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Gabrielle is a founding partner of *Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler* and a past President and now Honorary President of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration. She is Honorary President of the Swiss Arbitration Association. She practices international commercial, investment and sports arbitration, mainly as presiding arbitrator, sitting on numerous institutional arbitration panels and conducting arbitrations under the rules of all major institutions. She is Professor Emerita at Geneva University Law School, a visiting professor at National University of Singapore, Tsinghua University in Beijing, and Georgetown University.

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Gourab is a Senior Advocate in the Supreme Court of India, specialising in arbitration and commercial litigation. He graduated with first class Honours from Cambridge University and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1990. Designated as a Senior Advocate in 2003, he was appointed Additional Solicitor General of India in 2009, a position he held till 2014. An Overseas Associate at *Essex Court Chambers*, Gourab has been appointed as an arbitrator in commercial and investment treaty arbitrations. As counsel, he has appeared extensively in various domestic and international fora. The founding President of the Arbitration Bar of India and Chairman of the UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee for India, he was also part of a 2023 High-Level Committee set up by the Government of India to suggest reforms to India's arbitration regime.

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Bing Bing is a Professor of International Law at Tsinghua University, Beijing, a Member of the Curatorium of The Hague Academy of International Law, and an associate member of the Institute of International Law (IDI). He has served as counsel in inter-state arbitrations and as a legal advisor on matters of public international law since 2006. Previously, he was a Law Clerk and Legal Officer at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda (1996–2004). His research focuses on public international law, the law of the sea, and international dispute settlement, and he has published extensively on these subjects. He is currently the vice president of the Chinese Society of International Law. He has also been a visiting professor at institutions such as the University of Kiel, New York University, and University of Pennsylvania.

Judge Joan E. Donoghue

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Joan was a Judge on the International Court of Justice from 2010 to 2024 and served as its President from 2021 to 2024. She joined the Court after a career at the U.S. State Department, where she was the senior career attorney from 2007 to 2010. She has served on investor-State arbitral tribunals and

annulment committees and has decided challenges to arbitrators as appointing authority. Joan has taught international law and investment law at several law schools and in the UN's regional training programme. Joan is a Visiting Professor at the Law School at the University of California, Berkeley (spring 2025). During 2025-2026, she will be the Arthur Goodhart Visiting Professor in Legal Science at Cambridge University.

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Sarah is a full-time arbitrator at *Twenty Essex* based in Singapore. She has over 20 years of experience in international commercial, investor-State, and public international law dispute resolution proceedings. From 2016 to 2022 she served as the Secretary-General of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. Prior to that, she worked for a decade at the Permanent Court of Arbitration administering disputes involving States, State entities, and intergovernmental organisations. She also worked for three years at the ICC Court of Arbitration in Paris and in private practice in Paris and Auckland.

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Shotaro is professor of international law at the Graduate School of Law, Kyoto University. His publications cover dispute settlement, international investment law, law of treaties and many other fields. He represents Japan in UNCITRAL Working Group III and has been counsel for several States before the International Court of Justice and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. He is currently the President of the Japanese Society of International Law and a member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Max Planck Encyclopaedia of Public International Law. He was a co-chair of the Committee on Procedure of International Courts and Tribunals of the International Law Association.

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Roman is a member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea since 2017 and a Member of the Court of the Russian Federation to the Permanent Court of Arbitration since 2015. In 2001-2009 and 2015-2017, he served as the Director of the Legal department of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and in 2009-2015, as the Russian Ambassador to the Netherlands and Permanent Representative to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. He was involved, particularly as an agent and head of his country delegations, in the settlement of interstate disputes through judicial, arbitral and other peaceful means. Roman is a titular member of the Institute of International Law, a former member and special rapporteur of the International Law Commission. He

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Ambassador Rena Lee

Rena is Singapore's Ambassador for International Law. She has served in a number of roles in the public service for more than three decades, including with the Attorney-General's Chambers and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She was most recently also the Chief Executive of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore. She specializes in the practice of public international law, covering diverse areas including law of the sea, environmental and climate change law, and humanitarian and human rights law. Rena was Ambassador for Oceans and Law of the Sea Issues and Special Envoy of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. In this capacity, she was elected President of the Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction in 2018 and served until the successful conclusion of the negotiations and adoption by consensus of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement) in 2023.

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Salim Moollan KC specialises in international commercial and investment arbitration. He has acted as Counsel in high profile investment arbitration cases (*White Industries v. India*, *Philip Morris v. Australia*, *Cairn Energy v. India*), and currently acts as lead Counsel in a number of prominent investment arbitrations for both States and investors. In the commercial field, he acts in high-value cases in (in particular) the energy and telecoms fields. He frequently sits as arbitrator in investment and commercial arbitrations. He is a past chairman of UNCITRAL, a past Vice-President of the ICC Court, a past member of the LCIA Court, a member of the World Bank's ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and a former editor of the ICSID Law Review. He is also called to the Mauritian Bar and appears from time to time before the Mauritian Courts in complex and high value cases. He frequently appears in the Privy Council on issues ranging from civil law to administrative law and tax matters. He is a Visiting Professor in International Arbitration Law at King's College London.

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Mónica is a member of the Institut de droit international. She sits as *ad hoc* Judge at the International Court of Justice. She is Member of the Court of Argentina to the Permanent Court of Arbitration, of the

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Danilo is Emeritus Professor of International Law at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. His textbook, “Foundations of International Law” (519 pp), was published in Slovene in 2007 and 2015, and has been translated into Czech, Hungarian, and Russian. In addition to his academic work, he has been involved in a number of expert and diplomatic activities, including serving on several UN expert bodies in the field of human rights. From 1992 to 2000, he was Slovenia’s Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations in New York, followed by five years as UN Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs. After returning to Slovenia in 2005, he resumed teaching at the University of Ljubljana. He was later elected as President of the Republic of Slovenia (2007-2012). He currently serves as President of Club de Madrid, an organization of former democratic presidents and prime ministers.