



Live Webinar (Zoom)

Hybrid Dispute Resolution Mechanisms as the Wave of the Future: Perspectives from Singapore as a Maritime Hub

~ As part of Singapore Convention Week 2021 ~

Thursday, 9 September 2021

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM (Singapore)

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In the ever-evolving complexity of cross-border business disputes, further impacted by the pandemic, hybrid dispute resolution mechanisms combining both mediation and arbitration, offer flexibility and efficiency when tailored to users' specific needs, marrying the benefits of both worlds and overcoming the limitations of standalone arbitration or mediation.

Flexing its rising prominence as a key dispute resolution hub, Singapore has been a strong proponent of hybrid mechanisms, demonstrated by the usage of SCMA-SIMC and SIAC-SIMC Arb-Med-Arb Protocols, to keep pace with the changing needs of a sophisticated international community and to facilitate Singapore's success as a maritime hub.

As part of Singapore Ministry of Law's Singapore Convention Week, this webinar organised by Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA), in strategic partnership with Oon & Bazul LLP and Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC) showcases why neutral, cost-effective and flexible hybrid frameworks for maritime and international dispute resolution are gaining momentum and enhances process integrity and enforceability whilst offering control mechanisms for efficient and effective dispute resolution.



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Programme

(Timings in Singapore Standard Time)

1:00 PM – 1:05 PM

Speakers' Introduction and Housekeeping Rules

Mr. Punit Oza, Registrar and Executive Director, SCMA

1:05 PM – 1:15 PM

Opening Remarks

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

1:15 PM – 2:20 PM

Panel Discussion

2:20 PM – 2:25 PM

Closing Remarks

Mr. Bazul Ashhab, Managing Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution, Oon & Bazul LLP

2:25 PM – 2:30 PM

Thank You and Closing Formalities

Mr. Punit Oza, Registrar and Executive Director, SCMA

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Mr. Edwin Tong SC

Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law

Panel Discussion: Speakers



Mr. Bazul Ashhab

*Managing Partner;
Head of Dispute Resolution,
Oon & Bazul LLP*



Mr. Jayesh Ashar

*Managing Partner,
K Ashar & Co.*



Mr. Chuan Wee Meng

*Chief Executive Officer,
Singapore International
Mediation Centre (SIMC)*



Mr. Nicholas Fell

*Member, SCMA Local Users Council;
EVP, Corporate Services &
General Counsel, BW Group*



Mr. Punit Oza

*Registrar & Executive Director,
Singapore Chamber of Maritime
Arbitration (SCMA)*



Mr. Prakaash Silvam

*Partner,
Oon & Bazul LLP*



Ms. Bo Yang

*Partner,
Jingtian & Gongcheng*

Speakers' Profiles



Mr. Edwin Tong SC

*Minister for Culture,
Community and Youth and
Second Minister for Law*

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

At the Ministry of Law, he focuses on the development and promotion of Singapore's legal and dispute resolution sector. He also handles wide-ranging aspects of law reform, including intellectual property, corporate restructuring and insolvency, and legal aid.

Before taking office, Mr. Tong practised at Allen & Gledhill, where he was concurrently Head of the Restructuring and Corporate Insolvency Department, Co-Head of the Litigation & Dispute Resolution Department, and a member of the Exco. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2015.



Mr. Bazul Ashhab

*Managing Partner;
Head of Dispute
Resolution,
Oon & Bazul LLP*

Mr. Bazul Ashhab is Oon & Bazul LLP's Managing Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution. He is also Ambassador to the Singapore International Mediation Centre panel. He is well regarded for his expertise in resolving cross-border disputes and is also highly experienced in fraud and asset recovery claims. He is a specialist in securing freezing and disclosure orders to trace, preserve, and recover assets. He was ranked "Singapore Managing Partner of the Year" by Asian Legal Business and is ranked one of Singapore's top 100 lawyers by Asia Business Law Journal. Leading legal publications such as Chambers Asia Pacific and Legal 500 Asia Pacific have recognised him as an exceptional lawyer.



Mr. Jayesh Ashar

*Managing Partner,
K Ashar & Co.*

Mr. Jayesh Ashar is a Commerce Graduate (Hons.) from Jai Hind College, Mumbai and has thereafter qualified as a Law Graduate from Government Law College (Mumbai University). He has been enrolled with the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa in the year 1990 and is also a practicing Solicitor registered with The Incorporated Law Society (India).

Mr. Jayesh Ashar is an Advocate on Record – Supreme Court of India as also, The Supreme Court of England and Wales.

At present, he is the Managing Partner of K Ashar & Co. (Regd.), one of the leading law firms of Advocates & Solicitors in India and having practice of over 48 years.



Mr. Chuan Wee Meng

*Chief Executive Officer,
Singapore International
Mediation Centre (SIMC)*

Mr. Chuan Wee Meng is an experienced lawyer of more than 30 years. Prior to joining SIMC, he served as General Counsel of IBM Greater China and Nortel Networks Asia Pacific for about 20 years.

Leveraging his deep regional experience, he is currently leading SIMC to promote mediation to resolve complex, commercial cross-border disputes in the Asia Pacific region.

Wee Meng is an accredited mediator of the Singapore International Mediation Institute. He graduated with a law degree from the National University of Singapore and holds a Master of Laws from the University of Hong Kong. He is called to the Singapore Bar and Hong Kong's Roll of Solicitors.

Speakers' Profiles



Mr. Nicholas Fell

Member, SCMA Local Users Council; EVP, Corporate Services & General Counsel, BW Group

Mr. Nicholas Fell joined BW on 9 January 2012 as head of Corporate Services and General Counsel, and holds responsibilities for the Legal, Insurance, Corporate Secretarial and Communications departments. He holds an MBA in Finance from the University of Chicago, a Master of Laws from the University of Leicester and Bachelor of Laws from the University of Liverpool. He is admitted to practice law in England, New York, California and Hong Kong.

Nick is currently a Director of North of England P&I Association Limited and of Knauf Energy Solutions SA, and is Chairman of the BIMCO Documentary Committee. He is also a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and an Associate Mediator at the Singapore Mediation Centre.



Mr. Punit Oza

Registrar & Executive Director, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA)

Mr. Punit Oza is the Executive Director of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, UK (ICS). Mr Punit Oza has over 26 years of experience in Dry Bulk Shipping. Beginning his career with Precious Shipping, Bangkok, he has worked extensively in Thailand, Hong Kong, Dubai, and Singapore with companies such as Noble Chartering, Astra Shipping, Aries Shipbroking and Torvald Klaveness. He sits on the board of Klaveness Asia as a Non-Executive Director. He is a graduate in Financial Management and Accounting from University of Mumbai and a postgraduate in Shipping, Trade and Finance from CASS Business School, London. He also holds a LLB from University of London.



Mr. Prakaash Silvam

Partner, Oon & Bazul LLP

Mr. Prakaash Silvam is a Partner in Oon & Bazul LLP's Litigation & Dispute Resolution Practice. He specialises in commercial litigation and arbitration with a focus on international commodity trade, trade finance, marine insurance and "dry" shipping. He regularly represents banks and financiers in multi-jurisdictional enforcements and also frequently acts for marine insurers and for insurance claimants. He also regularly advises clients on sanctions related matters, including the impact of the US, EU and UN sanctions on businesses based in the region. He has also acted as counsel in international arbitrations, both ad hoc and institutional. Prakaash is a member of the Grain and Feed Trade Association.



Ms. Bo Yang

Partner, Jingtian & Gongcheng

Ms. Bo Yang was admitted to PRC bar in 2007. She joined Jingtian & Gongcheng since January 2020 as a partner. Prior to this, she worked over ten years with Wang Jing & Co. as a partner.

Ms. Bo Yang specializes mainly in the areas of international trade, maritime engineering, international commercial arbitration and litigation, maritime & admiralty, logistics, insurance, corporate & commercial, and foreign investment. She was awarded by the Ministry of Justice of the PRC as one of "Nation's Top 1000 International Business Lawyers", honored by the National Bar Association as "Leading International Business Lawyer", and nominated by Euromoney as "Women in Business Law Awards 2021 Asia (China - International Trade)".



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