Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot

10th Annual International Commercial Arbitration Competition

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Program Agenda

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Opening Ceremony

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM EST
(17:00 - 17:30 GET/GMT+4)

Opening Remarks
Jaba Gvelebiani, Director, Arbitration Initiative Georgia (AIG)
Skip Mark, Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Department of Commerce
Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP)
Michael Honigstein, Political/Economic Counselor, U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi

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Icebreaker - Intros & Around the World Tour
Presenters: Nicolette Mena, International Program Specialist, CLDP; Olivia Nejedlik, International Program Specialist, CLDP

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM EST
(18:00 - 19:00 GET/GMT+4)

The Tension Between Consent and Common Sense: Non-Signatories in International Commercial Arbitration
Speaker: Björn Arp, Fellow, Center on International Commercial Arbitration, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM EST
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Vis Quiz!
Presenter: Kali Flemming, Law Clerk, CLDP

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM EST
(19:30 - 20:00 GET/GMT+4)

Everything I Wish I Had Known Before I Competed in the Vis Moot
Speaker: Drew Roberts, Attorney Advisor, CLDP

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM EST
(20:00 - 20:30 GET/GMT+4)

Legal and Practical Aspects of Remote Hearings
Speaker: Nata Ghibradze, Senior Associate, Hogan Lovells

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM EST
(20:30 - 21:00 GET/GMT+4)

Closing Remarks
Speakers: Skip Mark, Attorney-Advisor, CLDP; Jaba Gvelebiani, Director, AIG;

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Pre-Moot Pleadings, Day 1

7:00 AM – 8:45 AM EST
(16:00 - 17:45 GET/GMT+4)

Pre-Moot Pleadings – Day 1, General Round 1

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM EST
(17:45 - 18:00 GET/GMT+4)

Break

9:00 AM – 10:45 AM EST
(18:00 - 19:45 GET/GMT+4)

Pre-Moot Pleadings – Day 1, General Round 2
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Pre-Moot Pleadings, Day 2

7:00 AM – 8:45 AM EST
(16:00 - 17:45 GET/GMT+4) Pre-Moot Pleadings – Day 2, General Round 1

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM EST
(17:45 - 18:00 GET/GMT+4) Break

9:00 AM – 10:45 AM EST
(18:00 - 19:45 GET/GMT+4) Pre-Moot Pleadings – Day 2, General Round 2

10:45 AM – 11:45 PM EST
(19:45 - 20:45 GET/GMT+4) Break

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM EST
(20:45 - 21:45 GET/GMT+4) Closing Ceremony

**Presenters:** Teona Sesitashvili, Tbilisi Pre-Moot Organizing Team Member, AIG; Skip Mark, Attorney-Advisor, CLDP