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### Singapore Branch

### Newsletter | March 2022



### Chairman's Message



This is my last message as Chair of the Singapore branch. Before I assumed the role of Chair in 2019, my predecessor Sean did warn me that I would be spending at least 2 to 3 hours each day dealing with branch matters. I didn't believe him then. However, he was proved right, I must say. Nevertheless, I have found the time spent on managing the affairs of the branch with my fellow board directors most fulfilling and satisfying. On that note, I must express my gratitude to each member of the board of directors, committee and sub-committees of the Singapore branch for the unwavering support they have given to support me in my role as Chair.

While it is tempting for me to recite what I consider to be achievements and accomplishments during my 3-year tenure as Chair, I see little value to that. I am just grateful to have been given an opportunity to serve the Singapore branch. My only regret during my tenure was the limited "face time" I had with members due to the social distancing measures in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While I think of the successes of the Singapore branch, on a more sobering note, I cannot help but mention the humanitarian crisis following the breakout of war in Ukraine which is now into its fourth week. I have no doubt that we all wish to see a quick end to the hostilities and conflict.

The new year has seen some significant changes in the running of the branch. With effect from the end of March, the secretariat role will be taken over by EPC. EPC will be known to many members as they used to support the branch before the change in support structure in 2017 when CIArb opened the regional directorship in Singapore. On behalf of the branch, I would like to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to Sunita Tavabalan who has over the past 31/2 years single-handedly been responsible for the day-to-day operations of the branch. Sunita will remain with CIArb and support HQ in London on membership matters.

Our CIArb pathway courses kick-off again in April with Module 3 starting on 4 April 2022 followed by Module 1. For those looking to upgrade their qualifications, don't wait any longer. Sign up soon as spaces are limited.

We have two exciting events coming up in April and June. The first is the branch's inaugural thought leadership lecture on 28 April 2022 where Minister Indranee Rajah, Minister Prime Minister's Office and concurrently Second Minister for Finance and Second Minister for National Development as well as Leader of the House of Parliament, will deliver the keynote address on climate change, and commercial and policy considerations surrounding the current transitional phase in the global energy market. Minister Rajah's address will be followed by a panel discussion among leaders of industry involved in energy transformation. We are pleased that this will be a hybrid event with 100 persons in attendance and others attending virtually. The event will be held at the Conrad Hotel on 28 April. Due to the capacity limit, do get your tickets early! This will be followed by a fireside chat

with CIArb's new global president, Jane Gunn and Claudia Salomon, President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, to be held virtually in June 2022.

Finally, you would have received notices of the branch AGM that will be held virtually on Tuesday 26 April 2022. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the AGM.

In closing, a personal big thank you to all our members and fellows for your active support of the branch and its activities. I have no doubt the branch is in safe hands and will continue to grow from strength to strength.

#### Paul Sandosham, Chairman

Please click here to read our Chairman's messages from previous months.

#### Courses



#### **Upcoming Courses**

## Module 2 Law of Obligations 8 April to 13 October 2022

This course is to provide an understanding of the relevant principles in the law of tort and the law of contract in the context of how disputes may arise and be resolved. This course is designed to consider both common and civil law jurisdictional principles to give a solid grounding to all practitioners.

This course is intended for individuals who may not have studied law previously and wish to gain an understanding of the elements of the law of obligations that affect matters in civil and commercial disputes in a variety of different jurisdictions. It is suitable for anyone with a general interest in dispute resolution and is essential for individuals who wish to go on to become qualified Arbitrators, Adjudicators or Mediators. It is also suitable for those from either system of law wishing to improve or refresh their knowledge of the more unfamiliar system of law.

## Accelerated Route to Membership 12 July to 14 July 2022

The aim of this course is to provide a fast-track route to Membership through the International (i.e., non-domestic) Arbitration Pathway. The Accelerated Route to Membership has been designed for busy professionals who have some unassessed knowledge of International Arbitration. The aim of the programme is to assess whether the candidate has the knowledge required to understand the process of International Arbitration.

Candidates must evaluate their personal suitability to undertake the programme, appreciating that the assessments are intensive and that they will be assessed against standard benchmarks.

The programme covers the law underpinning the process and procedure of International Arbitration. It is therefore valuable for anyone who is conversant with the law and practice of International Arbitration generally, whether as a party or party representative. It is also an essential step for anyone aiming for Fellowship and for those who aim to practice as an Arbitrator.

# Accelerated Route to Fellowship 15 August to 19 August 2022

The aim of this course is to provide a fast-track route to Fellowship through the International (i.e. non-domestic) Arbitration Pathway. The Accelerated Route to Fellowship has been designed for busy professionals who have substantial unassessed knowledge and experience of International Arbitration. The aim of the programme is to assess whether the candidate has the knowledge required to apply the principles and procedure of International Arbitration using arbitration legislation based on the UNCITRAL Model Law and Arbitration Rules and is capable of writing an reasoned and enforceable International Arbitration Award.

Candidates must evaluate their personal suitability to undertake the programme, appreciating that the assessments are intensive and that they will be assessed against standard benchmarks.

This programme focuses on the process, practice and procedures in International Arbitration which is an essential requirement for qualification as a Fellow and for those who aim to practice as an International Arbitrator.

### Introduction to International Arbitration 20 October 2022

The aim of this course is to provide an understanding of the general principles of international (i.e. non-domestic) arbitration and its relationship to other dispute resolution processes. The course will provide candidates with an introduction to the legal framework of, and good practice and procedure in, international arbitration in their jurisdiction.

Please visit our website for more information and/or registration on our Courses.

#### **Events**



#### **Upcoming Events**

# One Minute to Midnight: Perspectives from the Little Red Dot 28 April 2022

Please join us for the Singapore branch's inaugural Thought Leadership Lecture. It will be an inperson evening lecture by the Honourable Minister Indranee Rajah SC, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance & National Development. The Minister also has kindly agreed to be part of a panel discussion to take place immediately thereafter.

The lecture will focus on policy and regulatory responses to the threat of catastrophic climate change, and the changes and opportunities that will likely come about as a result. The Minister's experience as a leading private practitioner prior to going into Government makes her insights of particular value to members.

The event will be held under Chatham House Rules.

A simultaneous web-cast will be made available to members of the Chartered Institute and its branches upon registration.

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