

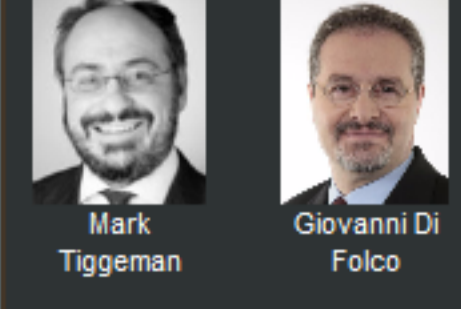
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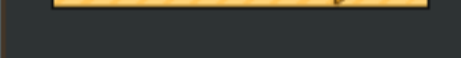
About
Chern on Dispute Boards, 3rd Edition

This new 3rd edition of "Chern on Dispute Boards" examines the law of dispute boards and their development around the world, while also covering procedural topics that are of particular concern to those utilising them. It deals with advanced practitioner issues in the emerging law of dispute boards on an international scale.

This book guides the reader through the complexities of commercial and construction disputes and their successful resolution, and also presents a way forward for the dispute board members themselves to administer dispute boards all over the world. It is therefore the number one guide for engineers and construction lawyers, as well as dispute board stakeholders worldwide.

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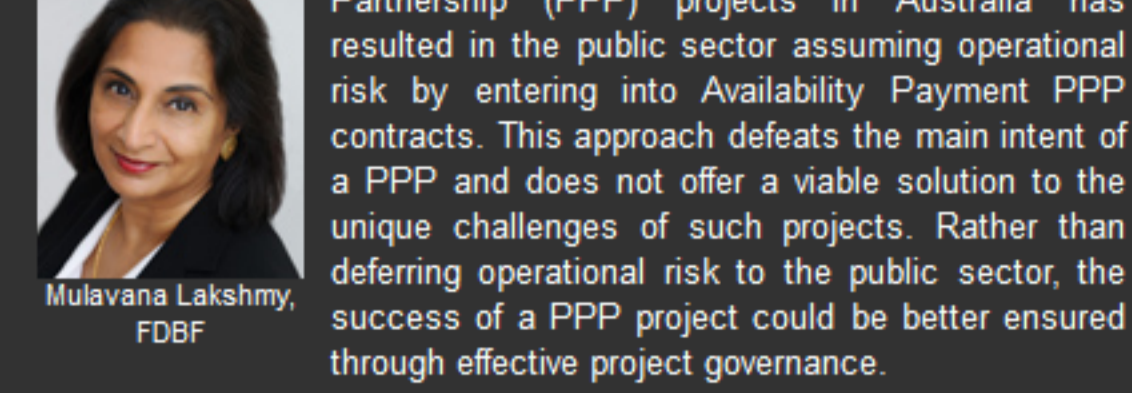
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Upcoming Events:

- Membership Drive - Summer 2015
- TBA, Germany - First inaugural member event

Governance in PPP Projects
by
Mulavana Lakshmy, FDBF



Recent challenges in the delivery of Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects in Australia has resulted in the public sector assuming operational risk by entering into Availability Payment PPP contracts. This approach defeats the main intent of a PPP and does not offer a viable solution to the unique challenges of such projects. Rather than deferring operational risk to the public sector, the success of a PPP project could be better ensured through effective project governance.

Better governance can be achieved by including provisions for the creation of "Governance Boards" within PPP contracts, helping to secure better project outcomes without the need to shift risk to the public sector. [Continue](#)

-Mulavana Lakshmy is a Fellow of The Dispute Board Federation and is a managing partner at Textform Management Consultancy in Sydney, Australia. She is also an arbitrator and has more than 30 years of engineering and infrastructure experience.

The Dispute Board Federation Offices Open in Germany

As of the 1st May 2015, the DBF opened their newest branch office in Germany. "It was the logical thing to do" says Silke Mittelstaedt who will be responsible for the daily management of the office. The DBF has seen a healthy growth in German speaking members, and this has prompted the management committee to act accordingly.

The office is located in Forchheim/Hallerndorf in Franconia, the northern part of Bavaria, which is also known as the gateway to the "Franconian Swiss Mountain Region". Famous for its beautiful forests and valleys with some amazing walking trails, the region is home to one of Germany's finest traditions: the "beer-fest". As far as Silke is concerned, all DBF members (old and new) should not miss out on the opportunity to visit the area whenever an opportunity arises, maybe even at the first inaugural member event to be organised in the near future.

Silke is an "old" friend of the DBF, having supported the organisation at various occasions in the past. Events like the FTIP or other courses on offer bear her unmistakable mark. Working closely with Leo Grütters, our Management Committee Member, she has had ample opportunity to get to know the organisation in detail.

The new office is a welcome port of call for all our German speaking members. They can contact Silke for all questions or queries they may have concerning our fast growing group of dispute management professionals. But above all, Silke would welcome constructive contributions from members that would help to make us even better than we are.

Contact details for the new office are:

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Project Development International Inc. Wins 2015 Dispute Resolution Award

Congratulations to Fellow member James E. Lalumiere, president of Project Development International, Inc. (PDI), for their recent 2015 Dispute Resolution Award for excellence in Dispute Resolution.

The award was presented to PDI by Acquisition International Magazine (AI). The Acquisition International 2015 Dispute Resolution Awards are designed to commend those in the dispute sector dedicated to providing exceptional service throughout the industry.

Among other specialties, Project Development International, Inc. (PDI) specialises in Infrastructure Program Development & Management and Dispute Resolution internationally.

[Click to read](#) the full article and interview with Mr. Lalumiere on page 57 of AI Dispute Resolution Magazine.

Project Development International, Inc. is headquartered in Dunedin, Florida (USA) with offices in Brussels, Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, Accra and Abuja.

Project of the Month: One World Trade Center Lapsed Video of Complete Construction



This month's project of the month is a stunning time lapsed video of the the 11 year journey of One World Trade Center being constructed courtesy of EarthCam. The video was released over Memorial Day Weekend in honour of One World Trade Center Observatory's official opening in New York City.

According to EarthCam's official Youtube [page](#), "Hundreds of thousands of high definition images were captured over the past 11 years and hand-edited for this exclusive time-lapse movie." One World Trade Center was constructed October 2004 to Memorial Day 2015.

New Member Announcements, Welcome!

Dr Bernhard Berger, FDBF
Fellow
Partner, Kellerhals Attorneys at Law - Team Litigation and Arbitration
Country: Switzerland

Expertise: Dr Bernhard Berger has expertise as chairman, sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and counsel in numerous international and domestic arbitrations. He is a Legal Expert on Swiss arbitration law matters and has experience in various arbitrations and court proceedings in Switzerland and abroad. Dr Berger specialises in the following:

- Agency / distribution / franchising
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Joint ventures / consortia / shareholder agreements
- Sales / purchases
- Construction oil and gas

Dr Berger is well published and has written extensively on matters related to domestic and international arbitration. He also serves as Vice-President of ASA (Swiss Arbitration Association), Member of the Arbitration Court and Special Committee of the Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution and has also lectured at several universities.

Ali Al-Ashbal, MDBF
Corporate Panel Member
Partner, Arbitrator, Civil Engineer
Augment International
Country: U.A.E.

Expertise: Ali Al-Ashbal is an Arbitrator with a professional civil engineering background. He is a partner in the international claim consultancy Augment International, and is responsible for the claims and dispute resolution division for the MENA region (Middle East and North Africa). Mr Al-Ashbal specialises in Claims, Arbitration, Dispute Resolution, Civil Engineering, Contract Management, Procurement and Risk Management. His role includes arbitration support and management services, expert witness services and claims and advisory roles in the following sectors:

- Civil Engineering
- Oil & Gas
- Building
- Marine
- Rail

Mr. Al-Ashbal is an active contributor to the sphere of dispute resolution and currently serves on the Committee for the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators promoting different forms of ADR.

Andrei Tsekov, PDBF
Professional Member
Managing Partner, Infinitus Ltd.
Country: Bulgaria

Expertise: Mr Andrei Tsekov is a Consultant in the fields of engineering, construction project management, contract administration, variation and claim management, adjudication and dispute resolution specialising in the construction sector.

He is also currently the Vice-Chairman of the Bulgarian Construction Chamber and is involved in construction legislation and public procurement practices, monitoring and improvement, construction contract standardization, conflict avoidance and dispute resolution.

Mr Tsekov is a Co-Founder and Member of the Board of Directors for the Bulgarian Society of Construction Law which deals with Legislative initiatives and construction project management standardization as well as adjudication and dispute resolution.

Graham Williamson, MDBF
Corporate Panel Member
Chartered Engineer, Arbitrator
Nippon Koel
Country: UK / Mozambique

Expertise: Mr Williamson is a Chartered Civil Engineer and Arbitrator with 30 years of professional experience in the preparation, implementation and maintenance of transportation infrastructure projects, including municipal infrastructure - 25 of those years at a senior level.

He has broad and extensive experience covering Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, the Caribbean and Central America. Recently he served as Country Director for Azerbaijan through Nippon Koel. Duties include company administration as well as overall supervision of detailed design of 126km, 500 million USD rehabilitation and dualing of main highway and supervision of construction of 66km motorway, major bridges and arterial roads.

Past projects include: Project Manager on 150 million USD extension of Abu Dhabi International Airport, as well as compilation and administration of FIDIC contracts. Mr Williamson is also a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Advanced Certificate in Arbitration).

Mohammed Kamal, FDBF
Fellow
Civil Engineer, Contracts Advisor, Arbitrator
United Development Co. (UDC)
Country: Qatar

Expertise: Mohammed Kamal is a professional civil engineer and arbitrator with a service record of more than 24 years of extensive experience providing project management & control services to various organizations in Europe, the Middle East, Arabian Gulf and Africa with a total value of more than 20 billion USD.

Mr Kamal has experience leading high end projects and is a Professional Technical Speaker and an Executive Trainer for many professional courses including COCIB Certified Commercial Contract Management, Primavera and Risk & Claims Avoidance. He has expert knowledge of International Contracts Forms including FIDIC, JCT, EIC and NEC. His experience also includes:

- Post contract administration
- Claims analysis
- Preparation of various types of claims
- ADR

Mr Kamal has domestic & overseas experience in the construction of High-Rise Buildings, Airports, Hotels, Conference Halls, Commercial Centers, Infrastructure, Utilities and Industrial Projects.

Have Some News For Our Members?

Would you like to highlight any news or events going on in which you as a member are involved? We would love to share what's happening with our members. Please contact our publications manager Lori Fusello at L.fusello@dbffederation.org with your news!

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