

# **Security for Costs**

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## 1. Introduction

*«A respondent sued in arbitration by a claimant that has no money stands to lose in any event»* (Pierre Karrer)

## **2. Legal qualification**

- Interim measure?
- Article 183.1 SPILA
- Requirements?

### 3. Legal requirements (1/2)

- Fumus boni iuris: valid potential claim, and
- Periculum in mora: imminent danger of the applicant for being deprived of its claim for reimbursement

### 3. Legal requirements (2/2)

Periculum in mora:

- Behaving in bad faith to frustrate future cost claim, or
- Serious deterioration in financial situation since conclusion of the arbitration agreement (insolvency, no liquid assets)

## 4. Pitfalls

- Depending on which arbitral procedural rules apply (e.g. under the ICC Rules)
- if respondent does not comply with an order to advance on costs
- then he/she will be considered to have «dirty hands»
- and therefore not granted a SfC order

## **5. Tips for counsel**

- Use it as a tool for strategic decisions
- Look in detail into the applicable legal framework
- Do not underestimate the burden of proof

# **Thank you.**

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