored several articles. He is a partner of IndusLaw, a reputed law firm.

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MR. NIRANJAN J BHATT

MODERATOR- SESSION 3

Mr. Niranjana Bhatt is an octogenarian lawyer practicing on the civil side in the Gujarat High Court and subordinate courts for the last 64 years. He is highly respected in the legal circle and has several reported judgments to his credit. He was a member of the Indo-US Study Group for the reforms in the civil justice system.

Mr. Bhatt is one of the pioneers of Mediation in India. In 2001 he attended an Advance Mediation study at the Harvard Law School. Mr. Bhatt was a member of a delegation that visited San Francisco, USA, in 1996 to study and observe Alternative Disputes Resolution processes in the USA. He attended the Rule of Law World Conference at Berkeley University, California, USA, in 1997 and his paper on “Case Management – A modern Concept” was presented at the conference. He was the Convener of Ahmedabad Mediation Centre.

The Supreme Court of India appointed him as a co-mediator for border disputes between Assam and Nagaland. He was assigned to conduct a mediation awareness programme and sensitization of Judges for making mediation references in Gujarat by Gujarat Legal Services Authority. He is a member of the expert committee appointed by the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee of the Supreme Court to recommend Mediation Legislation. Mr. Bhatt is a master trainer in Mediation and has trained hundreds of mediators in India.

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DR. PROF. NADJA ALEXANDER

SPEAKER – SESSION 3

Dr. Prof. Nadja Alexander specialises in cross-cultural disputes involving corporations, countries and communities. As a dispute resolution professional, three decades of engagement have taken Dr Alexander to diverse corporate and development settings in more than 40 jurisdictions. She is a user of online dispute resolution technology. Her services include mediation, conflict coaching, dispute systems design, and advice-giving on mediation law and policy. Dr. Alexander maintains mediator credentialing status in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Australia. Dr Alexander is an award-winning commentator and mediation trainer. She has trained and coached more than 4000 people in accreditation/certification programmes around the world. Her expertise has contributed to regulatory and institutional systems in more than ten countries. In 2020 she was appointed to the International Advisory Board of the newly formed United Nations Global Mediation Panel (Office of the Ombudsman).

Dr Alexander's professional background is multi-faceted, comprising positions in law firms, management consultancies, universities, and international organisations such as the World Bank Group. Dr. Alexander continues to engage with clients in the private and public sectors and on institutional and civil society levels. She has worked throughout Europe, Asia, and the Pacific, also in the Middle East and North America. Dr Alexander was educated in Australia, the US and Germany. She is the Director of the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy.

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MS LAURENCE BARADAT

SPEAKER – SESSION 3

Ms. Laurence Baradat is a lawyer and mediator practicing in corporate, business and family law. She is also a well-known mediation trainer. Ms. Baradat holds bachelor's degrees in business law and auditing. In addition, she has a masters degree in Psychology and a Diploma in Mediation.

She is the Director of Director of IHEMN at Nîmes University for mediation and negotiations.

She is the President of Pole Sud Mediation Centre and Vice President of the French Federation of Mediation Centres (FFCM). Between 2010 and 2017, she was in charge of the National Training of mediators. Subsequently, she was taking on the international development of mediation.

Laurence BARADAT - Avocate, médiatrice généraliste, entreprise et familiale, formatrice en médiation.

Directrice D.U. « Médiation-Négociation » IHEMN-Université de Nîmes.

Triple formation universitaire en Droit des Affaires et Audit, (CAPA, IAE Aix-en-Provence), Psychologie (Maîtrise de Psychologie), et Médiation (Diplôme d'Etat de médiateur familial).

Présidente du Centre de Médiation Pole Sud Médiation.

Vice-présidente de la Fédération Française des Centres de Médiation (FFCM), en charge de la formation nationale des médiateurs (2010-2017) puis du développement international. (2017-2020)

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DR. NATALIA GAIDAENKO SCHAER

SPEAKER – SESSION 3

Dr. Natalia Gaidaenko Schaer is a Russian lawyer and mediator specialising in commercial law and private international law. Ms. Natalia has a PhD in comparative company law.

She is an International commercial mediator (CSMC and FSM accredited mediator). She is also a mediator trainer. She is a Member of the Panel of mediators at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation.

She was a member of the official Russian Delegation at UNCITRAL in 2016–2018. She is a Guest Faculty member at the Russian Foreign Trade Academy.

She regularly participates in international mediation competitions (ICC, Singapore, VIAC etc.) as a judge and coach.



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MR. SHIVKUMAR

SPEAKER – SESSION 3

Mr. Shiv Kumar is a lawyer with a standing of five decades at the Bar and B.A. from St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru – 1965-1968 & an LL.B. from University Law College, Bengaluru – 1968-1971. He commenced his career with M/s King & Partridge, Advocates at Bengaluru and went on to establish the full services law firm of M/s Murthy & Kumar, Advocates in 1976. He continues to be active in his practice at the High Court of Karnataka and the Civil Courts at Bengaluru in all branches of Law including software related issues and employment/Industrial Law. He was on the Faculty of BMS Law College and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan teaching Constitutional Law, Business Law and Press Law. He was a part of the consultative group on the Right to Information Act in Karnataka. He has advised and has been actively involved with organizations in the Disability Sector like the visually disabled, Spastics Society and Women's Empowerment Groups.

He is the founder Treasurer of the Consumer Care Society, Bengaluru. He was a part of the National Consultative Group on the Mental Health Act. He has drafted the Elders Protection of Rights and Redressal of Grievances Bill, an exclusive legislation for senior citizens, based on which the current Maintenance Act has been enacted. He also promotes and conducts pre-litigation conflict management in specific areas of Civil Law, Commercial Law and Family Law. Training Counselors, Advocates, Judges, and members of NGOs in Conflict Management and in Alternate Dispute Resolution methods.

He is a Certified Mediator of the High Court of Karnataka since 2007 and has had vast and varied experience in Court Annexed Mediation at the Bangalore Mediation Centre, an initiative of the High Court of Karnataka. He has completed the Advanced Mediation Training Program conducted by the U.S. Department of Commerce and CLDP. He has completed the Commercial Mediation Training Program conducted by JAMS and the Foundation for sustainable Rule of Law Initiatives, USA, as well as the 40 hours Training Program on Civil and Commercial Mediation and Negotiation conducted by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.

He is a Master Trainer at the Bangalore Mediation Centre since 2010 and has trained Advocates, Judges in Mediation, and conflict management. Is the Founder of KUMAR'S GURUKUL which mentors Mediators and offers personalized and focused training in Mediation techniques and Presentation skills. In addition to this, he is a theatre person. Has acted in TV Serials in Hindi and Kannada. He has directed and acted in several English plays.

DIGNITARIES AND SPEAKERS



HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S R BANNURMATH

MODERATOR- SESSION 4

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. R. Bannurmamath is a Science and Law graduate, and in 1979 he started independent practice in Belgaum dealing in various branches of law. After moving to Bangalore, he predominantly practiced in Criminal and Constitutional cases in Karnataka High Court and appeared regularly in India's Supreme Court. In 1990, he was appointed as an Additional State Public Prosecutor, and in 1994 he was appointed as State Public Prosecutor. In June 1997, he was elevated as a Judge of the High Court of Karnataka. Justice Bannurmamath has rendered hundreds of landmark judgments in all branches of law, including the Haseena case also known as the acid victim case. He not only sentenced the accused to imprisonment for life but also ordered the accused to pay monetary compensation to the victim, a first of its kind order in the country, and directed the Govt. to implement a scheme framed by him for such acid victims, including medical and monetary help, rehabilitation, etc.

The Supreme Court designated him to Monitor the Mental health of citizens of Karnataka. He was the founder President of Bangalore Mediation Centre (BMC) and contributed to its growth and fame. As the Under his leadership as the Chairman of Court Computerisation Committee, Karnataka High Court was the first High Court in India to develop its Operating System to manage entire court procedure like filing, scrutiny, certified copies etc. He was elevated as Chief Justice of Kerala in 2009 and retired on 22.01.2010. He was the Chairman of, Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission from September 2013 till January 2018. He is presently the Chairman of the Karnataka State Law Commission.

A regular guest resource person to the National Law School Universities at Bangalore and Mumbai and various law institutions in the country, Justice Bannurmamath is also the patron of CARE INDIA MEDICAL SOCIETY Pune, a palliative cancer care Centre Pune He is an Honorary Vice-Chairman of Bangalore International Mediation and Conciliation Centre (BIMACC).

DIGNITARIES AND SPEAKERS



MR. JOY WILSON APPUKUTTAN

SPEAKER - SESSION 4

Mr. Joy Wilson Appukuttan is a lawyer of the Malaysian Bar holds LL.B (Hon.) University of London (1988) Barrister-at-law Middle Temple U K (1989). Mr. Appukuttan is an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya since 1996 and a non-practising advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore.

In his thirty years of practice, Mr. Appukuttan has handled several civil, banking, corporate and commercial litigation and documentations. He represents the Malaysian Bar in disciplinary matters and also the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia.

He is a qualified mediator registered with the Malaysian Bar and a member of the Malaysian Mediation Centre. He is also a Notary Public.



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MR. PRIYANTHA GAMAGE

SPEAKER – SESSION 4

Mr Priyantha Gamage (Priya) is an Attorney-at-Law by profession, with twenty-six years of practical experience in the Bar of Sri Lanka from 1994, doing Civil and Criminal work in Original and Appellate Courts of the Island. A graduate in business management and law from the Sri Lanka Law College, Priya secured LL.M international Commercial Law from King's College, London. He is also a qualified Company Secretary. In addition, he is an accredited mediator of BIMACC. He is a Notary Public too.

Mr. Gamage is the Commissioner of the Legal-Aid Commission of Sri Lanka and Chairman of Sabaragamuwa Zonal Task Force on Reconciliation Mechanisms. He is also a consultant to the Kunming International Commercial Arbitration Service Centre, China. In addition, he is a registered mediator, consultant, trainer at Radanks Ltd., U.K.

Mr. Gamage is a member of various international professional bodies including, the Young International Arbitration Group-London Centre of International Arbitration. Between 2012 to 2014, he was the Chairman- Rule of Law and Human Rights Committee, BASL. An active representative of Lawyers for Human Rights & Development (LHRD) Mr. Gamage has delivered several lectures and authored several articles on human rights - especially women's rights and child rights.

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MR. SEKAR K R

SPEAKER – SESSION 4

Mr. K.R. Sekar leads the Deloitte Private practice for Deloitte India. Mr. Sekar has a strong experience of advising companies throughout their business life cycle. His experience lies in working with clients in the high growth sectors and emerging markets on their business strategy and tax advisory.

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- 2) International Taxation in the Digital Era
- 3) Challenges in Domestic and International Taxation: Emerging India Experience
- 4) Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS): The Global Taxation Agenda
- 5) Insights into Evolving Issues of Taxation: Existing and Continuing Challenges

He is recognized as one of the leading tax advisers from India in the Guide to the World's Leading Tax Advisers published by Legal Media Group, Euromoney.

He is recognized as one of the leading tax controversy leaders by the International Tax Review.