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Singapore's reputation as a leading dispute resolution hub in Asia is well-established. The Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC) has been evolving over the years to ensure efficiency and effectiveness as a forum for international litigation. The introduction of the SICC Rules 2021 is the latest development.

Join our esteemed panel of speakers as we discuss aspects of international best practices which straddle international litigation and international arbitration as the SICC continues to innovate further on its flexible rules and procedural features, as well as other developments to be introduced to better serve the needs of the global commercial community.

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Mr Paul Tan
Partner
Cavenagh Law LLP

Paul Tan heads the litigation practice of Clifford Chance's formal law alliance in Singapore, Cavenagh Law LLP. He has appeared at all levels of the courts of Singapore, including the Singapore International Commercial Court, and before international arbitral tribunals.

He is recognised by all major legal publications in the fields of litigation, arbitration, and asset recovery as "the best candidate whom you can entrust the most critical cases to" and is "known outside Asia as a first-rate lawyer in investor-state disputes right through to construction cases." He represents global corporates and financial institutions and governments in their cross-border commercial disputes in almost every area of the law, including technology and ESG concerns.

He is the co-author of *The Law and Theory of International Commercial Arbitration in Singapore* (Academy Publishing, 2022) *Singapore Law: 50 Years in the Making* (Academy Publishing, 2015), *A Commentary on the International Arbitration Act* (OUP, forthcoming) and *Mustill & Boyd's* third edition of their treatise (forthcoming).



Mr Toby Landau QC
Duxton Hill Chambers

Toby Landau QC is a barrister, advocate and arbitrator, and a member of the Bars of England & Wales, Singapore, New York, the BVI and Northern Ireland, and is registered in the DIFC. He practises in London as a sole practitioner and in Singapore from Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice).

As Counsel, he has had a broad commercial and international practice in London since 1994 and in Singapore since 2017. He has argued hundreds of major international commercial, investor-State and inter-state arbitrations, as well as ground-breaking cases in the highest courts of England, Singapore, Hong Kong, Pakistan and the Caribbean.

He is the first QC to have been permanently called to the Singapore Bar and since April 2012 he has been a member of the Panel of Advisors to the Attorney-General of Singapore.



Ms Olga Boltenko
Partner
Fangda Partners, HK

Olga is an investment and trade lawyer with over ten years of experience in public international law and investor-State dispute resolution. She has acted as legal counsel in investor-state disputes under the auspices of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the ICSID, the SCC, the ICC, the LCIA, and as tribunal secretary in dozens of commercial disputes in a wide array of industries including oil and gas, mining, infrastructure, construction, telecommunications and pharmaceuticals, across Asia and beyond.

Olga teaches a master of laws degree in arbitration and ADR with a focus on Belt & Road investment law at The University of Hong Kong. She is also a professor of law at the Royal University of Law and Economics in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where she teaches a course in investment law at the dual degree program with the Free University of Brussels.

Olga is admitted to the roll of solicitors of the Hong Kong SAR, to the Bar Association of the Primorsky Region of the Russian Federation, and she is registered as a foreign lawyer with the Singapore International Commercial Court.



Ms Margaret Joan Ling
Partner
Allen & Gledhill LLP

Margaret regularly advises and acts for multinational corporations in commercial disputes. She has appeared in cases before the Singapore International Commercial Court, Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal. Additionally, Margaret has been appointed amicus curiae under the Supreme Court's inaugural Young Amicus Curiae Scheme.

Margaret is recognized for her expertise in Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific, where she is described as being "able to quickly understand the contractual points that were at issue", presenting the claims "in a way that made the points hard to argue against", and being "very effective at putting forward the [client's] case".

Margaret is also a Council Member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and is the subject editor (arbitration) for the SAL (Singapore Academy of Law) Practitioner. She is a member of the Core Committee of the ICC Arbitration Group in Singapore and a member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law.



Ms Rachel Lee
Head of Litigation, APAC
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Rachel Lee is a litigator with over 12 years of experience in Magic Circle private practice and in global financial institutions. In these roles, Rachel has extensive experience advising senior commercial leaders and interacting with regulatory authorities in Asia, Europe and North America. Her practice experience involves complex litigation and contentious regulatory investigations, mainly in financial services.

Rachel is qualified in England & Wales, Malaysia and Hong Kong.



Mr Laurence Wong
Senior Director
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Laurence's key focus is to develop the awareness and engagement of the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC) with its various stakeholders, and establish the Court as an 'appropriate dispute resolution' (ADR) forum for international commercial disputes. His aim is that more will come to see that a litigation-based approach to international dispute resolution can be both cost- and time-effective, and that the SICC is strategically located within the Indo-Pacific to provide this.

Laurence is a regular speaker at conferences on the SICC as a trusted, neutral venue for adjudicating transnational commercial disputes, and has hosted many delegations at the Court as a result of its growing reputation. To this end, he has been actively engaging legal counsel, practitioners and business leaders on the SICC's unique proposition as a dispute resolution forum with a difference, encompassing an internationally-accepted framework for the resolution of international commercial disputes based on substantive principles of international commercial law and best practices, expressed through its flexible rules and practice directions. International commercial disputes based on substantive principles of international commercial law and international best practices