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Join us in a first ever collaboration between the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb) and the Asia Pacific Institute of Experts (APIEx)!

This Conference is unique. It is the first ever Singapore Conference which is organised by both Arbitrators and Experts and seeks to focus on not just arbitrators and arbitrations but the work of both arbitrators and experts – how they interact, relate and contribute to the dispute resolution process through the effective use of experts to provide the tribunal with the best evidence.

It is a Conference which all who are involved in the dispute resolution process should attend and participate.

About our Guest-of-Honour & Keynote Speaker



Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy
The Supreme Court of Singapore

Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy was appointed to the High Court as a Judicial Commissioner in 2012 and a Judge in 2013. He is a graduate of Nottingham University (LLB, 1990) and Oxford University (BCL, 1998). He was admitted as an advocate and solicitor in Singapore in 1992.

He is also admitted to practise in England & Wales (1991), New South Wales (2005) and New York (2007). He practised as an advocate at Shook Lin & Bok LLP and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2005. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He is also a former member and Chair of the Law Society's Advocacy Committee.



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Programme Outline

09.00 – 09.05	WELCOME ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT, ASIA PACIFIC INSTITUTE OF EXPERTS Prof. Leslie Chew SC
09.05 – 09.35	KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY: Guest of Honour – Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy, The Supreme Court of Singapore
9.35 – 10.25	SESSION 1: “EXPERTS IN FOCUS” PANEL DISCUSSION This session will focus on the role and work of experts in general, and in particular in arbitrations. The experts and lawyers will discuss the challenges both lawyers and experts face in dealing with a myriad range of expert evidence and related issues. The speakers will discuss how to deal effectively with tribunals and judges. Moderator: Prof. Leslie Chew SC – President, Asia Pacific Institute of Experts; Dean, School of Law at the Singapore University of Social Sciences; Senior Consultant, RHT Law Asia LLP Panellists: Ms. Julie Raneda – Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer Pte Ltd Dr. Tan Teng Hooi – Assoc Prof and the Head of the Building and Project Management Programme, School of Science and Technology, Singapore University of Social Sciences Mr. Gregory Vijayendran SC – Partner, Dispute Resolution, Rajah & Tan LLP; President, Law Society of Singapore
10.25 – 10.35	Break
10.35 – 11.25	SESSION 2: EXPERT VIEWS Hear from a diverse range of experts over common issues that arise when working with experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflicts clearance and project acceptance • Client and law firm interactions • Independence or not – duties to the court/tribunal v client • Report writing and joint reports • Expert testimony in different contexts • Privilege and confidentiality Moderator: Mr. Andrew Pullen – Barrister, Fountain Court Chambers; Council Member, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators Experts: Ms. Anne Connolly – Senior Managing Director, Ankura Consulting (APAC) Pte Ltd. Mr. John Gibson – Director of Asia, Marine Engineer, Brookes Bell Mr. Jonathan Humphrey – Partner, HKA, Australia Ms. Catherine Jago – Managing Director, CJH Energy Ltd, United Kingdom Mr. Chris Nunns – Managing Director, Kroll, Expert Services, Construction Disputes
11.25 – 11.35	Break
11.35 – 12.35	SESSION 3: MOCK ARBITRATION: A DEMONSTRATION OF HOT-TUBBING Participants will see experienced counsel pit their wits against equally experienced experts in a Scenario to demonstrate how counsel rigorously test the opinions of damages experts who are being examined under a witness-conferencing (hot tubbing) procedure. SCENARIO: DAMAGES EXPERTS IN THE HOT SEAT Conveners: Mr. Chan Leng Sun SC – Advocate, Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice) Mr. Iain Potter – Executive Vice President, J.S. Held LLC Arbitrator: Mr. Thio Shen Yi SC – Joint Managing Partner, TSMP Law Corporation Expert Witnesses: Mr. Hamish Egan – Associate Director, HKA Mr. Jonathan Ellis – Managing Director, Secretariat International Counsels: Mr. Nicholas Lingard – Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer Ms. Koh Swee Yen – Partner, Commercial & Corporate Disputes and International Arbitration Practices, WongPartnership LLP
12.35 – 12.40	Conference Closing Remarks by President, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators Mr. Dinesh Dhillon – Partner, Allen & Gledhill LLP

About the Chairpersons/Moderators



Prof. Leslie Chew SC

President, Asia Pacific Institute of Experts; Dean, School of Law at the Singapore University of Social Sciences; Senior Consultant, RHT Law Asia LLP

Prof. Leslie Chew SC is the founding and current Dean of the School of Law at the Singapore University of Social Sciences. He has practiced law in one form or another for over 4 decades. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2000. In 2007 he was appointed a judge in the State Courts where he remained until his retirement in 2014. At the State Courts he was the Senior District Judge leading the Civil Justice Division. He retired from the judiciary in 2014. Upon his retirement from the Singapore Legal Service, he returned to law practice. Currently, he is a Senior Consultant at RHT Law Asia LLP. He has an active practice as an arbitrator in International Commercial Arbitrations.



Mr. Dinesh Dhillon

President, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators; Partner, Allen & Gledhill LLP

Mr. Dinesh Dhillon is the Co-Head of Allen & Gledhill's International Arbitration Practice. Dinesh is the Co-Head of the Firm's International Arbitration Practice. He practises international arbitration and litigation. Dinesh has represented multinational companies in cases before the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC), Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal relating to banking, corporate, employment, entertainment, insurance, property and shareholder disputes.

He has also acted for statutory boards in judicial review cases. Dinesh is the President of The Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, Fellow of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution, Board member of the Law Society's Pro Bono Services Office, Treasurer of the Asia Pacific Forum of the International Bar Association and Co-Chair of the Legal & IPR Committee of The American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (AmCham).



Mr. Andrew Pullen

Barrister, Fountain Court Chambers; Council Member, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators

Mr. Andrew Pullen is an English-qualified barrister specialising in international arbitration, appearing as counsel and sitting as arbitrator. He has been based in Singapore since 2011. Andrew's recent cases range from construction disputes in Australia and Asia, to claims relating to software licensing and the development of pharmaceuticals, to joint venture disputes. His diverse experience covers energy, finance, mining, automotive, defence, utilities, heavy industry, manufacturing, brewing and media, and cases determined under a wide variety of governing laws and arbitral rules, in Asia, Europe and the US. He frequently works as co-counsel with lawyers from many jurisdictions and has considerable experience of interim measures and jurisdiction issues in arbitration.

About the Mock Arbitration Workshop Conveners



Mr. Chan Leng Sun SC

Advocate, Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice)

Leng Sun is a Senior Counsel of the Supreme Court of Singapore. He is the Deputy Chairman of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the SGX Appeals Committee. He is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and the Advisory Panel of the Singapore Maritime Foundation. Leng Sun is qualified in Malaysia, Singapore and England. He frequently acts as lead counsel and arbitrator in a broad range of commercial areas. Leng Sun is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Specialist Mediator of the Singapore International Mediation Centre.

He is the Immediate Past President of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb) and the former Global Head of Arbitration of an international law firm. He is the author of the book Singapore Law on Arbitral Awards and Co- Editor of Conflict of Laws in Arbitration. Leng Sun is recognized among the top lawyers worldwide by legal directories, such as "Who's Who Thought Leaders - Litigation 2021", "Who's Who Legal - Arbitration 2021 and Acritas Stars 2020. He is described by Chambers Asia-Pacific 2017 as "one of the best arbitrators and practitioners in arbitration" and by WWL as "an extremely bright and sharp advocate"; "among the very best disputes lawyers in the world".



Mr. Iain Potter

Executive Vice President, J.S. Held LLC

Mr. Iain Potter specialises in litigation support and expert witness assignments, in particular those involving business valuations or complex loss of profits claims. He has been instructed as an expert in proceedings before courts and arbitral tribunals in a number of jurisdictions including the UK, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, India, Australia and the BVI and has been appointed as a tribunal expert in an UNCLOS arbitration. He is currently pursuing a number of areas of research, including a PhD with the University of Leicester and is overseeing research projects with teams from the National University of Singapore's Business School, focussing on shareholder derivative actions and on Singapore-listed companies' cost of capital. Iain is a Fellow of the Expert Witness Institute and a founding Committee Member of the Institute's Singapore branch.

About the Speakers/Panellists



Ms. Anne Connolly – Senior Managing Director, Ankura Consulting (APAC) Pte Ltd.

Anne is a Senior Managing Director of Ankura Consulting (APAC) Pte Ltd. with over 23 years experience in the commercial management and quantum analysis of construction projects in Asia, Australia and UK. Her extensive and detailed knowledge of construction processes and construction law provides a sound basis for over 30 quantum expert appointments. Anne has been actively involved in both live projects and dispute resolution throughout her career, ranging from mining, building and power projects to infrastructure and oil and gas projects across Australia, the UK and Asia.

She specialises in detailed quantum analysis, based on her skills and comprehensive knowledge of contractual relationships and commercial risks. Anne has been involved in various dispute resolution proceedings including adjudication, arbitration, expert determination, litigation and mediation. Anne is cited in Who's Who Legal Construction Expert Witnesses 2019 as "a prominent figure in the market who commands great respect for her insight into quantum analysis on international disputes" and in Arbitration 2021 - Expert Witnesses as "highly recommended as a quantum expert".



Mr. Hamish Egan – Associate Director, HKA

Hamish Egan is an Associate Director in HKA's Forensic Accounting and Commercial Damages practice. Hamish has been based in Singapore for over ten years and has been specialising in business valuation and quantification of damages associated with complex contentious matters. His forensic accounting experience includes performing business valuations arising from shareholder or post-acquisition disputes; estimation of loss of profits arising from alleged breaches of contracts or agreements; and the analysis of complex accounting information. He has worked across various sectors and in multiple forums including arbitration, court proceedings, and mediation. Hamish has also gained further valuation experience working within the valuation team of the sovereign wealth fund of Singapore where he was involved in setting the valuation policy and reviewing valuations of private equity investments. Hamish is Chartered Accountant and a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Charterholder.



Mr. Jonathan Ellis – Managing Director, Secretariat

Jonathan Ellis is a Managing Director with Secretariat and is based in Singapore. He has had broad forensics, litigation and arbitration experience over the past 15 years. He specialises in the quantification of damages and valuations, in particular in dispute contexts. He has testified on many occasions, in both court and arbitration, undertaken expert determinations and has been engaged as a tribunal appointed expert. Since 2017 he has been recognised among the leading arbitration expert witnesses worldwide by Who's Who Legal and was classified as "Global Elite Thought Leader" for 2020 and 2021.



Mr. John Gibson – Director of Asia, Marine Engineer, Brookes Bell

John was at sea for twenty years before joining the Brookes Bell in 1996. He is a Chartered Engineer, with a Master's degree, and in 2001 John became a partner at Brookes Bell. An expert in his field, John uses his extensive consultancy and investigative experience to provide comprehensive assessments of marine and offshore casualties and disputes. The type of investigations John conducts are as diverse as they are thorough. As a member of the Institution of Fire Engineers John also reports on fatal and non-fatal fires. John has provided technical evidence for court proceedings and arbitration around the world and gives advice to owners on emerging technologies and their requirements. From 2012 he has been based in Singapore having set up the Brookes Bell office there and currently oversees their three Asia offices. More recently John has been seconded to Houston to oversee the start of Brookes Bell's expansion into the US region. John is also a supporting member of the LMAA, a member of SCMA and a Fellow and founding member of APIEx.



Mr. Jonathan Humphrey – Partner, HKA

Jonathan Humphrey has more than 20 years of experience advising clients as an accounting and finance expert on complex contentious matters and in an advisory capacity. His experience includes the quantification of lost profits arising from breach of contracts and warranties, valuations resulting from expropriation and shareholder disputes and quantification of damages in respect of class actions, professional negligence, insurance claims, business interruption and post-acquisition disputes. He has worked across sectors including oil and gas, power, construction, IT and telecoms, financial services and manufacturing; and has an established international background working in jurisdictions including Australia, Asia, the United Kingdom, Continental Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Jonathan is appointed regularly as an expert in contentious matters and has experience providing oral evidence in commercial and investment treaty cases. He has worked in multiple forums, including international arbitration under ICC, UNCITRAL, LCIA, SIAC, DIAC and HKIAC rules, court litigation and mediation.



Ms. Catherine Jago - Managing Director, CJH Energy Ltd

Catherine Jago is the founding director of CJH Energy Ltd providing expert witness services internationally on issues involving oil trading, commodity price risk management, shipping issues, refining matters, and technical issues associated with up and downstream commodity issues. Catherine has over 39 years' experience in the international oil industry and has worked for over 31 years with many international legal firms acting as an oil expert to assist in litigation or pre litigation issues concerning the impact on losses of delays of delivery or loading of oil cargoes, valuing contaminated cargoes of oil, independent evaluation and testing of the magnitude and effectiveness of commodity hedging scenarios, assisting with quantum, and on occasions, liability.

She is a member of the Expert Witness Institute, and the Baltic Exchange Expert Witness panel and has written a number of papers, presented to firms of solicitors and groups of companies and arbitrators, on quantum issues, especially the impact of hedging on damages. She has written a number of books on oil industry matters. She is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a supporting member of LMAA, SCMA, LCIA, GCCIC Arbitral Institute.



Mr. Nicholas Lingard – Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Nicholas Lingard is a partner at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Singapore, and heads the firm's international arbitration practice in Asia. He leads one of the most active treaty arbitration practices in Asia, representing both investors and states in high-profile cases around Asia and the world, and represents clients in commercial disputes across a variety of industries, under all major arbitral rules, and under all major systems of law. Nick is the co-author of the second edition of *A Guide to the SIAC Arbitration Rules* (Oxford University Press, 2018), and co-authored a chapter on subcontractor claims for the recently-released *Construction Projects: Delay & Disruption* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2020). A former law clerk to the Chief Justice of Australia, Nick was educated at the University of Queensland and Harvard Law School, where he was a Frank Knox Memorial Fellow, and is qualified to practise in New York and New South Wales, Australia.



Mr. Chris Nunns – Managing Director, Kroll, Expert Services, Construction Disputes

Christopher is a respected construction expert with 40 years' experience in the construction industry. He is a Fellow of the Asia Pacific Institute of Experts. For 35 years he has been based in Singapore and has given expert evidence in arbitration and court proceedings on numerous occasions. He is a regular speaker at seminars and conferences. He is a Past Chairman of the Society of Construction Law in Singapore, was a member of the ICE Editorial Advisory Panel and was also accredited as an adjudicator. Christopher holds a Masters degree in geology from Oxford University and spent the early part of his career planning and executing site investigation works for major civil engineering schemes. Since then, he has always maintained a particular interest in disputes involving "adverse physical conditions".



Ms. Julie Raneda – Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer Pte Ltd

Ms Julie Raneda is a partner in Schellenberg Wittmer's international arbitration practice in Singapore. She represents clients in international commercial, investment and sports arbitration matters. Julie has been involved as counsel and arbitrator in complex arbitrations seated in civil and common law jurisdictions under many different laws and various arbitration rules (in particular ICC, SCAI, SIAC, UNCITRAL, CAS, VIAC). Her main areas of expertise include construction and engineering, energy, pharmaceutical/life sciences, manufacturing and international sales. She also advises clients on international trade sanctions. After completing a degree in international relations at the Graduate Institute Geneva, Julie graduated with a law degree from the University of Geneva. Julie Raneda joined Schellenberg Wittmer in 2008. She also practiced at a leading international law firm in London in 2014-2015. Julie was admitted to the Swiss Bar in 2011 and to the Singapore bar in 2016 (foreign lawyer). Julie is the chair of the ASA South East Asia chapter, vice chair of the IPBA Next Generation Committee and a committee member of YSIAC.



Mr. Thio Shen Yi SC – Joint Managing Partner, TSMP Law Corporation

Shen Yi read law at St John's College, Cambridge University, graduating in 1991. He topped the English Bar Examinations, and was called to the Singapore bar in 1993. Since then, he has practiced exclusively in dispute resolution, primarily as counsel, and occasionally as arbitrator. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2008 at 40 and elected a Master Bencher of The Middle Temple in 2016. He served as the President of the Law Society, and as Vice-President of the Senate of the Singapore Academy of Law from 2015-2016. Shen Yi has been consistently recognised in leading law journals, such as Chambers Global, Asialaw Profiles, Legal500 Asia Pacific and most recently identified as a Leading Individual (Dispute Resolution) in the Legal500 Asia Pacific 2020 as well as Elite Practitioner (Dispute Resolution) in the Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2020. He was also named Lawyer of the Year in the Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific Awards 2020.



Ms. Koh Swee Yen – Partner, Commercial & Corporate Disputes and International Arbitration Practices, WongPartnership LLP

Swee Yen is a Partner in the Commercial & Corporate Disputes and International Arbitration Practices of WongPartnership LLP. She was the former Vice-Chair of the IBA Arbitration Committee. She is currently the Vice-Chair of the IPBA Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Committee, and a member of the Editorial Board of the ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin and the ICCA-ASIL Task Force on Damages. Swee Yen is highly recommended for her expertise in resolving complex international disputes by various legal publications including The Legal 500, Chambers Asia-Pacific, Chambers Global, Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific and Who's Who Legal: Arbitration. Described as being "in a league of her own", with a "very deep understanding of the law" and "razor-sharp" in her advocacy, she is regarded as the "go-to disputes lawyer in Singapore", who "always brings her A-game to everything she does and someone you want in your corner in a life or death situation".



Dr. Tan Teng Hooi – Assoc Prof and the Head of the Building and Project Management Programme, School of Science and Technology, Singapore University of Social Sciences

Dr. Tan Teng Hooi is presently an Associate Professor and the Head of the Building and Project Management Programme, School of Science and Technology, Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS). He is a Chartered Engineer and Professional Engineer, a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers (UK) and the Institution of Engineers Singapore (IES). In his thirty-nine years of engineering career, he has worked in the academia where he lectures, conducts research, provides consultancy in civil and structural engineering and in the industry as a practitioner. He has also served in many technical committees on standards in SPRING Singapore relating to the construction industry and has served as an Expert Witness in several cases in Singapore.



Mr. Gregory Vijayendran SC – Partner, Dispute Resolution, Rajah & Tan LLP; President, Law Society of Singapore

Gregory's present practice encompasses a specialization in banking and corporate insolvency as well as litigation, arbitration and mediation of commercial disputes and chancery matters. He is also a recognized expert in charities governance and has given expert witness testimony for overseas court proceedings. Gregory graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1992, was admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1993 and joined Rajah & Tann LLP after being in practice in two other leading law firms for 15 years (jointly heading the Banking and Insolvency Litigation Practice group of another leading law firm). Gregory was appointed Senior Counsel in 2019. Gregory presently serves as President of the Law Society and Vice President of the Singapore Academy of Law. He has also been appointed as a Fellow of the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Singapore and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.