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## 16th Annual Mediation Seminar

### “Mediating Investment Treaty Disputes – Feasible or a waste of time ?”

Thursday 4 July 2019 6.00 for 6.30 pm

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Speakers: John Whittaker, Dr Tunde Ogowewo, Phillip Howell - Richardson

Hosted by Clyde & Co, The St Botolph Building 138 Houndsditch London EC3A 7AR

The London branch is delighted to present this seminar, once again, hosted by Clyde & Co, on the topic of whether mediating investment treaty disputes is possible, especially given the size and importance of such disputes. From their unique perspectives and extensive knowledge and experience of this topic, our expert panel will consider the pros and cons of such mediations.

**John Whittaker** is a Senior Equity Partner at Clyde & Co. Based mainly in London and Singapore he has spent long periods in Russia, Serbia and Eastern Europe. He specialises in international sanctions. He has acted both for and against states including inter-state disputes. Among others, he has acted against Brazil, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Sierra Leone and states that were formerly party to the (now defunct) International Tin Council. He has acted for Sri Lanka, Comoros and a sanctioned country.

**Dr Tunde Ogowewo** of King's College London, is a visiting Professor at both New York University School of Law and the National University of Singapore. He has advised the UK Department of Business Innovation and Skills on takeover regulation. He is co-chair of the US State Department of Commerce's project on developing a model law on foreign investment in Africa. He has sat on ICC and LCIA arbitral tribunals appointed by Asian and African States. He has acted as expert on ICSID disputes. He acts as Counsel for the Nigerian government in ICC cases and advised on the Bakassi dispute following the International Court decision in the Hague.

**Phillip Howell-Richardson**, of Independent Mediators, has over 30 years' experience in mediation. Based in London, Phillip specialises in complex international disputes including group actions, investor state treaty disputes, and product liability claims involving governments, global corporations and off shore trusts. He has mediated in Norway, Germany, Italy, Holland, Africa, Dubai, Singapore, the USA and Hong Kong. He is a Fellow and Board member of the International Academy of Mediators. He is a member of the ICC mediation panel and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

This Seminar will be of interest to anyone involved in domestic and international mediation including lawyers, in-house counsel, law students and academics. It is open to practitioners from all legal systems, including civil law, common law and others. It seeks to:

- Enhance practical knowledge and skills for international arbitration practitioners
- Continue legal education for all lawyers
- Provide training for law firm practitioners, in-house and government lawyers, and others.

Following the seminar, which will conclude at around 8 pm, Clyde & Co will generously host a reception for attendees. There is no charge to attend this seminar but, in view of capacity limitations, attendees please **MUST** register in advance with Elinor Pritchard at [elinor@thevirtualpartnership.co.uk](mailto:elinor@thevirtualpartnership.co.uk). The event will carry 1.5 CPD points.