Arbitrators Head to Head - Rematch



23 February 2022 Singapore

THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS (SINGAPORE) invites you to

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Date: Wednesday, 23 February 2022
Time: 5.00pm to 6.30pm (Registration starts at 4.45pm)
Venue: In Person in CBD Location To Be Advised upon Registration

ABOUT THE EVENT

Join two leading arbitrators, Christopher Moger QC and Steven Lim for part two of a discussion around some of the more difficult questions that arbitrators have to face including:

Conduct of the proceedings

- To what extent should arbitrators raise possible questions of conflicts of law for example whether there is, or might be, a difference between the law of the seat and the proper law of the contract in relation to the rules of evidence or the power to grant a remedy or the principles affecting the grant of a remedy if the parties do not refer to them? If so, when and how?
- To what extent, if at all, is it appropriate for the Tribunal to propose preliminary issues, or bifurcated proceedings when the parties have not raised the suggestion?
- To what extent is it open to a Tribunal to override the parties' agreed procedures on the grounds of efficiency, cost effectiveness, or fairness to a weaker party?

Conduct of the hearing

- Is hot-tubbing (aka witness conferencing) for expert witnesses a good idea always, sometimes, or never? Why? If it is a good idea how should it be conducted? What does it require of the arbitrator and of the parties? Should it ever be applied to witnesses of fact? If so, in what circumstances?
- To what extent should the arbitrator intervene to focus the arguments/cross examination of counsel at the hearing onto points that appear important to the Tribunal?
- What is the arbitrator's proper response when neither party relies on an obviously important provision in the contract which appears to the arbitrator potentially to affect the outcome of the dispute?
- Would the answer be different if the point occurred to a party appointed arbitrator and was obviously [a] helpful or [b] unhelpful to his/her appointing party?
- What if it occurred to the arbitrator [a] at the outset of the arbitration or [b] only at the hearing and it related to the jurisdiction of the arbitrator?
- What are the respective pros and cons of oral and written closings or a mixture of both?

The Award

• As cases get more complex, what practical steps can be taken to ensure that the Tribunal does not overlook essential issues in the Award or decide on points not addressed by the parties?

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SPEAKERS BIO



Christopher Moger QC

Christopher Moger QC, practices as a full time independent Arbitrator from 4 Pump Court in London and from his office in Hong Kong where he is a member of Pump Court International. Christopher is appointed in a wide range of international commercial disputes and has considerable experience of arbitrations involving Chinese and East Asian parties and the law of the PRC built up over the past two decades.

Christopher is a panel member at SIAC, HKIAC, KCAB (International), CIETAC, and AIAC and is frequently appointed in complex arbitrations seated in Singapore, Hong Kong, Seoul, Switzerland, Stockholm, and London for Members of CIArb.





Steven Lim is an arbitrator and barrister. He has over 80 appointments in international cases as presiding, sole, co-arbitrator and emergency arbitrator. He is on the SIAC, HKIAC, ICDR, KCAB, JCAA, CIETAC, SHAC, CAAI, AIAC, THAC, HIAC, Qingdao Arbitration Commission and IDRC (India) panels and has sat in ICC, SCMA, LMAA, UNCITRAL Rules and ad hoc cases. Steven also appears as lead counsel in international arbitrations. He is a member of the English and Singapore bars and practices from 39 Essex Chambers in Singapore.

Steven has been noted in legal directories as "the perfect arbitrator", "he is always on top of his cases and has a very good judgment and excellent manner", "a fair-minded and extremely capable arbitrator", "an excellent arbitrator who is very balanced", "a highly respected figure across the gamut of APAC-related commercial disputes", "an outstanding up-and-coming superstar with a nice and sensible manner", and "an excellent counsel with excellent understanding of law and great commercial insight".

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The closing date for registration is **22 February 2021**. (Spaces are limited, and registrations are on a first-come-first-served basis). The organizers reserve the right not to accept registrations and to cancel or alter the date and details of the event.

Click here to register. For enquiries, please email secretariat@ciarb.org.sg.

We can only accommodate those who are fully vaccinated at this event (an individual will be considered "fully vaccinated" two weeks after he or she has received the full regimen of Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty/Moderna, or any WHO EUL vaccines, and we will check attendees' "Trace Together" app for their vaccination status at the event). Please note that this event will be held in strict compliance with applicable safe management measures.