

## Webinar

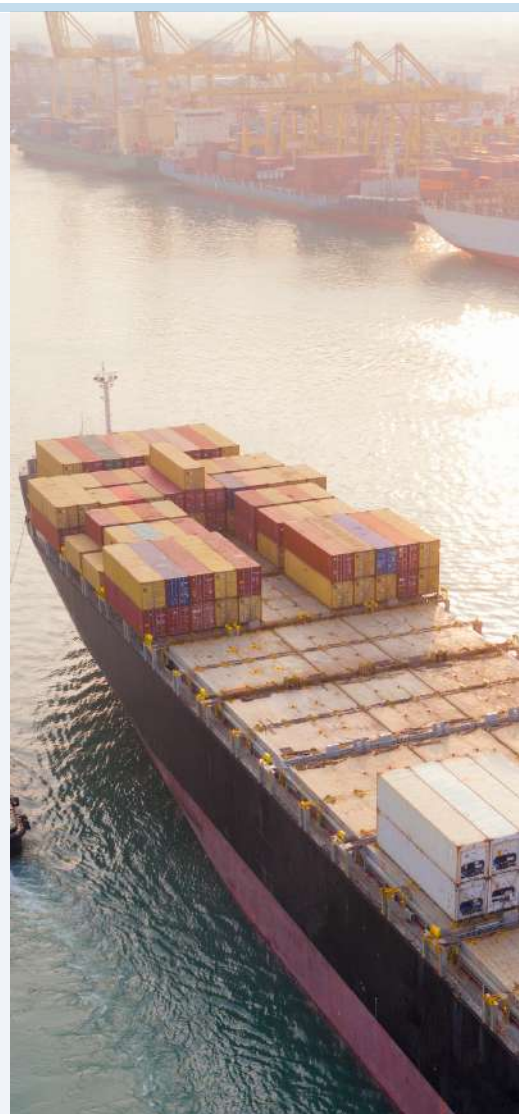
### **ARBITRATION'S ROLE IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND THE NEW NORMAL: ENHANCING SCMA'S RELEVANCE**

*~ Part of Singapore Maritime Week ~*

The Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) is pleased to bring together leading experts from the legal industry, a P&I club and a ship owner for a vibrant discussion on the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on arbitration and how SCMA is adapting to these changes.

Keeping in line with the theme of Singapore Maritime Week – “New Frontiers, Shifting Paradigms”, this event will provide viewpoints on a number of current and relevant issues such as:

- Key challenges brought about by COVID-19 and some of the innovative solutions developed to adapt to these challenges
- Changing nature of disputes during COVID-19
- Practical aspects of virtual hearings
- The future of arbitration



**Wednesday, 21 April 2021**  
**3:00 PM to 5:00 PM**  
**(Singapore)**

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## Supporting Organizations



## Programme

*(Timings in Singapore Standard Time)*

3:00pm - 3:10pm

Opening remarks by Ms. Quah Ley Hoon, Chief Executive, Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA); Director, SCMA

3:10pm - 3:30pm

Presentation by Mr. Punit Oza, Executive Director, SCMA on the new normal for arbitration, SCMA & its users and how SCMA has worked towards creating opportunities from challenges

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Panel discussion

4:30pm - 5:00pm

Q&A

## Speakers

### Opening Remarks by:



**Ms. Quah Ley Hoon**  
Chief Executive, MPA;  
Director, SCMA

### Panelists:



**Mr. Chong Ik Wei**  
Partner / Managing Director,  
Asia, Clyde & Co;  
Director, SCMA



**Mr. Prem Gurbani**  
Arbitrator, Mediator and Counsel;  
Panel Arbitrator of SCMA;  
Senior Accredited Specialist in  
Maritime and Shipping Law

### Moderator:



**Mr. Punit Oza**  
Executive Director, SCMA



**Mr. Alvin Looi**  
Director (FD&D) Singapore,  
The North of England P&I  
Association Limited;  
Member of SCMA Users Council



**Mr. Julius Posselt**  
Senior Claims Manager,  
Operations, Oldendorff

## Speakers' Profiles



**Ms. Quah Ley Hoon**  
Chief Executive, MPA;  
Director, SCMA

Ms. Quah Ley Hoon joined the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore as Chief Executive (Designate) on 1 November 2018, and was subsequently appointed the Chief Executive with effect from 1 January 2019. Prior to this, she was with MediaCorp as Chief Editor in Channel NewsAsia.

She has more than 12 years of work experience in the public sector ranging from economic policies to environmental and social policies, including the US-Singapore Free Trade Agreement, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the National Population Secretariat.

Ley Hoon is on the board of Energy Market Authority, Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore (MINDS), National University of Singapore's Tropical Marine Science Institute and Centre for Maritime Studies, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration, Singapore Maritime Foundation, Singapore Maritime Institute, and the Technology Centre for Offshore and Marine, Singapore Ltd.

She graduated with a MBA from IMD Business School in Switzerland in 2010, and a Masters in Economics from the University of Pantheon Sorbonne, France in 2000. She also holds a degree on Psychology from University of Southern Queensland.

She was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) in 2017.



**Mr. Chong Ik Wei**  
Partner / Managing Director, Asia,  
Clyde & Co; Director, SCMA

Mr. Chong Ik Wei is part of Clyde & Co's shipping, insurance and dispute resolution practice. He also spearheads the development of the firm's business across Asia.

Ik Wei's main areas of practice are in shipping, insurance, natural resources and energy, with a particular focus on disputes connected with China and the ASEAN region.

He has extensive experience in advising and representing clients in international and regional arbitration, including at the ICC, LCIA, LMAA, SCMA, SIAC, HKIAC, CMAC and CIETAC.

Ik Wei is a Director of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration and sits on the Singapore International Arbitration Centre Users' Council. He is also an arbitrator of the China Maritime Arbitration Commission and Hainan International Arbitration Court.

In addition to England and Wales, Ik Wei is also admitted to practise in Hong Kong and Singapore. He is fluent in English, Mandarin, Chinese dialects and Bahasa Malaysia.

He is recommended and recognised by various legal directories including Asia Pacific Legal 500, Chambers Asia Pacific as one of the leading individuals for shipping work. Chambers Asia Pacific compliments Ik Wei as "one of the best lawyers" in the shipping litigation area. He is described as a "leader in the field" and a "go-to name for difficult cases" by Legal 500 Asia Pacific.

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**Mr. Prem Gurbani**

Arbitrator, Mediator and Counsel;  
Panel Arbitrator of SCMA;  
Senior Accredited Specialist in  
Maritime and Shipping Law

Graduated from University of Singapore, Faculty of Law in 1977. Admitted to the Bar in January 1978. In practice for 42 years during which has had the opportunity to handle disputes of all manner including shareholders' disputes, disputes relating to joint ventures, commodity contract disputes, international disputes relating to the sale of large scale industrial machinery, infrastructure disputes, disputes involving company charges and mortgages, and shipping and maritime disputes.

Founder and previously Senior Partner of Gurbani & Co. a commercial law practice in Singapore.

Presently practicing as Arbitrator, Mediator and Counsel in Maxwell Chambers Suites, Singapore.

Consistently named as one of the leading practitioners in Singapore for Shipping/Maritime by Chambers, Who's Who Legal (Shipping and Maritime) and other legal directories.

Named by Chambers as Senior Statesman in Shipping Litigation, Singapore

Senior Accredited Specialist in Shipping and Maritime Law appointed by the Singapore Academy of Law.

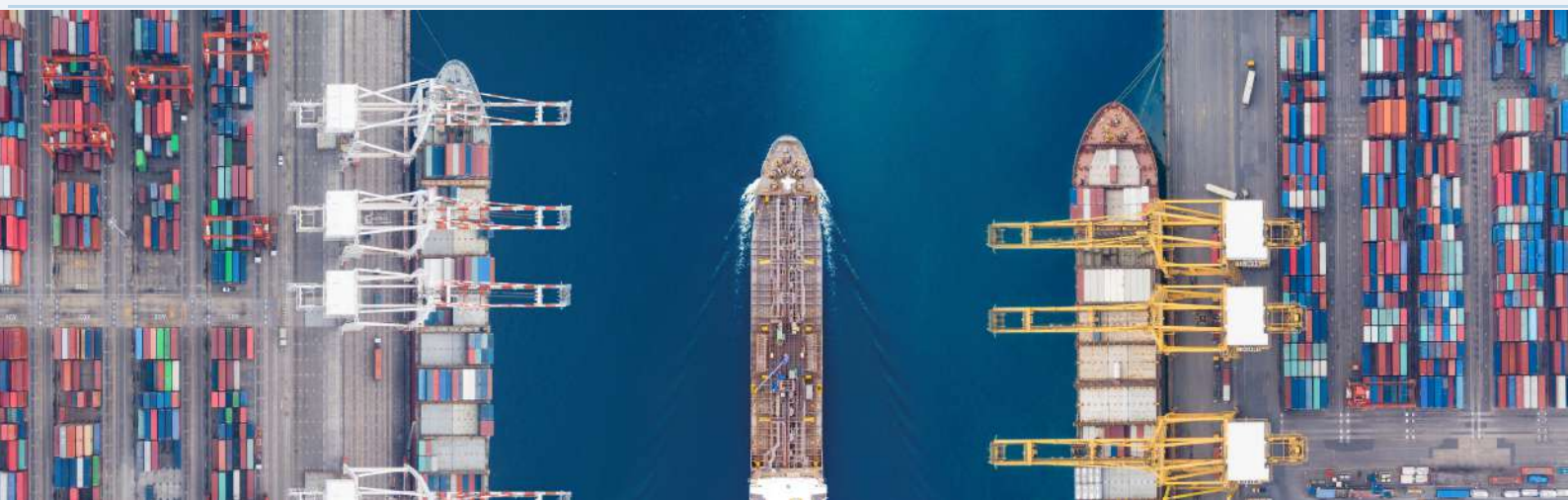
Accredited Mediator, Singapore Mediation Centre.



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Director (FD&D) Singapore,  
The North of England P&I  
Association Limited;  
Member of SCMA Users Council

Mr. Alvin Looi studied law at the National University of Singapore prior to being admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of Singapore in 2001. Prior to joining North, Alvin worked in the firms of Gurbani & Co and Rajah & Tann LLP practicing a wide range of shipping matters including Admiralty and trade disputes. After leaving Rajah & Tann as a partner in 2008, Alvin briefly joined Assuranceforeningen Skuld's representative office in Singapore before moving to North in 2009.



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**Mr. Punit Oza**

Executive Director, SCMA

Mr. Punit Oza is the Executive Director of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, UK (ICS). Mr Punit Oza has over 26 years of experience in Dry Bulk Shipping. Beginning his career with Precious Shipping, Bangkok, he has worked extensively in Thailand, Hong Kong, Dubai, and Singapore with companies such as Noble Chartering, Astra Shipping, Aries Shipbroking and Torvald Klaveness. He sits on the board of Klaveness Asia as a Non-Executive Director. He is a graduate in Financial Management and Accounting from University of Mumbai and a postgraduate in Shipping, Trade and Finance from CASS Business School, London. He also holds a LLB from University of London.



**Mr. Julius Posselt**

Senior Claims Manager,  
Operations, Oldendorff

Mr. Julius Posselt started his career in 2002 working for the grain traders Alfred C. Toepfer International/ ADM in Hamburg, Germany where he obtained degrees in both International Trade (BiA) as well as in Dry Bulk Shipping (HSBW). In his 12 years in ADM he focused on the groups shipping related claims and was also given opportunities to work in operations- and chartering departments in various offices worldwide.

In 2014, Julius started with Oldendorff Carriers (Singapore ) Pte Ltd working on a variety of claims, currently he assumes managing authority for commercial claims in the pacific region including COVID19 related matters.

Julius is a member of the BIMCO subcommittee currently working on the revision of the BIMCO Infectious or Contagious Diseases Clauses.



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