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Narendra Adiyasa

Partner, Widyawan & Partners, Indonesia

Narendra Adiyasa is an Indonesian-qualified dispute resolution lawyer specialising in arbitration, employment, and incentives. He represents international clients in Indonesian arbitration and other contentious proceedings, including regulatory investigations, and advises on contingency planning and crisis management in relation to strikes, health and safety breaches, employment terminations, and internal investigations.

Narendra has acted in a wide range of high-profile disputes. His recent experience includes advising a European energy company in London-seated ICC arbitration concerning coal price renegotiation, a major Indonesian port operator in BANI arbitration on contractual interpretation, and a Chinese energy company on royalty disputes under an ORRI agreement. He has also represented clients in significant litigation matters, including infrastructure, securities, and tort claims arising from major incidents.

In the employment sphere, Narendra regularly assists multinational clients with labour disputes, criminal investigations involving employees, and complex termination and compliance matters across sectors including mining, oil and gas, and agriculture.

Narendra has extensive experience in arbitration under BANI and SIAC rules. He is an arbitrator with BANI and was appointed Regional Ambassador for HK45, the young practitioners' group of HKIAC. He is also a regular speaker on arbitration and employment law at Parahyangan University.

He holds a law degree from Parahyangan University, is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and is fluent in English and Bahasa Indonesia.



Nasser Mehsin Al-Adba

Founding & Managing Director, Head of Arbitration Department, Omani & Partners, Qatar

Dr. Nasser Al-Adba is the Founder and Managing Director of Omani & Partners - Court Member of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Arbitration Centre (OIC-AC) - ICC ADR delegate MENA. Additionally, he is the former Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) – Qatar Branch (QFC) and is a recognized authority in international arbitration, investment law, and dispute resolution across the MENA region.

Holding a Ph.D. in International Investment Arbitration from the University of Manchester, Dr. Al-Adba is also a professor of international investment law at Qatar University and has served as a WTO panellist since 2016. His expertise spans across PPPs, infrastructure contracts, energy disputes, and treaty negotiations.

Dr. Al-Adba has advised governments, regulatory bodies, and multinational corporations on high-stakes matters involving trade, construction, and cross-border investments. His leadership continues to shape legal reform, arbitration best practices, and dispute avoidance strategies in the GCC and beyond.



Sheila Anuja KC

Partner, A&O Shearman, Singapore

Sheila was the only solicitor-advocate among the 105 King's Counsel appointments in 2025 and out of five solicitor candidates, was the sole successful applicant.

Sheila advises clients on complex international commercial arbitrations and investor-State disputes across the Asia Pacific region. She has particular expertise in disputes arising from joint ventures, distributorship arrangements, complex financial products, and energy and infrastructure projects. As an experienced advocate, Sheila regularly appears as lead counsel before courts and tribunals and sits as arbitrator under various rules. Her experience spans SIAC, HKIAC, ICC, UNCITRAL, ICSID, LCIA and DIAC arbitrations.

Sheila is the highest ranked female arbitration counsel in Singapore by Chambers Asia Pacific 2025. She is one of only three individuals ranked Band 1 for Indian Disputes - Expertise Based Abroad by Chambers Asia Pacific 2025 and she is also the sole individual recommended by Chambers Global 2025 for Dispute Resolution (Expertise Based Abroad) in Malaysia. She is also recommended by Legal 500 Asia Pacific and Who's Who Legal.

A trusted advisor to boards and general counsels of Fortune 500 companies, private equity houses, governments and state-owned entities in multiple sectors including financial services, private equity, energy, life sciences and many more, Sheila delivers strategic and commercial advice to help clients achieve their objectives and protect their business interests.

With over two decades of experience, Sheila is recognised as an internationally renowned arbitration specialist and a thought-leader in the field of international arbitration.



Yas Banifatemi

Founding Partner, Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes, France

Prof. Yas Banifatemi is a founding partner of Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes and is widely recognized as one of the most prominent international arbitration and public international law specialists worldwide. Prior to founding Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes, she served, alongside Prof. Emmanuel Gaillard, as Shearman & Sterling's Global International Arbitration Practice Group Leader and Public International Law Team Leader.

Yas acts as counsel, arbitrator and expert and has experience under all major international arbitration rules. As counsel, she advises and represents States, State-owned entities and companies on international arbitration and public international law matters. She has secured numerous landmark victories for her clients, the most known of which is the USD 50 billion award rendered in favour of the majority shareholders of former Yukos Oil Company, the largest investment award in history.

Yas served as a member of the SIAC Court of Arbitration, Vice-President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, and member of the LCIA Court. She currently serves as a member of the HKIAC Council and a member of the Advisory Board of KCAB in Seoul. She is listed on a number of arbitrator panels.

Yas features in Band 1 of Chambers & Partners Global Market Leaders ranking in the field of international arbitration. Her clients describe her as “one of the most creative and lethal minds in the market”, a “master of her craft”, “a game changer”, “truly outstanding”, and a “brilliant lawyer with a sharp intellect”. Clients also praise her for her “ability to give valuable strategic advice” and “to anticipate how cases will develop”, the “clarity of her opinions”, and “real grasp of detail”. They refer to her as “one of the best technicians in the international investment arbitration field”, “known for her excellent track record”.

Yas was featured in Vanity Fair's list of the 50 most influential French people in the world (Dec. 2021), in The American Lawyer's list of “The Best and the Brightest” 45 female lawyers under 45 worldwide (2011), and as an honoree of Harvard Law School's “Women Inspiring Change” (2014 inaugural year).

She served as the President of the International Arbitration Institute (IAI) (2021–2024), succeeding the late Emmanuel Gaillard in that capacity. In 2011, she co-founded the Arbitration Academy and acted as its first co-Secretary General from 2011 to 2013.

Yas is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Panthéon-Sorbonne University and a Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. In the Summer 2019, she gave a course at The Hague Academy of International Law on the powers of the arbitrator. She researches in the areas of public international law and international arbitration, and has authored numerous publications in, and regularly speaks about, both these fields.



Payel Chatterjee

Partner, Trilegal, India; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration

Payel Chatterjee is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution and White-collar Crimes practice at Trilegal. She has over 15 years of experience in handling complex investigations, high stake arbitrations and commercial/consumer disputes. Her practice focusses on conducting investigations involving fraud, bribery, corruption and employee centric issues. She has extensive experience in handling internal investigations involving workplace misconduct and impropriety and allegations of fraudulent or corrupt practices both for corporates and individuals as Board Members. In addition to this, she regularly conducts anti-bribery and anti-corruption training for corporates along with drafting policies and Code of Conduct.

She is an avid writer and contributes regularly to international journals on commercial arbitration, investigations, and contemporary issues. Prior to joining Trilegal, she worked with the Adani Group, leading international disputes at the Group Level and also spent more than a decade with the Mumbai and New Delhi offices of a leading law firm.

Chatterjee is admitted to practise before the Bar Council of Delhi and is a member of the Delhi High Court Bar Association.

She is actively engaged with the international arbitration and legal community and currently serves as a Court Member of the ICC Court of Arbitration (2024–2027) and was featured in Global Investigations Review- Women in Investigations Survey (2025). Her other professional roles include Co-Chair of the Southeast Asia/Oceania and India Committee of the American Bar Association (2024–2026), and Executive Committee Member of the Rising Arbitrators Initiative. She also serves on the Advisory Boards of The Constitution Academy & The Rights and Freedoms Museum and Indian Women in International Arbitration.



Tejus Chauhan

Director, Arbitration and ADR, South Asia, ICC Dispute Resolution Services, Singapore

As the Regional Director for South Asia based out of Singapore, Tejus focuses on assisting companies, counsels, and investors the region understand how they can resolve commercial disputes by raising their awareness about ICC's Dispute Resolution Services.

In his role, Tejus advises on arbitration proceeding protocol, especially ICC Arbitration, organizing capacity building and informative events, promoting ICC's dispute resolution services, and connecting with regional players to forge relationships that connect ICC with users and businesses. Tejus is also an avid promoter of opportunities for young practitioners and leads ICC's Young Arbitration Forum (YAF) in South Asia.

Tejus earned his law degree in India. Upon graduation, Tejus worked as an associate with a law firm in the disputes and TMT practice. Prior to joining ICC in Singapore, Tejus has also worked as the Deputy Director - Arbitration for ICC in India and with the forensic and dispute advisory services at a Big Four audit firm.



Helena Hsi-Chia Chen

**Partner, Chen & Chang, Attorneys-at-Law, Chinese Taipei;
Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris**

Helena has vast experiences in arbitration, energy, infrastructure projects and cross-border investments. She has served as a sole, chair or co-arbitrator in more than two hundred arbitrations and has acted as an emergency arbitrator in international arbitration proceedings. She is also very experienced in acting as counsel and legal expert in international arbitrations.

Helena has been recommended in the categories of both arbitration and construction by Lexology Index and recognized as an Eminent Practitioner in Dispute Resolution in Taiwan by Chambers and Partners for many years.

Helena is a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration (since July 2024), a member of ICC Taipei Nomination Commission (since 2024) and served as a Standing Committee Member of the ICC International Centre for ADR (April 2021-April 2024). Helena is also a member of the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA) Advisory Board and a director of the CAA.

Helena is a Chartered Arbitrator, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and on its Presidential Panel of Arbitrators. She has served as the Chair of the ADR Committee of the Taiwan Bar Association (since 2022). She is listed on the panel of arbitrators of the SIAC, HKIAC, CIETAC, BAC/BIAC, SCIA, KCAB International, JCAA, etc.

She is qualified in Taiwan, mainland China and New York State.

Helena authored "Predictability of 'Public Policy' in Article V of the New York Convention under Mainland China's Judicial Practice", published by Kluwer Law International. She is a Visiting Professor at Tsinghua University and

frequently acts as a lecturer or faculty member in courses such as ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy, ICC PIDA1, PIDA2, Ciarb ARM, ARF.

She is a certified Master Scuba Diver (MSD), the highest non-instructional rating in the PADI program.



Nakul Dewan KC

Twenty Essex, Senior Advocate and King's Counsel, Singapore

Nakul Dewan KC is a commercial litigator with a focus on international arbitration and cross-border disputes. He divides his time between Singapore, London and Delhi and is at the leading commercial set, Twenty Essex. He was among the youngest lawyers designated Senior Advocate by the Supreme Court of India in 2019 and was appointed King's Counsel in the UK in 2025.

With over two decades of practice across the Bars of Singapore, England and Wales, and India, Nakul has spearheaded landmark cases and high-profile mandates across diverse sectors, including mergers and acquisitions, banking, construction, energy, and insolvency. He is also regularly appointed as an arbitrator by leading arbitral institutions including ICC, SIAC, LCIA and also accepts ad hoc appointments.

Beyond practice, he teaches arbitration at the National University of Singapore, serves on the Board of Singapore Management University, and is Chief Editor of *Enforcing Arbitral Awards in India* (LexisNexis, 2017).



Maximilian (Zhen) Han

Partner, Jin Mao Law Firm, China

Member of the British Bar Council Training Scheme (BCTS, 2012) for Chinese Lawyers and was working with Stephen Moriarty QC (the mentor) who is the head of British Commercial Bar Council. Member of the Talent Pool (1st batch) of Chinese Leading lawyers in Foreign Related Matters (established by the Chinese

Department of Justice and All China Lawyers Association). Member of the ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy for Asia (1st batch, 2018-2020).

Member of the International Bar Association (IBA), the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA), and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb). Has served as penal arbitrator in several domestic and international arbitration institutions (CIETAC, SHIAC, SAC, etc), presiding over approximately 200 arbitration cases.

Has long been dedicated to teaching Common Law and International Arbitration at institutions such as Shanghai Jiao Tong University, East China University of Political Science and Law, and Shanghai University of Political Science and Law.



Donna Huang

Director, Arbitration and ADR, North Asia, ICC Dispute Resolution Services, Shanghai

Dr. Huang is in charge of business development, promotion and marketing for ICC Arbitration and ADR services in North Asia.

She developed her experience working as a law professor, counsel, legal expert, and consultant in a Chinese University, a law firm as well as for ICC.

Dr. Huang has been active in government-level academic exchange before she joined ICC. She was granted Fulbright Fellowship and EU Erasmus Fellowship and has published widely on issues of international law in China.



Yvonne Mak

Counsel, Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, Singapore

Yvonne Mak is Counsel at the Secretariat of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) International Court of Arbitration. She leads the case management team in the Singapore office, managing cases in the Asia region along with her team. Prior to the ICC, Yvonne practised for over 8 years as an arbitration and litigation lawyer, acting for a variety of international clients in corporate and commercial disputes. She is qualified in Singapore and England and Wales.



Mark Mangan

Partner, Lindsay Francis & Mangan, Singapore; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration

Mark is recognised as a leading arbitration practitioner, having appeared as counsel in over 75 cases around the world and across the Asia-Pacific. Many of the cases have been ground-breaking; have often raised novel and complex issues requiring innovative solutions; and routinely involve some of the world's leading corporations, sovereign governments and state-owned entities.

Mark is a current member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, an author of a leading book on SIAC arbitration, and author/co-editor of a book on investment treaty arbitration.

The disputes in which Mark is engaged arise from a wide range of industries, are conducted under the laws of both common and civil law countries, are seated in jurisdictions around the world, and are often conducted with co-counsel. Mark also regularly sits as an arbitrator, having been appointed on over 30 occasions as a sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator, presiding arbitrator or emergency arbitrator in both civil and common law cases.

After having practiced arbitration in Paris, London, Hong Kong and Singapore for over 20 years with leading international law firms, Mark is a founding partner of Lindsay Francis & Mangan. He is legally qualified in England, Wales and Australia, while being a foreign registered lawyer in Singapore. Mark has twice been recognized in the FT Innovative Lawyer Awards and once in the GAR Awards.

Chambers Asia Pacific reported in its 2024 edition: 'He is brilliant and always finds the best solutions instantly.'



Claudia Salomon

President, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris

Claudia Salomon is the President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. She is the first woman to lead the world's most preferred arbitral

institution in its almost 100-year history.

Ms. Salomon is also an independent arbitrator, specialising in international, investor-state and complex commercial disputes. She is widely recognised as one of the leading arbitration practitioners of her generation.

Ms. Salomon has experience as arbitrator and counsel in some of the most complex, high value and significant disputes. Her cases span a broad range of industry sectors, including construction, energy and natural resources (oil and gas, hydroelectric, solar, wind farm), financial services, hospitality, life sciences, technology, and telecommunications. She is particularly adept at multi-party, multi-contract claims involving complex financial agreements, post-M&A disputes and intellectual property rights.

Additionally, Ms. Salomon is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She is a sought-after speaker and writer on international arbitration and the co-editor of *Choice of Venue in International Arbitration*, published by Oxford University Press.

Ms. Salomon is a member of the New York Bar and a solicitor in England and Wales. She graduated from Harvard Law School, cum laude, and Brandeis University, summa cum laude with honours. She also studied at Somerville College, Oxford University.



Matthew Secomb

Partner & Head of International Arbitration (Asia Pacific), White & Case, Singapore

Matthew Secomb is the Head of the International Arbitration practice in Asia-Pacific. He focuses on international arbitration, with a particular emphasis on energy-related and construction disputes. He spent nearly ten years in White & Case's Paris office before moving to Singapore in 2015.

Before joining White & Case in 2006, Matthew worked as counsel to the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris, where he oversaw hundreds of arbitrations in a wide array of industries and territories.

He has been listed as one of the top Asia-Pacific based lawyers in *Who's Who Legal: Global Elite Thought Leaders – Arbitration*. Matthew is also listed across *WWL Arbitration*, *WWL Construction* and *WWL Energy*.

Matthew also acts regularly as arbitrator, having chaired or sat as sole or co-arbitrator in arbitrations under various rules (principally DIAC, HKIAC, ICC, LCIA, SIAC etc).

In addition to his counsel and arbitrator work, Matthew is an Adjunct Professor at the National University of Singapore, where he teaches a course on energy arbitration. He also lectures in International Commercial Arbitration at Queen's University and on International Construction Contracts at the Université Panthéon-Assas.

Matthew is a member of the Paris bar (avocat) (*omis*), a solicitor-advocate in England & Wales and a barrister & solicitor in Victoria, Australia.



Elaine Wong

Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, Singapore

Elaine leads the Asia International Arbitration practice at Orrick. She is a dual-qualified (Singapore and the UK), multilingual dispute resolution lawyer who “stands head and shoulders above the rest” (Asia Pacific Legal 500) with over 23 years of experience advising clients on litigation, arbitration and investigation matters.

Elaine has practised in Singapore, Paris and Tokyo, representing clients in cross-border disputes across a range of industries, with particular focus on the energy, infrastructure and technology sectors. Elaine has also represented construction consortiums in ICC arbitrations in relation to EPC projects, often under FIDIC conditions, and Japanese multinationals in arbitrations relating to large infrastructure projects throughout Asia. These disputes have been governed by the laws of numerous countries, including Singapore, Japan, Vietnam, Bangladesh, India, France, England & Wales, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, British Virgin Islands and New Zealand under all the main arbitral rules (SIAC, ICC, LCIA, JCAA, HKIAC, VIAC, TAI and UNCITRAL). In addition to her work as counsel, Elaine also sits as arbitrator.



Xin Zhang

Counsel, Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, Hong Kong

Xin Zhang is counsel at the ICC Secretariat’s office in Hong Kong. She manages arbitrations seated in the Asia Pacific region and elsewhere, including cases related to construction and engineering, energy, and other industry sectors.

Ms Zhang holds two degrees from China University of Political Science and Law as well as a Magister Juris from the University of Oxford.