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Join us at the SIAC Manila Conference 2024, where leading experts and practitioners converge to explore the evolving landscape of international arbitration in the Philippines. With a spotlight on emerging frontiers, discover how infrastructure and energy disputes and the new SIAC Rules are shaping the future of dispute resolution. Don't miss this opportunity to gain insights, network with industry peers, and stay at the forefront of the dynamic world of international arbitration.

Programme	
0930 - 1000	Registration
1000 - 1005	Welcome Remarks by Mr Kevin Nash, Registrar, SIAC
	Opening Address:
1005 - 1030	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hon. Alexander G. Gesmundo, <i>Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines</i>Mdm Rahayu Mahzam, <i>Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health & Ministry of Law, Singapore</i>Usec. Irene De Torres Alogoc, <i>Executive Director V, Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Philippines</i>
Session 1 – Changing Trends in Infrastructure Arbitration	
	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms Adriana Uson, <i>Director & Head, Americas, SIAC</i> Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Usec. Timothy John R. Batan, <i>Undersecretary for Planning and Project Development, Department of Transportation, Philippines</i>Mr Manuel F. Santos, Jr., <i>Government Corporate Attorney, Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, Philippines</i>Mr Enrique V. Dela Cruz, Jr., <i>Senior Partner, DivinaLaw</i>Mr Deya Dubey, <i>Partner, WongPartnership LLP</i>Mr Jose Martin R. Tensuan, <i>Senior Partner, Angara Abello Concepcion Regala & Cruz (ACCRALAW)</i>Mr Dan Waldek, <i>Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP</i>
1030 - 1200	
1200 - 1300	Networking Lunch

Session 2 – Emerging Horizons in Arbitration: Energy and Mining

	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms Thea Elysa Vega, <i>Counsel, SIAC</i> Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms Jane E. Yu, <i>Senior State Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor General, Republic of the Philippines</i>Mr Albert Marsman, <i>Partner, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek</i>Ms Dianne Marie V. Roa-Oarde, <i>Partner, Villaraza & Angangco</i>Mr Paul Tan, <i>Partner, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher</i>Mr Zhuo Jiaxiang, <i>Director, Providence Law Asia LLC</i>
1300 - 1430	
Session 3 – The New SIAC Rules – From Paper to Practice	

	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr Kevin Nash, <i>Registrar, SIAC</i> Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr Donemark J. L. Calimon, <i>Partner, Quisumbing Torres</i>Mr Wade Coriell, <i>Co-Head of International Disputes Practice, King & Spalding LLP</i>Mr Elmar B. Galacio, <i>Senior Partner, Cruz Marcelo & Tenefrancia</i>Mr Edmund J. Kronenburg, <i>Managing Partner, Braddell Brothers LLP</i>Mr Ng Kim Beng, <i>Deputy Managing Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP</i>Ms Maricef Valderrama, <i>Managing Counsel, Asia, Campari Singapore</i>
1430 - 1600	
1600 - 1610	Closing Remarks by Ms Adriana Uson, Director & Head, Americas, SIAC

1610 - 1730	Networking Drinks
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WELCOME REMARKS



Mr Kevin Nash
Registrar, SIAC

As Registrar of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Kevin leads the SIAC Secretariat in the provision of case management services. Over the course of the past decade, Kevin has overseen the administration of thousands of international cases under all versions of the SIAC Rules and the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. Under the Singapore International Arbitration Act 1994, Kevin is the statutory taxation authority and he is empowered to authenticate and certify awards and arbitration agreements.

Kevin worked closely on the revisions to the SIAC Rules 2013, SIAC Rules 2016, SIAC Investment Arbitration Rules 2017, and leads the SIAC Secretariat on the drafting of the seventh edition of the SIAC Rules. He is an active participant at UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) and UNCITRAL Working Group III (ISDS) and frequently speaks, lectures and conducts training on contemporary issues in arbitration.

Recognised for being 'truly exceptional in his passion for, and knowledge of, international arbitration', Kevin is listed by Who's Who Legal as a Global Leader and National Leader for Southeast Asia in international arbitration. Described as a 'rock star of arbitration' and 'a calm presence and a safe pair of hands for the most complex matters', peers and clients say that he is 'without equal in the region, in terms of institutional knowledge and expertise in international arbitration' and that 'no one knows more about arbitration in Singapore'.

Kevin is qualified as a Barrister and Solicitor with the Law Society of Upper Canada. He speaks English and French.

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Hon. Alexander G. Gesmundo
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines

Chief Justice Alexander G. Gesmundo was appointed as the 27th Chief Justice of the Philippines on April 5, 2021. He first joined the Supreme Court as its 178th Associate Justice on August 14, 2017. Prior to his appointment to the High Court, he served as Associate Justice of the Sandiganbayan for 12 years.

Chief Justice Gesmundo entered government service in August 1985 as Trial Attorney in the Office of the Solicitor General. He was on Seconded Appointment as Commissioner of the Presidential Commission on Good Government from 1998 to 2001. In 2002, he was promoted to Assistant Solicitor General. He continued to serve in the Office of the Solicitor General until his appointment to the Sandiganbayan in 2005.

Prior to joining the government, Chief Justice Gesmundo worked as Research Analyst from 1977 to 1979 with Business Day Corporation, publisher of the business newspaper Business Day and Top 1000 Corporations of the Philippines where his articles were published. In 1979, he worked as Market Research Officer at the Office of the Australian Trade Commissioner, Australian Embassy, Manila, and continued as its Marketing Officer from 1980 to 1985.

Chief Justice Gesmundo is a member of the Corps of Professors of the Philippine Judicial Academy (PHILJA) as Professorial Lecturer in Remedial Law. He also previously served as Vice-Chairperson of the PHILJA's Department of Remedial Law. The Chief Justice has also taught Remedial Law subjects in various universities and was the Examiner in Remedial Law in the 2009 and 2015 Bar examinations.

Chief Justice Gesmundo obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the Lyceum of the Philippines University in 1977 and his Bachelor Laws degree from the Ateneo de Manila University in 1984. He joined the Philippine Bar in April 1985.

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**Mdm Rahayu Mahzam**

*Senior Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Health & Ministry of Law, Singapore*

Mdm Rahayu Mahzam is Senior Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Law. She is also the Deputy Chairperson of the REACH Supervisory Panel, which seeks to engage Singaporeans on national and social issues.

At the Ministry of Law, she oversees policies and initiatives relating to access to justice, international civil and criminal cooperation, and international rule of law.

Prior to joining the Government, Mdm Rahayu was a lawyer, specialising in civil litigation and family law. She also served as Deputy Registrar at the Syariah Court of Singapore from 2013 to 2015.

Mdm Rahayu has been a Member of Parliament since September 2015. In Parliament, she has championed the interests of the special needs' community, youth development, as well as efforts to empower women and preserve a strong, multi-racial and multi-religious community.

Mdm Rahayu graduated from the National University of Singapore with a LL.B. in 2003.

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**Usec. Irene De Torres Alogoc**

*Executive Director V,
Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Philippines*

Undersecretary Irene is the inaugural Executive Director V of the Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution, an attached agency of the Department of Justice of the Philippines. She is currently a member of the Technical Working Group on the Filtering Mechanism of the Supreme Court. She is also the Principal Representative of the Justice Department to the Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) and serves as Chairperson of the LTIA National Board of Judges.

She has more than fifteen (15) years of extensive law practice and is a professor of Law in various universities in the country. She has held various key positions in all three branches of the Philippine government.

She completed the Negotiation and Leadership Course at the Harvard Law School and the Leadership Training Program at the United Nations (UN). She likewise had her Comprehensive Course on International Commercial Arbitration under the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - New York Branch and the Columbia Law School, and Strategic Conflict Management for Professionals at the Singapore Mediation Centre. USec. Irene is a trained Arbitrator and trained File Counsel of the Philippine Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. (PDRCI).

USec. Irene represents the Philippines in the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group II (Arbitration and Conciliation/Dispute Settlement) and Working Group III (Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform).

USec. Irene is the author of two (2) books titled "Philippine Alternative Dispute Resolution and Gabay ng Barangay sa Mediation, Arbitration at Conciliation," which highlight the different ADR mechanisms and practices in the country. Among her advocacies are to mainstream ADR in the Philippine justice system, empower government agencies with effective ADR mechanisms, organise quality skills training programs for ADR practitioners, and standardise the ADR profession in the Philippines.

CLOSING REMARKS

**Ms Adriana Uson***Director & Head, Americas, SIAC*

Adriana Uson is the Director & Head (Americas) of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) where she leads and oversees SIAC's activities in North and Latin America. In 2020, Adriana established SIAC's first office outside of Asia in New York.

Adriana has more than a decade of experience in dispute resolution and has served as counsel on international arbitrations, arbitrator, and institutional representative.

Adriana first joined SIAC as Counsel, during which time she administered hundreds of cases across a range of seats and governing laws. She was involved in the drafting of the SIAC Rules 2016, SIAC Investment Arbitration Rules 2017, and the SIAC Practice Note on third party funding. She was also a member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators working group that published the SI Arb Guidelines on Party-Representative Ethics.

Prior to rejoining SIAC, Adriana was a disputes lawyer at a global law firm, where she advised and represented clients in international arbitrations conducted under the auspices of SIAC, ICC, ICSID, and HKIAC. She also previously worked as a litigation and dispute resolution lawyer at a top-tier Philippine law firm.

Adriana has been recognised by Who's Who Legal as a National Leader for Southeast Asia in 2023 and as an Arbitration Future Leader in 2024. She was recognised as "a brilliant and focused practitioner" who is "a pleasure to work with in every respect". One source notes that she "possesses a depth of knowledge in the arbitration space that few others can match". Adriana is also acknowledged as a "diligent and thoughtful international arbitration lawyer".

Adriana represents SIAC at UNCITRAL Working Group II and UNCITRAL Working Group III. She serves as Regional Lead for the Americas in the newly formed Young SIAC Council and is a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and the Philippine Institute of Arbitrators. She is listed as an arbitrator on the panels of SIAC and the Philippines' Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

**Ms Thea Elyssa Vega***Counsel, SIAC*

Prior to joining the SIAC, Thea was an Associate Solicitor at the Office of the Solicitor General in the Philippines where she handled criminal, civil, international commercial, and investor-state arbitration. She has also handled cases across various sectors such as energy, public-private partnerships, gaming, competition law, among others. She was also once part of the Philippine delegation in the UNCITRAL Working Group III on Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform. She also worked as legal intern at the Philippine Supreme Court.

Thea earned her Juris Doctor Degree (J.D.) from the Ateneo de Manila University School of Law in the Philippines and is admitted to the Philippine Bar.

Thea speaks Filipino (Cebuano and Tagalog) and English.

**Usec. Timothy John R. Batan***Undersecretary for Planning and Project Development, Department of Transportation, Philippines*

Timothy John R. Batan has been working in the transportation department for five years, first as a Senior Project Development Officer for DOTr Planning, Project Development, and Private-Public Partnership Unit in 2015 where he worked with on several maritime, airport development, port modernization, and varying mass transit projects until he was eventually appointed as an Assistant Secretary for Railways in June 2017, and again as the Undersecretary for Railways in February 2018.

Before joining DOTr, he graduated with a Legal Management degree from Ateneo De Manila University, and also graduated with second honors as a Juris Doctor at the Ateneo de Manila University School of Law. As a licensed lawyer, he practiced as a senior associate for Romulo Mabanta Buenaventura Sayoc and Delos Angeles law firm for five years prior to his current stint at DOTr. He is currently leading the DOTr Railway sector in fulfilling the Build! Build! Build!'s promise of a more comfortable life, more comfortable commuting, mass transport experience for the Filipinos.



Ms Jane E. Yu

Senior State Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor General, Republic of the Philippines

Jane E. Yu is a Senior State Solicitor at the Office of the Solicitor General of the Republic of the Philippines where she began her practice in international investment dispute resolution in 2002. She is one of her office's principal handling solicitors of complex investment and commercial arbitration proceedings before the ICSID, the ICC and in ad hoc arbitrations before the PCA. She also acted as legal advisor to Philippine government agencies involved in investment treaty negotiations. She is designated as alternate representative to the UNCITRAL Working Group on the Reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement.

In 2012, she was also a member of the Investor-State Mediation Sub-Committee that drafted the IBA Rules for Investor-State Mediation and one of the state representatives who peer-reviewed the 2011 APEC-UNCTAD Handbook for Negotiators of International Investment Agreements. In 2009, she assisted in presenting the Philippine position on reform of the ICSID Rules on annulment proceedings. She was also the project overseer for APEC of three Investor-State Dispute capacity building projects in the region.

She is currently on the list of foreign arbitrators of the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA). She is also an Assistant Vice-President of the Philippine Institute of Arbitrators. She received her Master of Laws Degree in International Dispute Resolution from the Center for Commercial Law Studies of the Queen Mary University of London.



Mr Manuel F. Santos, Jr.

Government Corporate Attorney, Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, Philippines

Manuel F. Santos Jr., or Jun, is a Government Corporate Attorney at the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, an attached agency of the Philippine Department of Justice. He is the Vice-Chairperson of the OGCC Learning and Development Committee. Concurrently, he serves as the Acting Corporate Secretary of Duty Free Philippines Corporation, one of the OGCC's client government corporations.

Before joining the OGCC in 2003, he worked as a Court Attorney in the Philippine Supreme Court at the Office of Associate (later Chief) Justice Reynato S. Puno from 2000 to 2003. He finished his Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, and Bachelor of Laws degrees from the University of the Philippines – Diliman.



Mr Donemark J. L. Calimon

Partner, Quisumbing Torres

Donemark Calimon is a partner in Quisumbing Torres' Dispute Resolution Practice Group and heads the Firm's arbitration practice as well as the Construction sub-sector of the Industrials, Manufacturing & Transportation Industry Group. He was the head of the Firm's Dispute Resolution Practice Group from 2013 to 2020.

Donemark has more than 20 years of experience in dispute resolution, including civil, criminal, corporate and regulatory litigation, and commercial arbitration. He is one of the founders of the Philippine Institute of Arbitrators (PIArb). He is a member of the panel of arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Center (SIAC), the Philippine Dispute Resolution Center (PDRC) and the Philippine International Center for Conflict Resolution (PICCR). He is also an accredited arbitrator of several Philippine arbitration institutions including the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM) and the Intellectual Property Office (IPO). He is also presently serving as Secretary General of the PICCR, an alternative dispute resolution center set up by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines to provide arbitration and other dispute resolution services and facilities.

Donemark has acted as counsel or arbitrator in various commercial arbitrations, including arbitrations conducted under the arbitration rules of the PDRC, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the CIAC, and ad hoc arbitrations under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.



Mr Wade Coriell

Co-Head of International Disputes Practice, King & Spalding LLP

Wade Coriell is Co-Head of King & Spalding's global International Disputes practice and a member of the firm's ten-person Policy Committee. He has represented clients in several of the largest international commercial and investment arbitrations on record in Asia and Latin America, particularly in the energy sector.

Wade has particular strength in handling high-profile matters pending simultaneously in multiple jurisdictions, often involving elements of public, investor and government relations. He has handled disputes against the governments of Argentina, Armenia, Ecuador, Indonesia, Korea, Peru, the Philippines, Romania, Thailand, and Venezuela, as well as international arbitrations for commercial clients in a number of other countries. Wade's recent work includes handling five Asia-based disputes and one Latin American dispute worth over \$1 billion each.

Chambers Asia-Pacific ranks Wade as a Band 1 arbitration practitioner in Singapore, calling him "an excellent advocate whose level of experience and ability make him stand out."



Mr Enrique V. Dela Cruz, Jr.
Senior Partner, DivinaLaw

Atty. Enrique V. dela Cruz, Jr. is a Senior Partner and Head of the Arbitration Practice Group at DivinaLaw. He is currently a member of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) - Asia Users Council and an accredited Arbitrator at the Construction Industry Arbitration Commission (CIAC) of the Philippines. He is a member of the Philippine Institute of Construction Arbitrators and Mediators (PICAM). He is also a member of the Advisory Council of the Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution (OADR) under the Department of Justice. He was one of the finalists in the Dispute Resolution Lawyer and Data Privacy Lawyer categories of the 2021, 2022, and 2023 ALB Philippine Law Awards.

He graduated from the University of Santo Tomas with a degree in AB Legal Management (cum laude) in 1996, and Juris Doctor (with honors) in 2000.

In 2001, he earned a Masters in Public Management from the Ateneo School of Government. In May 2005, he obtained his Master of Laws - LLM in International Trade from the University College London, UK as a Chevening Scholar of the British Council.

He was recognised by Asia Business Law Journal as one of the Philippines' A-List Top 100 lawyers for 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.



Mr Deya Dubey
Partner, WongPartnership LLP

Deya is a Partner with the Litigation & Dispute Resolution Practice of WongPartnership LLP. Deya has an active practice spanning a wide array of high-value, multi-jurisdictional and complex commercial, public infrastructure, construction, and energy disputes before the Singapore courts and in arbitration.

Notable infrastructure cases that Deya has acted in include:

- A listed infrastructure contractor in a 60-day criminal trial, and subsequent SIAC arbitration against a major design consultancy firm arising out of the collapse of a highway viaduct under construction in Singapore
- An environmental engineering contractor in an ICC arbitration against a Middle-Eastern state with claims of more than US\$200 million, arising out of the design, construction, operation and maintenance of a waste management and green energy facility
- An offshore tunnelling and pipe-lay contractor in an ad-hoc arbitration under the UNCITRAL Rules arising out of undersea tunnelling and 200km pipe-lay works for an offshore natural gas project in Ghana



Mr Elmar B. Galacio
Senior Partner, Cruz Marcelo & Tenefrancia

Elmar B. Galacio is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and the Philippine Institute of Arbitrators (PI Arb), and a member of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Institute of World Business Law. He obtained an Oxford Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration and Certificates in International Investment Arbitration, Maritime Arbitration, and International Air Law. He is also a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) for the U.S. and Philippines, and a Faculty Tutor of the CI Arb East Asia Branch.

Elmar is a Professor on Alternative Dispute Resolution, mediator, negotiator, arbitration counsel, and arbitrator accredited with the Singapore International Arbitration Center (SIAC), Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution (OADR), Construction Industry Arbitration Commission (CIAC), Philippine International Center for Conflict Resolution (PICCR), Philippine Dispute Resolution Center (PDRC), and the National Conciliation and Mediation Board (NCMB). He was then Deputy General Counsel of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP).

He is Deputy Managing Partner of Cruz Marcelo & Tenefrancia Law Offices.



Mr Edmund J. Kronenburg
Managing Partner, Braddell Brothers LLP

Edmund is the Managing Partner of Braddell Brothers LLP, founded in 1883. He is admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor (Singapore) and Solicitor (England & Wales). Having over 26 years' experience as arbitration and litigation counsel, Edmund's diverse practice includes commercial and corporate disputes, defamation, energy and natural resources, medical and healthcare law, media and telecommunications, as well as pre-emptive relief and injunctions.

Edmund also actively sits as an Arbitrator, and has conducted arbitrations seated in Singapore, Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam. He is a Fellow of the SI Arb, CI Arb, MI Arb, HKI Arb, AMINZ, PI Arb and ACICA.

Edmund is consistently recognised in the Legal 500, Chambers, Best Lawyers, Benchmark, Who's Who Legal and Asialaw guides, being variously called "aggressive", "articulate", "master strategist" and "the type of advocate you want ... when you want to maintain pressure". Most recently, ABLJ included Edmund in its "Singapore A-List: Top 100 lawyers".



Mr Albert Marsman

Partner, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek

Albert is the head of De Brauw's office in Singapore. He is counsel in disputes involving long-term gas purchase agreements, power purchase agreements, joint venture and M&A contracts and investment treaties. He has handled arbitrations under the SIAC, ICC, ICSID, UNCITRAL, DIS, NAI, HKIAC and JCAA Rules.

Albert holds degrees from the University of Leiden (LLM, 2006) and Stanford University law school (LLM, 2011), and is admitted to the bar in the Netherlands and in New York.

Albert is the author of *International Arbitration in the Netherlands*, published by Kluwer Law International (March 2021).

Clients say he is "outstanding" in hearings (Global Arbitration Review 2019), "excellent" and "widely endorsed as a top player in the market" (Who's Who Legal 2018), "an absolute star" (Legal 500 2018), "very bright" (Who's Who Legal 2019), a "first-class arbitration counsel" (Who's Who Legal 2020) and "great if you need a fighter on your case" (Chambers 2020), "very humble but firm and strong technically" and "very international, engaged and knowledgeable" (Legal 500 2020), "sharp, smart and pleasant" (Legal 500 2021), "excellent on his feet and his writing is second to none" (Chambers Global 2021).



Mr Ng Kim Beng

Deputy Managing Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Ng Kim Beng is an experienced counsel in the practice of International Arbitration and Construction and Projects.

He leads as counsel and advises on complex, cross-border investments and projects, and acts in high-stakes disputes. He regularly arbitrates under the rules of the SIAC, ICC, HKIAC, LCIA and other institutions, as well as the UNCITRAL Rules.

He is widely recognised as a leading individual in various legal publications, including *Best Lawyers*, *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, *Who's Who Legal*, the *IFLR 1000* and *The Legal 500*.

Kim Beng is a Senior Accredited Specialist in Building and Construction Law. He is the co-chairperson of the Building and Construction Law Committee of the Law Society of Singapore. He is also a member of the Construction Adjudicator Accreditation Committee of the Singapore Mediation Centre.



Ms Dianne Marie V. Roa-Oarde

Partner, Villaraza & Angangco

Dianne Marie V. Roa-Oarde is a Partner at Villaraza & Angangco, specializing in the avoidance and management of intra-corporate, construction and commercial disputes, with a focus on arbitration and alternative dispute resolution.

She has managed complex judicial and arbitration proceedings involving various disputes arising from shareholder agreements, joint ventures, construction contracts, offshore supply agreements and construction insurance policies, and regularly collaborates with foreign counsel on matters with Philippine law elements and issues relating to Philippine law on arbitration, contractual breach, engineering and construction, and insurance.

Dianne is cited as a Future Star in Commercial Transactions Disputes by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific, and has repeatedly been listed in Thomson Reuters' Stand-out Lawyers List/Acritis Stars. She is accredited as an arbitrator and ADR practitioner by the DOJ-OADR and the PICCR, and received prior commercial arbitration training with the PDRCI.



Mr Paul Tan

Partner, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher

Paul Tan is a partner in the Singapore office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He leads the arbitration practice for the firm in Asia.

Paul is ranked by all major legal publications, including Legal 500 as a "leading lawyer." In addition to his counsel work, he sits as an arbitrator in Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) cases.

He recently published two books: *The Law and Theory of International Commercial Arbitration in Singapore* (2022), and *A Commentary on the Singapore International Arbitration Act* (2023). He is also the co-author of the next edition of Mustill and Boyd's treatise on international commercial and investor-state arbitrations.

He is also the co-chair of the ADR Committee of the Law Society of Singapore.



Mr Jose Martin R. Tensuan

Senior Partner, Angara Abello Concepcion Regala & Cruz (ACCRALAW)

Martin has represented clients in international and domestic arbitration cases before the International Court of Arbitration (ICC), Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), and the Philippine Dispute Resolution Center, Inc., (PDRC). He also handled disputes before the Construction Industry Arbitration Commission (CIAC).

Martin is an accredited arbitrator of the CIAC and PDRC and has been appointed as an arbitrator to resolve domestic and international commercial and construction disputes. Since 2007, he has participated as both lecturer and panelist in various ADR-related conferences held in both domestic and international fora. Martin was identified in The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2021 Editorial as a recommended lawyer in the practice area of Dispute Resolution and co-authored the Philippine chapter on the 'The Law and Practice in the Philippines' of the Chambers Global Practice Guide in International Arbitration from 2019 to 2022.

Martin is a member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) and the ADR Committee of the ASEAN Law Association. He is currently a director and treasurer of the Philippine Institute of Construction Arbitrators and Mediators (PICAM) as well as a Council member of the Society of Construction Law of the Philippines (SCLP).



Ms Maricef Valderrama

Managing Counsel, Asia, Campari Singapore

Maricef is currently Managing Counsel – Asia at Campari Singapore. She manages a broad range of legal matters across the region, including in Japan, China, Korea, Hong Kong, South East Asia, and Singapore.

Before moving in-house, Maricef was a disputes lawyer at Allen & Overy, and prior to that was Managing Counsel at SIAC. At SIAC she had worked on revisions to the SIAC Arbitration Rules 2016 and the SIAC Investment Arbitration Rules 2017.

She holds an MBA-JD (First Honors) double degree from FEU-La Salle and is qualified in the Philippines and in England & Wales.



Mr Dan Waldek

Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

Dan specialises in energy and infrastructure disputes. He has acted as counsel in arbitrations relating to conventional and renewable power projects, onshore and offshore oil and gas projects, pipelines, major petrochemical developments, as well as road, rail, water, airport and urban development projects.

Dan's work is multi-jurisdictional, including disputes and projects across the Asia and Middle East regions. Recent engagements include projects in the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Bangladesh, Nepal, UAE, and Oman.

Dan regularly appears in arbitrations under a range of institutional rules, including the SIAC and ICC, and in ad hoc arbitrations, including as an advocate for both interim applications and substantive merits hearings. Dan also advises on arbitration related court proceedings including jurisdictional challenges, set aside applications and enforcement proceedings. Dan has also been appointed as arbitrator by institutions such as the SIAC.



Mr Zhuo Jiaxiang

Director, Providence Law Asia LLC

Jiaxiang is a Director and co-head of the firm's International Arbitration and Construction practice groups.

Jiaxiang brings over a decade of experience in representing multinational corporations, governments, state-owned entities, funds and financial institutions in their most sensitive and complex disputes. He is regularly instructed as an advocate and counsel for cases involving a range of industries, including energy (renewables and oil & gas), telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, steel, commodities, water and chemical processing, and defence technology.

Jiaxiang's clients and peers have described him as "impressive" and an "excellent lawyer who is incredibly bright and has a fantastically sharp mind". Jiaxiang is recognised in various publications including The Legal 500 Asia Pacific and Benchmark Litigation as a rising star.

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