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VIAC'S ARBITRATION SERIES 2026
A series of Talk shows on Specialised Arbitration

WEBINAR

SPECIALISED ARBITRATION IN FOCUS #03: MARITIME ARBITRATION



3.00 PM – 5.00 PM
2nd Oct 2026



Virtual event
Zoom Platform



Language
English

CONTENT

Session 01: GUEST LECTURE

The Role of an Arbitrator in writing arbitral Award – Insights from Maritime Arbitration

Session 02: PANEL DISCUSSION

Maritime Arbitration in Practice: From Contractual Structures to Procedural Strategy

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INTRODUCTION

In the context of growing demand for specialised dispute resolution across key economic sectors, the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC) and ADR Vietnam Chambers (ADRVN) will co-organise **VIAC's Arbitration Series – VAS Crossover 2026**, a series of professional talkshows on specialised arbitration. The series aims to create a focused platform for arbitrators, arbitration practitioners, in-house counsel, business representatives and academics to exchange insights on recent legal developments, sector-specific dispute risks, procedural innovations and practical approaches to dispute resolution.

Continuing **VIAC's Arbitration Series – VAS Crossover 2026**, this webinar turns the spotlight to maritime disputes, an area where global shipping networks are becoming increasingly complex and interconnected, and where a single shipment may involve a chain of contracts and multiple parties across different jurisdictions, including charterparties, bills of lading, contracts of carriage, and logistics agreements. This layered structure frequently leads to overlapping claims and uncertainty in the allocation of rights and obligations, highlighting the need for effective dispute resolution mechanisms capable of handling multi-contract and multi-party disputes, and ensuring consistency in the interpretation and enforcement of maritime contracts.

The session will examine the distinctive legal and practical challenges in maritime disputes, including jurisdictional issues, limitation periods, carrier liability, evidentiary standards for proving loss and delivery, limitation of liability, and applicable law. It will also address the growing impact of sanctions and geopolitical developments on global shipping, including compliance obligations and disruptions to trade flows. In addition, the session will explore sector-specific risks such as war risks, demurrage and deviation claims, anti-suit injunctions, emergency and interim measures, and the role of P&I insurance in managing and allocating maritime risk.

AGENDA

Time frame	Content
2.30 – 3.00 PM	Zoom Webinar Access and Technical Check
3.00 – 3.10 PM	Opening session
3.10 – 3.40 PM	GUEST LECTURE: The Role of an Arbitrator in writing arbitral Award – Insights from Maritime Arbitration <u>Content:</u> Many assume that the only task of an arbitrator is to write an award at the end of a case. In truth, the award is merely the end point of a process that begins with the appointment of the arbitrator, and many of the arbitrator's most important functions are performed over the course of the proceedings rather than in the final award alone. As approximately 70–80% of cases settle before an award is rendered, the arbitrator often plays a significant role in bringing about settlement, through decisions on the evidence to be disclosed, whether security should be ordered for an opponent's costs, whether to hold an oral hearing or decide the case on documents only, encouraging cost-effective approaches by the parties, and recognising the use of AI in the arbitral process and its consequences. The lecture will illustrate that legal knowledge alone is not sufficient for an arbitrator – the art of case management is vital, and is also an area where there is a marked difference in approach between ad hoc and institutional arbitration. As maritime arbitration tends to be ad hoc rather than institutional, the role of the maritime arbitrator differs so as to meet the specific requirements and practices of the shipping and insurance market.
3.40 – 4.40 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION: Maritime Arbitration in Practice: From Contractual Structures to Procedural Strategy <u>Content:</u> • Legal nature of contractual relationships in multi-contract maritime disputes and jurisdiction of arbitral tribunals; • Key legal issues including limitation periods, carrier liability, evidentiary standards, and applicable law; • Sanctions and geopolitical developments affecting global shipping and trade; • Other sector-specific risks: war risks, demurrage and deviation claims, anti-suit injunctions, interim and emergency measures, and the role of P&I insurance.
4.40 – 5.00 PM	Q&A Session
5.00 PM	Closing

SPEAKERS INTRODUCTION

GUEST SPEAKER/PANELIST



Mr. CLIVE H. ASTON

Full Member, London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) Committee, President of the LMAA (from 2014-2017)

Clive Aston was President of the LMAA from 2014-2017. Clive studied Law at Trinity College, Cambridge where he was awarded the Lizette Bentwich Prize for Law.

After obtaining his degree at Cambridge he qualified as a Barrister-at-Law. Rather than practise at the bar, he went directly into the shipping field, working at a leading P&I Club between 1979 and 1988 where he managed the Freight, Demurrage and Defence class of cover and the Greek P&I syndicate at the Club.

In 1988 Clive established his own maritime consultancy practice. At the same time he began accepting arbitration appointments and has since acted as arbitrator in a wide range of maritime and commercial disputes. As well as being President of the LMAA from 2014-17, Clive has had several separate spells as a Committee Member of the LMAA and in these capacities has travelled widely on behalf of the LMAA and made many presentations on all aspects of LMAA arbitration.

Clive is a qualified mediator, Member of the Baltic Exchange and listed Panel Member of the China Maritime Arbitration Commission, the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre and Thailand Arbitration Centre.

MODERATOR



Mr. NGUYEN MANH DZUNG

Director at ADR Vietnam Chambers LLC,
Founding Senior Partner of Dzungst & Associates

Mr. Nguyen Manh Dzung is the Director of ADR Vietnam Chambers LLC and Founding Senior Partner of Dzungst & Associates, a prominent shipping and dispute resolution firm. He is a leading Vietnamese arbitrator and mediator with over 30 years of experience in maritime, commercial and investment disputes. Dzung was recently nominated by the Vietnamese Ministry of Justice to serve as Chairman of the Executive Board of the International Arbitration Centre of Vietnam International Financial Centre (VIFCA).

He is the first Vietnamese member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. He frequently sits as sole, presiding and co-arbitrator in disputes involving international trade, construction, M&A, and maritime matters under various rules, including VIAC, SIAC, KCAB, ICC, etc. Besides, Mr. Dzung was directly involved in drafting and editing the 2010 Commercial Arbitration Law, Decree 22/CP on Commercial Mediation, as well as the 2015 Civil Procedure Code regarding the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards and the recognition of out-of-court mediation agreements.



SPEAKERS INTRODUCTION

PANELISTS



Mr. NGO KHAC LE

Deputy Secretary-General of Vietnam Logistics Business Association (VLA),
VIAC's Listed Arbitrator

Mr. Ngo Khac Le currently serves as an Arbitrator at Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC), an International Arbitrator at the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCBA International) and holds the position of Deputy Secretary General of the Vietnam Logistics Business Association (VLA). With years of extensive experience in maritime law, international transport, and dispute resolution, he is a leading legal expert in Vietnam regarding logistics and the practices of multimodal transport documents. He moderates and coordinates high-level domestic and international academic conferences concerning global commercial and maritime legal instruments.

He has made significant contributions to the formulation of national logistics development policies and the assessment of the compatibility of international conventions in this field with Viet Nam's legal framework. As a highly respected expert in the industry, Mr. Le regularly provides legal consultation, lectures at specialized training courses, and serves as a speaker at major forums to assist the Vietnamese business community in mitigating legal risks in international trade, logistics and global supply chains.



Mr. DANG VIET ANH

Managing Partner at ANHISA LLC,
VIAC's Listed Arbitrator

Mr. Dang Viet Anh is the Managing Partner of ANHISA LLC and an accredited Arbitrator at the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC). With over 25 years of specialized legal practice, Mr. Anh possesses profound expertise in maritime law, international trade, insurance & reinsurance, and complex dispute resolution through both court litigation and commercial arbitration.

Consistently recognized among Vietnam's leading shipping lawyers by reputable international legal directories - including The Legal 500, Chambers and Partners, Benchmark Litigation, and Asia Business Law Journal - Mr. Anh has built an exceptional track record handling high-stakes admiralty and casualty matters. His practical experience encompasses vessel collisions, salvage operations, wreck removal, groundings, total loss, GA adjustments, and ship arrest and release procedures.

In addition to contentious shipping, Mr. Anh regularly advises domestic and cross-border shipowners, P&I Clubs, charterers, and leading financial institutions on shipbuilding contracts, S&P, charterparties, bills of lading, and ship finance transactions. He is widely appreciated by clients and peers for his deep industry insights, proactive problem-solving, and dedication to delivering practical, efficient results.



CO-ORGANIZERS

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Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC)



VIETNAM INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE

The Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC) was established in 1993 by a Decision of the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam through the merger of the Foreign Trade Arbitration Council (established in 1963) and the Maritime Arbitration Council (established in 1964). Pursuant to the Ordinance on Commercial Arbitration 2003, the Law on Commercial Arbitration 2010, and its current Charter, VIAC operates as an independent institution. Arbitral awards rendered by VIAC tribunals are final and binding, and are recognized and enforced in Vietnam as well as in over 170 countries and territories under the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (the New York Convention 1958).

As a leading arbitration and mediation institution in Vietnam with international recognition, in recent years VIAC has handled thousands of domestic and international disputes across a wide range of sectors, including sale of goods, transportation, insurance, construction, finance, banking, investment, and others. The disputing parties come from most provinces in Vietnam and from key economic and trade partners worldwide. Over nearly three decades of development, VIAC has continuously grown, becoming a trusted institution and a reliable pillar of justice for both domestic and international business communities.

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Frequently appointed in high stakes cases and widely sought after as speakers at conferences, our members are well-known names in international dispute resolution as well as regular mentions in Who's Who Legal lists, Legal 500, Chambers and Partners and Asialaw rankings.

Members at ADR Vietnam Chambers LLC are well-published in journals of international arbitration and chapters to books. Further, many are law lecturers of international commercial arbitration and mediation at various law schools.



FEATURED PARTNER

Viet Nam Logistics Business Association (VLA)



Viet Nam Logistics Business Association (VLA), formerly Vietnam Freight Forwarders Association (VIFFAS), was established under Decision No. 5874 / KTTV on November 18, 1993 of the Office of the Government. By Decision No. 07 / QĐ-BNV dated January 4, 2013 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, VIFFAS was renamed to Vietnam Logistics Business Association (VLA) in order to meet the development process of the Vietnam logistics services industry.

The Vietnam Logistics Business Association is a professional associated organization established voluntarily by the organizations, enterprises and citizens of Viet Nam which have registered to operate in the freight forwarding and trade logistics industry in accordance with the Commercial Law with the aim to cooperate, associate and help each other in developing professional activities, improving business efficiency and protecting the legal interest of the members and on this basis of integrating with such activities of professional organizations in the region and the world in accordance with the law.

SUPPORTING PARTNERS



The London Maritime Arbitrators Association (the LMAA) was founded on 12th February 1960 at a “meeting of the Arbitrators on the Baltic Exchange Approved List” but its roots and traditions stretch back more than 300 years over the history of the Baltic Exchange. The LMAA is an association of practising maritime arbitrators comprising the Full Members. In 1972 the category of Supporting Membership was introduced. The Aspiring Full Membership category was established in 2010. The lists of such members today – drawn as they are from specialists involved in the many services connected with shipping and maritime arbitration – speaks for itself as to the scope and the interests of the Association.

One of LMAA's objects is “to advance and encourage the professional knowledge of London maritime arbitrators and, by recommendation and advice, to assist the expeditious procedure and disposal of disputes”. Not being an institution, the LMAA does not administer arbitrations, and so no administrative fees are charged. For a modest one-off fee, the LMAA can assist with the appointment of arbitrators where the parties so agree or cannot agree on a sole. The LMAA is very conscious that its reputation as the centre of excellence in maritime dispute resolution must depend upon the ability of its members to provide a service that merits the confidence of those who bring their disputes to London.



ANHISA LLC is a premier boutique law firm specializing in Maritime Law, Corporate & International Trade, and ADR. Founded and led by Mr. Dang Viet Anh – one of Vietnam's foremost shipping lawyers and an accredited VIAC Arbitrator with over 25 years of specialized practice – the firm delivers high-standard, practical legal solutions to domestic and international corporations, shipowners, P&I clubs, underwriters, and financial institutions worldwide.

ANHISA's professional standing and service quality are consistently recognized by leading international legal directories, including The Legal 500, Chambers and Partners, Benchmark Litigation, and Asia Business Law Journal. These independent accolades underscore the firm's deep technical expertise and proven track record, particularly in complex maritime casualties, ship arrest procedures, and cross-border commercial and maritime arbitrations.

Combining modern legal thinking with seasoned dispute resolution experience, ANHISA remains dedicated to professional excellence and actively contributes to the advancement of maritime arbitration practice in Vietnam.



Vietnam Institute for International Arbitration Research and Training (VIART) was officially established on 30/07/2021 under Decision No.79/QĐ-VIAC of the President of the Vietnam International Arbitration Center (VIAC), in the context that alternative dispute resolutions (ADRs), especially commercial arbitration, are making great strides in its development while Vietnamese justice system are following the trend of integrating with the international justice system.

As a division of Vietnam International Arbitration Center (VIAC) – the primary arbitration institution in the field of dispute resolution in Vietnam for almost 30 years, with the strength in practical experience in arbitration, the understanding in arbitration market, and a leading team of experts in multiple fields, VIART succeeds and follows up on a stable foundation, focuses its resources on promoting the development of ADRs in general and arbitration in particular in Vietnam.





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As commercial transactions become increasingly complex, cross-border and sector-specific, arbitration is expected to respond not only as a dispute resolution mechanism, but also as a practical framework capable of addressing the evolving legal, technical and commercial realities of modern disputes. This requires arbitration users and practitioners to develop a more specialised, practice-oriented and interdisciplinary understanding of dispute resolution. In this context, Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC) and ADR Vietnam Chambers (ADRVN) will co-organize the VIAC's Arbitration Series – VAS Crossover 2026, a series of talk shows on specialised arbitration. The series aims to create a focused platform for arbitrators, arbitration practitioners, in-house counsel, business representatives and academics to exchange insights on recent legal developments, sector-specific dispute risks, procedural innovations and practical approaches to dispute resolution.

Through a series of thematic sessions, VAS Crossover 2026 will examine key areas of specialised arbitration, including international trade (CISG), construction, M&A, finance, and maritime law. The programme will also introduce relevant updates in Vietnam's arbitration landscape, including the VIAC Rules of Arbitration 2026, while connecting domestic practice with regional and international perspectives. Ultimately, VAS Crossover 2026 seeks to foster a more informed, practice-oriented, and connected arbitration community in Vietnam.

Event Timeline	11 Sep	WEBINAR	Specialised Arbitration in Focus #01 Construction Arbitration	Virtual event
	25 Sep	WEBINAR	Specialised Arbitration in Focus #02 M&A and Financial Arbitration	Virtual event
	02 Oct	WEBINAR	Specialised Arbitration in Focus #03 Maritime Arbitration	Virtual event
	09 Oct	WEBINAR	Specialised Arbitration in Focus #04 CISG and International Trade Arbitration	Virtual event



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