INTRODUCTION TO ARBITRATION

The AIJA International Arbitration Commission is proud to invite you to the well-known Introduction to Arbitration seminar – in a brand new format and with the support of ASA below 40 (Swiss Arbitration Association). In a format designed to guarantee a lively debate, an entire day will be dedicated to interactive workshops moderated by experienced practitioners of the younger generation. In addition to these workshops, there will be substantial presentations on some of the hot topics in today’s arbitration world. All presentations and workshops will be tailored to the practical needs of arbitration users.

This seminar will be a good occasion to learn from top-level practitioners and academics from all over Europe and exchange and discuss views on international arbitration. Venue will be Zurich, a city that many say has the highest quality of life in the world, in the heart of Switzerland, one of the leading venues for international arbitrations.

The seminar is a must for all lawyers and in-house counsel interested and involved in international arbitration and those who wish to be better prepared for future disputes. It will also be a good opportunity for young arbitration practitioners to establish and develop relationships with colleagues from other firms and countries.

The three-day seminar program will cover all major aspects of international arbitration including: pros and cons of arbitration compared to State court proceedings, basic features of institutional arbitration rules, Swiss Rules and ICC Rules in practice, women in arbitration, drafting arbitration clauses, initiating arbitration proceedings, efficiency in proceedings, interim measures, presenting and examining witnesses, enforceability, relevance of the place of arbitration, and future developments of arbitration. Participants will have the choice between a number of workshops.

Speakers and workshop moderators include Michelle Sindler, Domitille Baizeau, Mariella Orelli, Gisela Knuts, Matthew Gearing, Noah Rubins, Jacob Grierson, Vladimir Khvalei, Alejandro López Ortiz, Michelangelo Cicogna, Max van Leyenhorst, Daniel Hochstrasser, Christoph Müller, Bernhard Berger, Sébastien Besson, Harold Frey, Martin Molina, Christian Oetiker, Dieter Hofmann, Thomas Rohner and Tobias Zuberbühler.

Last but not least, the social program will, of course, live up to the highest expectations, and we look forward to seeing many of you in Zurich on 11-13 June 2009!

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