

THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS (SINGAPORE)
with Norton Rose Fulbright (Asia) LLP
Breakfast Chats on the Singapore Convention on Mediation
Date: Thursday, 15 August 2019
Time: 7.45am – 9.30am
Venue: 9 Straits View Marina One West Tower, #09-09, 018937

The United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation has been named the “*Singapore Convention on Mediation*”, making it the first UN treaty to be named after Singapore.

Following the signing of the Singapore Convention on Mediation last 7 August 2019, the CIArb Young Members Group (YMG) and Norton Rose Fulbright (Asia) LLP organized a “*Breakfast Chats on the Singapore Convention on Mediation*”. Two simultaneous interactive breakout sessions were conducted over breakfast to discuss how the Singapore Convention will change the dispute resolution landscape in Singapore. The diverse panel consists of:

1. Professor Nadja Alexander, Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA)

Professor Nadja Alexander is a Professor and Director of SIDRA at the Singapore Management University. A prominent mediator, educator, consultant and writer, Nadja is recognized as a global thought leader in the field of negotiation and dispute resolution and brings with her a rich and diverse set of knowledge, expertise and experiences. In addition to Singapore, she holds academic appointments in the United States and Australia. Nadja is Chair of the International Advisory Board of the Commercial Dispute Resolution Competition in Vienna, on the advisory board of VIAC and the board of SIMI. She sits on international mediation panels in Singapore, Hong Kong and Australia and is listed in the International Who’s Who of Commercial Mediation. Nadja’s books include *Global Trends in Mediation*, *International and Comparative Mediation*, *Singapore Convention on Mediation: A Commentary*, *Negotiation: Style, Strategy and Skills* and the *Singapore Mediation Handbook*.

2. Marcus Lim, Singapore International Mediation Institute (SIMI)

The overall management and operation of SIMI comes under the care of Marcus Lim. He has held a keen interest in alternative dispute resolution since his first year at NUS and has represented NUS at numerous international competitions on mediation, negotiation, business cases and corporate social responsibility. Marcus previously worked as a lawyer in the Competition and Technology, Media and Telecommunications Practice Group in Rajah & Tann LLP. He is also qualified as an Advocate and Solicitor in Singapore and an Associate Mediator of SMC.

3. Benson Lim, Hogan Lovells Lee & Lee

Benson is an accredited mediator of Singapore International Mediation Institute, Singapore Mediation Centre, and Community Conflict Services of Metropolitan St. Louis (USA). Aside from mediation counsel work, he has been appointed as a sole or co-mediator in over 50 matters in the USA and Singapore with an overall settlement rate of more than 75%. He has also been invited to coach and has coached mediation at professional mediation courses run by Singapore Mediation Centre, Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy, and Singapore Institute of Legal Education.

4. Hazel Tang, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

Hazel Tang is the Counsel in charge of the ICC International Court of Arbitration case management team in Singapore. Before that, Hazel was the centre director of the Singapore International Mediation Centre, and an accredited mediator in Singapore and Shanghai. Hazel was also a partner with a leading Singapore law firm with a regional presence and was based in China for a period. Hazel’s experience covers a wide range of contentious and non-contentious work in the construction and infrastructure industry, and she has effectively represented clients in international arbitration, litigation, adjudication and mediation proceedings. She is proficient in English, and Mandarin.

5. Stephen Trevis, Barclays Asia

Stephen is the Managing Director, Head of Legal for Markets Asia Pacific and South East Asia at Barclays Bank. He accepts arbitrator appointments and is on the SIAC Panel of Arbitrators. Stephen joined Barclays' Singapore office in February 2007, and is currently responsible for Litigation, Investigations and Enforcement, Employment and Transactional Legal and regulatory support across Barclays' Markets. Prior to joining Barclays, he worked at Standard Chartered from 2003-2007, Deutsche Bank from 1997 to 2003 and Clifford Chance in London, Tokyo and Hong Kong from 1992-1997. Stephen was the Diversity Committee Chairperson at the British Chamber of Commerce for approximately four years.

6. Yap Hao Jin, Bridgestone Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd.

Yap Hao Jin currently works at Bridgestone Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd. as their Legal Counsel. She started her career in commercial litigation at Drew & Napier LLC before moving to a boutique litigation firm (Sim Chong LLC). She is an Associate Mediator of SMC and over the years has been involved both as a mediator and an advocate in numerous cases.

The moderators for the two concurrent breakout sessions were Adriana Uson (Norton Rose Fulbright) and Samuel Leong (Norton Rose Fulbright).

The event was attended by legal and dispute resolution practitioners, in-house counsel, and mediators.