

CONFLICT-OF-LAWS ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION COMMITTEE

This new Committee aims at fostering a harmonious approach to conflict of laws in the context of international arbitration. Currently, conflict-of-laws issues present significant challenges – there are diverging rules, approaches and methodologies, a disconnect between theory and practice, and a focus on specific jurisdictions, which inhibit the emergence of global solutions.

The ILA Committee, co-chaired by Dr Nikolaus Pitkowitz and Ms Wendy Lin, with co-rapporteurs Dr Mariel Dimsey and Prof Dr Matthias Lehmann, seeks to study the current issues and develop practical conflict-of-laws principles (both in substance and in procedure) to provide guidance, promote uniform and efficient decision making by arbitral tribunals and state courts, and enhance legal certainty for parties and practitioners.

This would be achieved via 3 phases: (1) a general methodology will be produced for conflict-of-laws issues surfacing in arbitration; (2) principles built on this methodology that can be followed and cited by arbitrators and judges will be developed; and (3) treaties, draft model laws and other rules (including arbitration rules) that can be used as blueprints by international organisations, national legislators, and arbitral institutions will be developed.

We invite all interested practitioners to apply for membership in this innovative new Committee.

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You're welcome to reach out to the Committee at ILA-CLC-Committee@pitkowitz.com.

The Committee is excited to host its first webinar in February 2025, offered in two sessions. Join one of the Zoom sessions (linked below) to learn more!

Topic Highlights:

- Introduction to the Committee and its mandate
- Overview of conflict-of-laws issues arising in international arbitration

18 FEBRUARY 2025

Session 1: 9am CET (8am UTC / 4pm HKT)

Session 2: 5pm CET (11am ET / 8am PT)