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Yee Leong is the Co-Head of the Firm's International Arbitration Practice and Head of the Firm's Restructuring & Insolvency Practice. In international arbitration, he focuses on the areas of construction, energy, oil and gas, power and infrastructure projects and investment and commercial disputes in South East Asia, South Asia, Japan and South Korea. In practice for more than 32 years, Yee Leong is recognised as a leading international dispute resolution practitioner in the Asia-Pacific region.

For restructuring and insolvency, Yee Leong has been involved in the high-profile restructuring matter for Hyflux involving complex issues of insolvency law as well as myriad of regulatory and technical issues. Yee Leong was also involved in the cross-border restructuring of the Triyards Group.

Yee Leong has been consistently recommended for his capability in international arbitration in various leading legal publications. Amongst others, in *Chambers Global* and *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, a client highlighted his "advocacy skills" adding that "he was able to point out certain angles the other lawyers didn't.", he was also mentioned as "an active, very capable and well-known international arbitration specialist" and was noted as a "prominent figure in the region, thanks to his years of experience in countries such as Singapore, Malaysia and Laos". Yee Leong was also one of the nominees (and the only Asian nominee) for the *Global Arbitration Review* inaugural "Advocate of the Year" award and has been named Singapore International Arbitration "Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers*. *Best Lawyers* honours a single lawyer in all major practice areas and regions as "Lawyer of the Year," based on peer-review assessments. The award reflects the high level of respect a lawyer has earned for excellence, professionalism and integrity.

Yee Leong is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He is the Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and also on the panel of arbitrators for SIAC, Asian International Arbitration Centre and CI Arb Presidential Panel of Arbitrators. He is also a Jurisdictional Council Member for Singapore for Inter-Pacific Bar Association. Yee Leong also served as a director of Singapore LNG Pte Ltd from 2011 to 2015.

In 2018, he was among the inaugural batch of select practitioners to be recognised as a Senior Accredited Specialist in Building and Construction Law by the Singapore Academy of Law.

Work Highlights

- Represented a Malaysian steel manufacturer against an Italian steel plant supplier in two ICC arbitrations seated in Singapore arising out of termination of an agreement for the supply of a steel plant in Prai, Malaysia with claims in excess of RM1 billion.
- Represented a Japanese contractor against a Korean contractor in an SIAC arbitration in claims in excess of US\$200 million arising out of underground train project in Ho Chi Minh City.
- Representing a Singapore rig maker against its joint venture partners in four SIAC arbitrations in claims for the aggregate sums of US\$30 million arising out a sale and purchase of shares and construction of a rig in Kazakhstan.



Hon Paul Heath KC

Arbitrator & Mediator, Bankside Chambers

Hon Paul Heath KC was called to the New Zealand Bar in 1978. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1998. From 2002 until 2018, Paul served as a Judge of the High Court of New Zealand, also sitting as an ad hoc member of the Court of Appeal.

Paul joined Bankside Chambers in April 2018. Bankside has rooms in Auckland and Singapore. He is also an Associate at South Square in London, the leading set of insolvency and restructuring chambers. In 2000, he was inducted as an International Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. He is a co-chair of INSOL International's ADR Colloquium.

Presently, Paul works primarily as an arbitrator, both in domestic and international arbitrations. He is a member of the Panel of Arbitrators maintained by the Singapore International Arbitration Centre. He has also been appointed as mediator in domestic and international mediations.



Blossom Hing

Director, Drew & Napier

Blossom is a Director of Drew & Napier's Dispute Resolution and Corporate Restructuring & Workouts practices. Blossom's practice is focused on disputes as well as debt restructuring and insolvency work. She is actively involved in arbitration (SIAC, LCIA, KIAC and IICRA) work and court matters (appearing as lead counsel before the Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal), handling derivative actions, shareholder, corporate and commercial disputes. She works extensively with clients based in Indonesia, China, Hong Kong, the US and Europe as well as Singapore.

Blossom is on the panel of arbitrators of the SIAC and HIAC. She was named Woman Lawyer of the Year (Law Firm) in the ALB SE Asia Law Awards 2020. Blossom has also been recognised in The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Chambers Asia-Pacific, IFLR1000, asialaw Leading lawyers, asialaw Profiles and Best Lawyers International for her dispute resolution and restructuring/insolvency work.

Blossom was named Litigator of the Year in Southeast Asia in the 2021 Asian Legal Business (ALB) Women in Law Awards, and she was also identified as one of Asia's top 50 most highly recommended arbitration and litigation practitioners in ALB's Asia Super 50 Disputes Lawyers in the same year. Earlier in 2020, she won the Woman Lawyer of the Year (Law Firm) in the 2020 ALB SE Asia Law Awards."