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Educational/Professional Memberships

LL.B. (Hons), National University of Singapore (First Class Honours); Advocate & Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore; Appointed Senior Counsel; Roll of Solicitors, England & Wales; Rights of audience, DIFC Courts

Current Position

Head of International Arbitration, WongPartnership LLP

Professional Experience

Ms KOH Swee Yen, Senior Counsel, is the Head of the International Arbitration Practice and a Partner in the Commercial & Corporate Disputes Practice of WongPartnership LLP.

She is the Co-Chair of the IPBA Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Committee, and a member of the ICCA-ASIL Task Force on Damages. She was the former Vice-Chair of the IBA Arbitration Committee, and was also on the Editorial Board of the ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin. She is currently a Board member of the Swiss Arbitration Association, and a member of the LCIA Asia Pacific Users' Council. She is a member of the Governing Board for the Centre of International Law, NUS, and the President of the Singapore branch of the International Law Association. She has also been appointed to the Executive Committee of the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy.

Her practice has a particular focus on complex, high-value and multi-jurisdictional disputes involving asset recovery, commodities, energy, fraud, infrastructure, international trade, joint ventures, transport and technology. She regularly appears before the Singapore Courts (including the Singapore International Commercial Court) and in international arbitrations under the major institutional rules, including ICSID, ICC, ICDR, LCIA, SIAC, and UNCITRAL.

Ms Koh is highly recommended as a leading disputes practitioner in prominent legal publications, including Chambers and Partners, Legal500 and Global Arbitration Review. She was awarded Litigation Lawyer of the Year at The Legal500 Southeast Asia Awards 2023, Woman Lawyer of the Year (Law Firm) at the ALB SE Asia Law Awards 2021 and recognised as a Thought Leader in Who's Who Legal: Arbitration, Litigation, Asset Recovery and Energy. Described as being "*in a league of her own*", with a "*very deep understanding of the law*" and "*razor-sharp*" in her advocacy by *Chambers Global*, sources also praise her for a "*keen sense of strategy*" and "*great ability to quickly grasp her clients' perspective and understand their commercial issues*". *The Legal 500* says that Swee Yen is the "*go-to disputes lawyer in Singapore*", with an "*ability to zone right in on the issues with precision and confidence*", and is "*brilliant, decisive and fearless*". She is "*an absolute standout*", and known as "*a tenacious litigator*" who is "*very hard-working and talented*".

Swee Yen graduated with First Class Honours from the National University of Singapore (NUS). She was awarded the Singapore Academy of Law prize for being the top student in her final year, and won subject prizes for Evidence and Procedure and Intellectual Property Law. Swee Yen served as a Justices' Law Clerk to the Chief Justice of Singapore before entering private practice, and was later placed on the Supreme Court's Young Amicus Curiae scheme in 2010.

Arbitration Experience

She has an active practice as counsel in international commercial and investment arbitrations under the major institutional rules, including ICSID, ICC, ICDR, LCIA, SIAC, and UNCITRAL.

She has sat as an arbitrator in ICC, LCIA and SIAC administered arbitrations across a wide spectrum of disputes involving commodities, energy, fraud, infrastructure, international trade, sale of goods, joint ventures and technology, and has presided over some of these arbitrations, as well as been part of a three-member panel or as sole arbitrator. She is also on the Panel of Arbitrators of the Asian International Arbitration Centre, Borneo International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre and Korean Commercial Arbitration Board.

Publications

- The Proposed Reforms to the English Arbitration Act 1996: A Singapore Perspective (Singapore Arbitration Journal) (2023) (forthcoming)
- Provisional and Emergency Measures in International Arbitration (Edward Elgar Publishing)
- ICSID Rules and Regulations 2022: Article by Article Commentary (CH Beck)
- Global Arbitration Review (GAR) The Guide to Investment Treaty Protection and Enforcement; Edition 1 - Accessing Investment Treaty Protection: The Investor's Perspective
- Arbitration and Corruption: Duty or Right of Arbitrators to Report Suspicion of Corruption to Authorities, 2021 (Wolters Kluwer)
- Getting the Deal Through: Investment Treaty Arbitration 2021 – Singapore Chapter (Lexology)
- Practical Insights: Fraud and Corruption in International Arbitration, 2021 (Wolters Kluwer)
- The Investment Treaty Arbitration Review: Objections of Manifest Lack of Legal Merit of Claims: Arbitration Rule 41(5) Chapter (6th Edition) (The Law Reviews)
- The Future of Investment Treaty Arbitration in the EU: Intra-EU BITs, the Energy Charter Treaty, and the Multilateral Investment - Arbitration, Public Policy and Enforcement after Achmea: A perspective from Singapore, Chapter 11, 2020 (Wolters Kluwer)
- International Arbitration: In the Age of Technological Revolution, 2020 (Volume 1) (Lumen Juris)
- International Arbitration Comparative Guide 2020 – Singapore Chapter (Mondaq)
- The Legal 500 & The In-House Lawyer Hot Topic – Singapore: International Arbitration (4th Edition)
- International Arbitration in the Energy Sector 2018: Energy Investor State Disputes in Asia (Oxford University Press)
- European International Arbitration Review, 2017: The Incidence of Iura Novit Arbiter in Singapore Arbitration Law - Volume 6:1 (JurisNet, LLC)
- The Use of Emergency Arbitrators in Investment Treaty Arbitration: ICSID Review - Foreign Investment Law Journal, 2016 (Oxford University Press)

Languages

English, Chinese (Mandarin)