

ICC Mediation Rules 2014 Launch Conference: **BEST PRACTICES IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL MEDIATION**

Tuesday, 25 March 2014
Hong Kong
Free of Charge

Venue

Clifford Chance
28th Floor
Jardine House
One Connaught Place
Hong Kong

Objective

On 1 January 2014, the new ICC Rules of Mediation entered into force. In conjunction with the entry into force of the Rules, as well as the inaugural Hong Kong Mediation Week, ICC Asia will be organising a half-day launch conference in Hong Kong on 25 March 2014.

The event will offer participants the opportunity to acquire a comprehensive overview of the new Rules and an insight into the latest developments in international commercial mediation, with a focus on Greater China.

Who should attend

Mediators, arbitrators, legal practitioners, in-house counsel, and academics who wish to know more about best practices in international commercial mediation.

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Programme

- 2.30-3.00pm** **Registration and coffee**
- 3.00-3.10pm** **Words of welcome and introduction**
- 3.10-3.45pm** **Why mediate? Mediation's relevance to business in Greater China**
- Why is it in a company's interest to settle complex, international commercial disputes through mediation?
 - How have companies made mediation a central part of their dispute resolution strategy?
 - Why do companies choose administered mediation?
- A panel of mediation practitioners and users share their views on the importance of mediation in today's business world, particularly within Greater China.*
- 3.45-4.15pm** **The new ICC Mediation Rules (Part I)**
- ADR becomes Mediation: The drafting of the new ICC Mediation Rules
 - Getting started: How to initiate proceedings under the ICC Mediation Rules
- Members of the ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR and the ICC International Centre for ADR share their insights.*
- 4.15-4.50pm** **Conduct of mediation proceedings: Avoiding and overcoming hurdles, dealing with confidentiality**
- How are mediations conducted under the new Rules?
 - How can agreement on the language(s) and place of the mediation be achieved if the parties cannot see eye to eye?
 - How is the obligatory initial discussion between the mediator and the parties organized?
 - What do the mediator and the parties need to decide about the conduct of the proceedings?
- Two experienced international mediators discuss practical aspects of conducting international mediations and share their respective experiences and perspectives on the subject.*
- 4.50-5.15pm** **Coffee break**
- 5.15-5.50pm** **The new ICC Mediation Rules (Part II)**
- The mediator: Finding the right person for your dispute
 - Money matters: Costs and payments
- Members of the ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR and the ICC International Centre for ADR share their insights.*
- 5.50-6.20pm** **Drafting an effective mediation clause: The new ICC model clauses for mediations**
- What are the important elements of an effective mediation clause?
 - What are the potential pitfalls of a poorly drafted mediation clause?
 - What considerations should you keep in mind in choosing between the different ICC model clauses for mediation?
- An experienced international mediator and arbitrator discusses the above issues with a member of the ICC Mediation Rules drafting group .*
- 6.20-6.30pm** **Closing remarks**
- 6.30-8.30pm** **Cocktail reception**

Speakers

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Logistical and registration information

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Working language:

English

How to register:

Please complete and submit the registration form [here](#).

For further information please email drs@iccasia.com.sg.

Registration fee:

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Travel and accommodation:

Travel and hotel expenses are not included. Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations.