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**7th Annual Joint Seminar
“Arbitration in Latin America”
Wednesday 7th September 2011 – 6.00pm for 6.30pm**

**Speakers: Renato Grion, Alejandro Escobar, Paolo del Aguila,
Sandra Gonzalez and Manuel Gómez**

Chair: Hew R Dundas, Chairman CI Arb London Branch

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Arbitration in Latin America is less well understood in London and Western Europe than it should be, notwithstanding several high-profile ICSID cases. The CI Arb President's visit to Ecuador, Colombia and Bolivia in 2007 revealed a thriving arbitration and conciliation culture, with substantial arbitral/conciliation caseloads. Many issues continue to arouse debate, whether relating to the effectiveness of arbitration in the various countries, the role of the Courts in supporting arbitration, the enforcement of awards and BITs. A highly distinguished panel of expert speakers will address topical issues from the perspectives of Brazil, Chile, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Renato S. Grion (Brazil) was educated and trained in Brazil, U.S. and France, then worked as Deputy Counsel at the ICC in Paris before joining the Sao Paulo office of Pinheiro Neto Advogados. He specialises in international arbitration and acts as counsel in a variety of commercial arbitration cases under leading institutional rules in Brazil and abroad. Renato also sits as arbitrator, lectures on international commercial arbitration in Brazil and is the author of many articles on the subject.

Alejandro Escobar (Chile) is qualified in Chile and in England and Wales, holds degrees from the University of Chile and University of Cambridge, is a visiting professor at University College London and is a partner in the London office of Baker Botts LLP, where he advises businesses and governments on investment treaty disputes, on international legal protections for investment structuring and on other areas of public and private international law. Alejandro was previously Senior Counsel at ICSID.

Paolo del Aguila (Perú) is an attorney holding a Masters Degree in Competition Law and Intellectual Property from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú and has been Secretary-General of the Arbitration Centre at the Lima CoC since 2003 where he has administered approximately 1,400 national and international arbitrations. Currently, Paolo teaches arbitration and other law at the three major universities in Lima. In addition, he has written many essays and articles related to his specialist fields.

Sandra Gonzalez (Uruguay) holds a law degree from the University of the Republic and a master's degree from Harvard Law School. She is a partner in the Montevideo office of Ferrere and heads the firm's Litigation and Arbitration practice, specialising in cross border litigation and domestic and international arbitration, with particular emphasis on financial and commercial matters. Ferrere also has offices in Paraguay and Bolivia. Sandra is Deputy Director of the Law Department at ORT University.

Manuel A. Gómez (Venezuela) holds doctoral and master's degrees in Law from Stanford University (USA), and a law degree from the Andrés Bello Catholic University (Venezuela). He is an associate professor at Florida International UCL (Miami) where he specialises in international arbitration and other areas. Manuel is currently working on a project on alternative financing in international arbitration and is also lead researcher in a multi-country survey about the use of commercial arbitration in Latin America.

Following the Seminar, which will conclude around 8pm, Norton Rose LLP will generously host a reception for the speakers and all attendees. There will be no charge to attend this event but attendees MUST register in advance with CI Arb London Branch's Administrator, at elinor@thevirtualpartnership.co.uk