

4th NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONSTRUCTION ADJUDICATION

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OVERVIEW

The Singapore Mediation Centre, as the Authorized Nominating Body under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2004 (“SOP Act”) & the Building and Construction Authority are pleased to jointly organize the 4th National Conference on Construction Adjudication.

This Conference, fittingly held on the 20th Anniversary of the SOP Act coming into force on 1 April 2025, will traverse a broad canvas of diverse topics that is bound to be of interest to all stakeholders in the construction industry, such as developers, contractors, suppliers, consultants and construction lawyers.

The Conference begins with a retrospective on key milestones in statutory adjudication, reviewing landmark decisions that shaped the construction payment landscape. A comparative analysis follows, highlighting similarities and differences between the SOP Act and regional legislation. Stakeholders then share their experiences with adjudication, alongside legal experts discussing its practical implications. The event concludes with bold predictions on the future of adjudication and a lively debate on a (intentionally) provocative topic.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:30am	Registration & Reception
9:00am	Introduction by Emcee Mr Soh Lip San, Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP
9:15am	Welcome Remarks Mr Kevin Kwek, Chief Executive, Singapore Mediation Centre
9:25am	Opening Address Mr Kelvin Wong, Chief Executive Officer, Building and Construction Authority
9:35am	Key Milestones in Adjudication in the last 20 years Mr Chow Kok Fong, Director, Equitas Chambers Ltd
10.10am	Tea Break
10.40am	SESSION 1 – Developments in Security of Payment Adjudication in the Region Moderator: Mr Chow Kok Fong, Director, Equitas Chambers Ltd Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judicial Commissioner Alex Wong Li Kok, Supreme Court of Singapore• Professor Christopher To, Director, City University of Hong Kong• Mr Lam Wai Loon, Partner, Harold & Lam Partnership• Ms Polly Pope, Barrister & Arbitrator, Bankside Chambers Auckland & Bankside Singapore
11:40 pm	Lunch

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

TIME	ACTIVITY
1.10pm	SESSION 2 – How has the SOP Act Served the Construction Industry? Moderator: Mr Sim Chee Siong, Head, Constructions and Projects Practice, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Colin Kin, Managing Director, Rider Levett Bucknall• Mr Haja Kamaludeen, General Manager (Contracts), Kajima Overseas Asia (Singapore) Pte Ltd• Miss Lee Hwai Bin, Executive Director, Christopher Chuah Law Chambers LLC• Mr Tay Peng Cheng, Head, Energy, Projects & Construction Practice, WongPartnership LLP
2.10pm	SESSION 3 – Latest Developments in Adjudication and Their Implications Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Christopher Chuah Chee Kian, Managing Director, Christopher Chuah Law Chambers LLC• Mr Edwin Lee Peng Khoon, Senior Director, Allied Gateway LLC• Mr Tan Thian Luh, Director, Chancery Law Corporation
2.40pm	SESSION 4 – The Future of Adjudication: Evolution or Revolution Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Christopher Chong, Head, Construction & Engineering, Drew & Napier LLC• Mr Sathiaselalan Jagateesan, Partner, Allen & Gledhill LLP• Dr Eugene Seah, Chief Executive Officer, DLS Consultancy Pte Ltd
	Joint Panel Discussion for Session 3 & 4 Moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Yvonne Foo, Partner & Co-Head, Construction and Engineering, and Energy and Infrastructure, Harry Elias Partnership LLP• Mr Ng Kim Beng, Managing Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP
3.40pm	Tea Break
4.10pm	DEBATE – “Lawyers should be Banned from Conducting Adjudications” Moderator: Mr Kirindeep Singh, Senior Partner, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP Proposing Team: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Kelvin Kek, Partner, Allen & Gledhill LLP• Mr Paul Sandosham, Partner, Clifford Chance Pte Ltd Opposing Team: (claims consultant) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Looi Ming Ming, Joint Managing Director, Allied Gateway LLP• Mr Ian de Vaz, Infrastructure, Construction & Engineering Practice, WongPartnership LLP
5:20 pm	Closing Remarks Mr Mr Edwin Lee Peng Khoon, Senior Director, Allied Gateway LLC/Chair of the SMC Organising Committee
5.30pm	End of Conference

Developments in Security of Payment Adjudication in the Region



MODERATOR
Chow Kok Fong,
Director,
Equitas Chambers
Ltd

Chow Kok Fong, PBM is a Chartered Arbitrator. He was previously CEO of Changi Airports International and the Construction Industry Development Board (a government body) and has held appointments as Chairman and Managing Director with a number of major construction and real estate companies.

Mr Chow was founding President of the Society of Project Managers, former Chairman of the Society of Construction Law Singapore and was Chairman of the SMC Construction Adjudicators Committee from 2005 to 2025. He also chaired a Ministry of Law Working Group drafting the Singapore Infrastructure Dispute Protocol published in 2018 and has served as a member of the Singapore Government Ministry of Finance Development Projects Advisory Panel since 2012. He was referred to by the Singapore Chief Justice as “the doyen of Singapore construction law”.

His 23 books on the subject have been widely cited by the Courts in Singapore, Malaysia as well as arbitrators, adjudicators and academic writers on construction law.



PANELLIST
Judicial
Commissioner
Alex Wong Li Kok,
Supreme Court of
Singapore

Judicial Commissioner Alex Wong Li Kok was appointed Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court on 1 August 2023.

He graduated from the University of London, Queen Mary and Westfield College with a Bachelor of Laws (2nd Class Upper) in 1996. He was called to the Singapore Bar in 1999 and admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales in 2007.

Judicial Commissioner Wong started his career as an associate with Colin Ng & Partners before joining Lee & Lee. He was a Partner in Lee & Lee from 2005 to 2007 before joining Hogan Lovells Lee & Lee where he specialised in energy, utilities and infrastructure projects. Mr Wong was made a Partner of the same firm in 2011 and, in 2020, he was appointed as the Office Managing Partner of Hogan Lovells Lee & Lee.

In 2018, He was designated a Senior Accredited Specialist for Building and Construction by the Singapore Academy of Law – the only transactional lawyer so designated by the Academy. Being able to practise both Singapore and English law, he has wide experience locally and internationally in energy, utilities and infrastructure.

Judicial Commissioner Wong was a Council Member of the Society of Construction Law from 2013 to 2022 and the Chairman of the Society from 2016 to 2018. He was also a member of the Law Society Continuing Professional Development Committee from 2015 to 2019 and its Co-Chair from 2016 to 2018.



PANELLIST
Christopher To,
Director, City
University of
Hong Kong

Dr. Christopher To is a chartered arbitrator, certified adjudicator and accredited mediator, chartered engineer, chartered information technology professional, barrister-at-law and a law professor who is on the panels of various leading global alternative dispute resolution bodies including the Court of Arbitration for Sports, the Court of Arbitration for Art, and the Office of the Ombudsman for United Nations Funds and Programmes. He has arbitrated, adjudicated and mediated a variety of cases and is representing clients in cases within the domestic and international dispute resolution fields.

Christopher is the Programme Director of the LLM in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution at the City University of Hong Kong teaching international arbitration, construction law and mediation, he also teaches construction law and dispute resolution at the University of Hong Kong and was the Secretary-General of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (1998 to 2008).

He is the Chairperson of Construction Dispute Resolution Committee of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, Honorary President of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction Adjudicators, Member of the Adjudication Committee of the Russian Arbitration Center, Member of the Expert Advisory Group on Legal and Dispute Resolution Services of the Department of Justice, and a Member of the Preliminary Investigation Committee of the Institution of Engineering and Technology. He is also the Chairperson of the Buildings Appeal Tribunal, Member of the Securities and Futures Appeals Tribunal and an Advisory Member of the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council.



PANELLIST
Lam Wai Loon,
Partner, Harold &
Lam Partnership,

Lam Wai Loon is a founding partner of Messrs. Harold & Lam Partnership, a boutique dispute resolution law firm in Malaysia specialising in construction, infrastructure and energy projects, and related disputes.

He is an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya, and regularly acts as Counsel in Courts, and ADR proceedings such as arbitration, adjudication, DAB, mediation and expert determination. He is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (U.K.). Wai Loon also sits as arbitrator in both domestic and international arbitrations, and as adjudicator in construction payment disputes adjudications commenced under the Construction Industry Payment & Industry Act 2012 (“CIPAA”).

Wai Loon has authored / co-authored various legal publications, including ‘Construction Adjudication In Malaysia’ [3rd Edition, Sweet & Maxwell Malaysia], and LAM On Construction Claims In Malaysia [2023, Lexis Nexis]. Wai Loon has been ranked in Chambers & Partners (2024 and 2025, Band 1 – Construction).



PANELLIST
Polly Pope,
Barrister & Arbitrator,
Bankside Chambers
Auckland &
Bankside Singapore

Polly Pope is a New Zealand barrister and arbitrator with deep expertise in construction, commercial and insolvency disputes. She represents a broad spectrum of clients—including principals, contractors, subcontractors, and financiers—in complex construction disputes, and has been appointed as an adjudicator in over 30 matters under the Construction Contracts Act 2002 (NZ). Polly is a Fellow of both the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and the Arbitrators’ and Mediators’ Institute of New Zealand (AMINZ). In 2018, she received the Sir Ronald Davison Award for Excellence in Arbitration Fellowship. She sits on the Arbitration Panels of AMINZ and the New Zealand Dispute Resolution Centre, and is a member of the Reserve Panel of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC).

Polly is based at Bankside Chambers in Auckland and Bankside Singapore, allowing her to work seamlessly across jurisdictions. Her Singapore presence enhances her engagement with Asia-Pacific’s international arbitration community.

Recognized by Chambers Asia-Pacific for Dispute Resolution, Polly is praised for her strategic insight and ability to distill complex legal issues. She also co-founded Women in Restructuring and Insolvency and has taught on the New Zealand Law Society’s Litigation Skills course since 2015.

How has the SOP Act Served the Construction Industry?



MODERATOR
Sim Chee Siong,
Head, Constructions
and Projects
Practice,
Rajah & Tann
Singapore LLP

Chee Siong brings more than 25 years of experience advising clients on major infrastructure and projects in many parts of the world. His areas of practice encompass a wide range of contentious and non-contentious work in the areas of construction, engineering and infrastructure projects.

He is listed as a Highly Regarded lawyer in Project Development by IFLR1000 and in International Arbitration by Best Lawyers since 2019. Additionally, he has been ranked as a recommended lawyer in Construction and a leading partner in Projects and Energy by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025.

He has also been named as a Senior Accredited Specialist for Building and Construction Law by the Singapore Academy of Law's Specialist Accreditation.

On the contentious side, Chee Siong has extensive litigation, adjudication, arbitration and mediation experience – both domestic and international. His clients span the spectrum of the industry, including, developers, contractors, sub-contractors and suppliers of various tiers, consultants. His experience includes disputes relating to new energy projects, oil and gas projects, power plants, specialised process plant such as sewage treatment plant, copper smelting and refining plant, marine oil terminal, hotels, specialised warehouses and logistics complexes.

On the non-contentious side, Chee Siong has been involved in major building and infrastructure projects in Singapore and in the region including developments of integrated water and power project, oil storage terminals, cement plants, luxury hotels and condominium developments and warehouses and logistics complexes.



PANELLIST
Colin Kin,
Managing Director,
Rider Levett
Bucknall

Colin is the Managing Director of RLB Singapore. His 36-year career has been characterised by iconic, fast track and challenging projects including the HK Convention Centre, and the Venetian Resort in Macau. Colin joined the RLB Singapore practice in 2007 as the QS Project Director for the MBS IR Project. He was involved from day one through to final account settlement and together with the Project team, was instrumental in ensuring that the project that was completed on time and within budget. He was involved in defending the Clients position for the four largest Adjudications in Singapore on the MBS project, which were largely centered on Loss and Expense, Prolongation and Concurrent Delay Claims.

Colin is a strong supporter of a move away from traditionally adversarial contracting approaches and keenly advocates a move towards more equitable risk sharing, win-win, relationship-building Collaborative Contracting methodologies. In Singapore, Colin has acted and Mediator; and as a Neutral Evaluator for a large public sector Arbitration dispute.

As the 1st Vice President of SISV, he has been instrumental in championing accreditation and professional recognition, and continues to lead as Chair of the SISV APQS Accreditation Committee, overseeing its administration, assessment, training, and promotional efforts.



PANELLIST
Haja Kamaludeen,
General Manager
(Contracts),
Kajima Overseas
Asia (Singapore)
Pte Ltd

With over 28 years of extensive experience across various offices of Kajima in Singapore and the region, Haja currently leads Kajima Overseas Asia (Singapore) Pte Ltd as the General Manager (Contracts). He has been at the forefront of driving strategic contract and risk management initiatives across complex building construction projects, aligning with Kajima group's growth objectives.

His area of focus is building construction dispute and risk management, where he oversees the entire lifecycle of projects, from pre-construction to post-completion. Haja has successfully navigated high-stakes adjudications, mediations and arbitrations, consistently delivering favorable outcomes for the company. His strategic approach to business negotiations, dispute avoidance, and resolution have been instrumental in ensuring seamless project delivery and safeguarding commercial interests for the Kajima group. Recognised for his strong leadership and deep industry knowledge, Haja is passionate about achieving excellence in project execution while fostering trusted, long-term relationships with stakeholders.



PANELLIST
Lee Hwai Bin,
Executive Director,
Christopher Chuah
Law Chambers LLC

Lee Hwai Bin is an Executive Director at Christopher Chuah Law Chambers LLC. Dual-qualified in Singapore and England & Wales, she specialises in commercial litigation, arbitration, and dispute resolution, with deep expertise in construction and infrastructure matters.

Hwai Bin regularly acts in complex disputes involving building and civil engineering projects, including High Court trials and arbitrations under institutional rules. Her experience spans mediation, adjudication, settlement conferences, and neutral evaluations. Beyond disputes, she advises on front-end construction matters such as drafting, reviewing, and negotiating both bespoke and standard-form contracts. Her clients include developers, landowners, and financial institutions, whom she supports with contract strategy, risk assessment, and transactional due diligence.

Before returning to Singapore in 2010, Hwai Bin practised at a leading international firm in London, where she advised high-profile clients such as The British Land Company, The Crown Estate, Marks & Spencer, Hilton Hotels, and the National Bank of Abu Dhabi on major real estate and construction matters.

She has contributed to key industry publications, including the Singapore Precedents of Pleadings (Construction Section) and Construction Contracts Dictionary (1st and 2nd Editions) by Chow Kok Fong, reinforcing her standing as a trusted voice in construction law.



PANELLIST
Tay Peng Cheng,
Head, Energy,
Projects &
Construction Practice,
WongPartnership LLP

With a practice focussed on the energy and utility industries, construction and engineering projects, and infrastructure developments, Peng Cheng represents clients in all modes of dispute resolution proceedings and advises clients on all aspects of project development. On the non-contentious front, Peng Cheng is active in drafting, reviewing and negotiating the suite of energy/construction related contracts and project documentation for various types of infrastructure developments, plants and installations, as well as concession agreements, supply contracts and offtake agreements. With 30 years of experience in these areas, he is highly ranked in Disputes, Energy & Infrastructure and Project Development by various leading legal publications such as Chambers Global, Legal 500, IFLR1000, Best Lawyers and asialaw Profiles, with clients highlighting his "sharp legal skills", "excellent and practical advice", and for being "commercially minded, practical and timely".

Peng Cheng is recommended as a Global Leader for Construction and National Leader (Southeast Asia – Construction) in Who's Who Legal, is recognised as a Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific and is the winner of the Lexology Client Choice Award 2022 for Construction in Singapore. Peng Cheng is an accredited adjudicator and serves on the panels of arbitrators / adjudicators of various institutions. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

SESSION 3 & 4 - JOINT PANEL DISCUSSION



MODERATOR

Yvonne Foo,
Partner & Co-Head,
Construction and
Engineering, and Energy
and Infrastructure, Harry
Elias Partnership LLP

Yvonne Foo is a Partner in Harry Elias Partnership LLP and Co-Head of the specialist Construction and Engineering, and Energy and Infrastructure practice groups. She is an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), an associate mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC), and also an accredited adjudicator by SMC. With extensive experience in advising international, regional and local clients on construction-related disputes, Yvonne routinely assists her clients on a wide range of claims and issues. She also assists with the review, drafting and negotiation of construction contracts. Apart from resolving construction disputes by various dispute resolution mechanisms such as arbitration, adjudication and mediation, Yvonne is also familiar with the Integrated Appropriate Dispute Resolution Framework which has recently been introduced in Singapore. Yvonne has been consistently ranked by various leading legal directories and independent publications for her expertise in construction law, including by The Legal 500 (Legalese) Asia-Pacific, Chambers and Partners Asia-Pacific, Asialaw Profiles, Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific, Best Lawyers and Doyle's Guide.



MODERATOR

Mr Ng Kim Beng,
Managing Partner,
Rajah & Tann
Singapore LLP

Kim Beng is the Managing Partner of Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP, a member firm of Rajah & Tann Asia. He acts as counsel in Litigation and International Arbitration, with a specialist practice in Construction & Projects. He has represented clients at all levels of the Supreme Court of Singapore and led in international arbitration proceedings conducted under the rules of the leading arbitral institutions.

He is a Senior Accredited Specialist in Building and Construction Law. The recognition is conferred by the Singapore Academy of Law for professional excellence in the area of law. Recommended by various leading legal directories, the Legal 500 notes that he "has an outstanding reputation in construction cases and an estimable track record in Singapore and Southeast Asia disputes".

He is a member of the Building and Construction Law Committee of the Law Society of Singapore and served as its founding chairman. He is also a member of the Construction Adjudicator Accreditation Committee of the Singapore Mediation Centre.

Session 3 - Latest Developments in Adjudication and Their Implications



PANELLIST

Christopher
Chuah Chee Kian,
Managing Director,
Christopher Chuah
Law Chambers LLC

Christopher Chuah is a leading construction and dispute resolution lawyer with over 30 years of experience in litigation, arbitration, and statutory adjudication. Recognised as one of Singapore's top construction lawyers, he has acted in high-profile infrastructure and construction disputes across Asia, including power plants, transport infrastructure, and commercial developments.

Christopher has appeared as leading counsel in numerous reported High Court and Court of Appeal cases on construction law in Singapore. An accredited adjudicator under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2004 (SOP Act), he also serves as an arbitrator on the Main Panel of Arbitrators at SIAC and AIAC. Christopher has been appointed as an arbitrator and committee member at the Asia Pacific International Arbitration Chamber (Singapore) and also serves on the BICAM Panel of Arbitrators (2023-2026), further solidifying his role in international dispute resolution.

Beyond practice, he is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) and currently President of the Chartered Institute of Building Singapore. His expertise is widely sought after, and he is a General Editor of the Singapore Construction Adjudication Review. For his contributions, he has been recognised as a Thought Leader in Construction (Lexology 2024, previously WWL), a Band 1 Construction Lawyer (Chambers Asia-Pacific 2015-2025), and Singapore's Top 100 Lawyers 2023-2025.

SESSION 3 & 4 - JOINT PANEL DISCUSSION



PANELLIST

Edwin Lee Peng
Khoon,
Senior Director,
Allied Gateway LLC

Practising for more than 30 years, Edwin Lee is recognised by the Singapore Academy of Law as a Senior Specialist in Construction Law.

He was cited as a leading Singapore construction law practitioner in Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Construction Lawyers, as a distinguished practitioner in AsiaLaw, and by Doyle's Guide as a leading Singapore lawyer for Construction Disputes Litigation and Arbitration. Chambers & Partners has also ranked him in Band 1 for Construction.

Edwin is the Chairman of the Singapore Mediation Centre's Construction Adjudicator Accreditation Committee, which oversees the selection and assessment of adjudicators. He has conducted hundreds of adjudication cases, variously as counsel, adjudicator and review adjudicator. He has also argued many of the landmark cases on construction law, and on adjudications.

Apart from his active legal practice in arbitration and in court, Edwin is also an Adjunct Associate Professor with the Singapore University of Technology and Design, and a trainer for the Building & Construction Authority on Construction Law.

Edwin is the co-author of the books Confidentiality in Arbitration (2007) and Amendments to the SOP Act (2019). Currently, he is a general editor of the annual Singapore Construction Adjudication Review, and the Construction Law editor for the Singapore Academy of Law's journal SAL Practitioner. His book Building Contract Law in Singapore, now into its 4th Edition, was recently published in 2024.



PANELLIST

Tan Tian Luh,
Director,
Chancery Law
Corporation

Tian Luh is a founding director of Chancery Law Corporation with a specialization in infrastructure construction and engineering matters including construction related insolvency matters. He is called to the Singapore bar and a non-practising solicitor of (England & Wales). He is accredited by CEDR as a mediator. He has over 27 years of experience in dispute resolution focussing on engineering and construction law.

Tian Luh is a Senior Accredited Specialist (Building & Construction) Singapore Academy of Law and also an accredited adjudicator under the Building and Construction Security of Payment Act and an AIAC accredited adjudicator under Malaysian Construction Industry Payment & Adjudication Act 2012.

Tian Luh has been involved in no less than 140 SOP claims whether as counsel or adjudicator. He also has an active disputes practice representing local and international contractors in court or in arbitration.

He has appeared as lead counsel at all levels of the Singapore Courts and has represented clients before arbitral tribunals subject to the SIAC, ICC, KLRCA, AIAC, BANI and HKIAC and ICSID rules among others. He was lead counsel before the World Bank Sanctions Board in Decision No. 64 successfully overturning the sanctions decision.

Session 4 - The Future of Adjudication: Evolution or Revolution



PANELLIST
Christopher Chong,
Head, Construction
& Engineering
Drew & Napier LLC

Chris heads the Construction and Engineering practice in Drew & Napier LLC. He is a Senior Accredited Specialist in Building & Construction Law under the SAL's Specialist Accreditation Scheme. He is ranked as a leading construction lawyer in publications such as Chambers & Partners and Legal 500.

Chris specialises in high value construction disputes and is an experienced litigation and arbitration counsel. He has been involved in more than 150 adjudications and reviews, including some of the largest in Singapore.

Chris is an accredited adjudicator with the SMC, and is also a member of the SMC's Adjudication Training Faculty Committee. He is an editor of the Singapore Construction Adjudication Review.



PANELLIST
Sathiaselvan
Jagateesan,
Partner,
Allen & Gledhill LLP

Sathia is Co-Head of Allen & Gledhill's Construction & Engineering Practice. Sathia is the youngest amongst a select group of lawyers ranked in Band 1 for Construction in Chambers Asia-Pacific and as a Leading Individual for Construction in The Legal 500 Asia Pacific.

He is a board member of the Building and Construction Authority. Sathia is recognised as a Senior Accredited Specialist in Building and Construction Law by the Singapore Academy of Law, is a Principal Mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre, has been appointed as arbitrator in ICC, SIAC and ad hoc international and domestic arbitrations and as an adjudicator under the Security of Payment Act. His area of practice encompasses a wide range of contentious and non-contentious work in building, construction, engineering and infrastructure projects.

On the contentious side, Sathia regularly appears as counsel for statutory boards, government-linked entities, international developers, contractors and consultants in complex and large-scale domestic and international arbitration, litigation, adjudication and mediation concerning construction, engineering and infrastructure disputes. On the non-contentious side, he regularly advises on tender and project documentation under various procurement models in relation to the built environment.



PANELLIST
Dr Eugene Seah,
Chief Executive
Officer,
DLS Consultancy
Pte Ltd

Associate Professor Dr Eugene Seah is a prominent figure in Singapore's engineering and construction sectors. He currently holds multiple leadership roles, including being a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DLS Consultancy Pte Ltd. He is also the President of Building Smart Singapore, the South East Asia Chair of the RICS APAC World Regional board, and Chairman of the International Cost Engineering Council.

Additionally, he serves as an Advisor in Wenti Labs dealing in Artificial Intelligence and a Board Advisory to Arth Design & Build, a digital and tech company in the construction industry. He is also the co-founder of VisualWerkz, a company dealing in Hyper Spectral analysis and photogrammetry.

Eugene is also an advocate for sustainability and digital innovation in the construction and urban development sectors. His educational background is extensive, with degrees in construction law, sustainable building design, and management from institutions like the University of Reading, King's College London, and Harvard Business School.

He is an Adjudicator for the Security of Payment Act and carries out expert witness and facilitation services, bringing his combined experiences and knowledge to add value to his clients.

Beyond his corporate roles, Eugene is the Chairman of the National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) Council in Singapore, promoting youth development and leadership through various initiatives

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MODERATOR
Kirindeep Singh,
Senior Partner,
Dentons Rodyk &
Davidson LLP

Kirindeep Singh is a senior partner in Dentons Rodyk’s Litigation & Dispute Resolution and Arbitration practice groups. He is Co-Head of the Construction and International Trade practices and the Singapore-India relationship partner. He was called to the Singapore in 1998 and hold an LLB from the University of Leeds and BCL (Masters in law) from Oxford University. He was appointed by the Singapore Academy of Law as a Senior Accredited Specialist in Building & Construction Law in 2023. The accreditation scheme was introduced as a mark of recognition for a select group of legal practitioners who have gained professional excellence in their areas of practice.

Kirin’s primary practice areas include construction and engineering, arbitration, general civil and commercial litigation, anti-corruption, and anti-bribery, among others. Kirin has been involved in numerous disputes in litigation (at all levels of the Singapore Courts), adjudication, disputes boards (DABs) and arbitration (both domestic and international arbitrations), as counsel as well as adjudicator and arbitrator.

Kirin is recognised by various legal publications, including as a Recognised Practitioner for Construction by Chambers Asia-Pacific 2016 – 2020, and Leading Individual for Construction by Chambers Asia-Pacific 2021 – 2025, mentioned as Key Lawyer in International Arbitration by The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific 2025, recognised as a Litigation Star in Construction by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2023 – 2024, as a Notable Practitioner in Construction Law by asialaw Profiles and for 6 years in the row by the edition of “The Best Lawyers in Singapore.”. He was also named in the Euromoney Guide to the World’s Leading Construction Lawyers (2nd Edition) for his construction practice. He was shortlisted as a finalist for Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year at the Asian Legal Business SE Asia Law Awards 2023. Kirin has been an EXCO member of Christian Outreach to the Handicapped (COH) since 2018 and has been COH’s President since 2022. He is dedicated to serving others through COH’s various community endeavours.



PROPOSING TEAM
Kelvin Kek,
Partner,
Allen & Gledhill LLP

Kelvin is a Partner in A&G’s Construction & Engineering practice group. His work covers construction front end and disputes, as well as complex commercial litigation and arbitration. Kelvin graduated from Law in NUS with First Class Honours and also has a degree in Electrical & Electronic Engineering.

He is a recognised specialist in Construction Law, accredited by the Singapore Academy of Law. He is also an adjudicator and accredited mediator under the SMC for SOPA and other types of cases.



PROPOSING TEAM
Paul Sandosham,
Partner,
Clifford Chance
Pte Ltd

Paul Sandosham is a partner in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice of Clifford Chance and heads the Energy, Infrastructure and Resources (Disputes) practice for the region. He is concurrently the managing partner of Cavenagh Law LLP, Clifford Chance’s formal law alliance partner in Singapore.

Paul is admitted to the Singapore Bar and is on the roll of solicitors of England and Wales. He is qualified as a Chartered Arbitrator and is a Fellow of both the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (FSIArb). He is a Senior Accredited Specialist for Building & Construction and the chair of the SAL Law Reform committee for construction. He is an accredited mediator with the SIMC.

Paul acts as counsel in court, adjudication and international arbitration proceedings arising out of complex infrastructure, construction and energy projects across the globe. In addition to his counsel practice, Paul is on the panel of several arbitral institutions and is regularly appointed to sit as presiding or sole arbitrator in arbitrations seated across the world. He is recognised in independent legal directories as a leading dispute resolution and construction practitioner.



OPPOSING TEAM
Looi Ming Ming,
Joint Managing
Director, Allied
Gateway LLP

Ming is recognised by AsiaLaw 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 as a Notable Practitioner in Construction. She acts as lead counsel in high-stakes adjudications, arbitrations, and court proceedings and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and an Accredited Director with the Singapore Institute of Directors (SID-AD).

Beyond her practice, Ming plays an active role in shaping the legal and industry landscape. She serves on the Construction Adjudication Accreditation Committee (CAAC) of the Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC), where she helps oversee the Adjudicator Panel and guides policy development in construction adjudication. She is also the editor of the SMC CAAC Newsletter, a practitioner-focused platform for thought leadership. Since 2018, Ming has been a member of the Law Reform Committee’s Building & Construction Sub-Committee, contributing to key proposals on legislative reform and industry best practices.



OPPOSING TEAM
Ian de Vaz,
Infrastructure,
Construction &
Engineering Practice,
WongPartnership LLP

Ian de Vaz is the Head of the Infrastructure, Construction & Engineering practice in WongPartnership LLP and Partner in the International Arbitration and Middle East practices. He has been ranked as a leading construction lawyer by all the leading legal directories such as Chambers Global; Chambers Asia-Pacific; The Legal 500: Asia Pacific; The Legal 500: Europe, Middle East & Africa; IFLR1000: Energy and Infrastructure; Asialaw Profiles and Best Lawyers.

Ian was part of the inaugural batch of select practitioners to be appointed Senior Accredited Specialist in Building and Construction Law by the Singapore Academy of Law in 2018. Ian serves as one of a select number of Senior Adjudicators under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2004. Ian sits as arbitrator in international construction arbitrations administered by the SIAC and has been admitted to the panel of arbitrators in BANI; he is a member of Dispute Adjudication Boards for mega construction projects in Africa and South Asia.

Ian is currently Co-Chairperson of the Law Society of Singapore’s Building & Construction Law Committee. In 2025, he was appointed Deputy Chairman of SMC’s Construction Adjudication Accreditation Committee.

Outside of practice, Ian is a Professor in the Faculty of Law, NUS, where he has been teaching construction law for the past 20 years. His various contributions to all the leading construction law texts in Singapore have been consistently recognized and acknowledged.

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Our firm has particular strength in adjudication under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2004. Our practitioners are highly experienced in every dimension of the adjudication processes, from strategic advisory work to representation before Adjudicators and the Courts. Our track record includes multiple successful adjudications, including those leading to landmark court rulings that have helped shape the legal landscape. Our team includes accredited Adjudicators on the Singapore Mediation Centre's Adjudication Panel. Members of our team also play an active role in the development of adjudication standards by serving on the Construction Adjudication Accreditation Committee.

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