

# “How to Start a Career in International Arbitration”

At the inaugural event of the Young Thailand Arbitration Center (YTHAC), YTHAC invites you to our launch webinar featuring prominent Thai and international counsels and arbitrators to share their perspectives and experiences on how you can start and grow your career in international arbitration.

## Event detail:

**Time:** 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. BKT  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. CEST  
**Date:** 22 September 2020

The webinar will cover a range of topics.

- How Asia’s top young arbitrators and counsels can kick-off a successful arbitration career
- Be inspired by first-hand of success stories, along with any challenges and how to overcome them to raise your profile
- Practical tips on how to plan that first step and pave your way to a career in international arbitration
- A chance to join an interactive session and ask questions aimed on sharing information regarding an international arbitration career

## Who should attend

This webinar event is aimed at young arbitration practitioners of approximately 45 years or under: counsel, arbitrators, corporate counsel or academics. The YTHAC event is an ideal forum for young practitioners to enrich their skills in international arbitration, and network with the arbitration community in the region.

## Panelists:



**Chiann Bao**



**Mariel Dimsey**



**Vanina Sucharitkul**



**Warathorn Wongsawangsi**



**Prin Laomanutsak**

## Moderator:

Member of Arbitration Chambers, Hong Kong/New York/London; former Secretary General of HKIAC

Co-Head, CMS International Arbitration Partner, CMS Hong Kong HK45 Co-Chair

International Arbitrator, Senior Lecturer at L’Universite Paris Descartes  
CI Arb YMG Rep  
Co-President of YTHAC

Partner at Herbert Smith Freehills (Thailand Limited)  
YSIAC Rep

Legal Assistant  
DLA Piper

## Opening remarks:



**Dr Pasit Asawawattanaporn**  
THAC Managing Director  
President of APRAG



**Pisut Attakamol**  
Partner at Baker McKenzie  
Co-President of YTHAC

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## Get to know our panelists



### **Chiann Bao**

Member of Arbitration Chambers, Hong Kong/ New York/London; former Secretary General of HKIAC

Chiann Bao is a member of Arbitration Chambers practices as an arbitrator and mediator. She has served as tribunal chair, co-arbitrator, sole arbitrator, and emergency arbitrator in ad hoc arbitrations as well as institutional arbitrations under the major institutional rules. She is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a CEDR-accredited mediator. In addition to private practice experience both in Hong Kong and New York, Chiann has significant institutional experience and currently serves as a Vice President of the ICC Court of Arbitration. She is also the chair of the ICC Commission's Task Force on ADR and Arbitration and a member of the ICC's Belt and Road Commission. From 2010 to 2018, she served as the Secretary General of the HKIAC and was subsequently appointed as a Council Member of the HKIAC. Chiann is an honorary senior fellow at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law.

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### **Mariel Dimsey**

Co-Head, CMS International Arbitration  
Partner, CMS Hong Kong  
HK45 Co-Chair

Mariel is an international commercial and investment arbitration specialist based in the CMS Hong Kong office. She is an Australian Lawyer and Hong Kong Solicitor with over 15 years' experience acting as advisor and advocate in numerous international arbitrations covering a wide range of legal systems and industries. Mariel regularly sits as arbitrator and has sat in cases administered by HKIAC, ICC, DIS, KCAB and ad hoc under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and domestic arbitration laws. She is a co-chair of the HK45 Committee and a member of the Committee of Women in Law Hong Kong (WILHK). Mariel has published and spoken extensively on international arbitration topics.

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### **Vanina Sucharitkul, FCIArb**

International Arbitrator,  
Senior Lecturer at  
L'Universite Paris Descartes  
Attorney-At-Law (California)  
CIArb YMG Rep  
Co-President of YTHAC

Vanina Sucharitkul specializes in international commercial arbitration and investment arbitration. She has over 15 years' experience advising local and international clients on a diverse range of cross-border disputes in San Francisco, Paris, Bangkok, and Hong Kong. Qualified in California, Vanina Sucharitkul has acted as counsel and advocate in arbitrations across multiple jurisdictions under the auspices of institutions including, amongst others, ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, AAA, and TAI. Vanina Sucharitkul has served as Thailand's Court Member to the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce since July 2012 and is currently sitting as arbitrator. She is director of ArbitralWomen and maintains leadership positions in a number of organizations.

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### **Warathorn Wongsawangsiri**

Partner at Herbert Smith  
Freehills (Thailand Limited)  
YSIAC Rep

Warathorn is a seasoned litigator with over 16 years of experience in Thailand and other Asia region countries. He has successfully advised and represented major corporations and conglomerates in many of the country's most complex and high-profile commercial dispute matters. He specialises in advising and representing clients on contentious issues with international elements. He has worked extensively and closely with clients throughout the entire dispute resolution processes including Thai court litigation, domestic and international arbitration (TAI, SIAC and HKIAC) and mediation.