

# CHOOSING THE SEAT OF ARBITRATION

## COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES

CRITICAL CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSALS TO UPDATE THE ARBITRATION ACT 1996 BY THE LAW COMMISSION OF ENGLAND AND WALES:  
RELEVANCE TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS?



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## DES PERSPECTIVES COMPARATIVES

CONSIDERATIONS CRITIQUES DES PROPOSITIONS DE MISE A JOUR DE  
L'ARBITRATION ACT 1996 PAR LA LAW COMMISSION DE L'ANGLETERRE ET  
DU PAYS DE GALLES :  
PERTINENCE POUR LES AUTRES JURIDICTIONS ?

*L'Association des Juristes Franco-Britanniques  
Franco-British Lawyers' Society*

*13 October 2022, 18.00  
Reed Smith*

*Broadgate Tower, 20 Primrose Street  
London, EC2A 2RS*

*Seminar & Webinar*

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L'Association des Juristes Franco-Britanniques (AJFB/FBLS) is organising an event kindly hosted by Reed Smith, in London, on October 13th 2022.

This seminar, also accessible online, will tackle issues related to the proposals of the Law Commission to modify the Arbitration Act of 1996 and provide comparative views from major centers of arbitration.

The AJFB/FBLS has a long tradition of events on «which seat of arbitration to choose?» taking place, on a rotating basis, between England and Wales, France, Ireland, Northern-Ireland, Scotland and Switzerland.

We are extremely honored that Lady Justice Asplin has agreed to exceptionnally chair our panel of speakers coming from these five different legal systems.

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### **Opening remarks**

**Catherine Pédamon,**

*President of the English and Welsh section of the AJFB/FBLS  
Senior Lecturer in Law, Westminster Law School,  
Avocat aux Barreaux de Paris et de New York,*

### **Chair of the debate**

**Lady Justice Asplin DBE,**

*Lady Justice of Appeal, Chair of the ADR Liason Committee*

Who will introduce panelists from England & Wales, France, Ireland, Scotland and Switzerland who will tackle the following issues

### **Judicial Assistance**

**Louis Flannery, KC, (England & Wales)** *Head of International Arbitration, Mishcon de Reya*

### **Summary measures**

**Félix Dasser, (Switzerland)**

*Former head of litigation/arbitration practice (Homburger), President of the Swiss Arbitration Association*

### **Independence of Arbitrators and disclosure**

**Peter Rosher, (France)**

*Avocat à la Cour, solicitor, Global Chair, International arbitration (Reed Smith)*

### **Discrimination**

**Marina Verdes BL, (Ireland)**

*Barrister*

### **Topic Confidentiality**

**Gillian Lemaire, (Scotland)**

*Avocat à la Cour, solicitor, arbitrator and mediator*

### **Topic Jurisdictional Challenges**

**Jean-François Le Gal, (England & Wales)** *Barrister (England & Wales) & Avocat au Barreau de Paris - International Arbitration Partner at Pinsent Masons  
Honorary Secretary of the CI Arb's London branch*

After a short presentation by each speaker on the above mentioned topics, a debate between the speakers directed by the Chair will enable the speakers to interact on all these issues.

### **Concluding remarks**

**Ian Forrester KC** *President of the AJFB/FBLS*

**Followed by a drinks and canapés reception kindly provided by Reed Smith**

This seminar is free of charge .

Program subject to change - Speakers may elect to speak in French or in English.

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