

# VIRTUAL HEARINGS

*Requirements, procedure and how to get the most out of it*

**Online event – 7 May 2020**

The Covid-19 pandemic has suddenly highlighted the possibility and need to conduct oral hearings with the help of videoconferencing tools. This concise online event addresses the most salient questions and the legal, technical and practical challenges arising in the context of virtual hearings.

A series of short presentations by distinguished and international panellists will explore and provide guidance to pressing questions: Which legal requirements are to be met to hold virtual hearings? What is the best procedure in organizing them? And how can witnesses and experts be interviewed properly without their physical presence? We aim to share experiences among panellists and participants and to spark a lively online debate.

Who should attend? All lawyers specialising in dispute resolution, in-house counsel with an interest in arbitration, (upcoming) arbitrators, and experts involved in arbitration.

## Programme

### 18:30-18:35 **Opening Remarks**

**Emmanuel Kaufman**, ICC YAF Representative, Partner, Knoetzl, Vienna

**Sebastiano Nessi**, MCIArb, ICC YAF Representative, Counsel, Schellenberg Wittmer, Geneva

**Dr Roland Kläger**, ICC YAF Representative, Partner, Haver & Mailänder, Stuttgart

### 18:35-19:30 **Panel 1: Legal requirements**

**Janice Feigher**, Senior Associate, Norton Rose Fulbright, Paris

**Eliane Fischer**, Principal Associate, Freshfields, Vienna

### **Panel 2: Procedural order**

**Dr Johanna Büstgens**, Senior Associate, Hanefeld, Hamburg

**Leon Kopecký**, Partner, Schönherr, Vienna

### **Panel 3: Witness and expert interviews**

**Anya Marinkovich**, Senior Associate, Bär & Karrer, Geneva

**Dr Joseph Schwartz**, Partner, Wagner Arbitration, Berlin

### 19:30-20:30 **Discussion and virtual get-together**

**Venue** Videoconferencing details will be provided upon registration

**Registration** Please register by e-mail to Ms Tanja Nagel (tn@haver-mailaender.de)

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