

CHARTING THE FUTURE OF MARITIME ARBITRATION IN A FAST-CHANGING & COMPLEX WORLD

GEOPOLITICS, INNOVATION & SUSTAINABILITY

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Guest-of-Honour

Mr Edwin Tong SC
Minister for Culture, Community and
Youth and Second Minister for Law

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8:30AM - 2:30PM

The Ngee Ann Kongsi
Auditorium, Level B1
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Singapore

Innovations in Maritime Arbitration – Towards a digitalised and (cyber)secure future

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Moderator:

- John Sze, Managing Partner, Joseph Tan Jude Benny

Panelists:

- Karina Albers, Arbitrator
- Peter McQueen, Arbitrator & Mediator, ArbDB Chambers
- Amitava Majumdar, Managing Partner, Bose & Mitra & Co.
- Corina Song, Partner, Allen & Gledhill
- Ting Yong Hong, Partner, Rajah & Tann

Climate Change and Maritime Disputes – Towards a greener future

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- Nicholas Fell, Executive Vice President, Corporate Services and General Counsel, BW Group
- Henry Ellis, Barrister, Quadrant Chambers
- Corrado Forcellati, Director, ESG Consulting & Sustainability Services, Paia from CBRE
- Saunak Rai, General Manager, FuelNG & Chairman, NTC for Bunkering (Cryogenic and Gaseous Fuel)

Geopolitical Conflicts and Maritime Incidents

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– Making sense of complex maritime disputes

Moderator:

- Mike Salthouse, Head of External Affairs, NorthStandard

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- Wendy Ng, Head of Legal, Kuok Maritime Group
- Shingo Iwasaki, General Manager, Legal & General Affairs Department, Ocean Network Express
- Prakaash Silvam, Partner, Oon & Bazul LLP
- Ian Teo, Managing Director, Helmsman LLC

8:30AM	Registration & Networking Coffee
9:00AM	Welcome Address Chao Hick Tin SC Chairman, SCMA
9:05AM	Keynote Address Edwin Tong SC Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law
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10:30AM	Tea Break
11:00AM	Session 2
12:00PM	Session 3
1:00PM	Networking lunch
2:30PM	End of Programme



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Speakers' Profiles



Chao Hick Tin SC

Chairman, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration

Chao Hick Tin earned his LLB and LLM from University College London in 1965 and 1966, respectively. He was called to the English Bar in 1965 and became a Bencher of the Middle Temple in 2013. Mr. Chao began his legal career in 1967 as State Counsel at the Attorney-General's Chambers and was appointed Judicial Commissioner in 1986. He became a High Court Judge in 1990, then Judge of Appeal in 1999. He served as Attorney-General from 2006 to 2008 and as Vice President of the Singapore Court of Appeal until his retirement in 2017. Mr. Chao continued as Senior Judge until 2022. He has held various leadership roles and represented Singapore in international forums.

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Innovations in Maritime Arbitration – Towards a digitalised and (cyber)secure future

Moderator

John Sze

Managing Partner, Joseph Tan Jude Benny (JTJB)

John is the Managing Partner of JTJB and is a Senior Accredited Specialist in Maritime Law under the Singapore Academy of Law Accreditation Scheme.

His practice since being called to the bar focuses on Shipping, International Trade and International Arbitration. He has acted as lead Counsel at all levels of the Singapore Courts, and has acted as lead Counsel in SIAC, SCMA, ICC, HKIAC, LMAA and GAFTA arbitrations. He has also provided expert evidence on Singapore Arbitration laws and Singapore Admiralty law as an expert witness in US and UK Court proceedings.

John is also the editor of the Atkins Court Forms – Maritime Chapter, an essential guide for Maritime practitioners on the court documentation for maritime matters.

Panelists

Karina Albers

Arbitrator

Karina Albers FCIArb is an international commercial arbitrator and mediator based in the UK. She is the former Chair of the Ciarb London branch, Vice-Chair of the Energy Arbitration Club, and a founding board member of CyberArb. With a background in derivative trading, maritime industry, and commodity trade, she brings extensive expertise to her role. Albers has received over 100 appointments and published 25+ awards, handling claims up to USD 15 million under various arbitration rules. She is an accredited Expert at the Federal Court of New York and has served in cases across London, New York, and Singapore. She is also a member of multiple arbitration and expert witness organisations.

Peter McQueen

Arbitrator & Mediator, ArbDB Chambers

Peter is an independent arbitrator and mediator practising globally who accepts appointments in respect of cross-border commercial disputes, in particular those relating to international trade and transport. He is a Fellow of CIARB, a LMAA Aspiring Full Member and a member of ArbDB Chambers, London and Singapore. Peter served 6 years as the Australian Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. He has acted in ad hoc and institutional arbitrations, including those conducted under the auspices of ACICA, HKIAC, ICC, LCIA, LMAA, SCMA and SIAC. He is an arbitration panel member of arbitration institutions in Australia, China, Hong Kong, Singapore and United Kingdom. Peter, having been admitted as a lawyer in Australia and in England and Wales, practised as a dispute resolution lawyer for over 40 years. He has lectured at universities in Australia and France and is a Tutor in the Approved Faculty List of CIARB.

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Amitava Majumdar

Partner, Bose & Mitra & Co.

Amitava Majumdar, known as "Raja", is the founding Managing Partner of Bose & Mitra & Co., India's premier shipping law firm. With over two decades of experience, he continues to don various hats, including being part of SCMA's Members Consultative Council, and Advisory Boards/Committees of prominent Indian law schools. He has consistently been rated as a Band-1/foremost lawyer in the field of shipping by all major research publications such as Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, India Business Law Journal etc. and Bose & Mitra & Co. under his helm has consistently been rated as a Tier-1 Law Firm in 'Shipping Law'. His expertise encapsulates all facets of shipping and trade law which inter alia includes contentious, non-contentious and regulatory practice.



Corina Song

Partner, Allen & Gledhill

Corina is a Partner in Allen & Gledhill's Maritime & Aviation Practice. She currently serves as Vice Chairperson of SCMA and is also a member of ICMA's Steering Committee and a Council Member of IBA's Legal Practice Division.

Corina's practice includes all areas of contentious shipping, trade and admiralty matters, including charter party disputes, mortgage enforcement, MOA disputes, cargo claims, trade disputes and shipping insolvencies. She regularly represents shipowners, charterers, commodity traders, banks, P&I clubs and insurers.

Corina is recognised as a Senior Accredited Specialist in Maritime and Shipping Law by the Singapore Academy of Law and is highly ranked by legal publications such as Chambers, Legal 500, Benchmark Litigation, and Lexology Index.



Ting Yong Hong

Partner, Rajah & Tann

Yong Hong specializes in shipping and maritime law (including bills of lading, charterparties, ship sale and purchase, and commodities contracts). Apart from representing clients in court / arbitrations, he frequently acts in an advisory role, guiding clients in day-to-day operations and transactional matters (including reviewing and drafting commercial terms). The Singapore Court of Appeal has praised his "candour and tenacity" in a published judgment. Most recently, he has been recognized as a Singapore "rising star" by Asian Law Business.

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Moderator

Andrew Hoare

Head of Green Shipping, Fortescue

Andrew Hoare is Head of Marine Systems & Green Shipping at Fortescue, leading green technology initiatives in maritime decarbonisation. He oversees Fortescue's Green Pioneer Project, advocating for ammonia as a marine fuel and collaborating with regulators in Singapore and globally to enable its adoption.

With over 30 years of experience in shipping and energy, Andrew has held senior roles at BW, Navig8, Pacific Carriers, and Clarksons. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, a CEDR-accredited mediator, and serves on the Board of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA). He holds a Master's from the University of St Andrews and an MBA from Hult Ashridge, UK.

Panelists

Chia Yujin

Head of Sustainability & Fuel Procurement, PIL

Yujin manages Sustainability, Decarbonisation and Marine Fuels for PIL.

In this role, he is also involved in the conceptualisation and development of the Company's Next Generation Fleet including the choice of fuel, newbuilding specification and contract negotiations.

Yujin started his career as a marine engineer on container ships before serving in the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore in various roles in the flag administration and International Maritime Centre Promotion and Development. His subsequent experience was focused on the offshore and subsea sector where he managed a country office, performed regional business development and commercial vessel chartering as well as undertook corporate finance roles.

Nicholas Fell

Executive Vice President, Corporate Services and General Counsel, BW Group

Nicholas Fell is General Counsel of BW Group. He is also a Director of NorthStandard Limited P&I Club, Chairman of the Documentary Committee of BIMCO, an Associate Mediator of the Singapore Mediation Centre, and is a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.

In his role as General Counsel of BW Group, Nick oversees the Legal, Insurance and Corporate Secretarial departments of the Group. Nick has worked with BW since 2012. Prior to joining BW, Nick was Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel for AET Group (a tanker owner and operator).

Nick has an LLB from University of Liverpool, an LLM from the University of Leicester and an MBA from the University of Chicago. He is qualified as an attorney in England, Hong Kong, New York and California.

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Henry Ellis

Barrister, Quadrant Chambers

Henry has a broad commercial practice spanning shipping, commodities, international trade, energy/offshore and construction (shipbuilding) litigation. He appears in the Commercial Court and the Court of Appeal and regularly acts in confidential arbitration (LMAA, LCIA, SIAC, SCMA, HKIAC, ICC and ad hoc).

Henry is consistently recommended in all the major legal directories (Chambers UK, Legal 500 and Legal 500 Asia Pacific) as a leading junior barrister for shipping and commodities, where he is described as "the best shipping junior of his level of call", "wise beyond his years" and "clearly destined for silk".

Henry has a particular interest in, and experience of, dispute resolution in Asia. He practised primarily from Singapore in 2014-15, where he was licensed by the Singapore Attorney-General.



Corrado Forcellati

Director, Client Sustainability Strategy & Solutions APAC, Paia from CBRE

Corrado Forcellati is the Director of Client Sustainability Strategies for Asia Pacific. He oversees Singapore's ESG and Sustainability Services, which encompass Corporate and Regulatory Reporting, Sustainable Finance and Auditing, Training & Social Value Programs, Decarbonization & Certification, and WELL & Circular Economy APAC. Corrado is also a member of the Singapore Executive Committee.

A solutions-centric and client-focused business leader, Corrado represents Paia FROM CBRE in securing partnerships and collaborations to enhance our sustainability services. He brings industry expertise and is frequently invited to serve as a judge and advisor for sustainability and climate-related awards and start-ups. Corrado specializes in materiality assessment, stakeholder engagement, and ESG strategy work. He has trained bankers, asset managers, and corporates on various sustainability topics, delivering programs on sustainable finance, sustainability reporting, and carbon management.

Corrado regularly speaks at events and moderates panel discussions on biodiversity and the circular economy.



Saunak Rai

General Manager, FuelNG & Chairman, TC for Bunkering (Cryogenic and Gaseous Fuel)

Capt. Saunak Rai is heading "FuelNG", a Joint venture of Shell and Seatrion, a company providing LNG as bunkers to customers in Singapore. He led FuelNG to win the World LNG Award 2021 for Outstanding Contribution to LNG Industry at WORLD LNG AWARD at Rome in Dec 2021.

Saunak Rai is also the Chairman of National Technical Committee for Bunkering (Cryogenic and Gaseous Fuels), Singapore, in charge of developing Singapore bunkering standards (including LNG, Ammonia, Bio-Methane and Hydrogen) related to quality and quantity measurement, safety procedures and competency requirements and development.

Saunak Rai graduated with the President's Gold Medal in Nautical Science from T.S. Chanakya and proceeded to sail with Seaarland Shipping Management and A.P.Moller Maersk. Capt. Saunak Rai is a licensed Master Mariner and has experience working on LNG vessels, Tankers, Bulk Carriers and Container vessels. He completed his Master's in Business Administration from Copenhagen Business School. He is also a certified Chartered Ship Broker and Vice Chairman of the Institute of Chartered Ship Brokers, SG Branch.

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Geopolitical Conflicts and Maritime Incidents – Making sense of complex maritime disputes

Moderator

Mike Salthouse

Head of External Affairs, NorthStandard

Mike read law at Manchester University before training as a solicitor with London solicitors Norton Rose.

With a background in claims Mike is Head of External Affairs at NorthStandard and a director of Maritime London. Between 2011 and 2022 Mike chaired the International Group's Sanctions Committee latterly leading the Group's engagement with governments in discussions concerning the design and implementation of EU/G7 Russian the Oil Price Cap Scheme. Mike is a member of the Royal United Services Institute's (RUSI) Maritime Sanctions Taskforce and also the joint ISSS-RNSSC sanctions working group.



Panelists

Wendy Ng

Head of Legal, Kuok Maritime Group

Wendy leads the global legal function at Kuok Maritime Group, working alongside the 3 KMG business units of Pacific Carriers, PACC Offshore and PaxOcean, which offer maritime solutions in their respective segments of bulkers and tankers, offshore and shipbuilding. Her career spans across tenures in an International Group P&I Club, more recently in one of the world's largest liner shipping companies and now in an Asian multinational conglomerate. She is experienced in the management of legal and regulatory risks, focusing on the resolution of critical legal issues and the development of integrated and commercially practical solutions.

Wendy is qualified in Singapore and England & Wales.



Shingo Iwasaki

General Manager, Legal & General Affairs Department, Ocean Network Express

Prakaash Silvam

Partner, Oon & Bazul LLP

Prakaash specialises in commercial litigation and arbitration with a focus on international commodity trade, trade finance and shipping disputes. Prakaash has been spotlighted by legal publications as being "business-oriented and practical" (Chambers & Partners) and for providing "timely, practical, and focused solutions on a cost-effective basis" (The Legal 500). The international nature of his practice often necessitates taking account of legal issues and the court procedures of more than one jurisdiction. He regularly appears as Counsel in the Singapore Courts and international arbitrations, both ad hoc and institutional, including LCIA, ICC, SIAC, KCAB, GAFTA, FOSFA, RSA, LMAA and SCMA arbitrations.



Ian Teo

Managing Partner, Helmsman LLC

Ian Teo, a founding director of Helmsman LLC, is a distinguished authority in commercial law, specialising in shipping and commodities. Ian Teo is a trusted figure in shipping litigation and arbitration scene in Singapore. He is highly regarded for his expertise in complex shipping disputes. Recognised as one of Asia's 50 Super Disputes Lawyers and celebrated as one of the 30 Best Shipping & Maritime Lawyers globally, Ian's reputation is bolstered by accolades from leading publications. As a senior accredited shipping specialist, he is renowned for his meticulous case preparation and persuasive advocacy. His academic credentials includes studies at the National University of Singapore and Cambridge University, and he is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitration.

