



## THE RIGHT TO A PHYSICAL HEARING

LIVE WEBINAR

22 JULY 2021  
6PM TO 8PM (GMT+8)

Traditions and norms established over hundreds of years of dispute resolution have given physical hearings in dispute resolution a sacrosanct quality; almost indispensable to due process.

While exceptions may have existed in the form of documents-only arbitrations and in the taking of evidence in a place different from the place of determination, the sense that hearings must or should take place physically has persisted. Many procedural rules in arbitration in force at the start of the pandemic speak of the “place” or “location” of the hearing and parties’ “presence” at the hearing.

The isolation of persons brought about by the pandemic has forced the world of arbitration to consider the capabilities of electronic technology in facilitating hearings. Hearings have taken place, consensually, in a full or partial electronic environment, supplemented by the further use of technology to aid presentation and reference to documents. But what is a party’s right at law or in arbitration to a physical hearing? Are there risks in a tribunal holding a virtual hearing over a party’s objection? Will differences in parties’ access to technology put them on an unequal footing and deny them a reasonable opportunity of being heard?

In this conversation, our host, Lawrence Teh, a Senior Partner of Dentons Rodyk will explore these and other issues with Lucy Reed, President of ICCA, discussing (a) the ICCA Right to a Physical Hearing Project, which surveys the law and practice concerning rights to physical and virtual hearings in 77 national jurisdictions; and (b) practical experience with virtual hearings in the Covid-19 era and beyond.

The conversation will be joined by Ms Yasmine Lahlou, an editor of the ICCA Project and Ms Chiann Bao, a leading arbitrator.

# PROGRAMME OUTLINE



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6.15PM TO 6.45PM

LAWRENCE TEH SPEAKS WITH LUCY REED

DOES A RIGHT TO A PHYSICAL HEARING  
EXIST IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION?

6.45PM TO 7.15PM

PANEL DISCUSSION



Moderator:  
**Lawrence Teh**  
Senior Partner  
Dentons Rodyk



Panellist:  
**Prof Lucy Reed**  
President  
ICCA



Panellist:  
**Yasmine  
Lahlou**  
Partner  
Chaffetz  
Lindsey LLP



Panellist:  
**Chiann Bao**  
Member  
Arbitration  
Chambers

7.15PM TO 7.45PM

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The panel will answer selected questions in this segment of the event.

You may send your questions in advance to [marketing@maxwellchambers.com](mailto:marketing@maxwellchambers.com) or pose them using the "Q&A" function during the live webinar.

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