



Singapore Institute of Arbitrators

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The Inaugural Commercial Arbitration Symposium

organised by the SIArb Arbitration Bar Committee

Thursday, 3 September 2009 | 9.00am to 2.00pm

Marina Mandarin, Singapore

Symposium Format

This Inaugural Symposium provides a distinctive and interactive forum for participants to discuss current issues and developments in the field of commercial arbitration.

There are no set speakers or speeches. Participants will be invited to submit topics for discussion in advance of the Symposium. The topics will be grouped into themes and allocated to one of the 3 working sessions, at which participants will be invited to introduce their topic. The topic is then presented for discussion, under the expert chairmanship of the Co-Chairs, all of whom are experienced practitioners in the field.

The objective is to generate a free-flowing discussion of current issues in commercial arbitration practice guided by the Co-Chairs.

There are limited places available for this Symposium so as to maintain the efficiency of the format, and preserve the quality of the discussion. Participants are not required to have any particular level of practical experience in arbitration.

Programme Outline

08.45am – 09.00am	Registration
09.00am – 09.10am	Opening Remarks Mr. Johnny Tan President, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb)
09.15am – 10.15am	Session I: The Tribunal – Jurisdiction, Power & Duties Co-Chairs: Mr. Chelva R. Rajah SC Partner, Tan Rajah & Cheah Mr. Christopher Lau SC Chartered Arbitrator, 3 Verulam Buildings, London
10.15am – 10.35am	Coffee Break
10.40am – 11.40am	Session II: The Arbitration – Conduct, Practice & Procedure Co-Chairs: Professor Lawrence Boo Resident, The Arbitration Chambers, Singapore Mr. Philip Jeyaretnam SC Partner, Rodyk & Davidson LLP
11.45am – 12.45pm	Session III: The Courts – Role, Support and Enforcement Co-Chairs: Professor Michael Pryles Chairman, Singapore International Arbitration Centre Mr. Sundaresh Menon SC Senior Partner, Rajah & Tann LLP
12.50pm – 01.00pm	Closing Remarks Mr. Mohan Pillay Vice President, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb) Chairman, Arbitration Bar Committee
01.00pm – 02.00pm	Lunch

Up to 3 CPD Points available under the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators' CPD Scheme

Who Should Attend

Arbitrators, arbitration counsel, litigators, transaction counsel, in-house counsel, academics and members of the business community interested in current developments and best practices in the rapidly developing field of commercial arbitration.

About the Symposium Co-Chairs

Professor Lawrence Boo | Resident The Arbitration Chambers, Singapore

Lawrence Boo has recently completed his term as SIAC's Deputy Chairman. He is one of the most active arbitrators in Singapore. He has sat as arbitrator in more than 165 cases and written numerous awards. His cases included those administered by the ICC, CIETAC, SIAC, LCIA, HKIAC and KLRCA. He is the author of *"Halsbury's Laws of Singapore Volume 2 - Arbitration"* (Lexis-Nexis 1998 and 2003 Re-issue) and the chapter on Singapore in the book *"International Handbook on Commercial Arbitration"* (Kluwer 1996 and 2002 Supplement) and numerous articles. He currently heads The Arbitration Chambers and teaches at the NUS Law Faculty, Bond University (Australia) and Wuhan University (China).

Mr. Philip Jeyaretnam SC | Partner Rodyk & Davidson LLP

Philip Jeyaretnam is a Senior Counsel specialising in commercial litigation and international arbitration with a focus on construction law. He has also been appointed as arbitrator in SIAC and ICC arbitrations, as well as holding several ad hoc appointments. He is a former President of the Law Society of Singapore, and was the first Chairman of the Society of Construction Law, Singapore.

Mr. Christopher Lau SC | Chartered Arbitrator 3 Verulam Buildings, London

Christopher Lau, a former Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court Singapore, is a Senior Counsel in Singapore and a Chartered Arbitrator. He has sat in many international arbitrations, both ad hoc and institutional. Christopher is also an arbitrator at 3 Verulam Buildings, London and a member of ICC Commission on Arbitration.

Mr. Sundaresh Menon SC | Senior Partner Rajah & Tann LLP

Sundaresh Menon, SC is the Senior Partner of Rajah & Tann LLP. He is admitted to the Bar in Singapore and in New York. Sundaresh currently serves as Deputy Chairman of the SIAC and is a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. Sundaresh rejoined the Firm in April 2007 after completing a one-year stint on the Supreme Court of Singapore as Judicial Commissioner.

Professor Michael Pryles | Chairman Singapore International Arbitration Centre

Michael Pryles is a well known international arbitrator with an extensive practice in Asia as well as in Europe and North America. He has offices in Melbourne and Singapore and chambers in London. Currently he is Chairman of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and was formerly Foundation President of the Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group; President of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration; Commissioner of the United Nations Compensation Commission; court member, London International Court of Arbitration.

Mr. Chelva R. Rajah SC | Partner Tan Rajah & Cheah

Chelva Rajah is a partner of Tan Rajah & Cheah. He has practised law in Singapore for more than 35 years, principally in the areas of litigation and arbitration. His arbitration experience is both that of counsel and arbitrator. He is also on the Board of Maxwell Chambers, Singapore's first dedicated International Dispute Resolution Centre providing state of the art rooms and facilities for arbitrations, mediations, meetings and conferences.

FOR REGISTRATION ENQUIRIES

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Session Topic Details

<p>Session 1: The Tribunal – Jurisdiction, Power & Duties</p>	<p>Possible topics for this session include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conflicts of Interest, • tribunal’s fees, • selection & appointment, • role of chair, non-lawyer/ lawyer panel members, • tribunal’s settlement role/ amicable <i>compositeur</i>, • conditions precedent to jurisdiction, • powers/ duties, • interim measures, • resignation, • peremptory orders, • ex-parte powers etc.
<p>Session 2: The Arbitration – Conduct, Practice & Procedure</p>	<p>Possible topics for this session include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applicable law(s), • party autonomy, • non-participating party, • pro-active arbitrator, • institutional arbitration rules, • discovery, • costs, • expert witness/ presentation of expert evidence – “hot-tubbing” etc., • tribunal v party experts • confidentiality, etc
<p>Session 3: The Courts – Role Support and Enforcement</p>	<p>Possible topics for this session include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • court intervention, • court support, • anti-suit injunctions, • provisional/ interim measures, • review/ enforcement of awards, • IAA/ AA regime – new revisions proposed by MinLaw, • use of arbitration evidence in court proceedings, etc