

In-person event
In-person at Furama City Centre
9.15am, 21 February 2024, Singapore

CIArb YMG Arbitration Conference

Date: Wednesday, 21 February 2024

Time: 9.15am to 6.00pm
(Registration starts at 9.15am)

Venue: Furama City Centre
(60 Eu Tong Sen St, Singapore 059804)

ABOUT THE EVENT

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.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Time	Programme
9.15am - 9.30am:	Registration
9.30am - 10.00am:	Keynote Opening Address <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Honourable Justice Steven Chong
10.00am - 10.15am:	<i>Refreshment Break</i>
10.15am - 11.15am:	Plenary Session 1: The Different Career Paths in International Arbitration <p>In this plenary session, panellists from a diverse variety of backgrounds will share their respective career experiences – <i>e.g.</i>, arbitrator, advocate/barrister, counsel in an arbitral institution, funder, <i>etc.</i></p>

Some of the topics which the panellists will be invited to consider are: (a) what they enjoy about their current practice; (b) how their practice developed; and (c) what steps or tips they might suggest to young practitioners who are interested in emulating them.

Panellists:

- Samantha Tan – Freshfields
- Andrew Pullen – Fountain Court
- Christine Artero – The Arbitration Chambers
- Sherly Gunawan – SIAC
- Joshua Hiew – Allen & Gledhill

Moderator:

- Arvindran Manoosegaran - Omni Bridgeway

11.15am - 11.30am: *Refreshment Break*

11.30am - 12.30pm: **Plenary Session 2: Working with Experts in International Arbitration**

Expert evidence can often shape the outcome of an arbitration. Panellists with experience as experts and as counsel in arbitration will be invited in this plenary session to share about the opportunities and challenges of the evidence-giving process for expert witnesses. This includes the instruction-taking process at the start of the engagement, the subsequent preparation of their expert report(s), and oral testimony at the eventual evidentiary hearings. The panellists will also be asked to give their views on the structure of such hearings – *e.g.*, the use of demonstrative exhibits, expert presentations, the hot-tubbing process, *etc.*

Panellists:

- Salim Moollan KC – Brick Court Chambers
- Monica Chong Wan Yee – WongPartnership
- Chaitanya Arora – Secretariat
- Jonathan Ellis – HKA
- Sharon McGahey – Kroll

Moderator:

- Daryl Sim – Rajah & Tann

12.30am - 12.45pm: **Bonus! Demonstration of Jus Mundi's AI tools**

12.45pm - 2.30pm: *Lunch*

2.30pm - 3.30pm: **Interactive Talk: To convince, cajole or coerce?**

A significant portion of advocacy in international arbitration is done via written submissions. What are the keys to effective written advocacy? Speakers with backgrounds as arbitrator and/or counsel will share their perspectives on how best to approach the typical written arguments in arbitration (*e.g.*, pleadings, Redfern schedules, opening skeletons, closing submissions, *etc.*). Oral advocacy in international arbitration can present unique challenges. What happens if a witness is difficult? How does one effectively engage questions from the tribunal? Do demonstrative aids add to or detract from oral submissions? Arbitrators and counsel alike will share their perspectives on the Dos and Don'ts. The session will be an interactive talk, with audience members invited to engage in live Q&A with the speakers.

Panellists:

- Una Khng – Helmsman
- Abraham Vergis SC – Providence Law Asia
- Shaun Pereira – Three Crowns
- Stephen Moriarty KC – Fountain Court
- Ramesh Selvaraj – Allen & Gledhill

Moderator:

- Jasmine Feng – ICC

3.30pm - 4.00pm: *Refreshment Break*

4.00pm - 5.00pm: **Quiz Session: What would you do if...?**

We think we know how we would handle a tricky situation, but we never really know until we are in it.

What would you do as an arbitrator, if you encounter circumstances that could lead to a real danger of your award being set aside? Or if you were counsel facing a serious procedural battle that might result in disclosure of communications that would adversely affect your client's interests?

Arbitrators and arbitration counsel get together in this session to share their own perspectives on how to navigate certain thorny issues that have arisen in recent developments in international arbitration. We will pose hypotheticals for audience members to think deeply on – remember to bring your phones, and get ready to think hard and vote for what you think you would do!

Panellists:

- Zhuo Jiaxiang – Providence Law Asia
- Nicholas Lingard – Freshfields
- Mahesh Rai – Drew & Napier
- Penny Martin – Three Crowns

Moderator:

- Clemency Wang - White & Case

5.00pm - 6.00pm: *Networking Reception*

EVENT FEES

A fee will be charged for in-person attendance at:

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Ciarb Members: **S\$70**

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The closing date for registration is **16 February 2023**. (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. For registration or enquiries, please email secretariat@ciarb.org.sg.

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Training Level:
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