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Alastair is ranked among the leading arbitration lawyers in Asia and is one of the region's best-known names in this field. He graduated in law from Oxford University in England and worked for 5 years in London before moving to Asia in 1993. He works on cases across the region from our office in Singapore.

Alastair handles trade, investment, finance and other disputes across many sectors and industries, with particular experience in energy, construction and infrastructure. His clients include government agencies and public bodies, international banks, multinationals and leading regional companies.

Alastair also sits as an arbitrator under the rules of the SIAC, ICC, KLRC and HKIAC. He is a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators; a former national committee member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; a former member of ICC Thailand national arbitration commission; and a regular speaker at regional/international conferences.

### Accolades

- Listed as one of the world's leading specialists in commercial arbitration  
*International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2005 through 2014*
- "One of the leading names on the Asia-Pacific arbitration scene, offering clients extensive knowledge of South-East Asian matters from his Singapore base. Sources particularly appreciate his 'in-depth experience and good judgment' when acting for major arbitration clients across such industries as oil and gas, banking and manufacturing"  
*Chambers Asia 2014: Asia-Wide – International Arbitration*
- "Alastair Henderson earns praise for his high-quality practice, and is noted for his solid experience in handling construction disputes. Sources say 'he is professional and thorough – a respected name in the Asia region'"  
*Chambers Asia 2013: Singapore – International Arbitration*
- "Herbert Smith's pan-Asian arbitration practice is simply second-to-none, with managing partner Alastair Henderson widely considered the preeminent name in the region"  
*Asia Pacific Legal 500 2012*
- "'Outstanding lawyer', 'just so commercially aware – you can always rely on him for a sensible answer'. One client added: 'He was instrumental in making our case happen. I'd recommend him to absolutely anyone'"  
*Chambers Asia 2008*

### Sample cases as counsel:

- two **international energy companies** in Singapore arbitration (SIAC rules) against PetroVietnam regarding PSC indemnities for additional Vietnamese tax liabilities
- a **Japanese trading house** in an ICC arbitration in Singapore over a failed power plant project in Thailand
- an **Asian multinational** in Singapore-seated SIAC proceedings against a consortium partner in relation to liabilities under the JV agreement for the supply of equipment to an underground railway project in India
- a **North Asian multinational** in SIAC arbitration proceedings under a contract for purchase of solar wafers from a Chinese manufacturer
- a **global geophysical services company** in SIAC arbitration and possible ASEAN Treaty arbitration against an Asian government, arising from a contract for seismic services in the South China Sea
- a **Thai upstream energy company** in Singapore arbitration (UNCITRAL rules) against an exploration platform operator arising out of exploratory drilling in waters offshore Myanmar
- a **global banking institution** on a US\$ multi-million dispute with an international organisation concerning fraud and forgery of promissory notes, giving rise to litigation in the Thai courts and parallel international arbitration