Major construction projects are proliferating in Asia as businesses seek out investment opportunities in higher growth Asian-markets. With those new investment opportunities comes the increased risk of disputes. Construction-related disputes can be time-consuming, complex and may have significant implications for project-completion.

The Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA) is delighted to offer a workshop on construction-related disputes in conjunction with practitioners from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer’s market-leading international arbitration practice. Drawing on their unparalleled experience in major construction-related contract and investment treaty disputes in Asia and around the world:

- Erin Miller-Rankin and Sarah-Jane Fick of Freshfields will share practical tips when faced with a construction dispute;
- Nicholas Lingard and Robert Kirkness of Freshfields will explain strategic investment treaty considerations;
- Belden Premaraj will discuss trends in the local construction market; and
- Smrithi Ramesh of KLRCA will draw upon the experiences of KLRCA in this expanding and complex field to moderate the discussion.

This workshop is a unique opportunity to gain an insight not only into effective management of complex arbitrations, but also how your business can take steps at the outset of a project to optimise your position in the event of a dispute. The workshop will conclude with a networking reception.
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Belden has and continues to practise in the specialised areas of construction & engineering, oil & gas, energy & utility and general insurance since the very commencement of his practice of law. He has accordingly built a strong understanding of these specialised industries and its practices. He continually engages with key domestic and foreign entities in the related industries for the development of risk management and dispute resolution strategies.

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Nick heads the International Arbitration practice in Asia. He leads one of the most active treaty arbitration practices from Singapore, representing both investors and States, in high-profile, politically complex cases around Asia and the world. He also represents clients in commercial disputes across a variety of industries, under all the major arbitral rules, including ICC, SIAC, UNCITRAL, HKIAC, AAA and NAI, and under all major systems of law.

Nick is an expert member of the Energy Charter Treaty Secretariat’s Legal Advisory Task Force, and has co-authored the leading Japanese practice text on international arbitration. Nick is admitted to practice in New York and New South Wales, Australia, and is also a Registered Foreign Lawyer at the Singapore International Commercial Court.

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Robert is a counsel at Freshfields’ International Arbitration Group, based in the Singapore office. Robert is an experienced advocate who represents clients in high-profile, politically complex disputes. He has represented both investors and States in numerous claims under investment treaties and has represented clients in international commercial disputes across a variety of industries, under all the major arbitral rules, and under all major systems of law. Robert also advises clients on a wide range of public international law issues, including structuring investments to obtain the benefits of protection under investment treaties.

Robert is recognised as a future leader in international arbitration by Who's Who Legal, and as a "Next Generation" lawyer in international arbitration by Legal 500. He is a admitted to practice in New Zealand, and also is a Registered Foreign Lawyer at the Singapore International Commercial Court.

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Erin is Head of Construction for Asia and the Middle East. Erin advises owners, developers, general contractors, engineering firms and various sub-trades on all aspects of their projects including tendering, procurement strategies and contract documentation for major infrastructure and construction projects. Erin also regularly advises on resolving real-estate, engineering and construction-related disputes including the representation of clients in ad-hoc ICC, LCIA, SIAC DIAC and ADCCAC arbitration proceedings.

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Sarah-Jane is an associate in the International Arbitration Group, based in the Dubai office. She specialises in construction disputes having represented both contractors and developers in a number of jurisdictions across Asia and the Middle East. Sarah-Jane regularly advises clients on pre-arbitration steps, termination issues and non-payment under FIDIC and other construction contracts.

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