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## The Roscoe Pound Moscow Conference

"Improvement of commercial disputes resolution tools in Russia: development of arbitration and mediation practices"

<u>On June 21st, 2017</u> the Conference Hall of the Moscow State Linguistic University will host the Roscoe Pound Moscow Conference.

Moscow has been included in the list of the cities which host the worldwide Roscoe Pound Conference Series on commercial disputes resolution (GPC Series) in 2016 – 2017. The conference series have been arranged at the initiative of *the International Mediation Institute (IMI)* for the purpose of development of commercial disputes resolution tools both on regional and international levels in the 21st century.

The following subjects are planned to be discussed at the conference:

**Session 1:** Access to the disputes resolution tools: what are the main needs and expectations of the parties to a conflict?

**Session 2:** What kind of approaches can be implemented to satisfy the needs and expectations of the parties to a conflict within the framework of the current regional and international realias?

Session 3: In what way can the system of dispute settlement be enhanced?

**Session 4:** What actions and measures can be taken in order to improve the quality and accessibility of the civil and commercial disputes resolution tools, and by whom?

Discussion of these items is intended to reveal the ways and methods of facilitation of access to the dispute resolution process, improvement of its quality and growing satisfaction of all parties in dispute from the viewpoint of expenses, terms, predictability and enforceability of the outcome.

Representatives of the following groups are invited to participate in the conference:

- 1. **Potential parties in dispute:** private and state-owned companies, associations and public organizations, governmental agencies and administrative authorities, chambers of commerce and industry, corporate lawyers, insurance companies;
- 2. **Consultants:** external lawyers, legal counsellors, financial advisers, forensic medical examiners and other specialists, business consultants, management consultants;
- 3. Judges, arbitrators: state judges, arbitrators, tribunal representatives;
- 4. **Mediators:** representatives of the organizations which carry out mediation procedures, mediators;
- 5. Scientists and lawmakers: research workers, educators, government officials, lawmakers, non-governmental organizations.

Summarizing the results of the discussion, each panel will have on-line voting, the outcomes

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of which shall be subject to respective on-line discussions.

*The Roscoe Pound Conference Series* are held in over 40 cities worldwide, being a global non-commercial project with the main task of arrangement of a constructive dialogue between all parties interested in efficient resolution of disputes. The conferences are intended to reveal the real needs of the parties in disputes with regard to the format and methods of their resolution, as well as to determine the prospective trends of development of the existing methods of conflicts settlement.

The Moscow conference is arranged by the International Mediation Institute (IMI) and Moscow State Linguistic University with the assistance of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation, Center of Arbitration and Mediation of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation, International Commercial Arbitration Court (ICAC); Maritime Arbitration Commission (MAC); Board of Mediators for Conciliation Procedures at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation and the CIS Arbitration Forum, to be held at the venue of the Moscow State Linguistic University.

The global partners and sponsors of the Pound Conference Series are: <u>JAMS</u> (Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services), <u>ICDR</u> (International Center for Dispute Resolution), "<u>PricewaterhouseCoopers</u>" company, "<u>Shell</u>" company, "<u>Herbert Smith Freehills</u>" legal firm, and others.

Results of the voting are a good basis for further research works, innovations, legislative initiatives and, in general, for the increased use of the disputes resolution system and for substantial improvement of the process quality. On the whole, the data obtained at the conference shall be used for development of the existing tools of disputes resolution in compliance with the needs and resources of the parties in dispute and of the whole society.

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