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MANAGING INVESTMENT RISK IN EMERGING MARKETS: FROM STRUCTURING TO ENFORCEMENT

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Speakers: Michael Black QC, Noor Kadhim, Aravind Ramanna and Barnaby Stueck



Hosted by Jones Day

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Thursday, 17th May 2018 – 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

The London Branch is pleased to present a discussion on *Managing Investment Risk in Emerging Markets: From Structuring to Enforcement* hosted by Jones Day. Four distinguished speakers will address how companies and individuals can manage investment risk, including:

- How do you structure or restructure your investment to take advantage of bilateral investment treaties (BITs) and corporate structures in protective jurisdictions?
- How do you craft and implement a global asset tracing and enforcement strategy to recover assets worldwide?

This event will be of interest to practitioners advising clients in this field and to private equity funds, hedge funds, asset managers, sovereign wealth funds, oil and gas, mining, and energy companies, and investment banks and their clients operating in emerging markets.

Speakers

- **Sylvia Tonova**, Partner at Jones Day, is an international arbitration lawyer with over a decade of experience in representing companies, individuals and governments in international arbitrations brought under BITs and advising on structures to minimize political risk. She has advised clients in mining, oil and gas, construction, finance, and telecommunications disputes. Sylvia is a member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and is recognized in *Legal 500* (2018) and *Who's Who Legal* (2018) as a future leader in international arbitration.
- **Aravind Ramanna**, Managing Director and Principal of international corporate fiduciary services provider Van Doorn CFS B.V. in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, has practiced as a Dutch and English qualified corporate lawyer for the past 20 years. He specializes in implementation and maintenance of international corporate structures for asset protection purposes for corporate, private equity and fund clients. He often advises on the use of Dutch foundations (stichtingen).
- **Barnaby Stueck**, Partner at Jones Day, leads the Firm's Offshore Disputes subpractice. He focuses on multijurisdictional commercial litigation and arbitration, with particular emphasis on complex fraud, asset tracing, contentious insolvency, and investment fund disputes. He has acted for clients in notable enforcement matters involving the Cayman Islands, B.V.I., U.A.E., France, Turkey, Ukraine, Switzerland, and Russia. *Chambers* (2016) describes him as a "phenomenal litigator" who is "super-bright and imaginative." *Chambers* (2017) describes him as the "real deal in terms of asset tracing work."



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- **Michael Black QC** has held the appointments of Deputy High Court Judge Queen's Bench Division, Deputy Judge of the Technology and Construction Court, Member of the Civil Procedure Rule Committee and Member of the Civil Justice Council. He is currently a member of the UK National Committee of the ICC, a member of global ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR and Task Force on Emergency Arbitrators, a member of the Court of Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Centre and a Visiting Professor at Manchester University. Michael's court work is almost entirely devoted to international enforcement issues surrounding judgments and arbitral awards. Recent examples of Michael's work include: *IPCO v NNPC* in the UK Supreme Court concerning the imposition of conditions on a party seeking to challenge enforcement of an arbitral award under the New York Convention; *Pearl Petroleum v Kurdish Regional Government of Iraq* in the DIFC Courts concerning the enforcement of a USD 2 Billion London arbitral award in Iraq through the DIFC "conduit jurisdiction" giving rise to issues of sovereign immunity and under the Riyadh Convention; *Akhmedova v Akhmedov*, enforcement of the largest ever English divorce settlement (USD 600 million) in Dubai and multiple other jurisdictions.
- **Noor Kadhim**, Consultant in dispute resolution and head of international arbitration and art law at Cubism Law, is formerly a legal counsel at Vannin Capital, one of the leading legal finance providers. Previously Noor acted as counsel in investment and commercial arbitration cases at a magic circle and a boutique law firm in London and Dubai, and was Deputy Counsel at the ICC in Paris for the Middle East/ Eastern Mediterranean team.

Following the seminar, which will conclude at around 8 pm, Jones Day will generously host a reception for the speakers and all 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. The event will carry 1.5 CPD points**