



Discussion on

## Selection Criteria of Arbitrators

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Address: 13 Shota Rustaveli Ave, 0108

14:00 – 14:15 Opening Remarks

14:15 – 16:00 The Selection Procedure: Who to Select

- **Institution's perspective** – Generally, the institution may select and appoint arbitrators when the parties cannot agree on a sole-arbitrator, when the co-arbitrators cannot agree on a presiding arbitrator, or when a defaulting party fails to designate its party-appointed arbitrator. The applicable rules of the institutions mandate that arbitrators must possess certain threshold qualities. Thus, it would be interesting to understand what is the policy on appointment of arbitrators, including the lists of the factors taken into consideration by the institutions;

- **Counsel's perspective** – The selection of the party-appointed arbitrator is one of the most critical decisions in an arbitral proceeding. Parties and their counsel spend substantial time and resources selecting the party appointed arbitrator, which underline the importance of appointments. Accordingly, it is important to define the qualifications which the counsels take into account during the selection.

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**Jennifer Younan** – Partner at Shearman & Sterling, Paris Office

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16:00 – 16:30 Afternoon Coffee

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