

Profile - RICHARD TAN

Richard Tan is a senior consultant in the Singapore office of Lovells Lee & Lee and heads the Lovells international arbitration practice group in Singapore and South Asia.

Before joining Lovells in September 2007, he was a senior partner at Lee & Lee where he spent 28 years with that firm. While at Lee & Lee, he headed the firm's arbitration, construction and projects practice groups and the intellectual property and technology department. He obtained his LLB (Hons) degree from the National University of Singapore in 1979 and was admitted to practise in Singapore in 1980. In 2007, he was qualified to practise in England and Wales as a solicitor.

He has extensive experience in arbitration and dispute resolution work internationally, especially in Asia and Singapore. His work has involved a wide range of practice areas, including construction and engineering, commercial, joint ventures, technology, media and intellectual property.

Richard's experience and appointments include the following:

- He has acted as arbitrator in many international and domestic arbitrations, and has been appointed as arbitrator by institutions including the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the ICC International Court of Arbitration, the London Court of International Arbitration, the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre and in *ad hoc* arbitrations.
- He has also acted as counsel in many international arbitrations, including major construction and engineering disputes, commercial and contractual disputes and technology, media, intellectual property and licensing disputes.
- He is a past President of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and chaired the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators' Arbitration Capability Enhancement programme. He is the current chair of its Scheme Arbitration committee.
- He has served on the board of directors of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre ("SIAC").
- He is an Advisory Board member to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on a programme for dispute resolution.
- He is an Adjunct Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore.
- He is a Chartered Arbitrator with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and was made a Fellow of the Chartered Institute and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators in 1994.
- He is a council member of the Singapore Chapter of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators East Asia Branch and chairs its professional development committee.
- He is on the panel of arbitrators of many arbitral institutions and organisations, including the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Centre, the National Board of Arbitration Indonesia (BANI), the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Singapore Law Society, SIAC-Singapore Stock Exchange-Derivatives Trading, the Singapore Contractors Association, the Singapore Institute of Architects, the Sports Arbitration panel of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He is also on the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Centre panels for domain name disputes, film and media disputes and AGICOA disputes and the SMC panel under the Singapore Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy. He was also on a committee which was responsible for drafting the SDRP and rules.

- He has been course director and lecturer in many arbitration courses, including the UK Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators' International Entry Course and Fellowship Course and an assessor at the Fast Track Fellowship Assessment workshops of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is on the approved list of tutors and examiners for the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He has been on the faculty of the NUS-Kings College MSc programme on Construction Law and Arbitration.
- He is and has been a legal adviser to various organisations, including the Singapore Contractors Association and the Singapore Institute of Architects.
- He is a legal adviser and a member of the Singapore Film Commission.
- He has been a Vice-President of the AIPPI (Singapore Group).
- He has been a member of the Singapore National Research Foundation legal task force on Interactive and Digital Media.
- He has been Chairman of the Legal Commission, Singapore Red Cross Society.

He is a regular speaker at international arbitration conferences and events and has been recognised by many legal directories as a leading individual in the field of arbitration, dispute resolution and projects work, including the Asia-Pacific Legal 500 (2009/2010) and Chambers as a leading lawyer for dispute resolution work, the Euromoney Legal Media Group as one of the world's leading experts in commercial arbitration, Asia Law as a leading lawyer in dispute resolution and recommended by Global Counsel 3000 in the area of Projects work.

Membership: International Bar Association Committee T (International Construction Projects)
Inter-Pacific Bar Association
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
Society of Construction Law (Singapore)
International Trademark Association (INTA)
Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA)
International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI)
London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

Publications:

Author of the chapter on the procedural aspects of arbitral proceedings in the UNCTAD handbook on dispute resolution.

Author of the chapter on "Agency and Distributorship law in Singapore" in the publication "International Agency and Distribution Agreements", Clasen (Butterworths).

Co-Author of the chapter on "Alternative Dispute Resolution in Singapore" in the publication "ADR in Asia – Solution for Business" by Asia Law & Practice.

Author of the article on arbitration entitled "Alternatives to litigation grow in popularity" in IP Asia, November 2000.

Author of the Singapore chapter in the publication "The International Comparative Legal Guide to: International Arbitration 2006" by Global Legal Group

Contributor of a chapter on "Chinese Legal Framework" in the publication "Emerging Markets - China"

Contributor to the legal column in the Fission, a publication of the Singapore Polytechnic Guild, 1995 to 1998

Author of various other articles and papers on arbitration, ADR and IP

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Richard's appointments as arbitrator include the following:

- Panelist in many WIPO domain name disputes;
- Arbitrator in an arbitration under the UNCITRAL arbitration rules administered by the HKIAC involving disputes arising out of a distributor agreement amounting to approximately US\$22,000,000.00.
- Arbitrator in an arbitration between a Singapore joint venture company and a Malaysian company involving disputes arising out of a sub-contract for the manufacture, supply and delivery of precast concrete segment lining for tunnels.

- Arbitrator in an ICC Arbitration between an Asian civil engineering company and a roads and railway authority of an Asian government involving disputes arising out of a contract for the construction of a roads/highway project.
- Arbitrator in an ICC Arbitration between a Thai company, a Netherlands company and a US company involving a software development agreement and related licence agreements.
- Arbitrator in an ICC Arbitration between a Japanese company and two Thai companies involving a restructured contract for the payment of the supply of hot rolled steel entered into between the parties.
- Arbitrator in related ICC Arbitrations between a Japanese company and a Thai company involving the contract for the supply of hot rolled steel.
- Arbitrator in an ICC Arbitration between a UK company and various Indian parties involving a joint venture agreement between the parties.
- Arbitrator in an ICC Arbitration between two Thai companies involving a contract for the construction of the Pornpat Center Project in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Arbitrator appointed by the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) on a panel of 3 arbitrators in an arbitration under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules between a UK company and an Indonesian company involving disputes under a manufacturing Licence Agreement between the parties.
- Arbitrator in a SIAC Arbitration on a panel of 3 arbitrators in an arbitration involving disputes arising out of a sale and purchase agreement whereby the Respondent agreed to sell and transfer and the Claimant agreed to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of a body corporate incorporated under the law of the British Virgin Islands.
- Arbitrator in a SIAC Arbitration between two Singapore companies involving disputes arising out of a contract for the provision of IT Services.
- Arbitrator in a SIAC Arbitration between two Singapore companies and a Singapore company and an individual involving disputes arising out of a sale and purchase agreement relating to sale of certain shares.
- Arbitrator in a SIAC Arbitration between two Malaysian companies involving a contract for demolition works at the Senoko Power Station, Singapore.
- Arbitrator in an SIA Arbitration between a Japanese main contractor and a Singapore sub-contractor involving the sub-contract for plumbing, sanitary, fuel oil & gas services for a hotel project in Yangon, Myanmar.
- Arbitrator in a SIAC Arbitration between two construction companies involving a contract for the supply of labour, equipment and material for installation of a water treatment system at Pulau Sakra.
- Arbitrator in a SIA Arbitration between two construction companies involving a contract for the erection of 2 blocks of 8 storey industrial complex and a 1 storey podium at International Business Park, Singapore.
- Arbitrator in an SIAC Arbitration between a Japanese joint venture and a Singapore company involving a supply agreement for the supply, delivery, installation, test and commission of 2 units of 25 tonnes double girder gantry cranes and 2 units of 8 tonnes single girder gantry cranes.

- Arbitrator in an SIA Arbitration between two contractors involving the supply and delivery of metalworks for Hazel Park Condominium.
- Arbitrator in an SIAC Arbitration between a Sabah shipyard and a Bangladesh company involving disputes arising out of breaches of a memorandum of understanding for the purchase of two power barges.
- Arbitrator in an ad hoc arbitration between a Singapore party and a Malaysian company over a manufacturing joint venture agreement between the parties.
- Arbitrator in an ad hoc arbitration between a sub-contractor and a main contractor involving a sub-contract for the supply, fabrication and erection of steel works at the Shell Island Project at Pulau Seraya, Singapore.
- Arbitrator in an ad hoc arbitration between a sub-contractor and a main contractor involving a sub-contract for the supply and installation of the curtain wall and aluminium works at the German Centre Project, Singapore.
- Arbitrator in an ad hoc arbitration between a sub-contractor and a main contractor involving two sub-contracts for the supply, cutting, bending and fixing of steel reinforcement bars for the Pontiac Marina Project, Singapore.
- Arbitrator in an ad hoc arbitration between a sub-contractor and a main contractor involving a formwork sub-contract pertaining to the Four Seasons Hotel Project, Singapore.
- Arbitrator in an ad hoc arbitration between a contractor and an employer involving an office building at Chulia Street/Philip Street, Singapore.

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