

Arbitration Week 2023

The next new variant? Arbitration in the healthcare and life sciences sector

The life sciences sector is one of the most significant and fast-growing segments of the global economy, particularly in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. Its growth is now being accompanied by a corresponding increase in related disputes of a wide-ranging nature.


Join us for a panel discussion, bringing together IP experts and experienced arbitration practitioners with specific expertise in the life sciences sector to explore:


- the various types of disputes that arise in the growing life sciences sector;
- the suitability of arbitration for the resolution of life sciences disputes, including an in-depth discussion of key issues such as arbitrability, confidentiality, and the use of experts in the field;
- recent and future trends in the arbitration of life sciences disputes; and
- tips and tricks for drafting arbitration clauses and submission agreements to resolve life sciences disputes by arbitration.

Registrations close: 26 September 2023

Event Details

 Tuesday 10 October 2023

 Registration: 9.15 am AWST
Event start: 9.30 am AWST
Event end: 10.30 am AWST

 **In person**
Corrs Chambers Westgarth
Level 6, Brookfield Place, Tower 2
123 St Georges Terrace
Perth WA 6000

Online
Zoom link to follow

CPD points
Australian legal practitioners attending this event will receive 1 CPD point in Substantive law

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Speakers



The Honourable Dr Annabelle Bennett AC SC

The Honourable Dr Annabelle Bennett AC SC is a retired Judge of the Federal Court of Australia and was an additional judge of the Supreme Court of the ACT and a Deputy President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, having previously practised as a Senior Counsel specialising in intellectual property. She is currently Chancellor of Bond University; the Chair of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO), an Arbitrator of the Court of Arbitration for Sport; Member of the Board of Directors of the Garvan Institute; Chair of Gardior Pty Limited; Member and past President of Chief Executive Women; and Member of the Advisory Board of the Faculty of Law at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. She has also served as a Commissioner with the NSW Law Reform Commission and as a Royal Commissioner into National Natural Disaster Arrangements. Dr Bennett is a Fellow of both the Australian Academy of Science and Australian Academy of Law. She also practises as a Barrister, in an advisory role, and as a mediator and arbitrator.



David Fixler

Partner, Intellectual Property
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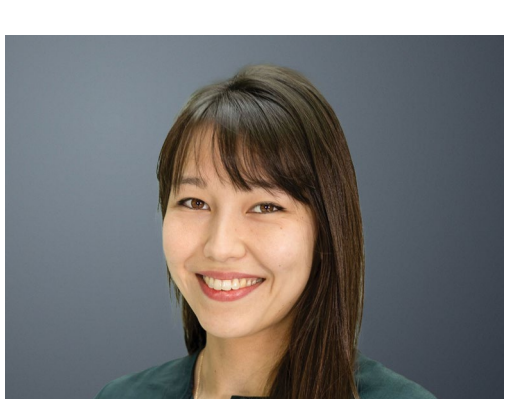
David is an IP litigator with significant experience in complex, high-profile intellectual property disputes. David acts across a wide range of sectors and technologies including pharmaceuticals and biologics, mining, steel, online gaming, water filtration, complementary medicines and consumer goods. David has a strong reputation for his work in patent litigation and frequently acts in infringement / revocation proceedings in the Federal Court at trial and on appeal. He takes a strategic approach to these matters which can often include urgent applications for interlocutory injunctions, parallel proceedings globally and complex scientific evidence.



Dr Benny Lo

Barrister
Des Voeux Chambers

Dr. Benny Lo is a barrister practising from Des Voeux Chambers, Hong Kong and acts as counsel and advocate in litigation and international arbitration matters. He is particularly experienced in commercial, shareholders, insolvency, healthcare, pharmaceutical and intellectual property disputes. Besides, Benny also sits as an arbitrator and has been appointed to sit as presiding arbitrator, sole arbitrator, emergency arbitrator or co-arbitrator in over 95 international cases, including in an investor-state arbitration brought under the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement. He regularly sits as a deputy judge and judicial officer for the Hong Kong Judiciary.



Margarita (Rita) Kato

Representative of the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center's Singapore Office

Rita manages arbitration and mediation cases under the WIPO Rules, including cases relating to life sciences. Rita is an English solicitor and holds an LLB from the London School of Economics. Prior to the joining the WIPO Center in 2020, Rita practiced at an international law firm based in London, which included time spent working in the firm's Geneva and Singapore offices.

Moderator



Cara North

Special Counsel, Arbitration and Commercial Litigation practice groups, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Cara has over a decade's worth of experience acting for clients on large and complex multi-jurisdictional disputes, specialising in domestic and international commercial litigation, arbitration and investor-state dispute resolution. Her expertise includes arbitrating under the rules of various arbitral institutions and acting for clients in complex and high-profile litigation in the UK, the US, Guernsey, the Cayman Islands, Hong Kong and Malaysia, primarily in the areas of construction projects, large corporate collapses and fraud.