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Francis is Rajah & Tann's Regional Head of Disputes Group and is recognised as a leading disputes lawyer – Asia Law Profiles (2017-2022); Asia Pacific Legal 500 (2014-2019, 2021-2023); Ranked Lawyers Chambers Global (2016-2024); Dispute Resolution Chambers Asia-Pacific (2016-2024); Best Lawyer in Litigation Practice (2024), Best Lawyers International (2013-2024); Best Lawyer in Singapore – Arbitration and Mediation (2022, 2024); Global Arbitration Review (2010); Best Litigation Lawyers in Singapore (2013, 2022); Asia Law Leading Lawyers (2009, 2022). He is a past global President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and also a Past President of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association.

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Amanda Lees Singapore

Amanda is a cross border dispute resolution expert who has been based in Singapore since 2012. Amanda acts as counsel in large complex disputes across a range of industries. With experience in commercial and investment treaty arbitration, she has appeared in arbitrations under all leading arbitration rules. A respected arbitrator, Amanda is empanelled on the ICDR roster and the panels of other leading institutions. Amanda is Vice Chair of the CIArb Singapore branch. She is a regular speaker internationally, has published widely and is ranked as a leading individual for international arbitration in multiple directories.





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Anju Jain Kumar is a media & technology lawyer. Anju spent 15+ years at the Walt Disney Company, where she has held multiple leadership positions including being Chief Regional Counsel, Asia Pacific based in Shanghai. After Disney, Anju was Vice President, Public Policy for Asia Pacific at Netflix, Inc, based in Singapore. Currently, Anju is a Senior Legal Advisor to media companies and AI start-ups. Anju is also on the advisory board of the non-profit organisations Sesame Workshop India and Red Dot Foundation. Anju has been recognized in The GC Power list, 2016 – The Legal 500; Best Media & Entertainment In-House Legal Team of the Year 2014 by Legal Era Awards; Honoree at Korn Ferry's Most Influential South Asian Women Executives in Media and Entertainment, 2010. Anju holds a Masters in Law degree in Intellectual Property from UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law, USA and a Bachelor in Law degree from the Government Law College, Mumbai.



Christine KangUSA

Christine Kang is Co-Chair of the China Practice at Hughes Hubbard & Reed, leading its China Arbitration Practice. She has extensive experience in international arbitration, advising Chinese SOEs and multinationals across industries such as international trade, joint ventures, construction, finance, insurance, and intellectual property. Christine has served on the Council of AAA and the AAA-ICDR Rules Revision Committee. She is also renowned for her expertise in multilateral development banks (MDBs) sanctions, corporate compliance, and anti-bribery investigations. Christine has been appointed as an arbitrator by leading institutions, including AAA-ICDR, and is qualified in China and New York.





David Delman Korea

As an executive at Samsung, Chicago Bridge & Iron, and Fluor Corporation and a partner with Hogan Lovells, David's experience spans the challenges confronting the development and execution of international mega EPC projects and the pressures that company personnel face. Combining vast experience in contract formation and dispute resolution, David provides unique insights, delivering business-oriented, pragmatic commercial solutions that account for both legal/commercial risk and company operational priorities. David has served as a trusted advisor to international contractors and as first chair trial lawyer on numerous mega project arbitrations in the power, hydrocarbon, mining, and infrastructure sectors. During his tenure with Fluor, he oversaw the company's litigation, environmental, and insurance functions. At Chicago Bridge & Iron, David served as its Chief Legal Officer, and at Samsung, David is a Senior Executive Vice President responsible for all international legal, contracts, and commercial management functions.



Datin' Grace Yeoh Malaysia

Grace Yeoh has been in legal practice for 39 years. She started her career as a litigation lawyer but now heads the Corporate/M&A, Private Client & Family Business and the Energy, Natural Resources & Green Technology Practice Groups at Shearn Delamore & Co. She has held board seats in a number of companies, including CIMB Bank as well as Bursa Malaysia Berhad and is currently on the board of Pacific & Orient Insurance Co. Berhad and S P Setia Berhad. She is a member of the Corporate and Commercial Committee and International Professional Admissions Committee of the Malaysian Bar Council.



Hongji Li China

Li Hongji, Head of the Dispute Resolution department at Commerce & Finance Law Offices, is a prominent expert in arbitration and litigation with a focus on international trade, corporate, finance, real estate, and maritime issues. Over 30 years, he has handled around 1,000 cases, achieving 100% client satisfaction. Li is noted for resolving complex disputes through meticulous analysis and effective strategy. As an arbitrator, he has adjudicated over 300 cases, often as presiding or sole arbitrator, earning high recognition for his diligence, expertise, and impartiality. Li is consistently acknowledged as a leading lawyer by major legal ranking institutions.





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Hiroyuki heads the international dispute resolution practice of Nishimura & Asahi, the largest law firm in Japan, and serves as Vice President of the Japan Association of Arbitrators and as Chief Director of the Japan International Mediation Center in Kyoto. He has handled a variety of international arbitration cases under the AAA-ICDR and various other rules, as well as international mediation cases, as counsel and as an arbitrator (including chair) or mediator. He served as Vice-Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association and as Co-Chair of the Dispute Resolution & Arbitration Committee of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association.



Dato' Lim Chee Wee Malaysia

Dato' Lim Chee Wee is a leading Malaysian legal practitioner with over 27 years of experience. He has appeared as counsel at all tiers of the Malaysian Courts for high-profile corporate, commercial, public law and regulatory disputes, and acted in international arbitrations. A former President of the Malaysian Bar, member of the National Unity Consultative Council, the Operations Review Panel of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission and the 1MDB Task Force for investigations, prosecution and asset recovery, he currently has his own law practice at Lim Chee Wee Partnership, a dispute resolution firm ranked in Chambers Asia-Pacific and Legal 500 Asia-Pacific.



Jack Law China

Jack Law is the Managing Partner of Hui Zhong Law Firm, Shenzhen Office, and specializes in dispute resolution, including international arbitration and commercial litigation. Mr. Law has worked in the PRC judiciary and U.S. courts for several years and has a thorough understanding of legal practice in China and common law countries. Cooperating closely for years with lawyers in the U.S., the U.K. and Hong Kong, his team provides one-stop legal services for companies to resolve cross-border litigation and arbitration. Mr. Law has accumulated rich experience in handling complex and high-profile litigations and arbitrations related to foreign-related contracts and shareholder disputes, and has successfully resolved cross-border disputes for a large number of PRC and foreign companies through negotiation, arbitration and litigation procedures.





Junu Kim Korea

Junu Kim is a partner at Bae, Kim & Lee LLC and leads the firm's international arbitration practice. Since joining the firm in 2005, Junu has represented clients in numerous arbitration cases seated in Seoul, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Singapore, New York, Geneva, London, and Paris, under the rules of leading arbitral institutions, including under the rules of the AAA-ICDR. He has extensive experience in complex commercial disputes, especially in investor-state arbitrations, post-M&A, licensing, and complex commercial disputes involving parallel proceedings across different jurisdictions.



Lia Alizia Indonesia

Lia Alizia, a Partner at Makarim & Taira S., is a trusted advisor and litigator with over two decades of experience. She advises multinationals and global brands on corporate law, commercial transactions, employment, restructuring, insolvency, anti-competition, intellectual property, and dispute resolution. Her practice includes corporate governance, civil and family law, IP enforcement, and arbitration. Formerly the firm's Managing Partner, Lia is recognized by Legal 500, IFLR1000, Asialaw, and AsiaIP for her work in employment and IP. She contributes to law publications and seminars, and also holds senior positions at the British Chamber of Commerce in Indonesia and various legal associations.



Dr Matthew SecombSingapore

Dr Matthew Secomb is a partner in White & Case's Singapore office and heads the firm's International Arbitration Group in APAC. He focuses on energy-related and construction disputes. He has been involved in arbitrations under most of the major arbitral rules, and in ad hoc arbitrations. He also acts regularly as arbitrator. Matthew spent ten years in White & Case's Paris office before moving to Singapore in 2015. Matthew is also an Adjunct Professor at NUS in Energy Arbitration.





Ming Kang China

Mr. Ming Kang, a partner in Fangda's Beijing office, is a leading expert in international commercial arbitration with over 20 years of experience. He has handled over 1,000 cases, including domain name disputes at prominent Chinese arbitral institutions. Recognized as an "Eminent Practitioner" by Chambers and Partners, he is listed on arbitration panels at multiple international arbitration institutions. Awarded the State Council Special Allowance since 2005, Mr. Kang has also served in key roles such as Deputy Secretary-General of CIETAC and Chairman of Dari Co., Ltd.



Oommen Mathew Singapore

Oommen started his own boutique in 2020 and prior to that, has been head of international arbitration practice for Asia Pacific for 2 international firms in the past 11 years. As an international arbitration practitioner he has acted for state owned entities, multinational companies and individuals in arbitrations for the last 25 years under various institutional rules and ad hoc arbitrations. He has acted as counsel in arbitrations in diverse areas ranging from oil and gas, renewables, infrastructure, power generation, EPC, transport, technology, mergers and acquisitions, sale of goods to commodities in different geographical locations in Asia Pacific, Europe and USA. He has consistently been rated as an arbitration practitioner of note in the international directories since 2012. Aside from his practice, he is also active in the Strata Titles Board as a Deputy President and also sits as a board chairman for a charity trust.



Pallavi Shroff India

Pallavi Shroff is the Managing Partner of Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., with over 43 years of experience in dispute resolution and arbitration. She regularly represents domestic and international clients in high-profile arbitration cases, including matters in energy, infrastructure, and mergers & acquisitions. Recognized by Chambers and Partners as an "Eminent Practitioner" and by Who's Who Legal as "one of the most experienced and respected dispute resolution practitioners in India," Pallavi is highly regarded for her expertise in arbitration. Her distinguished career includes involvement in significant and complex arbitration matters.





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Rahmat Soemadipradja is a recognised leader in the Indonesian energy and natural resources sector. In 1991, Rahmat, along with Hafzan Taher, established the law firm Soemadipradja & Taher. He continues to be the firm's Senior Partner. Rahmat's main areas of practice include energy and natural resources, particularly mining, environmental law, forestry, general corporate and foreign investment, including regulatory and compliance, capital markets and project finance. Rahmat has been appointed as an arbitrator in Indonesian business disputes and as an expert in international legal cases. Rahmat graduated from the University of Indonesia's Faculty of Law and received a Master of Laws degree from the University of Virginia.



Prof Tan Cheng Han S.C. Singapore

Professor Tan Cheng Han S.C. is Professor of Law and Chief Strategy Officer at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (NUS), and a Senior Consultant at Wong Partnership LLP where he focuses on corporate and commercial disputes and international arbitration. He is a former Dean of the law schools at NUS and the City University of Hong Kong. He is also Chairman of Singapore Exchange Regulation Ltd. His previous appointments include being a board member of the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority, Chairman of the Public Accountants Oversight Committee, a Commissioner of the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore, and a member of the HK and Singapore Law Reform Committees.



Tony Nguyen Vietnam

Tony is a highly respected project and energy lawyer in Vietnam, dual-qualified, and practising in Vietnam, England, and Wales, and a Senior Partner at Dentons LuatViet. With over 20 years of experience, Tony has held senior legal roles in major Vietnamese oil and gas companies. He was the first Vietnamese to become an FCIArb and is well-known for his expertise across energy projects, from hydropower to solar. Skilled in both contentious and non-contentious matters, Tony has led disputes involving claims up to USD 1.8 billion and presided over 30 arbitration cases, with the largest claim valued at USD 50 million.





Tung Ngo Vietnam

Tung Ngo is VILAF founding partner and currently, Ho Chi Minh City Managing Partner. Under his leadership, the firm grew, initially in collaboration with Clifford Chance, and independently since 1999. Tung's visionary leadership has fostered the development of all the current partners at VILAF and propelled VILAF to become a leading law firm in Vietnam. Tung specializes in M&A and corporate, crisis management and dispute resolutions. He is well-known as an excellent negotiator and litigator and has considerable expertise in all aspects of foreign direct investment.

Since 2014, Tung has been an active arbitrator at various leading arbitration centres in Asia.



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Yoshimi is a Partner at Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu. Her practice focuses on international dispute settlement, including arbitration, complex litigation and mediation. She serves as counsel as well as an arbitrator in arbitrations under the rules of major arbitration institutions in a wide range of areas. She is a member of ICSID Panel of Arbitrators nominated by Japanese government. She is a member of the Governing Board of ICCA, Executive Director of the Japan Arbitrators Association (JAA), a member of the Board of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA), and former Vice President of the ICC Court and LCIA Court.