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## FOREWORD

James Wood, The Legal 500



*The Legal 500* is delighted to welcome you to the Asia Pacific Disputes Summit: Singapore 2019. With over 150 of the region's leading in-house lawyers joining us today, the event underscores Singapore's importance as a global disputes hub for international businesses and their advisers.

With the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the Singapore International Mediation Centre, the island city-state already boasts some of the world's leading dispute resolution forums, institutions and services.

But a disputes hub is only as strong as the confidence placed in it by business. To ensure today's content reflects the needs of business, we have drawn on the wisdom and advice of Singapore's GC community. Over 20 of the country's senior in-house counsel with extensive experience of international disputes provided thoughts, suggestions and comments on the panels we will enjoy today.

We also benefited from the support and insight provided to us by some of the leading law firms, funders, barristers' chambers and consultancies active in the region. We would like to thank our

sponsors Clyde & Co, Eversheds Harry Elias, FTI Consulting, IMF Bentham, K&L Gates Straits Law, RPC Premier Law and Wong Partnership, and our networking partners Eugene Thuraisingam and Fountain Court Chambers for their support and invaluable input.

Today's conference will cover the most topical issues in dispute resolution, including third-party funding, the evolution of financial services disputes, how technology is driving and solving disputes, and the challenges of managing cross-border litigation. We look forward to hearing from the region's leading private practice lawyers and in-house counsel, but above all we hope this gathering will be a useful opportunity to discuss how dispute resolution can more effectively serve the needs of business.

*The Legal 500* will continue to work on new and innovative ways of bringing GCs and their advisers together. If you have any suggestions for how we might make next year's conference even better then please do let us know.

We hope you enjoy the conference and keep providing feedback.

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# AGENDA



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| <p>8.15 Registration and breakfast</p> <p>9.00 Opening remarks<br/>James Wood, global head of research, <i>The Legal 500</i></p> <p>9.15 <b>The International Commercial Courts and arbitration in Singapore – the next 10 years</b><br/><b>Moderated by</b><br/>Gerald Yee, partner, RPC Premier Law.</p> <p>10.10 <b>Managing cross-border tech disputes</b><br/>Managing cross-border tech disputes inside and outside the tech sector, from arbitrating disputes faced by tech clients to cybersecurity and data protection considerations.<br/><br/><b>Moderated by</b><br/>Francis Goh, partner and head of international arbitration, Eversheds Harry Elias.</p> <p>11.00 Coffee break</p> <p>11.15 <b>What in-house counsel expect from external firms during the arbitral process?</b><br/><b>Moderated by</b><br/>Wade M. Coriell, partner, King &amp; Spalding.</p> <p>12.10 <b>Third-party funding: a transparent look at litigation finance and how businesses can best use it to their advantage</b><br/><b>Presented by</b><br/>Sapna Jhangiani, partner, Clyde &amp; Co;<br/>Tom Glasgow, chief investment officer (Asia), IMF Bentham<br/>Nishtha Kharb, director, Association of Corporate Counsel, Singapore chapter.</p> | <p>13.00 Lunch</p> <p>14.00 <b>What The Fraud!</b><br/>Preserving evidence and assets and other strategies to combat commercial fraud<br/><br/><b>Moderated by</b><br/>Nick Williams, partner, K&amp;L Gates Straits Law, Singapore.</p> <p>14.50 <b>Navigating a regulatory investigation minefield</b><br/><b>Presented by</b><br/>Gino Bello, managing director, technology, FTI Consulting, Singapore;<br/>Ritankar Sahu, general counsel and head of compliance, Max Power Group.</p> <p>15.20 Coffee break</p> <p>15.30 <b>The evolution of financial services disputes in the Asia Pacific region</b><br/><b>Moderated by</b><br/>Chou Sean Yu, partner, WongPartnership.</p> <p>16.25 <b>The end user's perspective: how GCs can stay on top of disputes</b><br/><b>Moderated by</b><br/>Julie Raneda, partner, Schellenberg Wittmer.</p> <p>17.15 Closing remarks</p> <p>17.30 Drinks reception</p> |
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## SPEAKERS



### JARROD BAKER **DELOITTE**

Jarrod Baker is the Southeast Asia leader for forensic investigations at Deloitte. Based in Singapore, he has been instrumental in helping financial institutions and corporates with investigations into complex fraud, serious misconduct and financial crime. He has broad experience working on high-profile matters involving regulators such as the United States Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the UK Financial Conduct Authority, and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.



### GINO BELLO **FTI CONSULTING**

A computer forensic expert and certified computer examiner, Gino Bello specialises in forensic collection, analysis and expert reporting of digital evidence. He has over 14 years' experience in computer forensics, cyber, legal technology and IT and has led a broad range of matters including large-scale, cross-border disputes, arbitrations and e-discovery engagements in class actions and royal commissions. He also assists clients in cyber risk and incident response.



### WADE M. CORIELL **KING & SPALDING**

Wade Coriell focuses on complex, international commercial and investment disputes. Wade is a partner, deputy head of King & Spalding's international arbitration practice and leader of its Asia disputes group. He has represented clients in several of the largest international arbitrations on record in Asia and Latin America, and has particular experience in the oil and gas sector.



### PAUL FREDRICK **SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC**

Paul Fredrick leads a team of lawyers based in six countries which collectively handles all legal and compliance matters for \$1.8bn of commercial operations annually in Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines, Mongolia, Brunei, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos and Timor-Leste, including all litigation and dispute matters that arise in these 15 countries. Fredrick serves on the leadership team for the Asia-Pacific region legal group and also leads the compliance council (comprised of senior management for the East Asia and Japan zone).



### TOM GLASGOW **IMF BENTHAM**

As chief investment officer (Asia) based in Singapore, Tom Glasgow leads the Asian investment activities and business expansion for IMF Bentham. He is responsible for assessing and managing funded cases and portfolios throughout Asia, including arbitration, litigation and insolvency claims. Before joining IMF Bentham, Tom was a senior member of Allen & Overy's international arbitration and disputes practice in Asia. In this role, he handled complex multi-jurisdictional commercial matters for global businesses across numerous sectors.



### FRANCIS GOH **EVERSHEDS HARRY ELIAS**

Francis is Eversheds Harry Elias's head of international arbitration in Singapore as well as head of private client advisory. His practice covers a broad range of work, including advising SMEs, listed companies and multinational corporations on their legal processes and risk management as well as advising on specialty aspects of law such as trusts, admiralty and shipping matters through to representing clients on disputes, arbitrations and mediations.



### RHONDA HARE **ACCOR HOTELS**

Rhonda Hare joined Accor Hotels as general counsel for Asia Pacific in 2018. She has 22 years of experience gained both in-house and in private practice across Asia Pacific, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas. Before joining Accor she was part of the legal division at Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) in Abu Dhabi and, before that, a partner at Ashurst and Ashurst legacy firm Blake Dawson in Sydney, Australia and Singapore. She is admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW Australia.



### PETER HOPP **RIO TINTO**

Peter Hopp joined Rio Tinto in 2018 as general counsel, commercial, based in Singapore. In this role, he assumes global responsibility for Rio Tinto's commercial activities, including sales and marketing, procurement, and marine activities. Prior to this, Hopp worked for more than 20 years in the commodities trading and the food processing sectors, including as international general counsel with Archer Daniels Midland and Bunge. Here he was responsible for a series of significant change management projects, and the provision of strategic and operational legal advice to the business.



### SAPNA JHANGIANI **CLYDE & CO**

Sapna specialises in international arbitration and is recognised as a leader in this field by a number of directories, including *Who's Who Legal* and *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*. In 2018, she was named as one of Singapore's Top 100 lawyers by the A List (Asia's Top Lawyers) published by the *Asia Business Law Journal*. She is said to be 'a top name for international arbitration in Singapore' and has been described as 'a charming advocate, who is well respected within the arbitration fraternity'. She specialises in commercial, practical advice and represents clients across a broad range of industries.



#### NISHTHA KHARB ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL, SINGAPORE CHAPTER

Nishtha Kharb is a distinguished healthcare and technology focused lawyer with over a 14 years of experience handling wide range of legal and regulatory issues, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region. She presently sits on the board of the Singapore chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC), one of the world's largest professional association of in-house counsels.



#### LIM WEI LEE WONGPARTNERSHIP

Lim Wei Lee is a partner in the banking and financial disputes and international arbitration practices at WongPartnership. Her main areas of practice involve litigation and arbitration across a wide range of matters including commercial, corporate, and banking disputes, fraud, cross-border trade and investment disputes, insolvency, and judicial review.



#### EUNICE LIM DIAGEO

Eunice Lim is responsible for legal and compliance across Southeast Asia, emerging Asia Pacific and for the prestige luxury business division at Diageo. Formerly a government lawyer and deputy public prosecutor with the Singapore Legal Service and the attorney-general's chambers, she has extensive experience working with multidisciplinary teams of government ministries, public agencies and investigators on international law, regulatory and enforcement. She has broad expertise in sectors including consumer goods, luxury, retail, procurement, logistics and technology.



#### SURABHI MADAN ASM

Surabhi Madan has over a decade of experience as an international lawyer, both with leading law firms in Singapore and India and as in-house counsel with various listed multinational companies. She is currently senior global counsel at ASM, a global manufacturer of semiconductor process equipment headquartered in The Netherlands. Her broad role sees her supporting ASM's worldwide operations, procurement, and sales and service organisations and advising on significant group-level projects.



#### SITESH MUKHERJEE TRILEGAL

Sitesh Mukherjee is partner, head of disputes and board member at Indian law firm Trilegal. He has over twenty-five years of experience in handling a variety of corporate commercial disputes, including high stakes arbitrations in diverse industries such as power, infrastructure and banking. His broad practice ranges from energy contracts to corporate investment disputes, and construction claims. He also regularly appears before trial courts, a variety of tribunals, High Courts and the Supreme Court of India.



#### MAREE MYERSCOUGH CONERGY

Maree Myerscough is the general counsel and a member of the senior management team of Conergy, a renewable energy company focused on downstream solar energy solutions. She is responsible for managing Conergy's legal affairs in the Asia Pacific region and providing transaction support for each of its business units. She also provides strategic advice to the directors on investment opportunities, corporate governance and general commercial matters, and helps to manage and mitigate disputes across the region. Prior to joining Conergy, she worked with another renewable energy company.



#### MOSES PARK LIBERTY CHAMBERS

Moses Park is a barrister with Hong Kong-based Liberty Chambers specialising in multi-jurisdictional disputes involving international parties and matters with a cross-border element. His practice covers a broad spectrum of commercial work including civil fraud, asset-tracing and recovery, enforcement of foreign arbitral awards and judgments, securities and investment products as well as construction litigation and arbitration and frequently extends to regulatory fields, often involving a mix of private and public law elements.



#### STANLEY PARK SCOTIABANK

Stanley Park is managing director and head of legal Asia Pacific for Scotiabank's global banking and markets division. Based in Singapore, he is responsible for all legal matters across the region, including China, Japan, Korea, India, Australia, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Singapore. Among other responsibilities, he provides transactional advice and support to the bank's businesses related to capital markets, investment banking, commodities, and corporate lending/trade finance and global transaction banking; and regulatory advice and support to the bank's businesses.



#### MURALLI RAJARAM K&L GATES STRAITS LAW, SINGAPORE

Muralli Rajaram focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation and disputes. Now partner at K&L Gates Straits Law, Singapore, he has broad experience in representing clients involved in ad hoc and institutional arbitrations and with contentious restructuring and insolvency matters. As a litigator, he has appeared in all levels of courts in Singapore, representing clients operating across the aviation, banking, commodities, construction, healthcare, and hospitality sectors.



**JULIE RANEDA SCHELLENBERG WITTMER**

Julie Raneda is a partner in Schellenberg Wittmer's international arbitration practice in Singapore. She specialises in international commercial and investment arbitration and has acted as counsel in a broad range of disputes involving international sales, licence and distribution agreements, energy, construction and engineering contracts and joint venture agreements. In addition, she has served as sole arbitrator in several Swiss Rules and SIAC arbitrations. She has also represented parties before the Swiss Supreme Court in proceedings related to challenges of arbitral awards.



**JUAN RINCÓN-CORTÉS CITIBANK**

Juan Rincón-Cortés holds a dual role as at Citibank as head of legal for Southeast Asia operations and general counsel for human resources covering the wider Asia-Pacific region. In the first role, he is part of the team responsible for providing oversight on matters including regulatory issues and developments, mergers and acquisitions, and litigation management, while in the second he supports a wide range of employment law matters such as advising on the local law implications of global initiatives and managing sensitive employment-related cases, investigations and litigations.



**RITANKAR SAHU MAXPOWER CORPORATION**

Ritankar Sahu is general counsel and head of compliance at MAXpower Corporation, Asia's leading gas to power specialist and a key developer, owner and operator of small to medium gas-fired power plants. In addition to providing strategic business governance counsel to the board, Sahu focuses his practice on the management of joint ventures, shareholder interface management, special investigations, litigation strategy, disputes management, bids and execution support, contracts management, procurement advisory and anti-bribery and anti-corruption legal compliance.



**KWONG WENG WAN MAPLETREE INVESTMENTS**

Kwong Weng Wan is responsible for all of legal, compliance, corporate secretarial, human resource as well as corporate communications and administration matters across all business units and countries at Mapletree, a leading real estate development, investment, capital and property management company headquartered in Singapore. He is also the joint company secretary of Mapletree Investments Pte Ltd (MIPL) and the four Mapletree REIT Managers. Prior to joining Mapletree as general counsel in 2009, Wan was group general counsel for Asia at Infineon Technologies for seven years.



**SIGRID WETTWER DNV GL**

Sigrid Wettwer is a dually qualified lawyer, being a member of the German Bar and also admitted to the roll of solicitors of England and Wales. Since 2018, she has held the position head of group legal Middle East and Asia Pacific at DNV GL, a major ship classification society and global provider of testing, inspection and certification services. She leads a diverse team of highly dedicated lawyers working from Dubai, Shanghai and Singapore. Before moving to Singapore for this role, Sigrid was working for DNV GL in Hamburg and Shanghai, having different functions within the company's legal department.



**NICK WILLIAMS K&L GATES STRAITS LAW, SINGAPORE**

Nick Williams is a partner with K&L Gates Straits Law in Singapore specialising in investigations, enforcement and white-collar matters. His experience includes assisting clients with corruption-related and internal corporate investigations, including those involving international anti-corruption legislation, with a particular focus on South East Asia. He also conducts investigations into alleged misconduct, as well as into prospective and existing foreign agents, commercial advisers and business partners.



**GERALD YEE RPC PREMIER LAW**

An experienced dispute resolution lawyer, Gerald Yee's practice spans a range of industries with particular focus on shipping, marine insurance, commodities and oil and gas disputes. Gerald's extensive experience in contentious shipping work includes admiralty enforcement, cargo claims, oil and gas disputes for well-known oil majors, contracts of affreightment, marine insurance and P&I matters.



**NIK YEO FOUNTAIN COURT CHAMBERS**

UK-based barrister Nik Yeo has been litigating derivatives, securitisations and other structure finance products and capital markets instruments since the beginning of the financial crisis and has built a practice specialising in complex cases. His significant cases include being instructed by the UK government on the country's highest value structured finance transaction ever and representing Lehman Brothers in a variety of disputes related to the US broker dealer's collapse.



**CHOU SEAN YU WONGPARTNERSHIP**

Chou Sean Yu is the head of the banking and financial disputes practice and a partner in the International Arbitration, Financial Services Regulatory and Malaysia Practices at WongPartnership LLP. His main practice areas are banking and trade finance disputes, corporate fraud, investigations and asset recovery, financial services regulatory, commercial and corporate disputes, shareholder litigation, tort and contractual claims, and domestic and international arbitration. He is an active arbitrator and is on the Panel of Arbitrators for SIAC, AIAC and KCAB.

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