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Minn Naing Oo is the Managing Director of Allen & Gledhill (Myanmar) and a Partner of Allen & Gledhill. He is an experienced international arbitration practitioner and arbitrator. Minn is also the former Chief Executive Officer and Registrar of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC).

As Registrar of SIAC, Minn oversaw the management of arbitral cases at SIAC and the operation and implementation of the SIAC Arbitration Rules in SIAC-administered cases. He exercised powers under the SIAC Arbitration Rules, including the scrutiny of draft arbitral awards. He was also involved in the drafting of the SIAC Arbitration Rules 2010 which introduced the Expedited Procedure and the Emergency Arbitrator procedure. While at SIAC, he was Singapore's representative to the UNCITRAL Working Group on revising the UNCITRAL arbitration rules. In addition, after SIAC, he worked on the drafting of the Myanmar Arbitration Law 2016.

As an arbitrator, Minn has sat in cases involving various subject matter and sectors, including investment and joint ventures, project development, telecommunications, insurance, and distribution.

Matters as arbitrator include:

1. Member of Dispute Panel established under the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU) for WTO Disputes *DS396* and *DS403: Philippines — Taxes on Distilled Spirits*. Parties were the European Union and the United States (Complainant in respective cases) and the Philippines (Respondent in both cases);
2. Member of Dispute Panel established under the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU) for WTO Dispute *DS495: Korea — Import Bans, and Testing and Certification Requirements for Radionuclides*. Parties were Japan (Complainant) and Republic of Korea (Respondent);
3. Member of tribunal under HKIAC Rules for a hotel development project and hotel management agreement dispute concerning a hotel in Myanmar between an international hotel chain and a conglomerate;
4. Sole arbitrator under SIAC Rules for a dispute between an international insurer and the estate of the insured;

5. Sole arbitrator under the SIAC Expedited Procedure Rules in a dispute relating to a telecommunications and broadcast venture in Pakistan between an international streaming service provider and a state-owned telecommunications company;
6. Sole arbitrator in a dispute under SIAC Rules arising out of a distribution agreement between a US manufacturer and a distributor in Bangladesh.

Minn has spoken at numerous events and written widely on international arbitration. Recent publications include:

1. Thomson Reuters Practical Law - Litigation and enforcement in Myanmar: overview, 2021
2. Law Business Research Ltd and re-published by the Law Reviews, The International Arbitration Review: Myanmar (11th Ed, 2020)
3. World Arbitration Reporter (2nd Ed) – Myanmar, published December 2019
4. International Comparative Legal Guides, Enforcement of Foreign Judgments, 2021

Minn is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He is a member of the panels of arbitrators of SIAC, China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), Shanghai Arbitration Commission (SHAC), Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA) and South China International Arbitration Center (Hong Kong) (SCIAHK), as well as a member of the List of Arbitrators at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC). He is also an arbitrator for World Trade Organisation (WTO) disputes, and is a Specialist Mediator Panel of the Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC).

In addition to international arbitration, Minn has extensive experience advising on banking and finance, mergers and acquisitions, infrastructure projects, corporate and commercial, shipping, commodities trading, and competition. He has acted for multinational corporations, international multilateral agencies, financial institutions, insurers, private equity funds and conglomerates. He has an intimate knowledge and understanding of the nuances and intricacies in various types of documentation including joint venture and shareholder agreements, financing agreements, as well as concession and project agreements.

He has also advised government agencies and worked on various legislative reforms in Myanmar.

Apart from his time at SIAC and in private practice, Minn was previously a Director at the Ministry of Trade and Industry Singapore overseeing Singapore's WTO and free trade agreement negotiations.

From advising and working with parties (both private and government) from various countries and cultural backgrounds over the course of his career, Minn has a deep appreciation of the diverse practices and approaches that parties may adopt in commercial and legal matters.

Minn graduated from the National University of Singapore with an LLB in 1996. He obtained an LLM in 2001 from Columbia University as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

He is fluent in English and Myanmar.