AAPrIL's June online seminar: The Law of the Arbitration Agreement – Australasian Perspectives

On Wednesday, 11 June 2025, the Australasian Association of Private International Law (AAPrIL) will hold its latest instalment of its online Seminar Series, as Timothy Lindsay of Lindsay Francis & Mangan presents on 'The Law of the Arbitration Agreement – Australasian Perspectives'.

The topic:

Contracts with international arbitration agreements can engage a complex interaction of different laws: the governing law of the contract, the law of the seat, and the law of the arbitration agreement itself. Parties to international commercial contracts usually address the first two of these issues, but are often silent as to the law of the arbitration agreement. A light has recently shone on this well-known issue by the United Kingdom's Arbitration Act 2025, which includes a new default rule for determining the law of the arbitration agreement, and similar changes to the Rules of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, as well as developing case law in other jurisdictions. How might Australian and New Zealand courts react?

The Chair:

Jack Wass is a barrister admitted to the bar in New Zealand and Victoria. He practisesin civil and commercial litigation, with a focus on cross-border disputes. He is co-author of the text *The Conflict of Laws in New Zealand* (LexisNexis, 2020). Jack is New Zealand Vice-President of AAPrIL.

The Presenter:

Timothy Lindsay is a partner and founder of Lindsay Francis & Mangan, a specialist business disputes law firm with offices in Auckland, Singapore and Sydney. He is recognised as a leading litigation and arbitration lawyer. As arbitration counsel, Tim has appeared in international commercial, investor state and public international law arbitrations under all of the major rules. Tim is

currently the chair of the arbitration committee for ICC New Zealand, previously a member of the ICC Court of Arbitration, a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration, a member of the ISDA Arbitration Committee, and a drafter of the inaugural AMINZ Arbitration Rules. Tim was previously a partner in the London office of US law firm Dechert LLP, where he led the international arbitration practice.

Details

Date and Time: Wednesday 11 June 2025, 5:00pm to 6:00pm (AEST)*

Online only: Zoom Link

Zoom ID: 839 4662 2158

RSVP: Please register via this link by COB Tuesday 10 June 2025

Anyone is welcome to attend this seminar. There is no cost.

* ACT, NSW, Qld, Tas and Vic; NZ, 7:00pm-8:00pm; NT and SA, 4:30pm-5:30pm; WA, 3:00pm-4:00pm