

# SCL (Singapore) Annual Construction Law Conference 2021

## HOPE AND FEARS - the Built Environment in the Next Decade

Thursday, 23 September 2021 • 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.  
**Hybrid Conference**

Option of Attending In-Person (Limited Places & Subject to Government Approvals) or Via Zoom Webinar

### GUEST OF HONOUR & KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Ms Indranee THURAI RAJAH**  
Minister, the Prime Minister's Office;  
Second Minister for Finance and  
National Development;  
Member of Parliament for Tanjong  
Pagar GRC

Ms Indranee Rajah is the Minister in the Prime Minister's Office. She is also Second Minister for Finance, and Second Minister for National Development. Ms Rajah has been the Member of Parliament for the Tanjong Pagar Group Representation Constituency (GRC) since 2001. She was in practice as a lawyer and Senior Counsel before joining the Government. Under her law portfolio from 2012 - 2018, she co-chaired the Committees on Family Justice, the formation of the Singapore International Commercial Court as well as the Committee to Strengthen Singapore as an International Centre for Debt Restructuring. She also co-chaired the Penal Code Review Committee whose recommendations led to major amendments to the Penal Code, including greater protections of women and the vulnerable. In her first tour of the Education Ministry from 2012 - 2015, she led the Applied Study in Polytechnics and ITE Review (ASPIRE) Committee resulting in SkillsFuture, a national movement to align education with economic demand, career guidance and lifelong learning. In the second stint from 2018 - 2020, Ms Rajah chaired UPLIFT - the "Uplifting Pupils in Life and Inspiring Families Taskforce", an inter-agency team convened in 2018 to strengthen support for students from disadvantaged families. Under her finance portfolio, Ms Rajah co-chaired the Working Group on Legal and Accounting Services, a sub-committee of the 2016 Committee on the Future Economy, the recommendations of which are aimed at transforming the legal and accounting industries in Singapore and catalysing the internationalisation of such professional services.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Architects, developers, contractors, engineers, project managers, consultants, managing agents, management corporations and other professionals involved in the construction industry who deal with legal, regulatory and contractual issues
- Construction consultants
- Lawyers
- In-house counsel & legal officers working in the construction industry
- Law, building & construction academics and students



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### ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE

#### Hopes and fears - the built environment in the next decade

Business sectors including the built environment have had to and will continue to remould themselves in the shifting sands of the COVID-19 pandemic - there is no certainty that the old normal will ever return.

This year's SCL (Singapore) Annual Conference kicks off with a discussion on transformative technologies and sustainable solutions during project execution before what is hopefully an invigorating yet light-hearted debate takes place on whether the next decade will bring forth a more collaborative working style in the built environment or will a culture of blame be the prevailing approach. After lunch, various stakeholders provide their intriguing insights into what could perhaps be seen as a generational change in the conduct of virtual dispute resolution hearings in a post-COVID-19 world. The Annual Conference will close with an insight into the latest trends and developments in construction law.

The Annual Conference will host some of the foremost construction law practitioners, senior in-house legal counsel and industry experts to provide delegates with a series of four sessions which focus on:

**Session 1:** 2030: Is Construction Industry Ready for Technology Revolution?

**Session 2:** Debate on the Motion: "The Next Decade will Witness Parties in the Construction Industry Becoming More Contentious and Less Collaborative."

**Session 3:** Positives and Pitfalls of Virtual Dispute Resolution - What Have We Learnt So Far?

**Session 4:** International Survey of Construction Law Trends & Developments

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Training Level: Update  
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SPM	3 CPD Points	SISV	6 CPD Hours

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# PROGRAMME OUTLINE

SCL (Singapore)  
Annual Construction Law Conference 2021

08.30 - 09.00	Onsite Conference Registrations
08.45 - 09.00	Virtual Conference Login
09.00 - 09.05	<b>WELCOME ADDRESS BY CHAIR OF MORNING SESSION</b> <b>Mr Lee Chau Ee</b> - Chairman, Society of Construction Law (Singapore); Partner, Addleshaw Goddard LLP, Singapore
09.05 - 09.35	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS by GUEST OF HONOUR</b> <b>Ms Indranee Thurai Rajah</b> - Minister, the Prime Minister's Office; Second Minister, Finance and National Development; Member of Parliament for Tanjong Pagar GRC
09.35 - 11.05	<p><b>SESSION 1:</b></p> <p><b>"2030 : IS CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY READY FOR TECHNOLOGY REVOLUTION"</b></p> <p>Tech revolution has been changing the world faster than ever and industries that could adapt to the latest technologies are improving their competitiveness by significant efficiency gains. Key construction professionals will provide an overview of the macro technology trends in the construction industry and share their projections for the next decade. Our panelists will also provide insights into the ongoing transformation of the construction sector including education of the future practitioners and mindset shifting of the experienced professionals. Join us in exploring the future of the construction.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Sezgin Ozbilgin</b> - Director, Secretariat International; Council Member, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Er Dr Johnny Wong</b> - Chief Technology Officer/Senior Director (Research &amp; Development), Ministry of National Development; Group Director, Building &amp; Research Institute, Housing &amp; Development Board</li> <li>• <b>Mr Cheng Tai Fatt</b> - Managing Director, Built Environment Research &amp; Innovation Institute, Building and Construction Authority</li> <li>• <b>Dr Yeoh Ker-Wei</b> - Senior Lecturer, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, National University of Singapore</li> </ul>
11.05 - 11.25	Morning Break
11.25 - 12.55	<p><b>SESSION 2:</b></p> <p><b>DEBATE ON THE MOTION: "THE NEXT DECADE WILL WITNESS PARTIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY BECOMING MORE CONTENTIOUS AND LESS COLLABORATIVE"</b></p> <p>Collaborative contracting models, in the last couple of years, have been one of the hottest topics being discussed within the construction industry... until the narrative switched to all things related to COVID-19.</p> <p>However, in the aftermath of what has been an unprecedented level of disruption to the construction industry arising from the impacts of a 'neutral event', the question that is now raised is whether or not Parties will be more inclined to have more definition around the risks they carry. Accordingly, during the selection of procurement methods in the short to medium term future, will Parties to new construction contracts be less inclined to 'experiment' with shared risk models.</p> <p>The panel of debaters will comprise of distinguished professionals representing different types of stakeholders to a construction contract.</p> <p>The debate will undoubtedly be an entertaining, yet highly informative session, which will hopefully provoke the return of proactive thought leadership in what has become a highly reactive environment.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Trevor Lam</b> - Treasurer, Society of Construction Law (Singapore); Principal, Head of Singapore, TBH, Asia</li> </ul> <p><b>Debaters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Laura Chang</b> - Partner, WongPartnership LLP</li> <li>• <b>Mr Amit Garg</b> - Managing Director, Secretariat</li> <li>• <b>Mr Sean Hardy</b> - Partner, Clyde &amp; Co Clasis Singapore Pte. Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Mr Daniel Tay</b> - Partner, Chan Neo LLP</li> </ul>
12.55 - 13.55	Lunch Break
13.55 - 14.00	<b>INTRODUCTIONS &amp; OPENING REMARKS BY CHAIR OF AFTERNOON SESSION</b> <b>Mr Trevor Lam</b> - Treasurer, Society of Construction Law (Singapore); Principal, Head of Singapore, TBH, Asia
14.00 - 15.30	<p><b>SESSION 3:</b></p> <p><b>"POSITIVES AND PITFALLS OF VIRTUAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION - WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT SO FAR?"</b></p> <p>In an attempt to keep the world of dispute resolution in motion, numerous disputes have been forced down a new path since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. Parties, tribunals, mediators, advocates, legal representatives and available platforms provided sufficient security, privacy, transparency and control for the proper conduct of an arbitral process as those involved know it.</p> <p>The utilisation of video conferencing to conduct oral hearings led to a requirement for new rules and guidance notes to be published. This emergence led to steep learning curves for all and for some increasing paranoia as to whether the available platforms provided sufficient security, privacy, transparency and control for the proper conduct of an arbitral process as those involved know it.</p> <p>Our eminent panel of speakers have all had the pleasure and/or displeasure of being involved in virtual hearings and will provide intriguing insights into the future or otherwise of virtual hearings in a post-COVID-19 world.</p>

	<b>Opening Remarks &amp; Introductions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Samuel Widdowson</b> - Director, Accuracy; Council Member, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)</li> </ul> <b>Moderator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Mohan Pillay</b> - Chartered Arbitrator &amp; Senior Accredited Specialist, Building &amp; Construction Law, Head of Office, Pleasant Mascons MPillay LLP</li> </ul> <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr David Bateson</b> - International Arbitrator, 39 Essex Chambers (Singapore)</li> <li>• <b>Ms Lynne McCafferty QC</b> - Barrister, 4 Pump Court (London)</li> <li>• <b>Mr Jon Prudhoe</b> - Senior Managing Director, Ankura Consulting (APAC) Pte. Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Mr William Zhang</b> - Head of Legal &amp; Contracts, Asia Pacific Regional Office, Samsung C&amp;T Corporation</li> </ul>	
15.30 – 15.50	Afternoon Break	
15.50 – 17.20	<b>SESSION 4:</b> <b>"INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW TRENDS &amp; DEVELOPMENTS"</b> Our eminent experts will conduct an international survey of the latest trends and developments in the field of Construction Law, on issues that will be of relevance to legal practitioners, employers, contractors, consultants and experts operating in the industry. <b>Moderator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Anil Changaroath</b> - Managing Director (and General Counsel) of ChangAroth InterNational Consultancy and ChangAroth Chambers LLC; Council Member, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)</li> </ul> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Júlio César Bueno</b> - Partner, Pinheiro Neto Advogados; President, Brazilian Society of Construction Law</li> <li>• <b>Mr Ben Olbourne</b> - Barrister/Arbitrator, 39 Essex Chambers</li> <li>• <b>Ms Kim Rosenberg</b> - Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Dubai</li> <li>• <b>Mr Ratan Singh</b> - Managing Director of Chambers of Ratan K Singh, Founder and Chair of SCL(India), Director of CI Arb (India)</li> </ul>	
17.20 – 17.30	<b>CONFERENCE CLOSING REMARKS</b> <b>Ms Moon Kua</b> - Chair, Conference Organising Committee; Vice-Chair, Society of Construction Law (Singapore); Associate Director, Driver Trett	

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SCL (Singapore) Members			S\$350.00		S\$250.00
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Members of:					
1.	Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Singapore) Ltd (CI Arb)				
2.	Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)				
3.	Lighthouse Club (Singapore) (Lighthouse)				
4.	Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)				
5.	Singapore Contractors Association Ltd (SCAL)				
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10.	Tunnelling and Underground Construction Society (Singapore) (TUCSS)				
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12.	Marine Offshore Oil & Gas Association (MOOGAS)				
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## CONFERENCE OPENING & CLOSING SPEAKERS, SESSION CHAIRS & MODERATORS (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)



**Mr Lee Chau Ee** - Partner, Addleshaw Goddard LLP, Singapore; Chairman, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)

Since qualification, Chau Ee has specialised as a construction and engineering lawyer. He has an MSc in Construction Management (Project Management). He has a cradle-to-grave international construction, energy and infrastructure practice, having lived and worked in London, Dubai and Beijing, advising and acting for clients from conception, inception to completion of a project life cycle. He is now a Singapore-based partner of UK law firm Addleshaw Goddard and heads up its International Construction & Engineering practice in Asia. He is the current Chairman of the Society of Construction Law (Singapore).



**Mr Sezgin Ozbilgin** - Director, Secretariat International; Council Member, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)

Sezgin has 15 years of construction experience including design, tendering, site supervision, project controls, contract administration and claim management. He specialises in delay analysis, including formal expert reports and has provided service to project owners, contractors and subcontractors in relation to a variety of delay related matters across large-scale oil and gas, subsea pipeline, mining, wastewater processing, telecommunication, transportation infrastructure, and commercial/residential building projects. He has worked on projects in various countries and jurisdictions including Australia, China, Hong Kong, Macau, Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, Turkmenistan, Turkey, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Romania. Sezgin has been listed by Who's Who Legal in Construction Delay and Quantum Future Leaders in 2018, 2019 and 2020.



**Mr Trevor Lam** - Principal, Head of Singapore, TBH, Asia; Treasurer, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)

Trevor has over 20 years of experience across the globe and currently leads TBH's Singapore office and is the Honorary Treasurer of the Society of Construction Law (Singapore). His experience has been built on a variety of projects including airports, roads, rail, mixed-use developments, hospitals, shopping centres, oil & gas, power and sporting facilities. Over his career, he has been engaged in the provision of independent expert analyses on extensions of time, disruption and acceleration. This has included the preparation of analyses, reports and acting as the Expert for litigation, arbitration, adjudication and mediation proceedings. To stay current, Trevor continues to maintain a strong involvement in the delivery of live projects, managing works from conception to completion across a diversified client base including owners, contractors and sub-contractors. As a result, it has helped in developing a wide-ranging perspective on construction issues that commonly arise.



**Mr Samuel Widdowson** - Director, Accuracy; Council Member, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)

Samuel is a Director in the Accuracy Singapore office, leading the Construction Disputes business in Asia. He specialises in the provision of live project support and advice, the analysis and compilation of forensic claim submissions, and the preparation and provision of expert opinion in relation to construction disputes, which typically involve assessments relating to time-related delays and associated costs, contract administration, construction logistics, construction methodology, construction strategy and risk

management. Samuel has over 20 years' professional experience in Building & Construction, Transportation, Oil & Gas Process Plants, Land Reclamation and Infrastructure projects. Samuel is a Fellow of the CI Arb, Member of the SI Arb, has an MSc in Construction Law and Arbitration, and a BSc (Hons) in Construction Management. He has been appointed on multiple occasions as an independent and tribunal appointed expert on matters of delay.



**Mr Mohan Pillay** - Chartered Arbitrator & Senior Accredited Specialist, Building & Construction Law; Head of Office, Pinsent Masons MPillay LLP.

Mohan is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Singapore/UK qualified disputes lawyer with over 30 years' experience in commercial litigation and regional arbitration. His past appointments include President-SI Arb, Co-Chair-Dispute Resolution & Arbitration Committee, Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA), Chair-SCL (Singapore) & International Construction Projects Committee, IPBA with teaching appointments as Adj. Assoc. Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (2003 - 2011) and Visiting Professor, Centre of Construction Law & Dispute Resolution, King's College London (2005 - 2011). He is co-author of *The SICC Handbook - A Guide to the Rules and Procedures of the Singapore International Commercial Court* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2016), General Editor of the Singapore Arbitration Journal, & a chapter author for the Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases' chapter on building and construction law.



**Mr Anil Changaroath** - Managing Director (and General Counsel) of ChangAroth InterNational Consultancy and ChangAroth Chambers LLC; Council Member and Chair 2012-14 of Society of Construction Law (Singapore)

Anil, Mediator and Arbitrator, is a Dispute Avoidance & Resolution Practitioner since 1995 and currently the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation's Country Representative (Singapore). Having also practiced in house and with international practice, his Chambers focuses primarily on Infrastructure, Building, and Construction projects and most aspects of Commercial, Civil, Criminal and Corporate Front End Advisory, and Consultancy consults & administers international infrastructure & construction, trade & investment treaty projects; provides ADR services and works with and develops ODR technologies, both operating in Asia Pacific. An honorary legal advisor to the Singapore Institute of Architect and Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers. In 2019 Anil authored *"Resolving Disputes, A Guide to the Options for Appropriate Dispute Resolution"*.



**Ms Moon Kua** - Associate Director, Driver Trett; Chair, Conference Organising Committee; Vice-Chair, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)

Moon is a qualified quantity surveyor with over 20 years of professional experience in the construction industry. She has gained sector experience across rail, integrated resorts, healthcare and residential buildings, healthcare and power generation projects. She is actively involved in both live projects and dispute resolution throughout her career. Moon has also managed commercial teams on large-scale projects. Her expertise includes contract advisory support, drafting contract and subcontract documentation and agreements, claims preparation and assessment and more recently she is involved in forensic investigations involving an integrated mixed-use development in India. She has also been appointed as an expert on quantum related matters. Moon is a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

## SPEAKERS (BY SESSION)

### SESSION 1:



**Mr Tai Fatt CHENG** - Managing Director, Built Environment Research & Innovation Institute, Building and Construction Authority

Mr Tai Fatt CHENG is the Managing Director of Built Environment Research & Innovation Institute (BERII) in the Building and Construction Authority. In BERII, he oversees the development and implementation of Built Environment R&I solutions in focused areas identified under the Construction ITM.

He helped to formulate the BIM/IDD roadmap and is tasked to drive a highly integrated construction value chain by harnessing use of construction IT such as BIM and Integrated Digital Delivery technologies. He is also a buildingSmart International Fellow.



**Dr Yeoh Ker-Wei** - Senior Lecturer, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, National University of Singapore

Dr Yeoh Ker-Wei, Justin is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, National University of Singapore (NUS). He graduated with a B.Eng (Civil Engineering), and subsequently obtained his PhD in 2012. He subsequently completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Carnegie Mellon University.

He has also been worked as a project management consultant, identifying good site practices for construction, as well as implementing BIM and digital technologies in construction companies. Since returning to NUS, Dr Yeoh has been teaching and researching on the application of digital technologies in construction and the built environment. His recent work includes the use of computer vision techniques to facilitate structural and façade inspection using UAVs, as well as using artificial intelligence to augment engineering decisions.

He is also currently looking into how construction robots can be coupled with digital twins to facilitate inspection and progress monitoring tasks. Dr Yeoh is a member of several work groups and committees related to BIM and the use of drones for façade inspections.



**Er Dr Johnny Wong** - Chief Technology Officer/Senior Director (Research & Development), Ministry of National Development; Group Director, Building & Research Institute, Housing & Development Board

As the Group Director of Building & Research Institute (BRI), Dr Wong is responsible for leading HDB's efforts to create a better living environment and achieve greater sustainability. He also serves as the Chief Technology Officer/Senior Director (R&D) in the Ministry of National Development (MND), where he looks into the promotion of research collaboration between both public and private organisations, so as to scale up R&D investments and technology transfer efforts to the industry.

Dr Wong's work covers areas relating to building materials, acoustics, prefabrication technology, urban solutions and systems, construction technology and environmental sustainability. He spearheaded the deployment of smart initiatives and solar energy systems in public housing, new advanced connection systems for precast application, robotics and automation applications for construction activities and complex urban systems modelling.

Dr Wong is driving the holistic and comprehensive sustainable development framework to guide the development of new towns like Punggol Eco-Town. As a Professional Engineer, Dr Wong has been conferred several awards including the Institute of Civil Engineers Award, Public Administration Medal (Silver) and Public Sector Transformation Exemplary Leader Award for his contributions to the Public Sector.

He and his team have been conferred several IES Prestigious Engineering Achievement Awards and Singapore Concrete Institute Excellence Awards and international awards such as several ASEAN Outstanding Engineering Achievement Awards, the American Academy of Environmental & Scientists - Environmental Sustainability Honour Award and the Energy Globe Award.

Dr Wong is a Board member of the Professional Engineers Board and an Adjunct Professor of NTU (School of Civil and Environmental Engineering). He represents HDB in several committees, including the Integrated Digital Delivery Steering Committee, Coordinating Committees for Smart Nation and Cyber Security and Urban Solutions and Sustainability Technical Advisory Committee.



**Ms Laura Chang** - Partner, Wong Partnership LLP

Laura CHANG is a partner in a leading local law firm in the Energy, Projects & Construction Practice. Her main areas of practice are litigation and arbitration disputes, with a focus on construction and engineering projects, civil and commercial disputes. Laura graduated from the University of Nottingham (UK) and is qualified as a Barrister-at-Law (Lincoln's Inn). She is admitted to the Singapore Bar. In January 2018, Laura was

amongst the inaugural batch of select practitioners to be appointed as an Accredited Specialist in Building and Construction Law by the Singapore Academy of Law.



**Mr Amit Garg** - Managing Director, Secretariat

Mr. Garg is Managing Director of Secretariat's Asia-Pacific operations. He specialises in construction disputes and has extensive experience in performing delay analysis, measuring productivity and reviewing project delivery systems. His experience ranges across a wide range of large and complex projects, with a particular focus on oil & gas, energy and transportation projects. As part of these engagements, Mr. Garg has testified on numerous occasions in arbitrations under the rules of ICC, ICSID, AAA, DIAC, DIFC, HKIAC, SIAC, ADCCAC, AIAC, PAM, and ad hoc arbitrations, in various jurisdictions across the world. He has been consistently named as "Global Elite Thought Leader" by Who's Who Legal (WWL).



**Mr Sean Hardy** - Partner, Clyde & Co Clasis Singapore Pte. Ltd.

Sean is a Partner in the Projects & Construction group at Clyde & Co Clasis. He advises project participants on the avoidance and resolution of disputes in the infrastructure and energy sectors, with a focus on international arbitration. Sean also has significant litigation, adjudication and mediation experience. He has been based in Singapore since 2013 and has advised on projects all over the Asia Pacific region. Sean is ranked as a Next Generation Partner in Singapore for Construction (Legal 500 Asia Pacific Guide, 2021), is the Welfare Officer at the Lighthouse Club Singapore, and is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.



**Mr Daniel Tay** - Partner, Chan Neo LLP

Daniel is an equity partner at Chan Neo LLP, a specialist building and construction law practice with established experience advising the industry for more than 30 years from 1987. He advises on a broad range of commercial legal issues including contract drafting and review, commercial disputes, insolvency, regulatory offences, defects, damage, insurance, professional indemnity, mediation, adjudication, arbitration and Court litigation.

He is a regular speaker on building and construction law for both the legal profession and industry professional associations, cited on legal issues in the built environment for news media and was featured on MoneyFM for OBiKe issues. He is a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, appointed to the Inquiry Panel of the Law Society, appointed to the Singapore Institute of Education CPD Compliance Committee and has been selected as Singapore Business Review's 20 Most Influential Lawyers Under 40.



**Mr David Bateson** - International Arbitrator: 39 Essex Chambers (Singapore)

David Bateson is a leading international arbitrator who has been involved in over 150 arbitrations in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and South America. He has acted as Chairman, party-appointed arbitrator, or sole arbitrator in arbitrations under the rules of the AAA/BANI, CIETAC, HKIAC, DIAC, ICC, KLRCA, LCIA, PCA, SIAC and VIAC, or in ad hoc arbitrations.

He has extensive experience in disputes in a variety of industry sectors including construction, resources, commodities, insurance, joint ventures, shareholder agreements, shipping and telecommunications. Chambers Asia variously described him as "pre-eminent and widely experienced, a big name for construction related arbitration, one of

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the top arbitrators in the region" who is "excellent at pretty much everything he is doing an accomplished arbitrator who is getting more and more cases in Asia, and worldwide" and "a very good arbitrator writing a very good award, well able to control an arbitration and culturally sensitive".

Before joining 39 Essex Chambers in Singapore in 2015, David was a partner of Mallesons Stephen Jacques and King & Wood Mallesons, based in Hong Kong. He has over 40 years of legal experience and is a specialist in all forms of dispute resolution including arbitration, litigation and alternative dispute resolution. He has been resident in Asia since 1980 and before that he lived in Africa, Fiji and New Zealand. He is now based in Singapore.



**Ms Lynne McCafferty QC** - Barrister, 4 Pump Court (London), UK

Lynne McCafferty QC of 4 Pump Court is a leading commercial silk at the English Bar specialising in construction & engineering, energy, international arbitration, professional negligence, and technology & telecoms law.

Lynne is highly ranked in the legal directories, where she was recently described as "a top-quality silk", "a fiercely intelligent and competitive advocate", and "a first-rate lawyer and an outstanding performer in court".

Her practice ranges from huge infrastructure projects, multi-million pound commercial developments, high-profile PFI projects, oil and gas processing plants, to onshore wind farms. She has considerable experience of large-scale disputes concerning IT contracts, including major business systems, government contracts, and bespoke software projects.

Lynne has extensive advocacy experience in international arbitrations, in the English Courts, and in the DIFC Court. She has acted as advocate on cases under various arbitration rules including ICC, LMAA, LCIA, DIFC, and DIAC. She also sits as an arbitrator.



**Mr Jon Prudhoe** - Senior Managing Director, Ankura Consulting (APAC) Pte. Ltd

Jon Prudhoe is a Senior Managing Director and the APAC leader of Ankura's Construction Disputes Practice. Based in Asia for almost 20 years, he is one of the few experts, worldwide, equally capable of opining on matters of both Quantum and Delay.

He holds an extensive portfolio of over 100 expert witness appointments, including many of the region's most high profile and complex disputes. Jon has over 35 years of experience in building, civil engineering, on / offshore oil and gas, marine, shipbuilding, petrochemical, infrastructure, transportation, and utility projects.

His depth and extent of technical knowledge, combined with his robust testifying experience, make him one of APAC's most highly sought-after construction experts. Jon's experience also includes several engagements as Expert Determiner as well as Dispute Board appointments and he continues to provide contract advice on live projects. Who's Who Legal, Expert Witnesses 2020 says: "Jon Prudhoe is a world-leading expert on Quantum and Delay issues with a sensational track record of appointments in high-value construction infrastructure, marine and natural resources disputes".



**Mr William Zhang** - Head of Legal & Contracts, Asia Pacific Regional Office, Samsung C&T Corporation

William is an inhouse counsel with one of the world's Top 20 global contractors by revenue. Together with an experienced team of lawyers and contract managers, William supports construction projects in the Asia Pacific region through the whole project life-cycle from pre-contract to completion. These projects include the Merdeka

118 Tower in Malaysia, the Singapore LNG Terminal and Singapore's Marina Coastal Expressway.

William and his team handle dispute management, including arbitration and other alternate dispute resolution processes. With 11 years' experience in large scale infrastructure projects, William is able to provide insights on construction project disputes from a client's perspective.



**Mr Julio Cesar Bueno** - Partner, Pinheiro Neto Advogados; President, Brazilian Society of Construction Law

Julio Cesar Bueno has been a partner at Pinheiro Neto Advogados since 2001. He has national and international experience focusing on the practice of dispute resolution on infrastructure projects, mining projects and contracts, construction law and engineering contracts.

He holds a masters degree from the University of Cambridge (LLM, 1995) and a doctorate from the University of São Paulo Law School (PhD, 2001). He is a founder fellow of the International Academy of Construction Lawyers and officer of the Latin American & Caribbean Users' Council for the London Court of International Arbitration; President of the Brazilian Society of Construction Law (SCL Brazil); Founder fellow of the International Academy of Construction Lawyers (IACL); Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb); Founder and Board member of the International Construction Law Association (ICLA); Past president of Region 2 of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF); Officer of the Latin American & Caribbean Users' Council for the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA); and Officer of the International Bar Association's International Construction Projects Committee (IBA ICP).



**Mr Ben Olbourne** - Barrister/Arbitrator, 39 Essex Chambers

Ben Olbourne is an English barrister and arbitrator resident principally in Singapore but a regular visitor to Kuala Lumpur. He specialises in international arbitration and has been instructed in more than 150 arbitrations under most leading arbitration rules. His principal areas of practice are construction and infrastructure (onshore and offshore), oil and gas and other natural resources, joint venture and other business disputes (e.g. sale and purchase agreements, agency contracts, shareholder disputes), commodities and maritime.

He is recommended for his work as counsel in these areas in the leading regional and global directories. Recommendations have included that he is "well-suited to complex international disputes", has "great skill as an advocate and is very impressive at cross-examination" and has "a good, tenacious style and formidable cross-examination capability". As an arbitrator Ben has been appointed in numerous arbitrations both ad hoc and under ICC, LCIA and SIAC rules. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is on the panels of arbitrators of many institutions including the AIAC.



**Ms Kim Rosenberg** - Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, UK

Kim Rosenberg is a Partner at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in the Global Projects Disputes Practice. She advises stakeholders on all construction stages of the project cycle, in particular contract administration, dispute avoidance & resolution and compliance issues. She also regularly sits as an arbitrator in construction disputes. From an industry perspective, Kim was chair of the committee that

drafted the 2nd edition of the UK Society of Construction Law's Delay and Disruption Protocol. According to Chambers, Kim is commended for being "calm, hard-working and commercially astute" and is "never daunted by large, complex, technically dense disputes".



**Mr Ratan Singh** - Managing Director of Chambers of Ratan K Singh, Founder and Chair of SCL(India), Director of CI Arb (India)

Mr Ratan Singh - Managing Director of Chambers of Ratan K Singh, Founder and Chair of SCL(India), Director of CI Arb (India), is an International Arbitrator and practitioner based in New Delhi India of over 25 years of experience. As FCI Arb, FMI Arb, FAIADR, SFBiam, Fellow of Prime Disputes and the International Academy of Construction Lawyers (USA), he specialises in complex, high value infrastructure, construction, engineering, joint venture, sales of goods and commercial litigation.

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