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# Asia Pacific Disputes Summit: Singapore 2019

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### Date

10th September 2019

### Venue

The Westin Singapore, 12 Marina View, Asia Square Tower 2 Singapore 018961

### Registration and Breakfast

8:15am - 9:00am

### Time

9:00am - 7:00pm

### Cost

Free of charge for in-house counsel

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Celebrating more than 130 years of service, King & Spalding is an international law firm that represents a broad array of clients, including half of the Fortune Global 100, with 1,000 lawyers in 20 offices in the United States, Europe, the Middle East and Asia. The firm also represents hundreds of clients with new ventures and mid-sized companies in emerging industries. The firm has handled matters in over 160 countries on six continents and is consistently recognised for the results it obtains, its uncompromising commitment to quality and its dedication to understanding the business and culture of its clients.

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The Singapore team works closely with lawyers in Tokyo and co-ordinates cross-firm to deliver locally informed, globally resourced counsel.



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As one of a few international law firms operating in Singapore under a Joint Law Venture, our clients are able to obtain seamless advice from a single entity. We draw together the international expertise and resources of RPC and the local knowledge of Premier Law to provide an exceptional service. Our team of leading lawyers combine decades of experience in the region with unrivalled expertise in their respective markets.

Through RPC Premier Law Pte Ltd – known as RPC Premier Law - we can provide an extensive range of advice on multi-jurisdictional transactions involving English and Singapore law. Our clients are also able to receive representation in the Singapore courts through Premier Law LLC.

We offer a comprehensive range of services in Singapore with expertise in legal sectors including construction; corporate and commercial; dispute resolution (including banking and financial disputes); energy; international arbitration; insurance and reinsurance; and shipping and international trade.

Singapore is an important hub for Asia, and together with local firm Premier Law, our clients can expect a comprehensive service throughout the region. In jurisdictions where we don't have an office, we have strong relationships with some of the best local firms across Asia.

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Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd, Switzerland, is one of the leading business law firms in Switzerland. Over 150 lawyers in Zurich and Geneva provide comprehensive legal services to domestic and international clients in all aspects of business law. Clients of Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd are market leaders in a wide range of sectors including financial services, life sciences, technology, telecommunication, commodities, construction, manufacturing and energy.



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IMF Bentham Asia is the Asian arm of IMF Bentham Limited (ASX:IMF), one of the world's leading dispute resolution financiers. We provide finance to claimants and law firms for large commercial disputes across Asia, tailored to the local market and backed by an exceptional record of success.

At the time of listing in 2001, IMF Bentham was the only listed litigation funder in the world. We were the first funder to be publicly regulated as a financial institution, the first to invest in claims breaking the \$3 billion barrier and the first to fund disputes across continents.

IMF Bentham has over 100 talented specialists, speaking 15 languages, working from 14 offices across Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Canada, the UK and the US. We are one of the most respected brands in the industry and we are passionate about what we do for our clients.

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## Networking Partners



Fountain Court is a leading commercial set of chambers with 84 barristers, 35 of whom are silks. It is one of most prestigious sets in the UK and internationally, with chambers in London and Singapore, the latter which opened in September 2014.

Chambers has a long-standing history with Singapore, which began when Christopher Bathurst QC (Viscount Bledisloe QC), a senior member of Fountain Court and a leading practitioner at the Commercial Bar in London, developed a substantial practice in Southeast Asia. Fountain Court's members have continued to build on this connection.

Whilst members frequently work in the region, Andrew Pullen joined chambers in Singapore in 2017 as the first barrister based in its Singapore office in Ocean Financial Centre. Andrew has 15 years' experience as an arbitration lawyer, having previously practised as a solicitor-advocate. Andrew is supported by the full-time practice manager, Caroline McConnon, also based in the Singapore office. Members are proud to be working alongside some of the best local and foreign law firms in Singapore and in Asia and supporting them and their clients.



Eugene Thuraisingam LLP is a boutique practice specialising in dispute resolution. We are the choice firm for any client who seeks an experienced and committed conflict-free team of lawyers to have conduct of complex disputes.

We have successfully handled numerous complex disputes involving niche industries such as shipping, oil and gas, and construction. Arbitration work is one of our core practice areas. Our lawyers are adept at handling both domestic and international arbitrations and are familiar with the various worldwide arbitration regimes. From pre-arbitration negotiations to post-award proceedings, we have the experience and the skills to guide you at every stage of the arbitral process and secure the best results for you. Our lawyers go to the heart of the issues and will position your case with a view to favourable, quick and cost-effective resolution.

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### Asia Pacific Disputes Summit: Singapore 2019

**08.15-09.00** Registration and breakfast

**09.00-09.15** Opening remarks

**09.15-10.05** The International Commercial Courts and arbitration in Singapore – the next 10 years

**10.10-11.00** Technology and communications disputes, from cloud computing to network infrastructure and everything in between – moderated by Francis Goh (partner), Eversheds Harry Elias

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	11.15-12.05	What in-house counsel expect from external firms during the arbitral process? – moderated by Wade M. Coriell (partner), King & Spalding
	12.10-13.00	Third-party funding – moderated by Clyde & Co and IMF Bentham
	13.00-14.00	Lunch
	14.00-14.50	What The Fraud! Preserving evidence and assets and other strategies to combat commercial fraud - moderated by K&L Gates Straits Law
	14.55-15.15	Fireside chat
	15.15-15.30	Coffee break
	15.30-16.20	The evolution of financial services disputes in the Asia Pacific region
	16.25-17.15	The end user's perspective: How GCs can stay on top of disputes – moderated by Schellenberg Wittmer
	17.15-17.30	Closing remarks
	17.30-19.00	Drinks reception and event close

## Speakers include



**Wade M. Coriell**  
Partner, King & Spalding



**Francis Goh**  
Partner, Eversheds Harry Elias



**Julie Raneda**  
Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer



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**Sapna Jhangiani**

Partner, Clyde & Co

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**Tom Glasgow**

Chief Investment Officer (Asia), IMF Bentham



**James Wood**

Global Head of Research, The Legal 500



**Berenice Lim**

Head of legal – Asia Pacific, Takeda Pharmaceuticals



**Eunice Lim**

Regional legal counsel, Southeast Asia and emerging Asia Pacific, Diageo



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**Kwong Weng Wan**

Group chief corporate officer and group general counsel, Mapletree Investments

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**Maree Myerscough**

General counsel, Conergy



**Nishtha Kharb**

Director, Association of Corporate Counsel, Singapore chapter



**Paul Fredrick**

General counsel - East Asia & Japan, Schneider Electric



**Peter Hopp**

General counsel – commercial, Rio Tinto



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**Rhonda Hare**

General counsel – Asia Pacific, Accor Hotels

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**Ritankar Sahu**

General counsel and head of compliance, MAXpower Corporation



**Sigrid Wettwer**

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**Stanley Park**

Managing director and head of legal Asia Pacific, Scotiabank