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Alternative Dispute Resolution
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Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
proudly presents

SI Arb Commercial Arbitration Symposium 2019

(Organised by SI Arb Arbitration Bar Committee)

Tuesday, 26 November 2019, 11.30am - 6.00pm

Symposium Format

SI Arb's Arbitration Bar Committee invites you to join us for 2019's Commercial Arbitration Symposium. Always popular, the Symposium provides a distinctive and interactive forum for participants to discuss current issues and developments in the field of commercial arbitration.

The Symposium features no set speakers or speeches. The success of the Symposium is based on the free-flowing discussion of current issues, suggested by delegates. Delegates whose topics are chosen will be invited to introduce their questions or topics, which will then be followed by an open discussion under the moderation of the experienced co-chairs from Singapore and abroad.

Each delegate is therefore invited to contribute upon registering at least 2 questions or topics for discussion. There is no limit to the number of topics that each delegate may contribute, and additional questions may be emailed to the SI Arb Secretariat. The topics will be grouped into themes and allocated to one of the three working sessions, but the titles of the sessions are not prescriptive; participants are encouraged to present questions on any matter relevant to the practice of commercial arbitration.

We return again to the Old Parliament House, with the working sessions of the Symposium held in the atmospheric surroundings of the former parliamentary debating chamber. To maintain the efficiency of the format, there are limited places available, so please register your interest early to save a seat.

Who Should Attend

Arbitrators, arbitration counsel, litigators, transaction counsel, in-house counsel, academics and members of the business community interested in current developments in commercial arbitration.

There is no expectation of any particular level of arbitration experience, and participants at all levels are encouraged to attend and share their views.

Programme

11.30am - 12.30pm	Registrations & Networking Lunch
12.30pm - 12.35pm	Opening Remarks by President of Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
12.35pm - 2.00pm	SESSION 1 Arbitration – Institutions, Trends, New Rules, Practice & Procedure Co-Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ben Giarretta (Partner, Dispute Resolution, Mishcon de Reya LLP, London)• Tan Ai Leen (Senior Legal Counsel, Asia/Pacific Labor & Employment (ex. China) and Litigation, TE Connectivity, Singapore)
2.00pm - 2.30pm	Coffee Break
2.30pm - 4.00pm	SESSION 2 Tribunal – Jurisdiction, Powers, Duties, Arbitral Innovation Co-Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarah Grimmer (Secretary-General, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre)• Siraj Omar SC (Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier LLC, Singapore)
4.00pm - 4.30pm	Coffee Break
4.30pm - 6.00pm	SESSION 3 Courts – Role of Courts, Support, Annulment, Enforcement, International Courts & Laws Co-Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shaneen Parikh (Partner, Dispute Resolution, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Mumbai, India)• Chan Leng Sun SC (Advocate, Essex Court Chambers Duxton (Singapore Group Practice))
6.00pm - 8.00pm	Cocktail Reception

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SI Arb will also be hosting the "Frontiers of Arbitration - Today's Challenges" seminar followed by the Official Launch of the Singapore Arbitration Journal from 10.00-11.30am preceding the Symposium. Participants who register for this event as well as the Symposium will be entitled to a special bundled rate. For more details, visit <https://bit.ly/2lyztyf>

About our Session Co-Chairs

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Chan Leng Sun SC
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Leng Sun is a Senior Counsel of the Supreme Court of Singapore. He is the Deputy Chairman of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the SGX Appeals Committee. He is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and the Advisory Panel of the Singapore Maritime Foundation. Leng Sun is qualified in Malaysia, Singapore and England. He has a broad commercial practice that covers technical disputes, maritime law, international trade, insurance and company law. Leng Sun is a Chartered Arbitrator, the Immediate Past President of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb) and the former Global Head of Arbitration of an international law firm. He has acted as counsel or sat as arbitrator in arbitrations seated in Asia, Europe and USA under ad hoc and institutional rules. He is a Chairperson of the arbitration panel jointly appointed by the EU and Korea under the protocol on cultural cooperation of the Korea-EU FTA. Leng Sun is a Singapore delegate to the UNCITRAL Working Group on Arbitration and was a legal officer of the United Nations Compensation Commission in Geneva. Leng Sun is recognised among the top lawyers worldwide by "Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019", "Who's Who Legal - Arbitration 2017", "Who's Who Litigation - Thought Leaders 2019" and Acritas Stars 2019. He is described by Chambers Asia-Pacific 2017 as "one of the best arbitrators and practitioners in arbitration."



Ben Giaretta
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Ben Giaretta is a partner of Mishcon de Reya LLP, specialising in international arbitration. Formerly a partner of Ashurst LLP in Singapore, he relocated to London in 2016, and in 2017 he joined Mishcon de Reya, one of the leading independent firms in London. He is a Fellow of the SIArb, a Fellow of the CIArb and a Chartered Arbitrator. His experience spans a number of different sectors, including oil & gas, mining, petrochemicals and construction. He appears as counsel in arbitration and often sits as arbitrator, being on the panels of arbitrators of several institutions.



Sarah Grimmer
Secretary-General, Hong Kong
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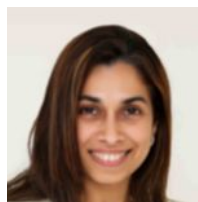
Sarah Grimmer is Secretary-General of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. She was formerly Senior Legal Counsel at the PCA where she served as tribunal secretary in multiple investor-State arbitrations and was appointed registrar in several inter-State arbitrations. Prior to joining the PCA, Sarah served for three years as Assistant Counsel at the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris. She was also a member of the international arbitration group at Shearman & Sterling LLP in Paris, prior to which she worked in private practice in Auckland. In 2015, Sarah was appointed to the Special Tribunal for Lebanon Disciplinary Board. She is a member of the ICCA-ASIL Task Force on Damages (2016), ICCA Publications Committee (2015), the IBA Investment Arbitration Subcommittee (2014), New Zealand ICC Arbitration Committee (2014), and the IBA Arb40 Steering Committee (2013). She has an LLM from Cambridge University and an LLB/BA (Criminology) from Victoria University of Wellington. She is admitted to practice law in New Zealand.



Siraj Omar SC
Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew &
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Siraj specialises in complex, high-value commercial litigation and international arbitration. He has an active trial and appellate practice at all levels of the Courts in Singapore, and also regularly appears in international arbitrations both as counsel and arbitrator. He has litigated many landmark disputes before the Courts, including in areas as diverse as banking, consumer protection and debt restructuring. Siraj began his career at Drew & Napier in 1997 before leaving in 2002 to join the corporate practice of an international law firm.

In 2008, he co-founded Premier Law and headed its Dispute Resolution practice. In 2016, Premier Law entered into a joint venture with the UK law firm RPC, and Siraj was concurrently a Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution at the joint venture firm, RPC Premier Law. He rejoined Drew & Napier as a Director in 2019. Siraj has been described as a "star" and "a formidable litigator" in legal directories, and was named as a Leading Individual for Dispute Resolution by Asia-Pacific Legal 500 and a Disputes Star (Commercial & Transactions and Insolvency) by Benchmark Litigation. He was appointed Senior Counsel in January 2019.



Shaneen Parikh
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Shaneen is a Partner with Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, in the dispute resolution practice in Mumbai, India. She focuses on arbitration (both domestic and international) having represented clients in disputes administered by various international arbitral institutions as also ad hoc arbitrations. She is also a Member of the SIAC Court of Arbitration. Shaneen also handles commercial litigation in disputes relating to commercial contracts, shareholder issues, infrastructure, power and construction projects, financial and structured products, infrastructure, power and construction projects and white collar crime. She has also represented clients in various courts and tribunal across India, including the NCLT, High Courts and the Supreme Court of India. Shaneen is actively involved in dispute resolution-related initiatives, having spoken at several events, authored articles and also the chapter on the public policy challenge in the book 'Enforcing Arbitral Awards in India', published by Lexis Nexis, amongst others.



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Tan Ai Leen is currently the Senior Legal Counsel, Asia / Pacific (ex. China) of Labour and Employment and Litigation at TE Connectivity, handling L&E matters and litigation matters in the region. She was formerly the Registrar of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre ("SIAC") where she headed the legal team of SIAC, which has charge of the administration of all cases filed with SIAC. Ms Tan has worked as an international arbitration lawyer in various international law firms where she handled construction and investment treaty arbitration disputes and also as a litigation / labour counsel in an American multinational corporation. Ms Tan graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1997.