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Nationality: Singaporean
Date of Birth: 5 Oct 1944



Education

National University of Singapore
Master of Laws (LL.M) | Mar 1999

- Arbitration
- Intellectual Property
- Indian Business Law
- International Investment Law
- Aviation Law



University of London
Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) | Aug 1979

- Second-Class Honours



Cambridge
International Diploma (Advanced Level Core Certificate) | 2005

- Information & Communications Technology

Qualifications

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Chartered Arbitrator | 2009

- Admission No. 18286



Lincoln's Inn
Barrister-at-Law | Jul 1981



Professional Memberships

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Fellow (FCIArb) | Apr 2000 to present

- Panel Arbitrator (1 May 2014 to 30 Apr 2017)
- Tutor / Examiner - Approved Faculty List (Domestic & Intl Arbitration and Mediation)

Singapore Institute of Arbitrators

Fellow (FSI Arb) | Sep 1999 to present

- Primary Panel of Arbitrators & Primary Panel of Tutors
- Member, Insurance Arbitration Group (2007 to 2009)

Singapore Mediation Centre

Fellow, Principal Mediator | Sep 2013 to present

Community Mediation Centre

Mediator | 2010 to present

State Courts Centre for Dispute Resolution

Associate Mediator | May 2010 to present

Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration

Panel Arbitrator, Mediator & Adjudicator | Jul 2013 to present

Association for International Arbitration, Brussels

Member | Aug 2010

- Completed the European Mediation Training for Practitioners of Justice (Civil & Commercial Mediation Training) held in the University of Warwick

Law Society Arbitration Scheme (LSAS)

Panel Arbitrator | 2007 to present

Australasian Forum for International Arbitration

Member

London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

Member (Asia-Pacific Users)

Consumer Association of Singapore (CASE), Mediation Panel

Accredited Mediator | Jun 2008 to present

- Member, Education Committee

Singapore Institute of Surveyors & Valuers

Panel Arbitrator & Mediator | 2011 to present

Honorary & Other Positions

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Singapore Branch)
Director | 2011 to Present

Council for Estate Agencies (CEA)
Member, Disciplinary Panel | 2014 to present

Legal Aid Bureau
Volunteer Lawyer

Legal Aid Scheme for Capital Offences (LASCO)
Lead Counsel | 2009 to present

Law Society Criminal Legal Aid Scheme (CLAS)
Volunteer Lawyer | 1985 to present

Law Society of Singapore
Member, Continuing Professional Development Committee | 2003
Member, Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee | 2006 to present
Member, Civil Practice Committee | 2008 to present

Current Position

Practising Advocate & Solicitor | Singapore – 32 years
Chartered Arbitrator, Adjudicator, Principal Mediator (SMC)

Professional Experience

B. Rengarajoo & Associates (Advocates & Solicitors)
Founder / Managing Partner | **1983 to present**

Civil and commercial litigation including international trade by Sea/Air, negotiable instruments, intellectual property disputes and Lead Counsel on the Panel of Legal Aid Scheme for Capital Offences administered by the Supreme Court of Singapore.

Singapore Police Force

Assistant Superintendent of Police (Singapore) | **1980 to 1982**

Inspector of Police **1970 to 1980**

Cadet Inspector **1968 to 1969**

Detective Police Constable **1967 to 1968**

Police Constable **1963 to 1967**

Arbitration Experience

1. Acted as Counsel in domestic arbitration hearings.
2. Acted as Sole Arbitrator under SIAC Rules, Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV) Rules and Singapore Institute of Arbitrators & Council of Private Education (SIArb-CPE) Arbitration Rules [International Arbitration Act (Cap 143A) as the applicable law]
3. Currently acting as co-arbitrator in two International Commercial Arbitration regulated by KLRCA Rules
4. On the Panel of Tutors of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. (*Teaching*)
5. On the approved faculty list of the CIArb as a tutor, examiner, moderator and assessor for Arbitration, International Arbitration and Mediation courses spanning from introductory stage to Module 4. (*Teaching*)

Arbitration Training

1. Read Commercial Arbitration as one of the subjects for the degree of Master of Laws (LLM) at the National University of Singapore.
2. Attended the International Special Fellowship Course conducted by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) and passed both the Assessment Session and the Award Writing Examination.
3. Underwent pupillage and completed the pupillage successfully after writing two awards based on 'documents only' and another award based on a mock hearing. Also required to draft directions for two preliminary meetings involving two different case scenarios.
 - 4a. Upon completion of formal training in Arbitration, underwent an interview before a Panel of three Chartered Arbitrators to assess suitability for the award of the status of Chartered Arbitrator.
 - 4b. Objective of the interview - Assess whether "the candidate demonstrated advanced knowledge and understanding of arbitration and its practical application, evidencing a professional approach to the parties and the public interest".
 - 4c. Successful in the interview and qualified as a Chartered Arbitrator in May 2009. Interview assessment notes available on request.
5. Attended the Course in ICSID Practice & Current Trends in Investment Arbitration organised by the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration on 20 November 2014.

Mediation Experience

1. Acted as mediator for the following dispute resolution organisations: -
 - i. Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC)
 - ii. State Courts Centre for Dispute Resolution (F.K.A. Primary Dispute Resolution Centre)
 - iii. State Courts Small Claims Tribunal
 - iv. Consumer Association of Singapore (CASE)
 - v. Community Mediation Centre (CMC)
2. Acted as Mediator in **over 100 cases** for the above five Mediation Organisations
3. Coach for SMC Training Programme

Mediation Training

14-15 Dec 2002	Workshop on Mediation Skills for Community Leaders
28-29 May 2005	Mediation Training – Consumer Association of Singapore
9-10 Apr 2010	Managing Conflicts and Resolving Disputes effectively through mediation Joint SMC-Subordinate Courts Mediation Accreditation Workshop by SMC
3 May 2010	Subordinate Courts –SMC Mediation Assessment by SMC/Sub Courts
2 - 14 Aug 2010	European Mediation Training for Practitioners of Justice (Civil and Commercial mediation training). Recognised by CIArb and 17 other European countries.
27 Nov 2010	Inter-Cultural mediation workshop - by SMC for Community Mediation Centre
11 Dec 2010	Legal and Ethical issues in Mediation by SMC for CMC
8 Jan 2011	Co-Mediator workshop by SMC for CMC
19 Feb 2011	Master Class-Situational Management in Mediation by CMC Master Class-Sharpener the Mediation Technique by CMC
21-22 Mar 2011	Accredited Mediation Course by Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers
19-20 Jan 2012	Intercultural Training Program - 2 days Pilot Training Program by the International Mediation Institute (IMI)
17 Nov 2012	Coping with aggressive and difficult parties-mediation training by CMC
12 Jan 2013	Use of Counselling skills in Mediation by CMC
29 Aug 2013	WIPO-IPOS Mediation Workshop for IP Disputes by IP Academy
18 & 25 Oct 2014	Successfully completed the workshop on "Asian Perspective on Mediation"
2-3 Oct 2015	Advanced Mediation Workshop by Community Mediation Centre (MinLaw)

Talks & Lectures Given

1. Arbitration in Singapore on 5 November 2008 at the Dr. Ambedkar University Law School, Chennai India
2. A comparison of the 2010 Amendments to the Singapore International Arbitration Act in relation to the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 on 3 March 2010. at the Dr. Ambedkar University Law School, Chennai India .
3. Talk on International Arbitration at the Indian Institution of Technical Arbitrators, Hyderabad, India (28 Jan 2012)
4. Law of Evidence for arbitrators – SISV Accredited Arbitration Course
5. Tutor for ‘Module 1: Law of Obligation’, CIArb (Singapore Branch)
6. Tutor for ‘Introduction to International Arbitration 2012’ – Lectured on Written submissions, Statements of Claim and Defense, CIArb (Singapore)
7. Tutor for SIArb International Entry Course 2014 & 2015
8. Talk on Alternate Dispute Resolution at Mother Theresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, South India.
9. CASE-BCA Course: Planning and Management of Home Renovation, 27 Aug 2013 – Lecture on Dispute Resolution
10. Speaker for the "Seminar on Mediation Advocacy" organised by the Law Society of Singapore (14 Oct 2014)
11. Law Awareness Speaker on Consumer Protection & Lemon Law for Law Society Pro-Bono office (3 Oct 2015)
12. Speaker on Lemon Law for the CASE (Consumers Association of Singapore) Mediators (31 Oct 2015)

Languages

- English (spoken & written with proficiency)
- Malay (spoken & written)
- Tamil (spoken & written)

Referees

Chao Hick Tin JA | **26 August 2015**

Judge of Appeal, Vice-President Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Singapore