

## Singapore International Arbitration Centre Curriculum Vitae



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### Educational/Professional Memberships

University of California, San Diego (B.A., 1985)  
Johns Hopkins University (M.A., 1987)  
Columbia Law School (J.D., 1990)

#### Bar Admissions:

New York  
California

Japan (Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi)

Member of Panel of Arbitrators for Japan Commercial Arbitration Association

Member of Panel of IP Panel of Arbitrators for Singapore International Arbitration Centre

### Current Position

Partner, Head of International Arbitration, and Head of Asia Disputes at Morrison & Foerster

### Professional Experience/Areas of Expertise

Craig Celniker has extensive international arbitration and commercial litigation experience, with a particular emphasis on intellectual property issues.

After spending 10 years in the litigation department of the firm's Tokyo office, where he developed his reputation as one of the leading international dispute lawyers in Japan, Mr. Celniker now divides his time between the firm's Singapore, Hong Kong and Tokyo offices.

### Arbitration Experience

Mr. Celniker has participated in more than 80 international arbitrations. He has advised numerous clients on particular arbitration issues, including enforcement of arbitration awards, and the benefits of arbitration under different regimes. He has also drafted more than 300 arbitration clauses, and made presentations to dozens of clients and potential clients concerning arbitration law and procedure.

Mr. Celniker has represented individuals and companies from every continent in the arbitration of intellectual property and commercial issues, including before:

- American Arbitration Association (AAA)
- China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA)
- London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

- Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)

In addition, his experience includes participation in a variety of international litigation issues, including the United States Arbitration Act and international arbitration conventions.

Representative Intellectual Property Arbitration and Litigation Matters

- (AAA, San Diego, CA) – individual inventor in a breach of contract and declaratory judgment action, involving the ownership of optical scanning technology, including more than two dozen patents obtained by him. Two separate cases, one against one defendant in federal court and one by another company against the inventor in state court, were successfully consolidated over the opposition of the defendants into a single arbitration.
- (ICC, Paris, France) – one of largest Italian pharmaceutical companies in a breach of contract and patent infringement arbitration against an Irish company involving controlled release technology for medical devices, i.e., the nicotine patch.  
(JCAA, Tokyo) – Indian software development company in dispute with US Insurance company arising out of software development agreement.
- (JCAA, Tokyo) – biotech startup in dispute with licensor arising out of a license and development agreement for a new drug product.
- (JCAA, Tokyo) – a Japanese joint venture partner in a dispute between the U.S. partner and joint venture regarding technology licensing with respect to semiconductor manufacturing equipment.
- (LCIA, London) – big four accounting firm in dispute involving use of the client’s name in Cyprus by former member of the organization which was not selected to be the organization member in the new organization resulting from merger with another big six accounting firm.
- Global representation of the largest American consumer electronics and software manufacturer and its subsidiaries in a series of patent infringement actions and preliminary injunction actions, including in the Tokyo District Court and a separate patent invalidity trial in the Japanese Patent Office against the largest Korean electronics company; and (ii) representation of its Japanese subsidiary in a Customs Office Proceeding and related \$150 million patent infringement action in the Tokyo District Court in which the petitioner alleged that certain portable music players infringed its Japanese patent.
- Oracle and its Japanese subsidiary in a proceeding brought by a patentee who sought an opinion from the Japanese Patent Office that Oracle’s datagrid software infringes a Japanese patent. We obtained a finding of non-infringement.
- Albemarle Corp. in a series of petitions for invalidity filed with the JPO, and a patent infringement suit filed against Kaneko in Tokyo District Court.
- A major European-based pharmaceuticals company in a High IP Court Appeal and a separate invalidity trial in front of the JPO regarding assays for the detection of Hepatitis C.

#### **Publications**

- “Country Q&A, Japan,” PLC Dispute Resolution Handbook 2013/2014, 2012/2013, 2011/2012, 2010/2011
- “Global IP Enforcement Strategies,” Asia Law Dispute Resolution Guide 2008

#### **Languages**

English