

Chair's Message



I hope you have all had a wonderful start to 2024.

We at Ciarb Singapore kicked off the New Year with our annual thought leadership lecture on 10 January, featuring the Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin PC CC, International Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court, speaking on "The Importance of Diversity in Judicial and Arbitrator Decision-Making".

Justice McLachlin was an inspiring speaker, delivering her important message with warmth, humility, and several personal – and often humorous! – anecdotes. Almost 1000 attendees signed up for the event (virtually and online), but for those who missed this (must-see) event, you can view a recording of the event below, along with pictures of the evening. We were honoured to be joined for the lecture by our patron, Justice Quentin Loh, and we are grateful to Linklaters for hosting and generously sponsoring the event.

This month, we also published the latest instalment of our video series of members – please see below, and watch this space for the next instalment!

You can see details of some of our recent events, courses and activities below.

These include our annual thought leadership lecture of 2023 presented by Professor Doug Jones AO on "Flexibility in International Dispute Resolution", presenting innovative and much-needed solutions to address some of the procedural challenges currently faced in international arbitration (you can view the recording below, and also the paper kindly drafted by our speaker to accompany the lecture).

We also enjoyed cutting-edge thought leadership at our event "Trusts and Arbitration: a new frontier?" in November (kindly hosted by Hogan Lovells), and took pleasure in seeing so many of you at our Members' Night. We also enjoyed meeting candidates from all around the world at our very successful "Accelerated Route to Fellowship" (ARF) course in November, featuring a "Fireside Chat" with former branch Chair and former Ciarb President Francis Xavier SC. Thank you to Allen & Gledhill for hosting the annual thought leadership lecture 2023, and also the ARF course.

And there is plenty more to look forward to throughout this year. In particular, please look out for Ciarb's flagship diploma course which will take place in Singapore from **11 to 19 May**, and will be hosted jointly with the East Asia and Australia branches. Successful completion of the course will enable candidates to apply to become a Fellow of Ciarb.

In terms of events, all our members and supporters (young and not so young!) are warmly encouraged to attend our Ciarb YMG conference on **21 February**, featuring, amongst many other highlights, a keynote speech by The Honourable Justice Steven Chong, sessions on arbitration career options and advocacy, and a demonstration of Jus Mundi's AI tools. You can sign up below (and I should mention that the event qualifies for 4.5 CPD points).

After that, we will host a joint event with the Singapore branch of the International Law Association entitled "*International Courts and Tribunals: Who Decides on the Decision-Makers*

in International Law?" on Tuesday **5 March** from 5pm (more details below).

Another important date for your diary is our AGM on **Monday 29 April** at **5pm** at King & Wood Mallesons. We look forward to seeing our members there.

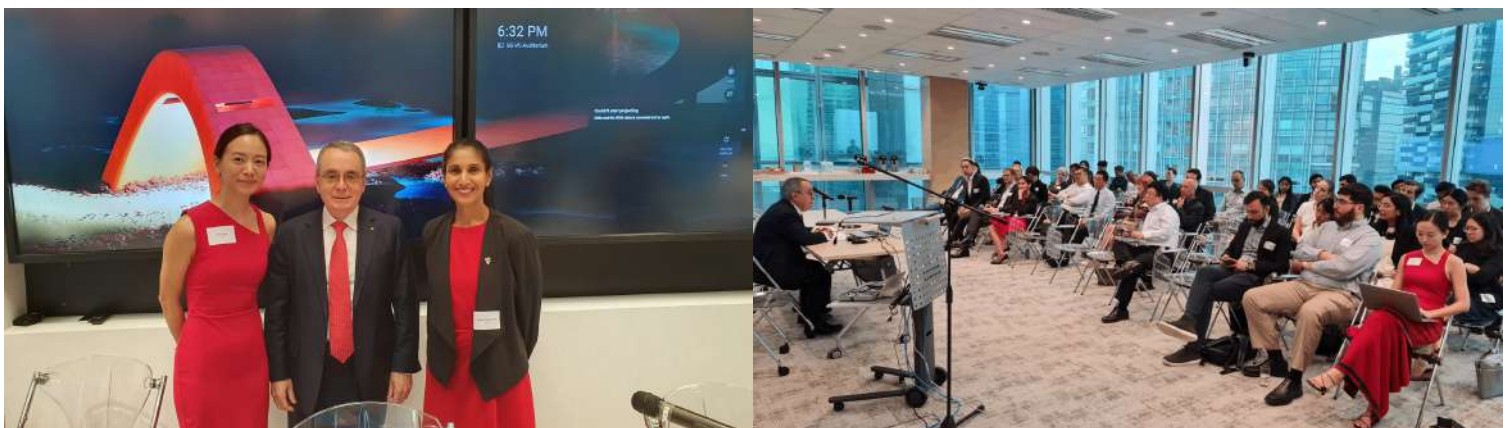
I should mention that my two year term as Chair of the branch will come to an end at the AGM. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to serve as branch Chair for the last couple of years, supported by an excellent Board of Directors, and I am grateful to have been offered the opportunity to serve. I will depart the role of Chair with great pride in the significant thought leadership and capacity-building we have achieved together during my tenure. Most of all, it has been rewarding and fulfilling to meet and collaborate with so many of you. I leave the role with the firm belief that we form an accomplished, vibrant and richly diverse community of dispute resolvers at Ciarb Singapore, with so much achieved collectively so far, and so much more to come.

I shall remain on the Board of Directors and will continue to serve the branch in any way I can.

Sapna Jhangiani KC C.Arb FCI Arb
Chair, Ciarb Singapore



Beijing Delegation briefing (25 October 2023)



Flexibility in International Dispute Resolution (9 November 2023)

[Click here to watch the recording](#)

[Click here to see the full paper accompanying the presentation](#)



Trusts and Arbitration: a new frontier? (23 November 2023)

[Click here to watch the recording](#)



Ciarb Annual Members' Night (28 November 2023)

[Click here to see more photos of Members' Night](#)



Accelerated Route to Fellowship - International Arbitration Featuring Fireside Chat with Francis Xavier SC (30 November to 2 December 2023)



The Importance of Diversity in Judicial and Arbitrator Decision-Making (10 January 2024)

[Click here to watch the recording](#)

Ciarb Singapore members' spotlight: Coffee Talk - Cathryn Neo



[Click here to watch the spotlight](#)

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Events



Upcoming Events

CIArb YMG Arbitration Conference 21 February 2024

SILE: 4.5 Public CPD Points

This 1-day conference is targeted at approximately 200 arbitration practitioners, including barristers / advocates, counsel in arbitral institutions, and funders. There will be 1 keynote address and 4 panel discussions, with the last panel being an interactive one. The keynote address will be delivered by the Honourable Justice Steven Chong.

The conference is intended to provide a platform for interaction and discussion amongst arbitration practitioners on topical issues in international arbitration. A special focus has been placed on issues of interest to young arbitration practitioners seeking to begin or develop their careers in this practice area. To this end, the panel discussions will touch on varied subjects such as career paths in international arbitration, working with experts, and the keys to advocacy. The final panel will involve a substantive discussion on recent developments in international arbitration, with an emphasis on how to navigate some of the difficult issues that have arisen in these developments. Speakers from diverse backgrounds, which include senior members of the circuit, such as judges and arbitrators, have been invited to speak and share their unique experiences on these subjects.

For event details, please click [[here](#)]
To register, please click [[here](#)]

International Courts and Tribunals: Who Decides on the Decision-Makers in International Law? 5 March 2024

SILE: 1 Public CPD Point

If the choice of a decision-maker could affect the outcome, how are those crucial choices made, and what are the processes in place? This event commences with a presentation by Penny Martin, co-author of "Selecting International Judges: Principle, Process, and Politics",

who will provide an overview of judicial selection procedures, with a focus on those of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Criminal Court (ICC). It will be followed by a panel discussion on practical insights from the processes in different international courts and tribunals and international arbitration (including the selection of members of the ICSID panel of arbitrators and the list of arbitrators for the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement Arbitration Panel) and the interplay of political, pragmatic and strategic considerations that affect the actors' choices.

The event, which is jointly organised by Ciarb Singapore and the Singapore branch of the International Law Association (SG-ILA), concludes with a networking drinks reception, hosted by Three Crowns.

For event details, please click [[here](#)]
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Other Events

Asia Pacific Institute of Experts (APIEx)

Membership Accreditation Course 2024 (3rd Run) (18 April 2024, 9.00am - 6.00pm (GMT +8))

The Asia Pacific Institute of Experts (APIEx) wishes to extend an invitation to the members of CIArb to attend their upcoming "Membership Accreditation Course 2024 (3rd Run)" on 18 April 2024, at a preferential rate following:

- \$450 for Full-day Course (including Specialist Track Revision and Exam); or
- \$350 for Foundational Module, with Revision & Exam; or
- \$130 for Foundational Module Only (with tea-break, no Certificate issued)

Click [here](#) for more information.

Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)

Investment Arbitration 101: A Primer (1-2 February 2024)

Investment Arbitration, involving the resolution of disputes between host States and foreign investors, is a developing area which is gaining increasing relevance to practitioners, against a changing global landscape. Designed as a primer, this two-day course will provide an introduction and overview of the investment arbitration legal framework, key substantive principles and concepts for interested arbitration practitioners, in-house counsel and government lawyers.

Click [here](#) for more information.

SIAC Academy: Enforcement of Arbitral Awards: Theory & Practice – Part 1: Singapore (17 April 2024)

The efficacy of arbitration as an effective dispute resolution mechanism depends to a large extent on whether the integrity of the award will be protected by the national courts in enforcement and annulment proceedings and treated as final and binding save in limited circumstances.

The "Enforcement of Arbitral Awards: Theory & Practice" global series seeks to provide an overview of the arbitration law in different jurisdictions, with a focus on the theory and practice of the enforcement of arbitral awards in those jurisdictions. The definition of an "arbitral award", the grounds for non-enforcement of awards, the grounds for annulment of awards, as well as the national court's attitude and approach in applying these grounds, will

be examined. Some of the practical aspects on identification of assets of an award debtor within these jurisdictions will also be discussed.

In the first instalment of this series, we focus on the theory and practice of enforcement of awards in Singapore

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