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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 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 thirteen years running from 2011 to 2023.

Mr Singh 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 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 Council; 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, 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 co-chairs the YSIAC Council and serves on various governmental and regional arbitration committees.



MS WENDY LIN,

Co-Chair, YSIAC Council; Deputy Head, Commercial & Corporate Disputes; and Partner, International Arbitration Practice, WongPartnership LLP

Wendy is the Deputy Head of the Commercial & Corporate Disputes Practice, and a Partner in the International Arbitration Practice, of WongPartnership LLP.

Her active practice spans across a wide array of high-value, multijurisdictional and complex commercial, fraud and asset recovery disputes before both the Singapore Courts and in arbitrations conducted under various arbitral rules. Wendy is currently serving her third term as Co-Chair of the YSIAC Committee, and is a member of the Singapore Academy of Law's Law Reform Committee.

Wendy has consistently been recommended in legal publications for her dispute resolution work; with sources noting she is "a phenomenal and utterly compelling advocate who is extremely quick on her feet and has unrivalled analytical skills", and "a first-class advocate, with the unparalleled ability to cut through numerous complex facts, extract the winning arguments, and to convey them effectively, with absolute charm and ease".

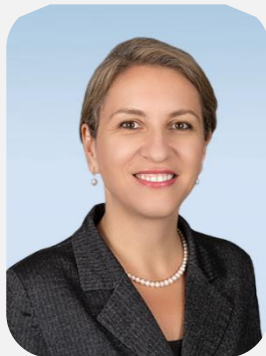


MS JENNIFER LIM

APAC Lead, YSIAC Council; Partner, Sidley Austin LLP

Z.J. JENNIFER LIM is partner at Sidley Austin LLP, based in the Singapore office. She focuses her practice on international dispute resolution and arbitration. Jennifer represents clients in investor-state and commercial arbitrations, including proceedings conducted under the ICSID, ICSID (Additional Facility), and UNCITRAL Rules, as well as ICC, SIAC, HKIAC and LCIA arbitrations seated in Hong Kong, Singapore and New York. She also sits as arbitrator under SIAC and ICC rules, and has broad experience advising on general transnational litigation matters, including arbitration-related court proceedings and complex cross-border disputes. Jennifer is recognized as a Who's Who Legal (WWL) "Thought Leader – Global Elite 2023: Arbitration Future Leader", the highest accolade by the publication for outstanding lawyers aged 45 or under.

Jennifer is qualified in New York, Hong Kong, England & Wales and Singapore and she is bilingual in English and Mandarin Chinese. She is an APAC Regional Lead of the YSIAC Council, a member of the Law Society of Singapore's Public and International Law Committee, and a member of the ICC Task Force "Addressing Issues of Corruption in International Arbitration" and the ICC Singapore Arbitration Group's Empowerment Committee.



MS KATE APOSTOLOVA,

APAC Lead, YSIAC Council; Counsel, International Arbitration, Mayer Brown

Kate is a 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."



MS LIJUN CHUI,

Member, YSIAC Council; 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 ONG PEI CHING,

Partner, Dispute Resolution Practice, TSMP Law Corporation

Ong Pei Ching is a Partner with the dispute resolution practice division at TSMP Law Corporation. She specialises in intellectual property disputes, shareholder disputes and other commercial litigation as well as defamation and medical negligence.

Her recent SIAC arbitration matters include acting for a global zircon processor based in China against a major zircon supplier in a trade dispute, as well as defending a Thai owner of a resort against an international hotel operator for alleged unlawful termination of the hotel management agreement.

Pei Ching joined TSMP in 2018 with 10 years of legal experience under her belt at two large firms, also earning valuable client-side training when she was seconded to a bank to manage Madoff fraud-related litigation. Her insatiable curiosity means that she relishes working with a wide range of clients from individuals to restaurant chains and manufacturers.



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.



MR VIVEKANANDA NEELAKANTAN

Deputy Registrar, SIAC

Vivek is Deputy Registrar of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

Vivek has over 15 years' experience in international dispute resolution and arbitration. Prior to joining SIAC, as partner at a leading law firm in Singapore, Vivek regularly acted as counsel on international arbitrations conducted in Singapore under various institutional rules. He has considerable experience acting on emergency arbitrator proceedings, expedited procedure arbitrations, and advising on arbitral award challenge and enforcement actions in Singapore. Vivek has also acted as an arbitrator and has been appointed as emergency arbitrator, and to three-member and sole arbitrator tribunals.

Vivek was previously part of the SIAC Secretariat, involved in the establishment of SIAC's first overseas office in Mumbai, India and spent time in private practice in India. He is recommended for his '*remarkable command over legal nuances*' and as a '*name to note for India-related disputes*' by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, is listed by *Who's Who Legal* as a '*Future Leader*' and '*praised for his knowledge of cases and law*' by GAR100. Vivek graduated from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore and was admitted to the Bar Council of Delhi in 2006.



MR SAMUEL LEONG,
Supervising Counsel, SIAC

Samuel is the Supervising Counsel of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

With over a decade of specialist international arbitration experience, Samuel has acted as both arbitrator and arbitration counsel in international arbitrations.

Prior to re-joining SIAC, Samuel was a Senior Associate in the international arbitration team of a global law firm.

Samuel has been recognised by *Who's Who Legal* as a "most highly regarded" *Future Leader* in Arbitration; by *The Legal 500* in its *International Arbitration Powerlist* for Southeast Asia; and as a *Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer*. He also serves on the YSIAC Committee and the Tutors Panel of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) Academy.

Described as "*one of the leaders of the next generation*", he has been commended for his "*impeccable knowledge of arbitration*", for having a "*deep knowledge of the practices and procedures of arbitral institutions*" and as "*a persuasive advocate, with a bold and creative writing style.*"

Samuel graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from Columbia University School of Law, New York (as a Fulbright and Harlan Fiske Stone scholar). Samuel is admitted to the Malaysian Bar, and is fluent in Bahasa Melayu and conversant in Mandarin Chinese.



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.



MS DUONG HOANG,
Deputy Counsel, SIAC

Duong is qualified to practice law in Vietnam.

Prior to joining SIAC, Duong worked as a counsel at a leading international arbitration centre in Vietnam where she administered domestic and international arbitration matters conducted under the auspice of the arbitration law of Vietnam and UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. She thereafter practiced international arbitration with the Singapore office of a leading Vietnam-based law firm where she focused on Vietnam-related matters in construction and petroleum sectors.

Duong speaks Vietnamese and English.



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 SNIGDHA BHATTA,
Deputy Counsel, SIAC

Snigdha is a Nepal-qualified lawyer with a specialisation in Intellectual Property and Technology Law from the National University of Singapore. She also holds a B.A.LL.B (Hons) degree from the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata, India. During her time at NUS, she worked for the Centre for Technology, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence & the Law (TRAIL) and Harvard Law School's Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society.

Prior to joining SIAC, she practiced litigation and arbitration at a top-tier law firm in Kathmandu. She regularly writes for the Nepal Council of Arbitration (NEPCA).

Snigdha is fluent in English, Nepali and Hindi.



MR ANDRES LARREA SAVINOVICH,
Deputy Counsel, SIAC

Andres is an Ecuadorian-qualified lawyer. Prior to joining SIAC, Andres worked as a Senior Associate at an Ecuadorian law firm for twelve years where he represented parties in commercial and investment arbitrations across a range of sectors, including natural resources, mining, insurance, telecommunications and construction. Andres has been appointed as an arbitral secretary in over 60 arbitration cases administered by the most important arbitration centres in Ecuador.

Andres holds an LL.M. from McGill University. While he was at McGill he served as an associate editor for the McGill Journal of Dispute Resolution. He is a member of the LATAM Subcommittee of the Campaign for Greener Arbitrations, CyberArb, Rising Arbitrators Initiative and the Club of Arbitration of Spain.

Andres is fluent in English and Spanish.



MR NUSRY HUSSAIN,
Deputy Counsel, SIAC

Nusry obtained a LL.B (Hons) from the University of London and after completing a period of legal apprenticeship at the Attorney General's Department of Sri Lanka, he was called to the Bar as an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka.

Prior to joining SIAC, Nusry worked at a top-tier law firm in Colombo, where his practice focussed on litigation and arbitration in the construction, banking, and energy sectors. He is also specialised in acquisitions and mergers, and was involved in several large foreign direct investment projects locally and internationally. He also has an array of experience in assisting and representing state-owned enterprises and advising key stakeholders of multinational companies.

Nusry has successfully completed the Islamic Financial Qualification from the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments and has also completed several international and local courses in relation to arbitration, construction, intellectual property, and international law.

Nusry is fluent in English and Sinhalese.



MR SHIVAM PATANJALI,
Deputy Counsel, SIAC

Shivam holds an LL.M from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, and a B.A. LL.B (Hons) from Jindal Global Law School (JGLS), India. During his time at JGLS, he was President of the Alternate Dispute Resolution Society. For his contributions, he was awarded the Outstanding Contribution to ADR Society Award and Outstanding Contribution to Institution Building Award by the university's Vice Chancellor.

Before joining SIAC, Shivam practiced commercial litigation, international and domestic arbitration at a prominent Indian firm. He also advised the firm's corporate clients on various matters, including cross-border transactions, investments, and data protection. Shivam's experience includes a judicial clerkship at the Supreme Court of India, where amongst his other duties, he assisted with research for the Fourth Edition of the book "Commentary on the Law of Arbitration".

He is admitted as an Advocate with the Bar Council of India and is also an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Shivam is fluent in English and Hindi.