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SPEAKERS



Anne Secomb
Independent Arbitrator
Chairperson



Machimdhorn Khampiranont
Acting Managing Director,
Thailand Arbitration Center
Welcome Message



Richard Wilmot-Smith KC
39 Essex Chambers
Keynote Speaker &
Moderator – 2nd Grand Panel



Christopher Bailey
Partner, Stephenson Harwood
(Singapore) Alliance
Moderator – 1st Grand Panel



Yuankai Lin
Partner, RPC Premier Law



Desmond Hughes
Senior Partner/Co-Founder,
Hughes Krupica



David A. Southern
Senior Consultant,
Hughes Krupica



Pardeep Khosa
Partner, Morgan,
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Tigran Ter-Martirosyan
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Eugene Thuraisingam
Managing Partner, Eugene
Thuraisingam LLP

9:20 – 9:35	Opening Welcome by Chairperson Anne Secombe, Independent Arbitrator
9:35 – 9:50	Opening Welcome & Arbitration Updates 2023 by Thailand Arbitration Center Machimdhorn Khampiranont, Acting Managing Director, Thailand Arbitration Center
9:50 – 10:10	Keynote Session: Due Process in Arbitration Richard Wilmot-Smith KC, 39 Essex Chambers
10:10 – 10:50	1st Grand Panel: Enforcement of Awards – Regional Updates in 2023 – Thailand, Singapore, China, Korea Moderator: • Christopher Bailey, Partner, Stephenson Harwood (Singapore) Alliance Panellists: • Pardeep Khosa, Partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius • Dutsadee Dutsadeepanich, Co-Founding Partner, ABER Group
10:50 – 11:20	Managing Shareholder Disputes: Focus on SE Asia Yuankai Lin, Partner, Premier Law
11:20 – 11:45	Networking & Refreshment Break
11:45 – 12:05	Energy Disputes in The Current Climate
12:05 – 12:45	2nd Grand Panel: Ask the Experts – Expedited & Emergency Procedures in International Arbitration After the Pandemic – Is Faster Better and Who Really Benefits? Moderator: • Richard Wilmot-Smith KC, 39 Essex Chambers Panellists: • Tejus Chauhan, Director, Arbitration & ADR, South Asia, ICC Dispute Resolution Services (ICC DRS) • Asst. Prof. Dr. Tidarat Sinlapapiromsuk, Professor of Law, Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Law
12:45 – 13:55	Networking Lunch
13:55 – 14:35	3rd Grand Panel: Disputes & Technology: Rise of AI & ChatGPT, Good, Bad or Both? Moderator: • TBC Panellist: • Mr Jacob Sin, ODR Director, eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited
14:35 – 14:55	M&A / JV Disputes & Issues to Consider in 2023 Tigran Ter-Martirosyan, Director, Accuracy
14:55 – 15:15	Managing Cross-Border Disputes including a Thai Element Using Modern Techniques • Desmond Hughes, Senior Partner and Co-Founder, Hughes Krupica • David A. Southern, Senior Consultant, Hughes Krupica
15:15 – 15:40	Networking & Refreshment Break
15:40 – 16:00	Use Expert Witness in Arbitrations – Necessary Changes After the Pandemic & Technology
16:00 – 16:20	M&A Disputes & Transactions
16:20 – 17:00	4th Grand Panel: AML, FCPA, Anti-bribery & Whistleblowing – Protecting Your Company Moderator: • TBC Panellist: • Eugene Thuraisingam, Managing Partner, Eugene Thuraisingam LLP
17:00 – 17:10	Closing Remarks & Lucky Draw

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Anne Secomb, Independent Arbitrator

Anne is an independent arbitrator based in Singapore. She has fifteen years' experience in the field of international arbitration. Since moving to Singapore in 2015, Anne has sat as arbitrator in cases under the SIAC, ICC and HKIAC Rules. Before moving to Singapore, Anne was Secretary to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and counsel to the ICC Court of Arbitration in Paris. Prior to joining the ICC, Anne was an associate at Salans (now Dentons) in Paris, where she represented parties in administered as well as ad hoc arbitrations and acted as tribunal secretary in commercial and ICSID matters. Anne was also a visiting lecturer at Université Aix-Marseille III. Anne was educated in Germany and the US and is admitted to the Berlin and New York bars. She is trilingual in English, German and Spanish and speaks French fluently.

Machimdhorn Khampiranont, Acting Managing Director, Thailand Arbitration Center

Following her impressive career in law, Miss Machimdhorn Khampiranont now serves as an Acting Managing Director to the Thailand Arbitration Center (THAC), the new Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Center set up to promote and provide neutral and independent alternative dispute resolution services that comply with international standards. Prior to hold this position, Machimdhorn was a Deputy Managing Director and Acting of Arbitration and Mediation Director at THAC. She was appointed as the THAC Registrar. Machimdhorn also advised counsels in a considerable number of Arbitration cases and proceedings administered under THAC. Machimdhorn has developed and executed THAC strategies as well as promoted and strengthened the alternative dispute resolution system and services in Thailand to ensure that THAC will become the leading Alternative Dispute Resolution Center in Asia. Before joining THAC, from 2006-2018, Machimdhorn was a Legal Office Head at Easy Buy Public Company Limited where she advised the company and Executive Board on various legal matters, especially in commercial issues. During this time, she was also in charge of several company's litigation cases under court proceedings and represented the company in the civil litigation.

Richard Wilmot-Smith KC, 39 Essex Chambers

Called to the English bar in 1978; QC/KC in 1994 Richard Wilmot-Smith has long been involved in international arbitration. He has acted as sole arbitrator, party nominated arbitrator and chairman of arbitration panels principally under LCIA, DIAC and ICC Rules. His arbitration and dispute resolution experience covers prestige projects worldwide. He is known for his mastery of complex detail in large construction and engineering projects. He lectures on international arbitration and construction law extensively; most recently in New Zealand, Hong Kong, Delhi, Seoul and Singapore. He is author and editor of 'Wilmot-Smith on Construction Contracts' (OUP Fourth Edition 2021). He is a former head of 39 Essex Chambers and a former Treasurer of Middle Temple.

Christopher Bailey, Partner, Stephenson Harwood (Singapore) Alliance

Chris is a highly ranked international arbitration partner with 20 years of leading private practice experience. He specialises in complex multi-jurisdictional disputes with an emphasis on international arbitration, commercial litigation and criminal and regulatory investigations.

Chris represents clients in a wide variety of complex high-value cross-border commercial disputes which regularly include claims for in excess of a US\$ billion and predominantly arise out of the energy, resource, transport, infrastructure, financial services, media and IT sectors, with Chris having a particular expertise in oil and gas, construction and investment treaty cases. He is a Solicitor Advocate, All Higher Courts of England & Wales, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a panel arbitrator of the JCAA, KCAB and SIAC institutions and a member of the JIDRC Operation Subcommittee, AIPN Japan Sub-Chapter Committee and SIAC Users Council.

Yuankai Lin, Partner, RPC Premier Law

Specialising in complex and high-stakes cross-border litigation and arbitration, Yuankai Lin has considerable experience advising clients embroiled in shareholder disputes spanning across industry sectors such as Technology, Communications and Media; Hospitality & Retail, Food & Beverage, Entertainment & Sport; Healthcare, Oil and Gas, as well as Aviation.

An experienced dispute resolution lawyer, Yuankai frequently does his own advocacy in both litigation and arbitration matters. He has a very international practice having acted in disputes involving a wide range of jurisdictions including Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, Thailand, China, Russia, South Korea, Bangladesh, India and the United States. He has acted for clients at all levels of the Singapore Courts as well as in arbitrations administered by the SIAC, ICC, KLCA (now AIAC), LCIA and UNCITRAL Rules. Yuankai is regularly sought after for his professional views by renowned publications such as the Wall Street Journal, Nikkei Asia and Singapore's Business Times.

Yuankai is recommended in major legal directories and was included in Asian Legal Business' inaugural list of Singapore Rising Stars. Clients have referred to Yuankai as "the consummate lawyer who is committed to his client's best interests" and have commented that "there is no question who I want on my team for the most high priority, critical and sensitive disputes".

Desmond Hughes, Senior Partner/Co-Founder, Hughes Krupica

Desmond is an equity partner and co-founder of Hughes Krupica, a small sized niche law firm which has operated for 10 years. Prior to that Desmond was a founder and senior equity partner at a regional firm based in Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam, for 10 years.

Desmond specialises in dispute resolution with his firm acting as counsel and with Desmond's involvement in more than 80 cases in recent years, ICC, Thai Arbitration Centre (THAC), Thai Arbitration Institute (TAI) and the Board of Trade amongst others. He is a registered arbitrator on the panel of the Thai Arbitration Institute, the most recent former Chair of the ICC Thailand ADR and Arbitration Commission 2020-2023, the ex-officio National Head of the ICC Thailand ADR Arbitration Commission, a current Commission Member globally and also for Thailand, and the former Vice-Chair of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Thailand Branch 2019-2021.

Desmond and his firm also specialise in joint ventures including along the Eastern Economic Corridor manufacturing belt of Thailand, real estate investment large/medium and small scale, hospitality management and asset sale and purchase; and commercial matters mostly involving joint ventures and dispute resolution in all of those sectors.

Desmond qualified as a solicitor of England and Wales, completed the Overseas Lawyers Qualification Examination in Hong Kong, and is a Masters Degree alumni of King's College London for the International Corporate and Commercial Law LL.M. Desmond enjoys regular tennis at skill level 4.0, participates in hikes mostly in Phuket and Malaysia and isn't averse to a leisurely low pressure round of golf.

David A. Southern, Senior Consultant, Hughes Krupica

David is a barrister specialised in international commercial arbitration and a Senior Consultant with Hughes Krupica law firm in Thailand. He has won cases as a counsel for western and middle eastern shipping, trading, commodities and tech companies, in international commercial arbitration disputes seated in Thailand, the USA and Asia, under ICC rules and THAC rules. He has also successfully represented clients in human rights cases pro bono.

He has over eleven years of experience as a lawyer in South East Asia and East Asia combined, where he has worked at several international law firms in Hong Kong and Bangkok and as a barrister in chambers in Hong Kong. He is a fellow of CIARB, having gained top marks in the Oxford Diploma on International Commercial Arbitration. He is on the panel of arbitrators at the Thailand Arbitration Centre (THAC) and on the committee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIARB), Thailand Branch.

He qualified as a shipping solicitor, at one of the largest shipping law firms in the world and went on to re-qualify as a barrister in Hong Kong because of his interest in advocacy, prior to qualification he read for a master's degree in shipping law at Cardiff University and completed his law degree at the University of Liverpool and a postgraduate certificate of laws in the Chinese University of Hong Kong. As branch Public Relations Officer of CIARB, Thailand, he is happy to answer questions about his thriving legal practice in Thailand and the fast-developing international arbitration scene in the country which is opening to international lawyers and international arbitrators due to Thai Government policy initiatives to promote foreign investment into Thailand.

David enjoys a range of outdoor activities and adventure sports including golf, sailing (he has a yachting license), rock climbing, and diving. He is a member of the British Club in Bangkok and is involved in the squash section. He does charity work with ICA Church Bangkok for homeless people.

Pardeep Khosa, Partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius

Pardeep Khosa has a broad practice focusing on commercial and civil litigation, international arbitration, and corporate crime and investigations. He has advised and acted for high-profile clients including governments, statutory boards, listed companies, and high net-worth individuals in high-value, complex, and multijurisdictional disputes relating to construction, engineering, infrastructure, shipping, oil and gas, and civil fraud. Pardeep also handles corporate/shareholder disputes and cases involving disputes relating to banking and financial services, professional negligence, public and administrative law, and employment law. Additionally, he has acted for high-profile clients in numerous defamation lawsuits.

Pardeep regularly appears before the Singapore courts and has been involved in international arbitrations under various institutional arbitration regimes, including the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA).

Tigran Ter-Martirosyan, Director, Accuracy

Tigran Ter-Martirosyan is a Director in the Singapore office of Accuracy and has over 15 years of professional experience, focusing on the valuation of businesses, damages, and accounting issues in international arbitration and litigation.

He has been appointed as an expert witness and advisor, including by arbitral tribunals, and has been involved in arbitration matters under SIAC, HKIAC, ICC, LCIA, SAC (former SCAI), SCC and UNCITRAL rules, and litigation in Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia, UK and offshore jurisdictions. His experience also includes valuations for the purposes of mediation, expert determination, M&A, restructuring and tax.

Tigran has been featured in Who's Who Legal Global Commercial Litigation and Southeast Asia Arbitration Expert Witness rankings, which describe him as an "esteemed, highly responsive and cooperative practitioner with excellent experience providing expert testimony in valuation and damages-related litigation".

He has performed valuations and damages assessments in sectors including metals and mining, financial services, energy and power, telecommunications, technology and others.

Tejus Chauhan, Director, Arbitration & ADR, South Asia, ICC Dispute Resolution Services (ICC DRS)

As the Regional Director for South Asia based out of Singapore, Tejus is responsible for structuring and implementing ICC's strategy, overseeing operations and promotion of ICC DRS in 20 countries covering South Asia Pacific. Tejus is also an avid promoter of opportunities for young practitioners and leads ICC's Young Arbitration and ADR Forum (YAAF) for South Asia.

Working alongside the case management team in Singapore and overseeing a team of deputy directors in the region, Tejus focuses on assisting companies, counsels, and investors the region understand how they can resolve commercial disputes by raising their awareness about ICC DRS and advising on ICC arbitration proceeding protocol.

Tejus earned his law degree in India. Upon graduation, Tejus started as an associate with a law firm. Prior to joining ICC in Singapore as the Regional Director, Tejus also worked with the ICC in India and with the forensic and dispute advisory services at a Big Four audit firm.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Tidarat Sinlapapiromsuk, Professor of Law, Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Law

Asst. Prof. Dr. Tidarat Sinlapapiromsuk is a full-time professor of law at Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Law, where she formerly served as the Vice Dean for International Affairs (2017-2021). After graduation as the top-ranked student, Tidarat was awarded a nationally competitive Scholarship to study law, including "A" level, in the United Kingdom (2000-2006) and also a scholarship to do a Master Degree and a PhD in Law in the United States (2012-2017). She was also awarded the National University of Singapore (NUS) Faculty of Law's fellowship scholarship and attended the SIAC Academy in 2019. Tidarat teaches and provides legal advice on several areas of law, including International Business Transactions; Foreign Direct Investment (FDI); Alternative Dispute Resolutions (ADR); International Arbitration; Investor-State Dispute Settlements (ISDS); Energy and Mining Laws; Infrastructure Projects; Transnational Anti-Bribery Laws (Thai, UK, and US FCPA including corporate compliance program); Comparative Contract Law; Mass Torts and Class Action. Her research projects focus, among others, on Petroleum Joint Development Agreements; International Arbitration, Public Procurement (funded by the Ministry of Finance); International Sales Law, and Oil-Spill Settlements. Tidarat was also officially appointed by Office of the Council of State as a legislation review committee for the draft national legislation implementing the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. Tidarat was also appointed as an Arbitrator Committee by the virtue of the Act of Arbitration Center B.E. 2550 and as a member of the THACA's Academic Council in 2022. In 2023, she was also appointed as the Director of Centre for Dispute Resolution, Chulalongkorn University. Tidarat was also a contributing author for the Transnational Dispute Management (TDM) Journal and has professional experiences as an expert on and an arbitrator for cases concerning international business transaction, government construction contract, and investor-state arbitration.

Dutsadee Dutsadeepanich, Co-Founding Partner, ABER Group

Dutsadee is a Co-Founding Partner at ABER Group and an International Arbitrator with more than a decade of experience in the fields of cross-border litigation and international arbitration, including complex commercial & transaction cases, construction disputes, international investment law, infrastructure law, public law and technology law.

She regularly represents local and multinational companies and government agencies, shares her expertise as a visiting lecturer at various universities, and engages in several legal research projects to develop legal systems for Thailand's energy infrastructure and technology laws. Prior to that, she worked at several top-tier law firms in Thailand.

Mr Jacob Sin, ODR Director, eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited

Jacob is the ODR Director of eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited. He coordinates efforts at eBRAM to make dispute resolution more accessible to all by drawing upon his experience in ADR (alternative dispute resolution) and his knowledge in technology.

Prior to joining eBRAM, Jacob was a member of a leading international law firm for seven years. He was part of its international arbitration practice. He was also a core member of its Digital Law Group.

Jacob read law at the City University of Hong Kong and is a Hong Kong-qualified solicitor, currently non-practising.

Eugene Thuraisingam, Managing Partner, Eugene Thuraisingam LLP

Eugene Thuraisingam is the managing partner of Eugene Thuraisingam LLP, a law firm specialising in disputes and investigations. With over 20 years of experience, Eugene is well-versed in international arbitration, mediation, and commercial litigation. He has successfully handled international arbitrations and commercial litigation cases in Singapore for clients in the Southeast Asia region. In 2022, Eugene was named one of Asia's Top 15 litigators by Asia Legal Business. In 2023, Eugene's law firm was recognised by the Legal 500 as one of the leading firms for white-collar crime in Singapore. The firm has also been ranked in the Chambers Asia-Pacific Guide for Corporate Investigations/Anti-Corruption: Domestic for two consecutive years. Eugene has expanded the firm's reach in the Southeast Asia region through the establishment of a branch office named Thuraisingam (International) Co., Ltd. in Bangkok, Thailand.

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