

## SIAC MODULE AT SMU: GUEST INSTRUCTORS



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

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

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 litigated cases in almost every area of the law, including landmark cases. 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.

Mr Singh has been ranked by Chambers & Partners as the only "Star Individual" in Dispute Resolution: Litigation (Singapore), a category above Band 1, for 12 consecutive years (2011 to 2022) and Band 1 for Dispute Resolution: Arbitration – Singapore.

He is also recognised in the "Hall of Fame" for both Dispute Resolution and International Arbitration by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific.

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.

At the Chambers Asia-Pacific Awards 2014, Mr Singh was conferred the "Outstanding Contribution to the Legal Profession" Award.

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

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

**MR DARYL CHEW,**

*Co-Chair, YSIAC Committee; Managing Partner, Three Crowns LLP; Chairman, Board of Maxwell Chambers*

Daryl is the managing partner of the Singapore office of Three Crowns LLP, the world's first global specialist arbitration firm. He has an active portfolio of arbitrations involving a wide range of applicable laws and venues, arising from energy, construction, M&A, joint venture, and general commercial disputes. Daryl also serves as presiding arbitrator, co-arbitrator and sole arbitrator in institutional and ad hoc arbitration proceedings.

Chambers and The Legal 500 commend his "outstanding track record", "superb written advocacy", "valuable strategic input", and recommend him for "consistently high-quality work". Clients in these directories observe that he "scores highly for excellence in proceedings that turn on complex points of law" and describe him as "a brilliant all round talent" and a "phenomenal advocate with the ability to turn the most complex facts in a case into simple, attractive and persuasive argument". Daryl features as a "Global Leader" in Who's Who Legal: Arbitration 2022, which describes him as "a top name for international arbitration" with "great problem-solving skills". Prior editions of Who's Who Legal have ranked him as "one of the brightest" and "most highly regarded" partners in the Asia Pacific. He also features in the inaugural "Legal 500 Arbitration Powerlist – South-East Asia" and was named among "30 People to Watch in the Business of Law in Asia in 2022" by Asia Law Portal.

Daryl serves as the Chairman of the Board of Maxwell Chambers, an integrated Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) complex in Singapore established to provide best of class facilities and services for the conduct of ADR activities. He also serves on various governmental and regional arbitration committees.

**MS WENDY LIN,**

*Co-Chair, YSIAC Committee; Partner, Commercial & Corporate Disputes and International Arbitration Practices, WongPartnership LLP*

Wendy LIN is a Partner in WongPartnership LLP's Commercial & Corporate Disputes and International Arbitration Practices.

Wendy has an active practice spanning a wide array of various high-value, multijurisdictional, and complex commercial disputes before the Singapore Courts, as well as in arbitrations conducted under various arbitral rules. She is presently serving her second term as Co-Chair of the YSIAC Committee.

Wendy has consistently been recommended in legal publications for her dispute resolution work; with sources noting she is "a first-class advocate, with the unparalleled ability to cut through numerous complex facts and legal arguments, extract the winning arguments, and to convey them effectively, with absolute charm and ease", "an extremely knowledgeable and a highly-strategic thinker unfazed by the pressures of high stakes litigation"; and "a very good strategist who always thinks several steps ahead".



**MS LIJUN CHUI,**

*Member, YSIAC Committee; Partner, Bird & Bird ATMD*

Lijun specialises in international arbitration and regulatory investigations and enforcement, and has acted as counsel in international and domestic arbitrations (both ad hoc and under the SIAC, ICC, LCIA, LMAA and UNCITRAL rules). The industries she has covered include banking and financial services, construction, consumer goods and retail, shipping, and energy. In addition to her work as counsel, Lijun has also been accepted as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and recognised as an accredited mediator.

Lijun has substantial experience with tech disputes and regularly advises on cybersecurity and data issues and on emerging technology such as smart contracts, block chain and distributed ledger technology. Lijun speaks English and Mandarin.

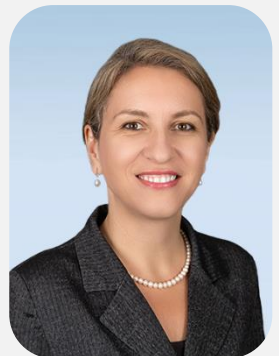


**MS GERUI LIM,**

*Member, YSIAC Committee; Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier LLC*

Gerui is a Director of Drew & Napier LLC. She represents clients in complex and high-value arbitrations and arbitration-related Court proceedings. In addition to international commercial arbitrations, her practice includes investor-state disputes and treaty arbitrations, where she has acted for both states and investors.

Gerui studied law at Oxford University. She is recognised as an outstanding young lawyer in Asia's 40 under 40 by Asian Legal Business (2022), named among Singapore's most influential lawyers under 40 by the Singapore Business Review (2016) and is described as "excellent" (Global Arbitration Review 9th edition (2016)) and "very skilled and extremely dedicated to the needs of the client" (India Business Law Journal, June 2015 issue).



**MS KATE APOSTOLOVA,**

*Member, YSIAC Committee; Counsel, International Arbitration, Mayer Brown*

Kate is Counsel based in Mayer Brown's Singapore office and has experience in both international commercial and investor-State arbitrations.

Ranked #1 in Asia-Pacific by Who's Who Legal 2020, 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 England & Wales, 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 KEVIN NASH**

*Registrar, SIAC*

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 (Cap 143A), Kevin is the statutory taxation authority and he is empowered to authenticate and certify awards and arbitration agreements.

Kevin worked closely on the revisions to the SIAC Rules 2013, SIAC Rules 2016, SIAC Investment Arbitration Rules 2017, and leads the SIAC Secretariat on the drafting of the seventh edition of the SIAC Rules. 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.



**MS THEA ELYSSA VEGA,**

*Counsel, SIAC*

Prior to joining the SIAC, Thea was an Associate Solicitor at the Office of the Solicitor General in the Philippines where she handled criminal, civil, international commercial, and investor-state arbitration cases. She was part of the UNCITRAL Working Group III on Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform, wherein she participated in inter-agency discussions on alternative dispute settlement.

Thea earned her Juris Doctor Degree (J.D.) from the Ateneo de Manila University School of Law in the Philippines in 2016 and was admitted to the Philippine Bar in 2017. While she was in law school, she helped organise national moot court competitions, joined inter-class debates, and interned at the Philippine Supreme Court.



**MS LYNNETTE LEE,**

*Counsel, SIAC*

Lynnette graduated with an LL.B. (Hons) from Monash Law School, Melbourne, Australia and holds a Bachelor of Communication Studies (Hons) from the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. She is admitted to practice as an Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore. During law school, Lynnette participated in moot court competitions, which included representing Monash at the FDI Moot.

Prior to joining SIAC, Lynnette practiced with Singapore law firms and worked at the chambers of a leading international arbitrator. She also worked with the Legal Aid Bureau in Singapore as a legal executive.



**MR PRANAV BUDIHAL,**  
*Deputy Counsel, SIAC*

Pranav graduated with an LL.M (International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution) from the National University of Singapore. He also holds a B.B.A.LL.B (Hons) degree from National Law University Odisha, India. During his time at NLUO, he represented the university in various moot court competitions, including the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Vienna.

He is admitted as an Advocate with the Bar Council of India. Prior to joining SIAC, Pranav worked with a boutique dispute resolution firm in India where his practice focussed on commercial litigation and arbitrations across the construction, energy and trade sectors.

Pranav is fluent in English and can speak Hindi and Kannada. He also has a good understanding of Telugu.



**MR RISHABH MALAVIYA,**  
*Deputy Counsel, SIAC*

Rishabh is qualified to practice law in India and holds an LL.M degree in International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution from the National University of Singapore.

Prior to joining SIAC, Rishabh was based in Mumbai and worked in the disputes team at one of India's largest law firms. His practice in India focused on commercial arbitration (domestic and international) and litigation across various industries and fora. He regularly writes for law journals and blogs, and he frequently delivers lectures at law schools in India.

Rishabh is fluent in English and Hindi. He also has a working understanding of Marathi.



**MR VAKHTANGI GIORGADZE,**  
*Deputy Counsel, SIAC*

Vakhtangi (Vakho) is a qualified lawyer, admitted to the bar in Georgia, and a Singapore International Mediation Institute (SIMI) accredited mediator.

Prior to joining SIAC, Vakho was a research associate at the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy where he published and contributed to the publication of peer-reviewed papers, reports, and books. In his role, he co-authored the 2nd edition of the book "The Singapore Convention on Mediation – A Commentary" (forthcoming). Vakho's experience includes working for the legal affairs division of the World Trade Organization where he advised a panel on the resolution of an international trade dispute between two states. He also worked for a tier-one law firm in Georgia and for the Ministry of Justice of Georgia where he contributed to the implementation of the Association Agreement between the European Union and Georgia in Georgian legislation.

Vakho holds an LL.B. from the Free University of Tbilisi and an LL.M. from the MIDS – Master in International Dispute Settlement, a joint programme of the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.

Vakho speaks English and Georgian.



**MS WANG XUANZHONG,**

*Deputy Counsel, SIAC*

Xuanzhong is licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan, USA. She holds an LLM degree in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution from the National University of Singapore and a Jurist Doctor degree from the University of Chicago Law School.

Prior to joining SIAC, Xuanzhong was an associate with an international law firm in Michigan. Her practice focused on renewable energy projects, P3 projects, construction and cross-border transactions involving Chinese parties.

Xuanzhong is fluent in English and Chinese