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CAIL’S AND ITA’S NEW LEADERS

I. INTRODUCING CAIL’S NEW PRESIDENT, MR. T.L. CUBBAGE



Thomas (T.L.) Cubbage became President of The Center for American and International Law, the parent of the ITA, in March 2021.

Before joining CAIL, T.L. served as Deputy Under Secretary for Science at the US Department of Energy (DOE). In that role, he oversaw a diverse portfolio of programs, including government investment in advanced energy technologies and protection of US innovations against illicit foreign misappropriation. Before serving at DOE, T.L. was a partner with Covington & Burling LLP in Washington, D.C. In recent years, his practice with Covington focused on international arbitration and other energy disputes. He played leading roles in hearings in North America and Europe before ICSID, ICC, and *ad hoc* tribunals with many highly esteemed arbitrators and represented clients in US litigation ancillary to international arbitrations.

Before becoming President, T.L. had served on CAIL’s Board of Trustees and been a member of the advisory boards of CAIL’s Institute for Transnational Arbitration and Institute for Energy Law.

T.L. received his B.A., magna cum laude, from Southern Methodist University in Dallas and his J.D., with high honors, from the University of Texas School of Law. He also served as law clerk to Fifth Circuit Judge Patrick Higginbotham.



II. INTRODUCING ITA'S NEW CHAIR, MR. TOMASZ J. SIKORA



Tomasz J. Sikora became Chair of the ITA's Advisory Board for 2021-2024. Tom is the 11th in a line of distinguished past Chairs of ITA since the Institute's founding in 1986.

Tom is Senior Counsel, International Disputes Group, at Exxon Mobil Corporation, where he manages international commercial and investment arbitration for the corporation. Prior to joining ExxonMobil, he spent ten years at El Paso Corporation managing the company's international arbitration and complex litigation. Tom initially practiced international arbitration of energy, construction and insurance disputes at Vinson & Elkins LLP in Houston, Texas.

Tom is a member of the Council (formerly Board of Directors) of the American Arbitration Association-AAA and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution-ICDR. He has been a member of the Executive Committee of the ITA for years, having served in a variety of leadership positions including Senior Vice Chair and Strategic Planning Committee Chair. Tom also serves as a Co-Chair of the Energy Arbitrators List. He is a former officer of the IBA Arbitration Committee and the ICC Commission on Arbitration.

Tom graduated from Harvard with an A.B. in History and Literature and from the University of Virginia School of Law with a J.D.

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The Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA) provides advanced, continuing education for lawyers, judges and other professionals concerned with transnational arbitration of commercial and investment disputes. Through its programs, scholarly publications and membership activities, ITA has become an important global forum on contemporary issues in the field of transnational arbitration. The Institute's record of educational achievements has been aided by the support of many of the world's leading companies, lawyers and arbitration professionals. Membership in the Institute for Transnational Arbitration is available to corporations, law firms, professional and educational organizations, government agencies and individuals.

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