

Seminar by the International Chamber of Commerce (“ICC”) and the Bar Council Arbitration and Construction Law Committee (“ACLC”)

Exploring the Path to Modern Arbitration with ICC Rules

21 Jan 2025 (Tuesday) | 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Raja Aziz Addruse Auditorium
Level 2, Wisma Badan Peguam Malaysia
2 Leboh Pasar Besar
50050 Kuala Lumpur

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Registration Fees

Members of the Malaysian Bar	RM100
Members of ICC	RM100
Members of the Bar (below 7 years in practice)	RM80
Pupils in chambers / Law students	RM60
Non-Members	RM150

The International Chamber of Commerce (“ICC”) and the Bar Council Arbitration and Construction Law Committee (“ACLC”) are hosting a seminar for arbitration and construction lawyers.

The seminar will focus on:

- ♦ enhancing the knowledge and skills of practitioners in arbitration under the ICC Rules;
- ♦ providing insights into the benefits and practical implications of the ICC Court and the ICC Rules;
- ♦ dispelling common misconceptions about ICC Arbitration.

The aim of this seminar is to share insights to legal professionals to effectively navigate the complexities of arbitration and construction law.

Programme

9:30 am	Registration	12:30 pm	Lunch
10:00 am	Opening Remarks – “Special Features of ICC Arbitration”	1:30 pm	Session 3 “Enhancing Award Enforcement: Court Scrutiny of the ICC Award” Speaker: Sitpah Selvaratnam Moderator: Adrian See
10:15 am	Session 1 “ICC Arbitration Clause and Crafting Terms of Reference: Defining the Framework for Successful Arbitration” Speakers (1) Cecil Abraham (2) Janice Tay Moderator: Louise Azmi	2:30 pm	Break
11:15 am	Break	2:40 pm	Session 4 “A Comprehensive Guide: Understanding the Costs of ICC Arbitration” Speakers: (1) Shamala Balasundaram (2) Lim Chee Yong Moderator: Tasha Lim
11:30 am	Session 2 “Accelerating Arbitration: Mastering the ICC Expedited Procedure for Efficient Dispute Resolution” Speakers (1) Lilien Wong (2) Mak Hon Pan Moderator: Nina Lai	3:40 pm	Closing and Announcements

Speakers

Cecil Abraham

Cecil Abraham, Partner of Cecil Abraham & Partners, is a Barrister and a Bencher of the Middle Temple. He is a Fellow of the Queen Mary & Westfield College, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK), Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (“MIArb”), Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, and the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration.

He is a Chartered Arbitrator and member of various arbitral tribunals. Cecil appears as Chairman, Sole Arbitrator and Co-Arbitrator in domestic and international arbitrations. He also appears as counsel in domestic and international arbitrations. He is on the panel of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (“ICSID”) and is the only Malaysian appointed as arbitrator in ICSID arbitrations. Cecil is currently the Chairman of the Arbitration Committee of ICC Malaysia.

He is a former Member of the London Court of International Arbitration (“LCIA”), ICC International Court of Arbitration, and the Asian International Arbitration Centre (“AIAC”) Advisory Board.



Sitpah Selvaratnam

Sitpah Selvaratnam has over 30 years of experience in maritime and commercial litigation, focusing on areas such as admiralty law, corporate receivership, banking, and commercial disputes. Her work includes cases involving vessel arrests, collisions, charter party breaches, cargo disputes, and marine insurance matters. She has handled legal proceedings relating to international commodity disputes, constitutional issues in land acquisition compensation, and carriage of dangerous goods. Notably, she was involved in the arrest and judicial sale of the superyacht “Equanimity,” addressing the legal and procedural aspects to recover the related assets in this case.

In addition to her litigation work, Sitpah has been appointed as an arbitrator in more than 30 cases, including international and domestic disputes involving charter parties, shipbuilding, and commercial contracts. She is a member of several arbitration panels, including those of the ICC, AIAC, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (“SIAC”), and Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre



("HKIAC"). Sitpah has also contributed to law reform initiatives as part of various task forces and committees, focusing on maritime and arbitration laws, and has been involved in regulatory compliance matters relating to shipping and commercial law.

Shamala Devi Balasundaram

Shamala focuses on corporate and commercial litigation, as well as arbitration, handling matters involving shareholder disputes, insolvency, land-related disputes, construction, auditing standards, partnership agreements, breach of directors' duties, and fraud. She appears before the Malaysian High Court and Appellate Courts and has experience as both counsel and arbitrator in international and domestic arbitration under various institutional rules. She has served on multiple committees of the Bar Council, including the Constitutional Law, Corporate and Commercial Law, and Construction and Arbitration committees, and is currently on the International Professional Admissions Committee. Additionally, she is a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and a participant in the ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy for Asia 2023–2024. Shamala has been included in the Benchmark Asia-Pacific's Top 100 Women in Litigation 2022.



Shamala's arbitration experience includes matters involving defective industrial equipment, supply agreement pricing, tax payment arrangements, and construction agreements. She has also dealt with disputes relating to shareholder rights, fraud in land transactions, and breaches of contractual rights. Her work spans industries such as energy, petrochemical, technology, and construction, with arbitration conducted under rules including SIAC, AIAC, and LCIA.

Janice Tay

Janice is the head of the International Arbitration and Construction and Engineering teams and a partner in the Dispute Resolution Practice Group at Wong & Partners.



She is a qualified arbitrator, adjudicator, and mediator, empanelled with several institutions. Her portfolio includes litigation with appearances at all levels of court.

Janice is recognised in The Legal 500's Arbitration Powerlist – South East Asia 2022, Chambers, Legal 500, and various directories.

Janice was the President of the Society of Construction Law Malaysia. She is currently the President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators' Young Members Group (CI Arb YMG), Secretary of the Women in Construction group of the CI Arb, and ACLC, amongst others. She leads her firm's *pro bono* unit, is involved in several diversity initiatives, and enjoys training advocacy with the Bar Council.

Lilien Wong

Lilien Wong is a Partner in Shearn Delamore & Co. She holds a First Class LLB degree and an LLM in International Commercial Law with Distinction. Lilien is a Fellow of the CI Arb. She is also on the AIAC's panel of arbitrators and mediators and has acted as an arbitrator.



She has handled many commercial disputes for clients, both domestic and international, in litigation and arbitration.

She was included in The Legal 500 Private Practice Arbitration Powerlist: Southeast Asia 2022, and recognised by The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific (2024) as a "Next Generation Partner" in Dispute Resolution and Antitrust and Competition.

Lilien also actively offers training for clients and judges in mooted competitions.

Mak Hon Pan

Mak is a founding Partner of Karen, Mak & Partners. He was called to the English Bar in 2010 and admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2011. His primary areas of practice include construction law and arbitration where he advises on both contentious and non-contentious matters. He has represented clients at all stages of adjudication, arbitration, and court proceedings.



Mak is also a Fellow and former Vice President of the MI Arb, a Fellow of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution ("AIADR"); and a qualified arbitrator and adjudicator empanelled with the AIAC, MI Arb, AIADR, and the Borneo International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation ("BICAM").

Outside of practice, Mak writes regularly and has contributed to the AIAC's Standard Form of Building Contracts Manual (2021), Construction Adjudication Reports of Malaysia by Sweet & Maxwell, and the Master Builders Journal by the Master Builders Association Malaysia.

Nina Lai

A Partner at Shook Lin & Bok, Nina brings a decade of experience to the table when it comes to resolving complex legal disputes. She is familiar with matters of arbitration (international and domestic), building, construction and engineering, dispute resolution, technology, multimedia and telecommunications, and regulatory compliance.



She has served as lead counsel in matters including commercial disputes and arbitration-related disputes before the Court of Appeal, High Court and Sessions Court. Additionally, she has handled and managed arbitration and related court proceedings, adjudication and related court

proceedings under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012, and court proceedings and court-assisted mediations relating to construction, contractual, and tortious disputes.

Nina has contributed to the profession through her publications on construction law and dispute resolution. She also speaks regularly at relevant engagements.

Adrian See

Adrian is the Partner of Belden Advocates & Solicitors. He is an accredited AIAC, THAC (Thailand Arbitration Center), and AIADR arbitrator; AIAC-empanelled CIPAA adjudicator; mediator and a Fellow of CIArb, MIArb, and AIADR.



Adrian focuses on construction, engineering, oil and gas, and the energy and utilities industries. His practice areas involve contract drafting; handling claims and disputes in the construction, engineering, and energy sectors; as well as servicing these clients' needs when they have industrial relations disputes.

Adrian also provides on-project legal advisory and works seamlessly with claims consultants on claims management and early dispute avoidance initiatives. He has appeared at all levels of the Malaysian court system, and in domestic and international arbitrations. Adrian is also experienced in other forms of dispute resolution such as adjudication, mediation, expert determination, and early neutral evaluation.

Adrian has acted for contractors in projects such as the Kuala Lumpur main sewerage pipeline project, design, fabrication and installation of specialised steel and sub-sea structures, mixed development projects, professional fee claims, and installation of high-voltage distribution lines.

Tasha Lim

Tasha is an Advocate and Solicitor at Gan Partnership. Her practice is dispute resolution with a focus on disputes relating to construction, engineering, infrastructure, and projects. She has appeared and assisted in arbitration and adjudication matters and has appeared at all level of court. Her portfolio includes, amongst others, various types of construction projects such as property, mixed developments, power plants, and railways. Apart from construction projects, she has dealt with matters concerning professional negligence, supply of telecommunications equipment and services, and shareholder disputes. She is presently one of the two ICC



Young Arbitration and ADR Forum ("ICC YAAF") representatives for the South Asia 2024-2026 Mandate in Malaysia.

Lim Chee Yong

Lim Chee Yong is a Partner with Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill ("LHAG")'s Energy, Projects, Infrastructure, and International Arbitration practice. Chee Yong's practice covers all forms of international and domestic dispute resolution within the energy, utilities, and construction sector. He has a background in mechanical engineering and this is reflected in the briefs he has been instructed on. In recent years, his portfolio includes being instructed on defective design and construction of petrochemical facilities, railway systems, tunnelling, turbines and boilers and processing plants.



Chee Yong's non-contentious portfolio also includes advisory on pre-dispute management and risk assessment throughout the life-cycle of construction projects, in addition to his extended secondment stint with an oil and gas joint venture in the region.

Louise Azmi

Louise Azmi was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2004, and was in private practice as a Barrister in England for 11 years until relocating to Malaysia in 2016. She passed the Bahasa Malaysia Legal Qualifying Exam to be admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2019.



Louise's areas of practice in the UK were primarily criminal and environmental. She has appeared as trial counsel involving serious and organised crime, including fraud and large-scale drug trafficking. She has also defended murder and manslaughter cases, including those with complex questions of causation and expert medical evidence. Louise regularly appeared before the English Court of Appeal. Louise was cited in the Legal 500 UK edition as "having achieved some frankly astonishing results".

Since practising in Malaysia, Louise has been undertaking cases in various fields including commercial, construction, oil & gas, and general civil litigation.

Louise is an arbitrator empanelled with the AIAC, BICAM, and THAC, and is on the Reserve Panel of Arbitrators at the SIAC. She is a Fellow of the CIArb and MIArb. She is also an adjudicator with the AIAC, and a mediator empanelled with the Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center ("SIDREC") and the AIAC.

This is a paid event, and advance registration is required.

Please register by **17 Jan 2025 (Friday) at 5:30 pm**. Registration will be confirmed once proof of payment is received and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Cancellations must be made in writing. The organiser reserves the right to cancel or postpone the event, should circumstances arise that make such action necessary, whereupon all registration fees paid will be refunded.

No additional registration will be accepted once the closing date has passed, or if the event is full. The organiser may not permit future registration if you fail to attend an event after registering, unless you provide acceptable and valid reasons.

Points for the CPD Scheme will not be awarded to Members of the Bar and pupils in chambers who arrive more than 15 minutes late, are not present throughout the event, or leave before its scheduled end.

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