

AGENDA

5:30 - 6:15 Networking and Refreshments

6:15 - 7:30 Panel and Discussion

Ved Nanda — Welcome

Kristi Disney — Introduction of Panelists

Ved Nanda — *A Brief Introduction to the TPP and Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), Possible Impacts of ISDS on Sustainable Development*

Todd Wells — *The Nuts and Bolts of ISDS and Why It Should Matter to You*

Tyler Rauert — *An Overview of Government, Investor and Civil Society Perspectives on ISDS*

Questions and Discussion

Conclude

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INVESTOR-STATE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IN THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

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Ved Nanda, Esq.

Professor Ved Nanda has taught at the University of Denver since 1965. In addition to his scholarly achievements, he is significantly involved in the global international law community. He is Past President of the World Jurist Association and now its Honorary President, former honorary Vice President of the American Society of International Law and now its counselor, and a member of the advisory council of the United States Institute of Human Rights. He was formerly the United States Delegate to the World Federation of the United Nations Associations, Geneva, and Vice-Chair of its Executive Council, and also served on the Board of Directors of the United Nations Association-USA. He also serves as an elected member of the American Law Institute and as a council member for the American Bar Association Section of International Law.

In 2006 Professor Nanda was honored with a \$1 million founding gift from DU alumni Doug and Mary Scrivner to launch the Ved Nanda Center for International and Comparative Law. The Center began its programming in 2007, hosting programs for the lawyers, students and community participants as well as promoting scholarship in the field of international law.

In February 2004, Professor Nanda was awarded the “Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award for Community Peace Building” from Soka Gakkai International and Morehouse College. In 1990 in Beijing, China, Professor Nanda was presented with the “World Legal Scholar” award by the World Jurist Association. He was also the recipient of the United Nations Association Human Rights Award in 1997. He has received honorary doctorates from Soka University in Tokyo, Japan and from Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, India. He is widely published in law journals and national magazines, has authored or co-authored 22 books in the various fields of international law and over 180 chapters and major law review articles, and has been a Distinguished Visiting Professor and Scholar at a number of universities in the United States and abroad.

Tyler Rauert, Esq.

Tyler Rauert is a global attorney for growing businesses. Building on his experience facilitating agreements and resolving disputes around the world, Tyler counsels small and medium-sized enterprises that do business in the US and overseas. His practice focuses on entity formation and funding, cross-border business transactions, international commercial arbitration, and commercial litigation.

After nearly a decade in the Washington, DC national security community, Tyler also advises U.S. and international clients on U.S. federal laws and regulations governing international business such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, the Export Administration Regulations, and the Foreign Asset Controls Regulations. He maintains close relationships in the Washington, DC policy community in the areas of international trade, economic development, defense, and foreign relations. Tyler is also actively building Colorado’s identity as an international business, culture, and education hub. In addition to his national role as a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Tyler serves locally as the Chair of the World Trade Center Denver’s Trade Policy Committee, Co-Chair of the Colorado Bar Association’s international business transactions unit, and Director-at-Large for Denver Sister Cities International. Tyler also regularly speaks to civic, community and business groups on a range of trade policy and business law issues.

Before joining NDU Tyler was a consultant on the use of force in international law. His work focused primarily on the application of the law of armed conflict to pioneering military and intelligence techniques.

Tyler obtained his J.D. and a Master of Arts degree in International Affairs from American University in Washington, DC. He also received an LL.M. in International Business Transactions from the University of Denver’s Sturm College of Law.

Prior to joining POLARIS, Tyler served for nine years as an Associate Professor of Law and Strategy at the National Defense University’s Near East South Asia Center for Strategic PStudies in Washington, DC where he regularly advised US and foreign policy-makers on issues of economic development and international security. In this role he also negotiated a framework for talks surrounding Iran’s nuclear program with Iranian, Israeli, Arab, Russian, Chinese, and European representatives. While on sabbatical leave in 2011, Tyler served as a Fellow in the US Senate where he worked on trade policy, export controls, international sanctions, defense appropriations, and counterterrorism.

Todd Wells, Esq.

Todd A. Wells is a founding shareholder of the law firm Gleason Wells, based in Denver, Colorado, USA. Mr. Wells holds multiple advanced degrees including a BA in anthropology from the University of Tennessee, a JD from the University of Denver, a MBA from the University of Colorado, and a Master of Laws (LLM) in arbitration and alternative dispute resolution from the University of Hong Kong. Wells’ law practice has focused on traditional commercial, corporate, and employment law transactions, and includes experience with arbitration (domestic and international), the development of international service and sales agreements, intellectual property registration and transactions, business structures, and other classic business needs between businesses large and small. Mr. Wells is a former vice-chair and co-chair of the International Law Section of the CBA. He has taught intensive experiential-style courses in international commercial arbitration, international sales, and international investment arbitration as an adjunct professor at the University of Denver since 2009. He also serves as an instructor for international arbitration moot teams at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and travels across the globe on behalf of DU.

Moderated by:

Kristi Disney, Esq.

Kristi Disney is the Executive Director at Sustainable Development Strategies Group (SDSG), where she develops and implements programs focused on sustainable development and extractive industries. These programs include initiatives to improve legal frameworks governing natural resources in developing countries; preparation of Validation Reports for the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and assessments for the United Nations Intergovernmental Forum; workshops to educate government, community and industry stakeholders about roles, rights and responsibilities in natural resource development projects; and university-based seminars and internship programs that build the skills of professional leaders around the globe to more sustainably manage natural resources. Kristi completed her J.D. and LL.M. degrees at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law (DU), with certificates in environmental law and policy, and international resources transactions law and policy. She is currently an adjunct professor at DU, teaching courses focused on sustainable development and international trade, and serves as Co-Chair of the Colorado Bar Association International Law Section. Prior to her work with SDSG, Kristi worked on international trade and development issues in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, India, Cuba, and Brazil; provided services to victims of violence and war trauma in the U.S., Ireland, and Bosnia-Herzegovina; and worked for a leading personal injury law firm in New York City.