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SPEAKERS



Vivek Kapoor
Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers
Chairman



Daniel Allen
Partner, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto
Opening Address



Jingzhou Tao
Independent Arbitrator
Keynote Speaker



Leonora Riesenburger
Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator, INTADR DMCC
Moderator — 1st Grand Panel



Andrew Pullen
Barrister, Fountain Court Chambers
Moderator — 2nd Grand Panel



Tony Andriotis
Partner, DLA Piper; Professional & Institutional Relations Officer, Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA)
Moderator — 4th Grand Panel



Seri Takahashi
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Lexi Takamatsu
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Shinji Ogawa
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Barrister, Bernacchi Chambers



Douglas Clark
Partner, Tanner De Witt

9:15 – 9:25	Welcome Address & Event Introduction by Chairman Vivek Kapoor, Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers
9:25 – 9:45	Opening Address & How has Dispute Resolution Evolved to Where We Are Now in 2025 – What to look for in the Next 12 Months Daniel Allen, Partner, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto
9:45 – 10:00	Update in Rules 2025 and Overview by Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA) Shinji Ogawa, Case Manager, Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA)
10:00 – 10:20	Keynote Session: The Major Developments of International Arbitration in Asia and Best Advice for International Companies in 2025 Jingzhou Tao, Independent Arbitrator
10:20 – 11:00	1st Grand Panel: Art of Negotiation: Tactical Issues in Why Arbitration, Why Mediation and Why Not? Moderator: • Leonora Riesenburg, Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator, INTADR DMCC Panellists: • Dawn Tan, Managing Director, ADTLaw LLC • Lexi Takamatsu, Counsel, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto
11:00 – 11:20	Managing Cross-border JV Disputes & Tips for Resolving Contractual Issues
11:20 – 11:45	Networking Break & Morning Refreshment
11:45 – 12:10	IP Disputes – 2025 and Beyond Douglas Clark, Partner, Tanner De Witt
12:10 – 12:50	2nd Grand Panel: Cross-border Shareholders, Stakeholders & Director Disputes with Japanese & Foreign Companies – Best Practices and Tips for Inhouse Counsels Moderator: • Andrew Pullen, Barrister, Fountain Court Chambers Panellist: • Seri Takahashi, Partner, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto • Kevin Hong, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright
12:50 – 13:55	Networking Lunch
13:55 – 14:40	3rd Grand Panel: Enforcement & Invalidity of Awards: Understanding Arbitration Clauses & Monetising an Award – Regional Issues to Consider Moderator: • TBC Panellists: • Victor P. Leginsky, International Arbitrator, Arbitralis • Yi-Shun Teoh, Partner, RPC
14:40 – 15:00	M&A Disputes & Transactions – Rise or Trough in 2025
15:00 – 15:25	Antitrust Issues in Asia and Compliance Tips for General Counsels
15:25 – 15:50	Networking Break & Afternoon Refreshment
15:50 – 16:10	Data Protection in 2025
16:10 – 16:50	4th Grand Panel: Technology Disputes 2025: Digital Assets & Tracing, Rise of AI, & Investigations/Fraud Issues Moderator: • Tony Andriotis, Partner, DLA Piper; Professional & Institutional Relations Officer, Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA) Panellists: • Moses W. Park, Barrister, Liberty Chambers • Sebastian Leung, Barrister, Bernacchi Chambers
16:50 – 16:55	Conclusion & Lucky Draw
16:55 – 17:45	Networking Drinks & Whisky Tasting

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Vivek Kapoor, Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers

Vivek Kapoor is recognised as a “leading” barrister with a practice in international arbitration and commercial litigation. He is a specialist advocate with expertise in high-value, multijurisdictional cases related to energy, infrastructure and construction, natural resources, mining and commodities, banking and financial services, civil fraud and asset tracing, sanctions, investor-state dispute settlement and public international law.

He is described in leading legal directories as “an excellent litigator”, “an expert in law”, “an excellent advocate” and “a great strategic decision maker”. Clients rate “his ability to find novel legal solutions to some of the most difficult situations is remarkable” and that he “thinks of every scenario for a case and prepares for each one, including complex and difficult ones”. His “ability to make simple arguments explaining complex legal points in both law and fact” is described as “a case winner”. In a leading judgment in the English High Court, the Judge described Vivek’s submissions as “able and persuasive”.

Vivek acts for Sovereign states and state-entities, leading Fortune 500 corporations, multinational and regional corporations, principals and their business from a wide range of geographies. Vivek has an established practice as counsel before the English courts and in international arbitration. He also acts in courts of India, BVI, DIFC and ADGM, and has in the past acted in matters before the highest courts of Singapore and Hong Kong. He also acts as arbitrator in international arbitrations. He is frequently appointed as presiding, sole and co-arbitrator in LCIA, ICC and SIAC arbitrations, amongst others. His work often has connections in India, Africa, Middle East, and Central and East Asia.

Daniel Allen, Partner, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto

Daniel is an international arbitration specialist. He is an experienced oral and written advocate who acts as lead counsel in international commercial, construction, and investment arbitration cases, and also sits as arbitrator. He has represented parties and sat as arbitrator in arbitrations under the ICSID, UNCITRAL, SIAC, ICC, CAS, and JCAA rules, among others. He has been described as “without question the best advocate in Japan”, and is widely recognized as one of the leading arbitration lawyers in Japan—highly ranked in Chambers & Partners, The Legal 500, Lexology Index, Best Lawyers, and others.

Jingzhou Tao, Independent Arbitrator

Jingzhou Tao is an independent arbitrator based in Beijing. He is an avocat à la Cour de Paris. He has more than 40 years of experience advising Fortune 500 companies for the negotiation of hundreds of mergers and acquisitions, joint venture contracts, international construction contracts, production sharing agreements, etc. He has acted as counsel, co-arbitrator, chair and sole arbitrator in more than two hundred international arbitration proceedings before major international arbitration institutions such as ICC, LCIA, SIAC, HKIAC, CIETAC, BAC, etc. He is a member of the advisory boards of CIETAC and HKIAC, the expert committee member of Chinese International Commercial Court of Chinese Supreme Court and the board member of Saudi Institute of International Arbitration. He is a special-invited professor of law in Tsinghua University Law School and Adjunct Professor of Georgetown University Law Center. He sits in the Editorial Board of Global Arbitration Review. He has published several books about Chinese arbitration and mergers and acquisition in English and French.

Leonora Riesenburger, Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator, INTADR DMCC

Leonora Riesenburger is an Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator at INTADR DMCC, Dubai, and an International Tenant at 4-5 Gray’s Inn Square in London. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), a Fellow of Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR), and stands as a leading figure in international arbitration, mediation and adr in Middle East, Asia, and the UK. Leonora specialises in complex disputes across key sectors, notably in investment, infrastructure, construction, real estate, joint ventures, banking and finance, and receives routine Chairmanship appointments. Her affiliations with prestigious arbitral institutions—among them the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, DIAC, ADCCAC, SCCA, MIAC, AIADR—further solidify her standing as a leading figure in international arbitration. Leonora’s leadership is reflected in her previous roles as Branch Chair of CIArb UAE, as an Elected Member of the Board of Management for CIArb London, and member of DIFC Courts Arbitration Division Working Group. She is a member of LCIA Arabs Users’ Council and a member of the Swiss Arbitration Association. Leonora is a highly in demand faculty member for the CIArb globally and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) in the MENA Region and in the UK, playing a pivotal role in shaping the next generation of dispute resolution practitioners. Her global influence extends through her service with leading institutions worldwide, including in Asia, the Governing Council of the Hyderabad Arbitration Centre (HAC) in India as well as the Global Advisory Panel for Musaliha International Centre for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (MICADR) in Pakistan.

Andrew Pullen, Barrister, Fountain Court Chambers

Andrew Pullen specialises in international arbitration, appearing as counsel and sitting as arbitrator. Described as ‘enthusiastic and well informed’... with ‘a deep knowledge of arbitral rules’ (Chambers & Partners), Andrew’s experience includes cases determined under a wide variety of governing laws and arbitral rules, in Asia, Europe and the US.

With experience across a diversity of business sectors, Andrew’s recent cases range from construction disputes in Australia and Asia, to claims relating to software licensing and the development of pharmaceuticals, to joint venture disputes. He has considerable experience of arbitrations relating to Indonesia: recent examples include a claim against a contractor arising from a fire at a power plant and a dispute arising from a mining venture. Andrew frequently works as co-counsel with lawyers from many jurisdictions and has significant experience of interim measures and jurisdiction issues in arbitration.

Andrew is an English-qualified barrister, based in Singapore since 2011. He originally qualified as a solicitor in 2002, and practised as a solicitor-advocate in Allen & Overy’s international arbitration group before joining Fountain Court Chambers. Andrew is ranked in Chambers & Partners and Legal 500. He has served on the council of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators since 2017 and is the current Vice-President of the Institute.

Tony Andriotis, Partner, DLA Piper; Professional & Institutional Relations Officer, Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA)

Tony Andriotis is a Partner with DLA Piper, where his primary practice focuses on international dispute resolution, and he leads the Tokyo based international arbitration group. He currently also serves as President of the Greek Chamber of Commerce in Japan and as a Board Member of the European Business Council. Tony is an Adjunct Professor at the Tokyo campus of Temple Law School, and a Part-time Lecturer at both Keio Law School (Tokyo) and Humboldt University (Berlin). He is a graduate of Cornell University and the Fordham University School of Law. Though residing in Japan for over a decade, Tony is a native of New York City, where he previously clerked for a federal judge at the United States Court of International Trade.

Tony has recently been cooperating with the Commercial Law Development Program of the U.S. Department of Commerce in his capacity as an expert in International Arbitration and Negotiations in conducting Rule of Law Capacity Building Projects throughout Asia.

Seri Takahashi, Partner, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto

Seri is an international dispute resolution partner at Mori Hamada & Matsumoto. She specializes in international dispute resolution and has extensive experience in international arbitration (under various rules such as those of ICC, SIAC, HKIAC, JCAA, DIAC, and VIAC) and other dispute resolution proceedings including third-party expert determination. Seri has spent a significant part of her career in jurisdictions that are popular arbitration hubs, including Dubai, Hong Kong, and Singapore, and is a delegate to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. She has particular expertise in complex construction disputes and has recently co-authored a one-of-a-kind Japanese-language commentary on the FIDIC forms.

Lexi Takamatsu, Counsel, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto

Lexi is an international arbitration specialist at Mori Hamada & Matsumoto. She has extensive experience representing clients in international commercial and construction arbitrations, with a particular focus on cross-border disputes involving Japanese companies. She has acted as counsel in arbitrations under major institutional rules, including SIAC, ICC, JCAA, and VIAC. Lexi is an active member of the international arbitration community and serves on the Young SIAC (YSIAC) Council and the Steering Committee of IBA Arb 40. Fluent in both English and Japanese, she regularly advises clients on arbitration strategy and dispute resolution in Asia.

Shinji Ogawa, Case Manager, Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA)

Shinji Ogawa is the Case Manager at the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA), overseeing all arbitration and mediation cases filed with the JCAA. With extensive experience managing over 100 international arbitration cases, he plays a key role in ensuring efficient case administration. Shinji is also actively involved in the ongoing review of the JCAA Arbitration Rules.

Beyond case management, Shinji frequently represents the JCAA at international conferences and events. He has recently spoken in Hong Kong, Berlin, Vienna, Washington, D.C., San Francisco and Los Angeles.

He also participates in the UNCITRAL Working Group II sessions as a representative of the JCAA, where he shares insights on electronic awards.

Yi-Shun Teoh, Partner, RPC

Yi-Shun Teoh is a Partner and Solicitor Advocate in our Commercial Disputes team in Hong Kong. He specialises in international arbitration and commercial litigation. Yi-Shun represents private equity firms, financial institutions, insurers, technology and professional services firms. He has acted in some of the leading set aside and enforcement cases before the Hong Kong courts over the past decade. Yi-Shun also represents clients in regulatory investigations and enforcement. He is recognised in The Legal 500 Arbitration Powerlist: Hong Kong and Asian Legal Business (ALB) Hong Kong Rising Stars 2023. Yi-Shun is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and a member of the Arbitration Committees of the Law Society of Hong Kong and ICC Hong Kong. He is triple-qualified in Hong Kong, England and Wales and New South Wales (Australia).

Kevin Hong, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright

Kevin Hong leads the international arbitration and litigation practice of Norton Rose Fulbright in Hong Kong. He has a particular focus on arbitration and arbitration related court proceedings and has acted as counsel in arbitral proceedings conducted under different institutional rules such as the HKIAC, UNCITRAL, SIAC, LCIA, CIETAC and LMAA rules as well as ad hoc arbitral proceedings in a number of jurisdictions.

Kevin accepts arbitrator appointments and is on the HKIAC's List of Arbitrators, SIAC's Reserve Panel of Arbitrators and the panels of arbitrators of Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration and Langfang Arbitration Commission.

Kevin has been named to Lawdragon's 500 Leading Global Litigators guide, ranked as "Up and Coming" in Dispute Resolution: Litigation (International Firms) by Chambers and Partners, shortlisted for the "Young Lawyer of the Year" award at the 2020 Asian Legal Business Hong Kong Law Awards and recognized by Legal 500 Asia Pacific in the areas of international arbitration, litigation and construction.

Dawn Tan, Managing Director, ADTLaw LLC

Dawn Tan is the founder of established commercial firm ADTLaw LLC, which is in a joint venture with international firm Ashurst LLP through Ashurst ADTLaw. She is an experienced disputes lawyer and has represented clients in complex commercial disputes before all levels of the Singapore Courts. She has been appointed as arbitrator and acted as lead counsel in international arbitrations, and also has a significant strategic advisory practice.

Dawn graduated from the National University of Singapore Law School with a Bachelor of Laws Degree (First Class Honours), and again achieved academic distinction at the Harvard Law School. She is qualified in Singapore, New York State and England & Wales. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. Outside practice, she is Chairwoman of the Singapore International Chamber of Commerce and a Council member of Singapore's apex business association, the Singapore Business Federation. She has published papers on a range of subjects including the use of Singapore law in cross-border commercial transactions.

Moses W. Park, Barrister, Liberty Chambers

Moses W. Park is a dispute resolution lawyer practicing as a barrister (trial advocate) based in Hong Kong. His practice mainly focuses on conduct and resolution of cross-border and international commercial arbitration and litigation. He has handled a broad spectrum of commercial work with an emphasis on civil fraud, asset tracing / recovery, enforcement of foreign arbitral awards/judgments, family office as well as shareholder disputes. Moses has expertise concerning recovery strategies and emergency relief measures related to fraud including Mareva injunctions, Norwich Pharmacal orders and asset tracing proceedings. He is well versed in the enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards process in Hong Kong. His clients have included multi-national corporations and businesses as well as high and ultra-high net worth individuals.

Moses specialises in multi-jurisdictional financial crime and regulatory matters. He advises financial institutions on cross-border fraud and asset recovery related issues and has particular expertise in conducting complex multi-jurisdictional asset tracing. His experience spans a wide range of industry sectors, particularly, financial services, family offices and private equity funds. His work extends to regulatory fields (providing advice on matters governed by securities and banking legislation). Lately, he has been advising international clients on regulatory issues relating to overnance and regulation of family offices.

Victor P. Leginsky, International Arbitrator, Arbitralis

Victor P. Leginsky, Canadian citizen, is an experienced international arbitrator and mediator resident in the United Arab Emirates since 2007. Victor has earned the internationally-recognized designations of Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is appointed to the CIArb Panel of Arbitrators. Victor is a CEDR (Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, London) accredited mediator and mediation experience as Chair, Manufactured Home Park Dispute Resolution Committee (Attorney General of British Columbia, Canada, appointment) and in mediations. Victor is appointed to the panels or lists of arbitrators in a number of international centres and is a committee member of the International Court of Arbitration (ICC) Canada. He has instructed and assessed in respect of Mediation though the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the CIArb. He is the past Middle East Regional Director of the Association of International Energy Negotiators (AIEN). He is a member in good standing of the Law Society of British Columbia, Canada.

Sebastian Leung, Barrister, Bernacchi Chambers

Sebastian is a barrister from Bernacchi Chambers, Hong Kong. Before beginning practice in Hong Kong, Sebastian was born and grew up in London. He has a broad civil practice, with a specialisation in contract, company, commercial, construction, and matrimonial and probate work.

He frequently handles matters relating to fraud, injunctions, asset tracing, and applications under the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) involving shareholders and directors, and matters of company governance. He is also experienced in cross-border matrimonial finance and children matters.

Douglas Clark, Partner, Tanner De Witt

Douglas Clark is an intellectual property partner with Tanner De Witt, an independent firm based in Hong Kong. He commenced practice in Hong Kong in 1993. He was based in Shanghai from 2000 to 2010 where he founded and was managing partner of the office of a large international firm. He handled contentious and non-contentious IP matters in Mainland China including patent litigation, technology transfer and international arbitrations. He moved back to Hong Kong in 2011 and practiced as a barrister until 2020 when he moved to become head of Global Dispute Resolution for an IP boutique firm. He joined Tanner De Witt this year. He has been appointed an arbitrator and acted as counsel in numerous technology disputes involving China. He regularly advises clients on IP issues related to de-risking and digitisation.

Doug is the author of a number of legal texts, including Patent Litigation in China, as well as a history of extraterritoriality in China and Japan, Gunboat Justice. He speaks both Japanese and Mandarin fluently.

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