A Tribunal Secretary to the Arbitral Panel is considered important by some and as a matter of concern by others. The recent *Yukos v Russia* decision makes this a hot topic for discussion by an expert panel.

**Jackie van Haersolte-van Hof** is the Director General of the LCIA. Previously, she practised as a counsel and arbitrator in The Hague, at her GAR 100 boutique Haersolte Hof. She has sat as arbitrator in cases under the ICC, LCIA and UNCITRAL and NAI rules and has experience in commodities, transport and maritime arbitration. She is on the ICSID roster of arbitrators and is currently sitting on an ad hoc committee. Jackie lectures in international arbitration at VU University Amsterdam and a member of GAR’s editorial board. 

*Jackie will address the role of institutions in regulating the use, impartiality and independence of Tribunal Secretaries.*

**Sophie Nappert** Arbitrator, is a dual-qualified lawyer in Canada and in the UK. She is a full time arbitrator in independent practice, specialising in international disputes, notably in energy, infrastructure, natural resources and cross-border investment. Formerly, she was Head of International Arbitration at a global law firm. She is the peer-nominated Moderator of OGEIMID, is ranked in Global Arbitration Review’s Top 30 List of Female Arbitrators Worldwide and is commended as a “leading light” in the field by Who’s Who Legal. 

*Topic: An Arbitrator’s perspective on the roles of and differences between the arbitral “Assistant” and “Secretary” and the effect of Yukos.***

**Constantine Partasides QC (2014)**, founding partner of Three Crowns LLP, named as one of the “top 20” individuals in the 2011-2013 “Who’s Who” of Commercial Arbitration, Constantine represents various investors and states in disputes under bilateral and multilateral investment treaties and in commercial arbitrations relating to the energy, telecommunications and satellite sectors. He is a co-author of the 4th and 5th editions of the leading textbook *Redfern and Hunter on International Arbitration*, and the news editor of the *International Arbitration Law Review*. **Lucy Martinez** is a senior associate at Three Crowns LLP, and has extensive experience advising and representing both investors and states in complex, high-value international arbitrations, including before AAA, ICC, ICSID, LCIA, and UNCITRAL tribunals, pursuant to investment treaties and contracts. Her cases involve oil and gas, electricity, highway construction, telecommunications, satellite technology, waste processing and rock concerts, in various regions of the world including Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America.

*Topic: The Secretary’s perspective on best and worst practices, applicable Guidelines, implications of Yukos v Russia challenge process, whether the Secretary should police the appropriateness of the tasks that s/he is given by the arbitrator.*

**Nicholas Peacock**, partner at Herbert Smith Freehills, primarily advises banks, corporate clients and financial institutions. A solicitor advocate, he specialises in international arbitration and has extensive experience in commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution. Nick has also acted on regulatory disputes, high-value complaints and internal investigations. **Chambers Asia-Pacific 2011** states that he ‘has helped to put the arbitration team on the map’.

*Topic: Counsel’s perspective on if/ where the line is drawn between administrative efficiency and substantive input.*

**Irvinder Bakshi** is a Barrister and Chartered Arbitrator, and Chair of CIArb London Branch. She is a Director of KSB Law Consultants Limited providing consultancy services to a wide range of clients in a variety of domestic and international cases, both ad hoc and under institutional rules. Irvinder also practices as an arbitrator.

Following the Seminar, which will conclude around 8pm, Herbert Smith Freehills 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 CIArb London Branch’s Administrator, at elinor@thevirtualpartnership.co.uk