



New Federal Arbitration Law Introduced In The United Arab Emirates (UAE)

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Federal Law no. 6 of 2018, better known as the Federal Arbitration Law, entered into force in the United Arab Emirates on June 14, 2018. Before that, arbitration, which was commonplace in the UAE despite not having a dedicated law, was governed by Articles 203 to 218 of the Civil Procedures Code of 1992.

The new law, which is broadly based on the UNCITRAL Model Law and in consistency with its provisions, provides for limited grounds to rescind an arbitral award, and grants the arbitral tribunal the authority to rule on its own jurisdiction. Furthermore, the law includes provisions designed to promote efficiency in arbitration and to prevent significant delays.

As to the scope of its application, the law applies to domestic and international arbitration proceedings. Furthermore, the law grants the arbitral tribunal extended powers within and according to the parties' agreement.

The law brings the UAE's arbitration framework in-line with international practice. This is indicative of the country's aspiration to position itself as an arbitration hub, both locally, regionally, and internationally.

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LES Scandinavia

LES Scandinavia Officers Announced

By *Alan Adcock*



The above LES Scandinavia Board Members enjoyed the LESI meeting in San Diego, California. From left, Olli Pekonen, President-Elect, Sonja London, President 2018-2019 and Per Ericsson, Past-President. Other officers for LES Scandinavia 2018-2019 are: Treasurer, Eva Skovbo; Internet officer, Johan Svendsen. Board members include: Adam Brandt, Nils Kristian Einstant and Magnus Friberg. Newly elected board members are Julius Berg Kaasin and Tuomas Matila. ■

LES Thailand

LESI President Travels To Thailand

By *Alan Adcock*

LES Thailand welcomed LESI President François Painchaud to Bangkok on Friday 9 November to present at their meeting. François addressed the LES Thailand membership on his role and recent past, as well as, upcoming LESI events. They included the LESI Asia Pacific Regional Meeting held in New Delhi 11-14 November, the inaugural Pan-Asian LES Young Members Congress (YMC) Conference held in Hong Kong on 30 November and the Winter Planning Meeting to be held in Miami 25-17 January 2019. Following this, members enjoyed a lively panel discussion on IP licensing standards and Thai practice delivered by Dr. Sansanee Chaiyaroj, Technology Transfer Office of TTO Mahidol University, Michael Moore—Marks & Clerk (UK) and Dr. Watson Ariyaphuttrat, Founder of KEEEN Limited.



Speakers and leaders at the LES Thai Meeting on IP Licensing Standards and Thailand Practice.

Earlier in the day LES Thailand arranged for François to visit and meet with the Thailand Department of Intellectual Property, where he thanked them for their long-standing support of LES Thailand. ■



François Painchaud accepts a gift from the Department of Intellectual Property in Thailand.