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### **GARY BORN**

*President, SIAC Court of Arbitration; Chair, International Arbitration Practice Group, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP*

Gary Born is the President of the SIAC Court of Arbitration.

Mr Born is Chair of the International Arbitration Practice Group at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP and is one of the world's preeminent authorities on international commercial arbitration and international litigation. He has served as counsel in over 675 arbitrations, including several of the largest arbitrations in ICC and ad hoc history, and has sat as arbitrator in more than 250 institutional and ad hoc arbitrations.

Mr Born is ranked by peers and clients as one of the leading international arbitration practitioners in the world. Among many accolades, Mr Born has received the Global Arbitration Review inaugural "Advocate of the Year" award, the Client Choice award for "Best International Arbitration Practitioner" and the Best Lawyers "London Arbitration Lawyer of the Year" award. He is one of only two practitioners globally to achieve "starred" status for international arbitration in the Chambers and Partners guides and the sole practitioner in London. In 2018 Chambers and Partners recognized him for his "Outstanding Contribution to the Legal Profession".

Mr Born has published a number of leading works on international arbitration, international litigation and other forms of dispute resolution. He is the author of *International Commercial Arbitration* (Third Edition, Kluwer 2020), the leading treatise in the field, which has received the American Society of International Law's Certificate of Merit for High Technical Craftsmanship and OGEMID's Book of the Year award for 2009. Other recent works include *International Arbitration and Forum Selection Agreements: Drafting and Enforcing* (Fifth edition, Kluwer 2016). He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland and Tsinghua University, Beijing, and teaches regularly at law schools in Europe, Asia and North and South America.



### **MR DAVINDER SINGH, SC**

*Chairman of the Board of Directors of SIAC; Executive Chairman of Davinder Singh Chambers LLC*

Mr Davinder Singh, SC is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of SIAC and the Executive Chairman of Davinder Singh Chambers LLC.

Mr Singh's legal experience spans almost four decades. He has an active international arbitration practice involving complex commercial disputes, international clients and multiple jurisdictions. He has advised and/or acted in numerous institutional and ad hoc arbitrations.

At the Chambers Asia-Pacific Awards 2014, Mr Singh was conferred the "Outstanding Contribution to the Legal Profession" Award. He is the only litigator in Singapore to be ranked by Chambers & Partners as a "Star Individual" for nine years running from 2011 to 2019. According to Chambers' and Legal 500 researchers, Mr Singh is "number one in Singapore"; "a bona fide star performer"; "in a class of his own" and a "standout figure in arbitration as well as litigation; "an exceptionally good lawyer - always top of the tree."

Mr Singh was the first lawyer in Asia-Pacific to be inducted into the "Hall of Fame" at Benchmark Litigation's 2019 Asia-Pacific Awards. According to Benchmark Litigation, this honour is a recognition of his distinguished legal career and achievements in dispute resolution in the region.

Mr Singh was named "Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year" by Asian Legal Business, as part of its SE Asia Law Awards 2018. He was also named "Disputes Star of the Year - Singapore" at the inaugural Asialaw Asia-Pacific Awards 2015, and "Disputes Lawyer of the Year" in Southeast Asia and India at the inaugural Asian Lawyer Emerging Markets Awards 2014.

In December 2015, Mr Singh was appointed Vice-Chairman of the ICC Commission on Corporate Responsibility & Anti-corruption.

Mr Singh also sits on the Board of Directors of the Singapore International Mediation Centre, PSA International Pte Ltd and Delfi Limited.

He was in the first batch of Senior Counsel appointed by the Singapore Supreme Court in 1997.

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### **ALVIN YEO, SC**

*Member, SIAC Court of Arbitration; Chairman and Senior Partner at WongPartnership LLP*

Mr Alvin Yeo, Senior Counsel, is the Chairman and Senior Partner at WongPartnership LLP, Singapore. His main areas of practice are litigation and arbitration in banking, corporate/commercial and infrastructure disputes. Mr Yeo has extensive experience as counsel in arbitration proceedings both in Singapore and in the region, and also sits as an arbitrator. Mr Yeo graduated from King's College, University of London, and is admitted to the English Bar (Gray's Inn) and the Singapore Bar. In January 2000, Mr Yeo became the youngest lawyer to be appointed Senior Counsel.

Mr Yeo is a member of the Court of the SIAC, the ICC Commission and a fellow of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution, the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Directors, and a former member of the LCIA Court and the IBA Arbitration Committee. He is also on the panel of arbitrators of the ICDR, HKIAC, KCAB, SCIA and the SI Arb's Panel for Sports in Singapore.

Mr Yeo is recognised as a leading litigation and arbitration counsel in international legal directories such as The Legal 500; IFLR1000; Chambers Global; Chambers Asia Pacific; PLC Which Lawyer; Best Lawyers; Expert Guides; and Who's Who Legal.



### **MR CHONG YEE LEONG**

*Member, SIAC Board of Directors; Partner, Co-Head of International Arbitration, Allen & Gledhill LLP*

Yee Leong is the Co-Head of the Firm's International Arbitration practice. His primary area of practice is in international arbitration focusing on the areas of energy, oil and gas, power and infrastructure projects in Singapore, Malaysia and the region. In practice for more than 29 years, Yee Leong is recognised as a leading international dispute resolution practitioner in the Asia-Pacific region.

Yee Leong is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He is a Director of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and also on the panel of arbitrators for SIAC, Asian International Arbitration Centre and CI Arb Presidential Panel of Arbitrators. He is also a Jurisdictional Council Member for Singapore for Inter-Pacific Bar Association and Chairman for Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee for the Law Society of Singapore.

Yee Leong also served as a director of Singapore LNG Pte Ltd from 2011 to 2015. In 2018, he was among the inaugural batch of select practitioners to be recognised as a Senior Accredited Specialist in Building and Construction Law by the Singapore Academy of Law.



### **MR CHAN HOCK KENG**

*Joint Head, Commercial & Corporate Dispute Practice, Partner, International Arbitration Practice, WongPartnership LLP*

CHAN Hock Keng is the Joint Head of the Commercial & Corporate Disputes Practice and a Partner in the International Arbitration Practice. He is active in the Singapore Courts and in arbitrations. He appears as solicitor/counsel in court cases and domestic/international arbitrations relating to building & engineering contracts, joint venture and other forms of commercial disputes. He has also acted as an expert on Singapore law in a China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission arbitration in Beijing as well as Thailand's Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court. Apart from solicitor/counsel work, Hock Keng sits as an arbitrator in references conducted in either English or Chinese.

Hock Keng is a Honorary Legal Adviser to the Singapore Medical Association, the national organisation representing medical practitioners in Singapore, a member of the Publications Committee of the Singapore Academy of Law, a panel member of the Inquiry Committee as well as a panel member of the Disciplinary Tribunal appointed by the Chief Justice to hear complaints against lawyers. He is also a member of the Income Tax Board of Review and a Honorary Council Member of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a member of the panel of arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Asian International Arbitration Centre, the Hainan International Arbitration Court, the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association, the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board and the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration. His redacted awards have been published in LexisNexis' "Singapore Arbitral Awards 2012".

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He is a member of the Infrastructure Committee of the Singapore Business Federation, which is tasked to help Singapore companies be bid-ready for regional infrastructure project opportunities.



### MS KATE APOSTOLOVA

*Member, YSIAC Committee; Senior Associate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer*

Kate is a senior associate based in Freshfield's Singapore office and has experience in both international commercial and investor-State arbitrations.

Recognised as one of the most highly regarded international arbitration practitioners in Asia, Kate has extensive experience representing clients in a wide-range of industries, including oil & gas, mining, nuclear power, construction, finance, technology. She has been involved in cases before the US courts, ICTY, ECHR, ITLOS, and all major arbitral institutions. She has also undertaken sovereign advisory work in international law-related areas.

Kate has a juris doctorate degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, where she was editor-in-chief of the *Berkeley Journal of International Law*. She is admitted to practice in New York, before the Supreme Court of the United States and the Singapore International Commercial Court.

Kate is described by clients as "a fine arbitration lawyer with outstanding knowledge in the field," "articulate and responsive," and "quick in analysing complex legal situations."



### MR DARYL CHEW

*Co-Chair, YSIAC Committee; Partner, Shearman & Sterling*

Daryl Chew is a Partner in Shearman & Sterling's International Arbitration practice and Head of the Singapore Office.

He has advised and represented clients in arbitrations involving a wide range of applicable laws, arbitration rules and venues, arising from construction, M&A, energy, joint venture and general commercial disputes.

Daryl also serves as presiding, co-arbitrator and sole arbitrator in institutional and ad hoc proceedings.

*Who's Who Legal: Arbitration - Future Leaders 2021* which profiles the foremost practitioners in the global arbitration community aged 45 and under, ranks Daryl as one of the "most highly regarded" partners in the Asia Pacific, while prior editions commend him as "one of the brightest' in the Asian market, with impressive expertise in handling commercial disputes".

Daryl regularly features as a leading individual in various professional directories, including *Chambers Global*, *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, *Asia-Pacific Legal 500* and *Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific*.



### MR PAUL TAN

*Member, YSIAC Committee; Partner, Cavenagh Law (Clifford Chance Asia)*

Paul is a Band 1 leading individual for international arbitration (The Legal 500 Asia Pacific). He is called to the Singapore and English bars. His "impressive commercial disputes practice" includes instructions as lead counsel before international arbitral tribunals, the Singapore International Commercial Court, and arbitration-related litigation. His cases often involve complex issues of private and public international law.

His experience includes a significant placement with "magic circle set" Essex Court Chambers in London (as a Singapore Academy of Law scholar) where he worked on commercial and public international law cases before the English courts and international tribunals, and a stint as a foreign *stagiaire* with LaLive in Geneva.

Paul teaches international arbitration and speaks internationally on the subject. He has also been appointed as an expert to the Singapore delegation to the UNCITRAL's Working Group on Arbitration.

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### SIAC SECRETARIAT



**MS DELPHINE HO**

*Registrar, SIAC*

As Registrar of SIAC, Delphine oversees the SIAC Secretariat in the provision of case management services.

Delphine joins the SIAC with both private and public sector experience. She has spent a significant part of her career with leading Singapore law firms where she specialised in civil and commercial litigation and arbitration. She subsequently joined the Singapore Legal Service and served as an Assistant Registrar of the Singapore Supreme Court. Delphine is called to the Singapore Bar and is also admitted as a solicitor in England & Wales. In addition, she is an Associate Mediator of the Singapore Mediation Centre.

Delphine speaks English, Mandarin and French.



**MR KEVIN NASH**

*Deputy Registrar and Centre Director, SIAC*

As Deputy Registrar and Centre Director, Kevin assists the Registrar in the administration of all cases filed with SIAC, and the supervision of SIAC's multinational Secretariat.

Kevin holds a B.A. from Mount Allison University and a J.D. from Osgoode Hall Law School. Kevin worked at one of Canada's prominent 'Seven Sister' law firms and then went on to study an LL.M. in International Commercial Arbitration at Stockholm University. He is qualified as a Barrister and Solicitor with the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Kevin speaks English and French.