



ICC Institute of World Business Law Advanced Training on Interest in International Arbitration: how to get it right? Economic, legal and procedural considerations



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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.



Yuet Min Foo

Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier, Singapore

Yuet Min graduated with First Class Honours from the National University of Singapore in 2006, where she also represented the University at the 2006 Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington D.C. Prior to joining Drew & Napier in 2008, Yuet Min was a Justices' Law Clerk at the Supreme Court of Singapore. She was also appointed to the Supreme Court's Young Amicus Curiae Scheme in 2010-2011.

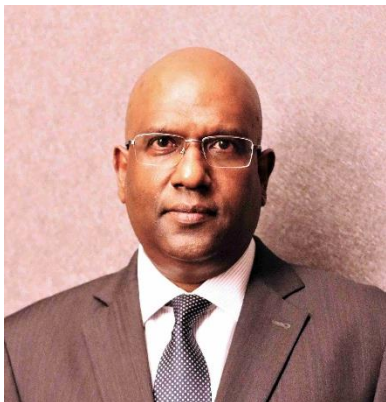
Yuet Min advises clients mainly on civil disputes relating to a wide range of commercial contracts, with the aim of achieving commercially-viable solutions for clients. She has been described by clients as “very skilled”, “an excellent lawyer who is on point, effective and innovative” with “great judgement and a strong focus on the client’s objectives”.

Yuet Min regularly appears before the Singapore Courts as lead counsel. Besides maintaining an active litigation practice, many of Yuet Min’s matters involve SIAC and ICC arbitrations as well as arbitration-related Court proceedings. She has particular experience and interest in dealing with multi-lingual proceedings (both in Court as well as in arbitrations) and has conducted a bilingual international arbitration under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

She has been appointed arbitrator in a number of SIAC, ICC, and *ad hoc* international arbitrations. She has also conducted SIAC arbitrations under the expedited procedure. Yuet Min is a recognised Dispute Resolution and International Arbitration practitioner in many publications.

Yuet Min is a co-author of the Chambers and Partners Global Practice Guides – Litigation 2025 (Singapore chapter).

Brought up in a multi-lingual environment, Yuet Min speaks English, Mandarin, Malay, and the Hokkien dialect.



Nahendran Navaratnam

**Chartered Arbitrator, Navaratnam Chambers, Malaysia;
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Nahendran is a Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators.

He practices as arbitrator, counsel and mediator in Navaratnam Chambers. As arbitrator, he is listed on the panel of numerous arbitral institutions and served on both domestic and international panels, publishing more than 70

awards. He is author of “Trial Lawyers Companion” (Sweet & Maxwell), on trial practice and given expert evidence before tribunals and courts. He is noted as a leading individual for dispute resolution work in Malaysia by several publications including, Chambers, Benchmark Litigation, ALB and Asialaw and is inducted into the Legal 500 Hall of Fame. He is a past member of the AIAC Advisory Council.

He is presently a Council member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law, a delegate for ICC Malaysia to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, Board member of the ICC Malaysia and Chair of its Arbitration Committee.



May Tai

Independent Arbitrator, Hong Kong; Vice-President, ICC International Court of Arbitration; Member, ICC Institute of World Business Law

May has sat as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and presiding arbitrator in HKIAC, SIAC, ICC, UNCITRAL and CIETAC proceedings. She has experience sitting as an emergency arbitrator in ICC and HKIAC proceedings. Prior to becoming an independent arbitrator, May practised as counsel and advocate for 20 years in ICSID, ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, CIETAC, LCIA, SCC and UNCITRAL proceedings. She is also Vice President of the ICC Court of Arbitration, on the ICSID Panel of Conciliators and a CEDR accredited mediator.

May specialises in a wide range of commercial and investment disputes, including investment treaty disputes, shareholder and joint venture disputes and cases in the energy (upstream and downstream), energy trading, private equity, hotel and leisure, telecoms and technology sectors. Having spent the last 15 years being based out of Shanghai, Beijing and then Hong Kong, May has a lot of experience of China or Chinese parties related disputes.

May was a Partner of leading international law firm Herbert Smith Freehills from 2010 to 2023. During this time, May served as the China Managing Partner of Herbert Smith Freehills from 2017 to 2020 and the Asia Managing Partner from 2020 to 2023. During this time, she contributed to the significant expansion of the firm’s presence in both China and South-East Asia including developing a relationship with Kewei Law Firm, which allowed HSF to offer Chinese law capability to its clients and strengthening the relationship with Prolegis LLC in Singapore. From 2024 to October 2025, May was a Consultant at Herbert Smith Freehills.

On 1st July 2024, May was appointed as a Vice President of the ICC Court of Arbitration. May is a Co-Chair of Equal Representation in Arbitration (ERA) Pledge APAC Steering Community. She was a member of the 2024 ICCA Congress Programme Committee and a Council Member of the ICC Institute. May has previously held many other roles including as member of the LCIA Court, member of the SIAC Users Counsel, International Advisor to the Thailand Arbitration Centre, member of the Delos Board of Advisor and an ICC YAAF China Representative.

Outside of dispute resolution, May also sits as an Independent Non-Executive Director of ANZ Bank, China.



David Thornes

Partner, Accuracy, Singapore

David has over 20 years' experience in forensic accounting and expert witness work in arbitration and litigation, and also works in the transaction and valuation practices of Accuracy. He has an engineering background, having graduated from Ecole Centrale Paris, one of the leading French engineering schools.

David has been appointed by parties including State-Owned Entities as an independent expert witness for matters involving valuation of shares and other assets, M&A related disputes, quantification of loss of profits and business interruption losses, across diverse industries including construction, defence, manufacturing, power, retail, telecoms and tourism.

He has been cross examined on more than 10 occasions in proceedings under SIAC, HKIAC, ICC, ICSID and other Arbitration Rules, as well as ad hoc arbitration and before the Singapore High Court. David has also assessed loss of profits for a dispute litigated before US courts.

Beyond his work in disputes, David has carried out many forensic, transaction and non-contentious valuation engagements in South-East Asia, mainland China, Australia and New Zealand and across a variety of industries and situations. These include numerous valuations of shares and intangible assets in Singapore and elsewhere in Asia, in the context of negotiations between shareholders, allocation of options, purchase price allocation (PPA) exercises or transfer pricing issues.

Some selected examples of David's experience as an independent expert.

1. Construction dispute - Appointed as expert for the quantification of loss of profits for a dispute relating to a chemical plant construction project in West Asia.
2. M&A dispute - Appointed as expert for valuation of shares on a dispute centred on the exercise of a buy-back option in a tech company in East Asia.
3. JV dispute - Appointed as expert for the quantification of loss of profits on a dispute relating to the termination of a JV in South Asia.
4. Combined Cycle Gas Turbine project - Appointed as expert to assess economic damages for an ongoing dispute relating to a series of defective gas turbines in South-East Asia.
5. Oil & gas plant - Appointed as expert for the quantification of damages in a dispute pertaining to an oil & gas plant in the Middle East.
6. Telecom licenses - Appointed as expert by the investor in relation to quantification of loss of profits and sunk costs in a dispute pertaining to telecom licenses in South-East Asia.

David is featured in Lexology Index as a Recommended Arbitration Expert Witness. He is also recommended as an expert in the South-East Asia and Commercial Litigation guides.



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.