

Paris Court of Appeal — Standing International Forum of Commercial Courts

The International Commercial Chamber of the Paris Court of Appeal chamber (ICCP-CA) was present at SIFoCC's 4th Full meeting in Sydney, on 20-21 October 2022.



The 4th full meeting of the Standing International Forum of Commercial Courts (SIFoCC) which brings together the world's commercial courts was held in Sydney, on 20-21 October 2022 and jointly hosted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the Federal Court of Australia. 123 judges representing more than forty commercial jurisdictions, largely from the Commonwealth, were present.

The Paris Court of Appeal was represented by **Fabienne Schaller**, Judge at the International Commercial Chamber of Paris and **Paul-Louis Netter**, president of the Paris Commercial Court.



This Forum is a unique place for exchanges between high level judges. It aims to identify good practices for international commercial dispute resolution based on experiences conducted by each jurisdiction in accordance with its legal system (Common Law or Civil Law Country).

Several round tables were organized ([cf. program](#)). After extensive discussions regarding the integration of courts, mediation and arbitration, **Fabienne Schaller co-chaired the round table** on the management of complex commercial disputes ([« Managing complexity, and the “complexification” of disputes »](#)). Speakers were invited to discuss issues such as, “robust” pre-trial procedure in order to prevent disputes from being artificially complexified by the volume of documents and briefs and length of the proceedings. Speakers were also invited to discuss the help provided by an adapted technology allowing to manage complex cases in a dematerialized way.

Discussions also focused on third party litigation funding, which is highly developed in certain Common Law countries (USA, Canada, Australia). Mrs. Schaller referred to the [European Parliament resolution](#) on this issue of access to commercial justice, recalling that legal aid and legal protection insurance are currently the tools regulated in Europe to allow access to justice for all, including commercial justice.

To conclude, the 4th Full meeting of the SIFoCC was a success witnessed by both the number of attendees and the quality of the exchanges. The themes discussed have made it possible to develop topics for reflection that will be further explored in working groups in which French participation is essential.

The next Forum will be held in Qatar in March 2024.