14 June 2019: Symposium on the Attractiveness of the Paris International Commercial Chambers

The Paris Court of Appeal will host a symposium on "*L'attractivité de la place de Paris: Les chambres commerciales internationales: fonctionnement et trajectoire*" (The attractiveness of Paris's jurisdiction. The international Commercial Chambers: functioning and future trends) on June 14, 2019 (2pm-6pm).

Readers of this blog will remember that on February 7, 2018, the International Commercial Chamberof the Paris Court of Appeal was inaugurated.

The establishment of this specialized appellate international Commercial Chamberfollows the creation of the first International Chamber of the Paris Commercial Court of First Instance ("*Chambre de Droit International du Tribunal de Commerce*") and fits well in the current developments of the international business courts all over Europe (and out of Europe too).

The international chambers of the Paris Commercial Court and Court of Appeal (hereafter referred to as the "International Commercial Courts of Paris" or the "ICCP") are the latest examples of the modernization of French Legal System with respect to dispute resolution in commercial matters.

In the context of Brexit, the creation of the ICCP aims at enhancing the attractiveness and international competitiveness of French courts, combining flexibility, high quality and low costs.

The Paris Court of Appeal and the Faculty of Law of the *Université de Paris Est Créteil* (UPEC) will organize a symposium on June 14, 2019 at the Paris Court of Appeal. The conference will discuss the attractiveness of the Paris courts taking into account its latest evolution: the creation of the International Commercial Courts of Paris, with a focus on how these courts work in practice.

After the opening by Chantal Arens, first president of the Paris Court of Appeal and Gilles Cuniberti, professor of law at the University of Luxembourg, the event will be divided into three parts:

1. Origins and creation of the ICCP, with a comparative approach to other commercial courts in Europe.
2. Analysis of the mechanisms allowing access to the ICCP, with practical insight into the drafting and interpretation of choice of court clauses, the types of disputes that may fall within the scope of the Chambers and the relationships with arbitration.
3. Analysis of the procedural rules before the Chambers, with a specific focus on how the Chambers work in practice, the use of the English language, the available tools for the parties, and the current rules of practice established or being discussed in the Chambers.

The conference, led by the judges sitting in the Paris international chambers, will provide a valuable feedback of 18 months of existence of the International Commercial Chamber of the Paris Court of Appeal. The future trends of the French ICCP, and their interaction with other courts in Europe will also be debated.

Emmanuel Gaillard, Visiting Professor at Yale Law School and Harvard Law School, will give the closing speech.

A detailed description of the afternoon's program can be found on the Paris Court of Appeal's website (*in French only/English version to be published soon*).

You can register by writing an email to: colloque.ca-paris@justice.fr

Links to previous relevant posts:

https://conflictoflaws.de/2011/paris-commercial-court-creates-international-division/

https://conflictoflaws.de/2018/doors-open-for-first-hearing-of-international-chamber-at-paris-court-of-appeal/

https://conflictoflaws.de/2018/the-domino-effect-of-international-commercial-court

s-in-europe-whos-next/