

**THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS (SINGAPORE)
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“Arbitration and Mediation: Never the Twain Shall Meet?”

Date: Friday, 2 September 2022

Time: 12.00pm to 2.00pm (Registration starts at 12.00pm, lunch will be provided)

**In-person Venue: Kennedys Legal Solutions (80 Raffles Place #44-01 UOB Plaza 1, S048624)
Virtual via Zoom**

ABOUT THE EVENT

This event will explore the intersection between arbitration and mediation as dispute resolution tools for the same dispute. Topics to be addressed will include (i) what more can be done to encourage arbitrating parties to consider exploring a mediated settlement of their dispute; and (ii) what happens when arbitrators become mediators in the same dispute.

MODERATOR

Kevin Kwok

Kevin is the Joint Managing Partner at Kennedys Legal Solutions and has over 25 years of experience in dispute resolution. His practice focuses on commercial disputes which include litigation, arbitration and mediation.

He regularly acts as counsel in arbitrations under SIAC and ICC regimes as well as ad-hoc arbitrations. These arbitrations range from domestic to international arbitrations. Kevin also takes on appointments as arbitrator, both as sole arbitrator or as part of a panel. He also acts as counsel in mediations under SMC, SIMC and LSMS regimes and regularly takes on appointments as mediator under these regimes as well.

Kevin is a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators as well as an Accredited Mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre and a Senior Mediator under the Law Society Mediation Scheme. He is also a tutor under the Singapore Institute of Legal Education for the Part B course to law students leading to qualification to the Singapore Bar where he tutors on an area of civil procedure.



SPEAKERS

Chuan Wee Meng

Wee Meng is an experienced lawyer of more than 30 years, working out of Beijing, Hong Kong, Sydney and Singapore. Prior to joining SIMC, he served as General Counsel of IBM Greater China and Nortel Networks Asia Pacific for about 20 years.

He has advised senior leadership of MNCs as lead counsel on legal and regulatory issues (including major arbitration and litigation) arising out of doing business in Greater China, India, Japan, Korea, ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand. As an active board member of US-China JVs, he has managed a wide range of emerging market risks with leading international best practices.

Leveraging his deep regional experience, he is currently leading SIMC to promote mediation to resolve complex, commercial cross-border disputes in the Asia Pacific region.

Wee Meng is an accredited mediator of the Singapore International Mediation Institute. He graduated with a law degree from the National University of Singapore and holds a Master of Laws from the University of Hong Kong. He is called to the Singapore Bar and Hong Kong's Roll of Solicitors.



Tom Glasgow

Tom Glasgow leads the investment activities and business expansion across Asia, Australia and New Zealand for Omni Bridgeway, a global leader in financing and managing legal risks. He is also responsible for managing Omni Bridgeway's global portfolio of international arbitration investments and its specialist international arbitration teams, located in all major arbitral centers.

Prior to joining Omni Bridgeway, Tom was a senior member of Allen & Overy's international arbitration and disputes practice in Asia, where he handled complex multi-jurisdictional matters for global businesses across numerous sectors, including financial services, automotive, energy, industrial manufacturing and construction. Prior to this, Tom worked with leading New Zealand law firm, Russell McVeagh, where he represented local and multi-national clients in high-end commercial matters before the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of New Zealand.

Tom holds dual degrees in Law and International Relations, and is a qualified lawyer in New Zealand and Hong Kong. He is a frequent guest speaker and panelist throughout Asia on the topics of dispute funding, litigation, mediation and arbitration. He is also a regular commentator in the media and is recognised as an industry frontrunner in leading directories, including Chambers and Partners, Who's Who Legal, and Lawdragon.



Benjamin Hughes

Benjamin Hughes FCI Arb is an independent arbitrator at Fountain Court Chambers in Singapore, a member of the Court of Arbitration of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), and adjunct professor at National University of Singapore Law School. Listed by Chambers & Partners in Band 1 of the "Most in Demand Arbitrators" in the Asia-Pacific Region, Professor Hughes has been appointed in approximately 200 arbitrations with several billion USD in dispute.

Prior to commencing his practice as an independent arbitrator, Professor Hughes was the founding co-chair of the international dispute resolution practice group at one of Korea's oldest and largest full-service law firms. He also previously practiced as counsel at Shearman and Sterling in the US and Singapore.

Professor Hughes was educated in both the civil law and the common law traditions, having studied first at Seoul National University College of Law (all coursework in Korean), and then at NYU School of Law. While at NYU, he spent one semester in Buenos Aires, Argentina (all coursework in Spanish). He also studied Chinese (Mandarin) and East Asian history at Harvard University.



Kevin Nash

As Registrar of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Kevin leads the SIAC Secretariat in the provision of case management services. Over the course of the past decade, Kevin has overseen the administration of thousands of international cases under all versions of the SIAC Rules and the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. Under the Singapore International Arbitration Act 1994, Kevin is the statutory taxation authority and he is empowered to authenticate and certify awards and arbitration agreements.

Kevin is a Member of the DIS Rules Clinic project on settlement facilitation and has overseen the administration of 'med-arb' cases and all 29 of SIAC's 'Arb-Med-Arb' cases offered in conjunction with the Singapore International Mediation Centre. He is a member of the Singapore delegation at UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) and represents SIAC at UNCITRAL Working Group III (ISDS). Kevin is listed by Who's Who Legal as one of the leading arbitration lawyers in Southeast Asia and a 'Future Leader' in the Global Guide.

Kevin is qualified as a Barrister and Solicitor with the Law Society of Upper Canada. He speaks English and French.



Hazel Tang

Hazel Tang is the Counsel in charge of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) International Court of Arbitration case management team in Singapore.

Before that, Hazel was the Centre Director of the Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC), an arbitrator, and an accredited mediator in Singapore and Shanghai.

Hazel was also a Partner with a leading Singapore law firm with a regional presence, and was based in China for a period of time. Hazel's experience covers a wide range of contentious and non-contentious work in the construction and infrastructure industry, and she has effectively represented clients in international arbitration, litigation, adjudication and mediation proceedings.



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