Economic sanctions have a high profile following, for example, the lifting of sanctions against Iran post the nuclear arms deal, the imposition of sanctions against Russia for its annexation of Crimea and North Korea for its nuclear test and rocket launch, and the request by Syria that sanctions be imposed on Turkey. Our expert panel discusses international arbitration in the context of economic sanctions.

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**Topic:** How the LCIA deals with sanctions issues.

Peter Maydon has worked in HM Treasury for more than 25 years and is Deputy Head of the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation. His work at HM Treasury has covered topics such as international trade in financial services, financial regulation, UK public expenditure, Budget co-ordination and economic briefing. He first worked on financial sanctions between 1996 and 2000 and has worked on national security-related issues for the last 12 years. Since 2007 he has worked in a variety of roles on financial sanctions and counter-terrorist asset freezing issues. Most recently, Pete oversaw the establishment of the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI), a new body within HM Treasury to promote understanding of and compliance with financial sanctions in the UK. Pete is Deputy Head of OFSI, overseeing the teams responsible for implementation and administration of financial sanctions. OFSI also works closely with law enforcement and security agencies, regulators and others to ensure that non-compliance is quickly identified and effectively addressed and have civil enforcement powers from next year.

**Topic:** The effect of financial sanctions, the work of OFSI, the need for compliance and how best to engage with OFSI on sanctions matters/licensing issues.

Hugh Mercer QC, Arbitrator, has a wide-ranging practice in public law, judicial review and commercial law. A specialist in conflict of laws, foreign law and EU law, he acts as Counsel and expert witness in cases involving EU sanctions including the interface between EU, international and contract law. He is a regular in the UK Supreme Court. He is advocate and representative before the Court of Justice and General Court, other courts and arbitral tribunals both in the UK, and co-counsel in other EU states, in EU, public and international law. He is Chairman of the CCBE EU Lawyers Committee which handles cross border regulatory issues affecting all EU Bars, and is on the Legal Experts Advisory Panel of Fair Trials International. He also co-authors a major commentary on the Brussels Regulation on jurisdiction and judgments, *European Civil Practice.*

**Topic:** Counsel’s perspective on how economic sanctions impact on the ability to prepare and present the parties’ cases”

Following the seminar, which will conclude at around 8 pm, Clifford Chance LLP will generously host a reception for the speakers and all attendees. There is no charge to attend this seminar but attendees please MUST register in advance with Elinor Pritchard at elinor@thevirtualpartnership.co.uk. The event will carry 1.5 CPD points.