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Evolving Strategies in Dispute Resolution

International dispute resolution is complex and constantly evolving due to the fast pace of the global economy and technological innovation.

The Seventh Annual Schiefelbein Global Dispute Resolution Conference will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in 2025. This year's co-sponsors are ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Schiefelbein Global Dispute Resolution and the Geneva Center for International Dispute Settlement. Apropos to Geneva's status of being a leader on climate change issues, this year's theme is climate change and its impact on disputes and dispute resolution. At the conference, leading dispute resolution lawyers, government representatives, business executives, corporate counsel, and academics will discuss climate change and explore evolving strategies for resolving climate-related disputes. We thank you for joining us in person or online.

About the Conference

Now in its seventh year, the Schiefelbein Global Dispute Resolution Conference has become a signature event for the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University.

The conference examines the latest in international dispute resolution and brings together expert practitioners, business leaders, academics, and heads of international arbitration institutions. The conference is made possible through the dedicated partnership and generous support of Les Schiefelbein. Along with the conference, Les supports the annual Schiefelbein Global Dispute Resolution Scholarship for ASU Law students showing excellence in and dedication to international dispute resolution.

About Les Schiefelbein



Les Schiefelbein

**CEO and Founder,
Schiefelbein Global**

Les Schiefelbein is an internationally recognized Arbitrator and Mediator with over forty years corporate law and government law expertise in US and International business and technology matters.

Les was previously Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company and a US Air Force Judge Advocate Reserve (Colonel), serving clients on US and international aerospace, national security, technology transactions and arbitration and mediation matters. Les is a founding member and Chair of the Board of Directors for the Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Center.

Les has handled over 400 cases in the course of his career, and has gained particular expertise as a sole, chair or panel arbitrator in commercial and government disputes to include aerospace, aviation, satellites, cybersecurity, national security and information technology.

He is a member of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) Commercial Panel, Large and Complex Cases; International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) International Panel, Aerospace, Aviation and National Security Specialty Panel; International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) International Court of Arbitration and US member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR; International Panel of Arbitrators, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA); and the Hague Court of Arbitration for Aviation. He is an accredited mediator with the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) and AAA/ICDR; Panel of Arbitrators, Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the SIAC Users Council; CPR Panel of Distinguished Neutrals serving on its San Francisco ADR Panel, General Counsel Panel, Cross-Border Panel and Technology Panel; Panelist, Asian International Arbitration Centre; Panelist, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board International; Panelist, The Chinese Arbitration Association, Taiwan; Shenzhen Court

of International Arbitration; Japan Commercial Arbitration Association and has acted in matters under UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. Les is a member of the USA Subcommittee Member for the Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge.

Les is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb); Fellow, College of Commercial Arbitrators; Member, International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA); Member, New York International Arbitration Center; Member, Society of Satellite Professionals International; Member, Board of Directors, California International Arbitration Council; Member, Dutch Arbitration Association; Member, United States Council for International Business, Arbitration and ADR Committee; Advisory Board, Boston International Arbitration Council; CEO, Global Technology Dispute Resolution Council and Silicon Valley Arbitration and Mediation Center's 2023 list of leading arbitrators and mediators in the technology sector.

Les holds a Juris Doctor degree from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, a Masters of Law in Contracts from the George Washington University Law School, a graduate of the Advanced Executive Program at the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and completed the London School of Economics and Political Science executive course on Business, International Relations and the Political Economy.

In 2018, Les provided an endowment to the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University to establish the Schiefelbein Global Dispute Resolution Program. The Program is in two parts— an annual Global Dispute Resolution Conference and scholarships for law students to gain knowledge, experience and the necessary professional contacts to prepare them for careers in the global dispute resolution community.

He has lectured on arbitration at Keble College, Oxford University, Harvard Law School, Stanford Law School, Lodestar Dispute Resolution Center at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University and the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. Les was the first attorney honored with the Lockheed Martin Career Excellence Award and also honored with the Reginald C. Harmon Award as the Outstanding Air Force Reserve Legal Officer. Les was the 2021 Alumni Service Award recipient by the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. Les is a retired Colonel, Air Force Judge Advocate Lawyer. Les participates in the American Bar Association Military Pro Bono Project and counts coaching basketball for 17 years as a great way to relax.

Keynote Speaker

Distinguished Speakers and Expert Panels



Prof. Dr. Anthony Patt

Professor of Climate Policy,
ETH Zürich Director,
ETH Climate Policy Lab
(Zürich, Switzerland)

Anthony Patt leads the Climate Policy Lab at ETH Zürich, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology.

On the modelling side, the group seeks to identify scenarios for achieving complete decarbonisation of the economy, particularly within the energy system, that are technically sound, socially acceptable, and economically advantageous. On the empirical side, they analyse stakeholders' preferences to identify workable policies and agreements for complete decarbonisation. Prof. Patt has been active as an author in multiple rounds of IPCC assessment reports, including as Coordinating Lead Author for the most recent chapter examining international cooperation.

Prof. Patt practiced environmental law for several years before transitioning to research and teaching in public policy. He has received numerous grants and awards for his efforts and has published over 100 articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Speakers and Expert Panels

+ Industry and Climate Dispute Resolution



Zachary Douglas KC

Barrister | 3VB Chambers; Professor of International Law | Geneva Graduate Institute (Geneva, Switzerland)



Alexander G. Fessas

Secretary General | ICC International Court of Arbitration (Paris, France)



Ben Love

Partner | Baker Botts (Houston, United States)



Todd Ptak

Head of Sustainability Legal Affairs | Airbus (Toulouse, France)

+ Climate Change and Arbitration



Sara Marzal

Legal Counsel | International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (Washington D.C., United States)



Wendy Miles KC

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Penelope Nevill

Barrister | Twenty Essex (London, United Kingdom)



Jorge E. Vinuales

Harold Samuel Professor of Law and Environmental Policy | University of Cambridge (Cambridge, United Kingdom); Member of the Institute of International Law

Speakers and Expert Panels continued....

+ Climate Disputes in International and Domestic Courts



Laurence Boisson de Chazournes

Professor Em. | University of Geneva; CIDS Council President; Former MIDS Director (Geneva, Switzerland)



Sébastien Duyck

Senior Attorney and Human Rights and Climate Campaign Manager | Center for International Environmental Law (Geneva, Switzerland)



Jessica Simor KC

Barrister | Matrix Chambers (London, United Kingdom)



Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh

Associate Professor of Sustainability Law | University of Amsterdam (Amsterdam, Netherlands); Adjunct Professor of Law | The University of Fiji (Suva, Fiji); Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration



“We don’t accomplish anything in this world alone.”

- Sandra Day O'Connor

Agenda

Friday, 27 June 2025

9 – 9:30 a.m.
(09:00 – 09:30)

Check-In and Light Breakfast
Geneva Graduate Institute, Maison de la Paix - Chem.
Eugène-Rigot 2, 1202 Genève, Switzerland

9:30 – 9:40 a.m.
(09:30 – 09:40)

Welcome and Introduction

Stacy Leeds

Willard H. Pedrick Dean, Regents and Foundation Professor of Law, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University (Phoenix, AZ)

Les Schiefelbein

CEO and Founder, Schiefelbein Global, International Arbitrator, Chair of the Board of Directors, Silicon Valley Arbitration and Mediation Center (Palo Alto, CA)

Zachary Douglas KC

Barrister | 3VB Chambers; Professor of International Law, Geneva Graduate Institute (Geneva, Switzerland)

9:40 – 10:30 a.m.
(09:40 – 10:30)

The Schiefelbein Global Dispute Resolution Lecture

Prof. Dr. Anthony Patt

Professor of Climate Policy | ETH Zürich; Director | ETH Climate Policy Lab (Zürich, Switzerland)

10:30 – 11 a.m.
(10:30 – 11:00)

Break

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(11:00 – 12:30)

Industry and Climate Dispute Resolution

Zachary Douglas KC | Moderator

Barrister | 3VB Chambers; Professor of International Law, Geneva Graduate Institute (Geneva, Switzerland)

Alexander G. Fessas

Secretary General | ICC International Court of Arbitration (Paris, France)

Ben Love

Partner | Baker Botts (Houston, United States)

Todd Ptak

Head of Sustainability Legal Affairs | Airbus (Toulouse, France)

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
(12:30 – 13:30)

Lunch

1:30 – 3 p.m.
(13:30 – 15:00)

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3 – 3:30 p.m.
(15:00 – 15:30)

Break

3:30 – 5 p.m.
(15:30 – 17:00)

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5 – 5:15 p.m.
(17:00 – 17:15)

Closing Remarks

Art Hinshaw

Associate Dean for Experiential Learning, Clinical Professor and Faculty Director of the Lodestar Dispute Resolution Center | Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University (Phoenix, AZ)

6–8p.m.
(18:00 – 20:00)

Reception

Restaurant la Perle du Lac

Rue de Lausanne 126, 1202 Genève, Switzerland

Conference Organizers and Staff

Les Schiefelbein

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