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Shen Yi is Joint Managing Partner of TSMP Law Corporation. He read law at St John's College, Cambridge University, graduating in 1991. He topped the English Bar Examinations in 1992 and was called to the Singapore bar in 1993. He practices in dispute resolution, primarily as counsel, and occasionally as arbitrator. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2008 at 40 and elected a Master Benchers of The Middle Temple in 2016. He served as President of the Law Society, and as Vice-President of the Senate of the Singapore Academy of Law from 2015-2016. He has been consistently recognised in leading law journals as a "stellar litigator", "heavy hitter" and "one of the go-to lawyers in Singapore".

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Alessa Pang



Alessa Pang is a Partner in the Commercial & Corporate Disputes, and International Arbitration Practices at WongPartnership LLP in Singapore. Alessa handles a wide range of cross-border commercial disputes before international arbitral tribunals, and before the Singapore courts. She has acted for clients in ad hoc and institutional arbitration proceedings. Alessa also has extensive experience in arbitration-related court proceedings, having acted for clients in setting aside proceedings, applications for anti-suit injunctions and other court applications arising out of arbitration proceedings. In addition to counsel work, Alessa also sits as an arbitrator.

Anisha Sud



Anisha is a partner in King & Spalding's International Disputes practice. Focusing on the energy sector, Anisha represents clients in high-stakes international commercial and investment disputes involving long-term foreign investments, multi-party joint ventures, and government entities. Several of her commercial and investor-State arbitrations exceed USD 1 billion in dispute and form landmark cases. Chambers Asia-Pacific describes Anisha as "an emerging name in the Singapore arbitration scene, with experience of representing clients in complex investor-state disputes" and reports that "she provides fit for purpose advice that cuts straight to the legal and commercial issues, and she is tremendously responsive to client needs."



Arjun Agarwal

Arjun Agarwal is Senior Counsel for Chevron's Asia Region, based in Singapore, overseeing commercial, transactional, and litigation matters across Asia. Previously, he was the primary attorney for "major" and "significant" disputes on Chevron's international capital projects, managing cases in the US, Asia, Australia, West Africa, the UK, and Kazakhstan. Arjun also negotiated high-value contracts for Chevron's global projects, including EPCI and EPCM contracts. A strong advocate for diversity and inclusion, he is a member of Chevron's Law Function Diversity Council and regularly speaks at conferences on related issues.



Arthi Anbalagan

Arthi is a legal counsel with K2 Strategic Pte Ltd, a digital infrastructure specialist and developer and owner of critical data center environments. Arthi has negotiated, driven and facilitated the execution of complex and large-scale infrastructure projects. She has also represented and worked with multi-national corporations and states in a wide range of contentious and non-contentious matters, arising out of public private partnerships, joint venture projects, land and marine development projects, and the design and construction of data centers and semiconductor fabrication plants.



Avinash Pradhan

Receiving plaudits for his 'superb advocacy skills and ability to explain complex concepts easily', Avinash has wide-ranging experience in international arbitration, both institutional and ad hoc. He was recognised in the ALB Asia Rising Stars Singapore List 2022, Best Lawyers International and Asialaw Profiles, while Legal 500 records that Avinash 'thinks around corners to chase down every avenue of attack'. Avinash's experience encompasses a broad spectrum of commercial disputes, including banking, corporate finance, hospitality, M&A, joint venture and shareholder disputes. Avinash also has extensive experience of disputes in the construction, infrastructure & energy sectors. He is an accredited specialist for building and construction law, under the Singapore Academy of Law's Specialist Accreditation Scheme. Avinash is also familiar with the techniques for dealing with cross-border disputes and disputes involving a conflict between international arbitration proceedings and court litigation.



Celeste Ang

With over 20 years of experience, she has represented a broad range of multinational clients across various industries in domestic and international arbitrations administered under major institutional arbitral rules, and in court proceedings, before the High Court, Appellate Division of the High Court and the Court of Appeal in Singapore. She also has significant experience acting for global clients in cross-border disputes and advising clients on ethics & compliance and regulatory issues in the context of risks analysis and mitigation and cross-border investigations, and a particular focus in employment, particularly contentious employment work and employee investigations.

Christine Huang

Christine is an in-house legal counsel with almost ten years of experience working alongside regulated and publicly-listed government-linked companies in Singapore. Prior to joining in-house, she was a proficient disputes lawyer and her practice areas covered banking disputes, shareholder disputes and insolvency. She believes that her role as an in-house counsel is not just confined to a traditional function of being a gatekeeper for the organisation but that she is well-placed to understand the sensitivities and achieve a constructive alignment of interests between the various stakeholders of the organisation. In her free time, Christine also enjoys mentoring young students who have a budding interest in the law and has volunteered her time to preside over a moot trial for a student programme.



Daniel Waldek

Dan is a partner in Herbert Smith Freehills' International Arbitration Group. He is an international arbitration lawyer specialising in construction, energy, and infrastructure disputes. He has acted as counsel in arbitrations relating to oil and gas projects, petrochemical developments, renewable and conventional power projects, as well as road, rail, water, airport and urban development projects. Dan regularly appears as counsel in arbitrations under a range of institutional rules and in ad hoc arbitrations, including as an advocate for both interim applications and substantive merits hearings. Dan has also been appointed as arbitrator by leading international arbitration institutions.



Julian Lim

Julian is a senior associate at Ashurst. He specialises in international dispute resolution, with a particular focus on international commercial arbitration. He represents major clients across the energy, oil & gas, power, construction, engineering & infrastructure, technology, and financial services sectors. Julian is currently based in Singapore. Prior to that, he spent six years in the London office advising on disputes relating to some of the most high-profile projects in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Asia-Pacific region. Julian is qualified in England & Wales and is admitted to the roll of solicitors in Ireland.



Katie Chung

Katie Chung is an international arbitration partner in Norton Rose Fulbright based in Singapore. With more than 15 years' experience, Katie has advised and represented private and state-owned clients in Asia related complex commercial and investor-state arbitrations conducted under all major arbitral rules and under both private law and international law. She has particular expertise in aviation, commodities, digital infrastructure, energy (including oil & gas, power, renewables), fast moving consumer goods, financial institutions, telecoms and technology. Apart from acting as lead counsel, Katie regularly sits as arbitrator and has been appointed as arbitrator in various institutional arbitrations seated in Singapore and Hong Kong.



Lakshika Kapadia

Lakshika is a senior legal professional with over 14 years of experience at a premier law firm and global media conglomerate. She has worked on large-scale domestic and international commercial transactions, launch of digital streaming services in Southeast Asia, strategizing and executing IP protection and IP enforcement litigations in India, content production and licensing deals, regulatory and policy matters. She is passionate about intellectual property and technology laws.



Mitch Dearness

Mitch is an Investment Manager based in Omni Bridgeway's Singapore office, working with other offices internationally to originate, assess and manage funded cases throughout Asia, including arbitration (commercial and investor state), litigation, enforcement and insolvency proceedings. Mitch's particular focus is on investments in arbitration and litigation across the infrastructure, energy and mining sectors, including corporate portfolio investments. Prior to joining Omni Bridgeway, Mitch was a Senior Associate in Herbert Smith Freehills' International Arbitration Group based in Singapore. He has extensive experience of cross-border disputes conducted under most major institutional rules and involving a wide variety of jurisdictions. With this diverse experience Mitch is well placed to assist organisations manage risks associated with disputes involving cross-border issues and emerging economies.



Philip Tan

Philip Tan, an international arbitration lawyer with White & Case Singapore, has significant experience in commercial and investor-state arbitrations under the major institutional rules, with an emphasis on energy and construction disputes. Fluent in Chinese, Philip is qualified in Singapore, England & Wales, New York, and District of Columbia. He also teaches International Energy Disputes as Adjunct Teaching Mentor at SMU School of Law. Philip is recognized in Asia-Pacific Legal 500 2024 as "exceptional", a "first-class lawyer in his generation", and "a rising star with capability to understand complex legal and technical issues".



Samuel Koh

Samuel is an Associate Director at Drew & Napier LLC, where he maintains an active litigation and arbitration practice. He is dual-qualified in Singapore and New York. Samuel acts for clients in a range of complex cross-jurisdictional civil and commercial disputes, and has experience in international arbitrations conducted under a variety of institutional and ad hoc rules. Samuel is also an Assistant Editor for Southeast Asia for the Kluwer Arbitration Blog. He was previously seconded to WilmerHale's International Arbitration practice group in London, where he acted for clients in a range of international commercial and investment treaty disputes. He has also been appointed Young Amicus Curiae by the Supreme Court of Singapore, and was previously a Justices' Law Clerk with the Supreme Court.



Sarah Ang

Sarah Ang is a Partner in Dentons Rodyk's Corporate practice. Sarah graduated from University College London in 2015, and was called to the Singapore Bar and admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 2017. Sarah's main areas of practice include corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and general corporate commercial transactions across a wide spectrum of industries including the financial services and education industry. She has been involved with numerous IPOs and her broader transactional practice includes private equity, advising on token offerings and generally matters involving blockchain and distributed ledger technology. Her experience also includes advising on license and regulatory requirements related with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Sarah is effectively bilingual in English and Chinese.



Yeo Boon Kiat

Boon Kiat's areas of practice encompass the energy (with a focus on renewables), telecommunications, media and transportation sectors. He advises market participants in these sectors on various matters such as project development and structuring, establishment and conduct of operations, as well as industry specific regulations. In addition, Boon Kiat regularly advises on a wide range of general corporate and commercial transactions. These include the procurement of goods and services (both public and private), agency and distributorship arrangements, equipment lease and maintenance arrangements, contract manufacturing and outsourcing arrangements and employment-related matters.