

## LCIA Announces New Court Members, VPs

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*Law360, Washington (May 17, 2017, 4:15 PM EDT)* -- The London Court of International Arbitration has appointed four new members to replace members whose terms of office have expired and elevated two new vice presidents, the court announced Tuesday.

Nayla Comair-Obeid of Obeid Law Firm, Christopher Lau SC, Allan Moore of Covington & Burling LLP and Julia Zagonek of White & Case LLP were all recommended and appointed to the court effective May 12, according to an LCIA statement.

The additions replace Marcelo Ferro, Eduardo Zuleta, Audley Sheppard and Johnny Veeder, who have each completed their allotted terms. Sheppard, the former vice president of the court, will rejoin ex-officio as chairman of the board.

In addition, the court said Jim Loftis and Nathalie Voser, who both joined the court in May 2016, have been appointed vice presidents.

Comair-Obeid is a professor of international commercial arbitration at the Lebanese University, professor of alternative dispute resolution at the Lebanese Judicial Institute and visiting professor at the University of Paris II, Pantheon-Assas.

At Obeid Law Firm she specializes in international business law and Islamic and Middle Eastern legislation, according to the firm's website. She is also a member of the World Bank's International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes panel of arbitrators and conciliators.

Christopher Lau is a senior counsel with 3 Verulam Buildings Barristers, with a practice that includes investment and commercial disputes related to maritime, energy, construction, corporate and military procurement issues.

He served as a judicial commissioner for the Singapore Supreme Court from 1995 to 1998 and has since served as an alternate member of the International Chamber of Commerce International Court of Arbitration and a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and has served on advisory boards for various working groups for rules guidelines on international dispute resolution.

Allan B. Moore is co-chair for Covington & Burlington's arbitration practice group, where he specializes in international arbitration and insurance coverage, with experience as lead counsel in disputes before

the ICC, ICSID, LCIA, U.N. Commission on International Trade Law, Stockholm Chamber of Commerce and the American Arbitration Association, among other independent tribunals and U.S. federal and state courts, according to the law firm.

Julia Zagonek is a partner at White & Case's Moscow and London offices, concentrating on international arbitration and commercial litigation, and a committee member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Anglo-Russian Law Association and the ICC's Russia working group.

Zagonek has conducted arbitrations under rules of the LCIA, ICC, AAA, UNCITRAL and the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, among other arbitral bodies, according to her White & Case biography. She also lectures on international and English law at Moscow State Law Academy and Moscow State University of International Relations.

Nathalie Voser, a partner with Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd.'s dispute resolution group in Zurich, joined the LCIA last May. She specializes in general contract law and international procedural law, including pretrial attachment and recognition of foreign judgments and arbitral decisions.

She is a board member of the Swiss Arbitration Association, the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce and the VIAC International Advisory Board. She is a member of the SIAC Users' Council and the SCC Rules Revision Committee.

Jim Loftis, a partner and head of international dispute resolution at Vinson & Elkins LLP, joined the LCIA at the same time as Voser. His practice includes disputes related to energy, construction and infrastructure development and cross-border investment and technology disputes.

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