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Course Title: Dispute Resolution in the 21st Century

Speakers: The Honourable Mr Justice Foskett - High Court of England and Wales; Treasurer, Gray's Inn

Duration: 70 minutes

Course description: The number of international disputes are expected to rise over the coming years. These legal disputes may not be confined to high-value commercial matters, and may include other issues such as family and employment disputes.

Each dispute has its own unique set of circumstances. It is important to have solutions that respond to these unique circumstances of each dispute. In most cases, parties share a common objective of ending a dispute quickly and cost-efficiently. For parties to achieve this objective, legal systems should be able to offer a range of dispute resolution options, from which parties may select the most appropriate method and forum for their particular dispute. Litigation, arbitration and mediation are among the options available. Increasingly, mediation is viewed as complementary to court litigation and arbitration; and various courts around the world are encouraging mediation.

This programme will discuss where current practice has led and is leading in the principal forms of dispute resolution, whether in courts, arbitration or mediation, together with current issues concerning the process of settlement.

About the speaker:



The Honourable Mr Justice Foskett - High Court of England and Wales; Treasurer, Gray's Inn

Sir David Foskett ('Mr Justice Foskett') has been a judge of the High Court of England and Wales since 2007. He sits in the Queen's Bench Division. He is Judge in charge of the QB Civil List. He was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1972, became a Bencher of the Inn in 1999 and is Treasurer of the Inn this year. His practice as a barrister was a general common law and commercial practice. He was appointed a QC in 1991, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 1992, and sat as a Recorder from 1995-2007 and as a Deputy judge of the High Court from 1998-2007. He is also the principal author of the leading text on the law and practice of compromise, now known as 'Foskett on Compromise' (8th edition, published by Sweet & Maxwell in 2015). Prior to his appointment as a full-time judge, in addition to his practice as a barrister, he acted as a mediator in a wide variety of disputes. During his tenure as a judge he was Director of Senior Judiciary training between 2012 and 2016 and a judicial member of the Civil Justice Council from 2012-2014.

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