



"SPOTLIGHT ON EXPERTS" CONFERENCE

31st August 2020, 9.00am - 5.00pm
The Fullerton Hotel, Singapore



About this Conference

This Conference is unique. It is the first ever Singapore Conference which is organised by both Arbitrators and Experts and seeks to focus on not just arbitrators and arbitrations but the work of both arbitrators and experts - how they interact, relate and contribute to the dispute resolution process through the effective use of experts to provide the tribunal with the best evidence.

About our Guest-of-Honour & Keynote Speaker



Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy
The Supreme Court of Singapore

Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy was appointed Judicial Commissioner in 2012 and a High Court Judge in 2013.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from Nottingham University in 1990 and a Bachelor of Civil Law from Oxford University in 1998. He practised at the commercial bar from 1992 to 2012, all at the firm of Shook Lin & Bok.

He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2005. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He is also admitted to practise in England (1991), New South Wales (2005) and New York (2007).

About the Guest Speaker



The Honourable Sir Vivian Ramsey QC

Sir Vivian Ramsey qualified as a civil engineer before joining the English Bar in 1981, becoming a QC in 1992. He was head of Keating Chambers before being appointed a High Court judge in 2005 where he was judge in charge of the Technology and Construction Court from 2007 to 2010.

He was also heavily involved in the implementation of the Jackson Reforms which included a review of the costs of expert evidence.

Following his retirement in 2014 he was appointed as an International Judge in the Singapore International Commercial Court and acts as an arbitrator, mediator, expert and dispute board member around the world. He is a Visiting Professor at King's College, London and edits Keating on Construction Contracts, now in its tenth edition. He has had a long-standing involvement with EWI.

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Practice Area:
Others/Multi-disciplinary
Training Level: Update
CPD Points: 6

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Programme Outline

08.30 – 09.00	Registration & Refreshments
09.00 – 09.10	WELCOME ADDRESS Prof. Leslie Chew SC - Dean, School of Law at the Singapore University of Social Sciences; Senior Consultant, RHTLaw Asia
09.10 – 09.40	KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY GUEST OF HONOUR Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy, The Supreme Court of Singapore
09.40 – 10.10	GUEST SPEAKER The Honourable Sir Vivian Ramsey QC
10.10 – 10.30	Morning Break
10.30 – 12.00	SESSION 1: “EXPERTS IN FOCUS” PANEL DISCUSSION This session will focus on the role and work of experts in general, and in particular in arbitrations. The experts and lawyers will discuss the challenges both lawyers and experts face in dealing with a myriad range of expert evidence and related issues. The speakers will discuss how to deal effectively with tribunals and judges. Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Leslie Chew SC - Dean, School of Law at the Singapore University of Social Sciences; Senior Consultant, RHTLaw Asia Speakers / Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Julie Raneda - Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer Pte Ltd Mr. Gregory Vijayendran SC - Partner, Dispute Resolution, Rajah & Tan LLP; President, Law Society of Singapore Dr Tan Teng Hooi - Assoc Prof and the Head of the Building and Project Management Programme, School of Science and Technology, Singapore University of Social Sciences Dr. Thomas Walford - CEO, Expert Evidence Limited; Governor, Expert Witness Institute, United Kingdom
12.00 – 13.00	Buffet Lunch
13.00 – 14.30	SESSION 2: EXPERT VIEWS Hear from a diverse range of experts over common issues that arise when working with experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conflicts clearance and project acceptance - Client and law firm interactions - Independence or not – duties to the court/tribunal v client - Report writing and joint reports - Expert testimony in different contexts - Privilege and confidentiality Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Yu-Jin Tay - Vice-President, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators; Partner & Head, International Arbitration (Asia), Mayer Brown LLP Speakers / Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Chaitanya Arora Mr. John Gibson - Director of Asia, Marine Engineer, Brookes Bell Singapore Mr. Jonathan Humphrey - Partner, HKA A/P Harry Tan Siew Ann - Associate Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, National University of Singapore Dr. Thomas Walford - CEO, Expert Evidence Limited; Governor, Expert Witness Institute, United Kingdom Mr. Wayne Wilson - Managing Director, The Claro Group
14.30 – 14.50	Afternoon Break
	SESSION 3: MOCK ARBITRATION: A DEMONSTRATION OF CONVENTIONAL CROSS-EXAMINATION AND HOT-TUBBING Scenario 1: Forensic Experts in the Hot Seat Scenario 2: Navigation Experts in the Hot Tub Participants will see experienced counsel pit their wits against equally experienced experts. Scenario 1 will demonstrate how counsel rigorously test the opinions of forensic experts who are cross-examined in a conventional common law style. Scenario 2 will have master mariners simultaneously present their views on who is to blame in a ship collision while being examined under a witness-conferencing (hot tubbing) procedure.

Scenario 1: Forensic Experts in the Hot Seat

Convener:

- Mr. Iain Potter - Partner, Matson Driscoll & Damico Pte Ltd, Singapore

Arbitrator:

- Mr. Thio Shen Yi SC - Joint Managing Partner, TSMP Law Corporation

Expert Witnesses:

- Mr. Hamish Egan - Associate Director, HKA
- Mr. Jonathan Ellis - Director, Accuracy (Singapore Office)

Counsel:

- Mr. Alastair Henderson - Managing Partner, Southeast Asia, Head of International Arbitration Practice, Southeast Asia, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP
- Mr. Abraham Vergis - Managing Director, Providence Law Asia

Scenario 2: Navigation Experts in the Hot Tub

Convener:

- Mr. Chan Leng Sun SC - Essex Court Chambers Duxton (Singapore Group Practice)

Arbitrator:

- Judicial Commissioner Mohan S/O Ramamirtha Subbaraman - The Supreme Court of Singapore

Expert Witnesses:

- Mr. Ivan Todorov - Senior Master Mariner, Brookes Bell
- Mr. Nicholas White - Senior Consultant, London Offshore Consultants Pte Ltd

Counsel:

- Mr. Mohamed Goush Marikan - Managing Partner & Mariner, Goush Marikan Law Practice
- Mr. Ian Teo - Managing Director, Helmsman LLC, Senior Accredited Specialist in Maritime & Shipping Law

14.50 - 16.50

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CONFERENCE CLOSING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT, SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS
Mr Dinesh Dhillon, Partner, Allen & Gledhill LLP

About the Chairpersons / Moderators



Prof. Leslie Chew SC - Dean, School of Law at the Singapore University of Social Sciences; Senior Consultant, RHTLaw Asia

Leslie Chew graduated from the law school of the University of Singapore (the predecessor of the present National University of Singapore), and was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1981. He is also admitted as a Solicitor of England & Wales. He has been a lawyer for 42 years, practicing at the Bar for 32 years and 10 years in public service. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2000. Leslie is the founding and current Dean of the School of Law at the Singapore University of Social Sciences. As a lawyer he practices primarily at the Commercial Bar. From time to time he has represented clients in commercial crime or white collar cases.

In 2007 he was appointed a District Judge. He subsequently held office as a Senior District Judge heading the Civil Justice Division of the State Courts (then the Subordinate Courts) until he retired from the Singapore Legal Service in March of 2014. Upon retiring from the Singapore Legal Service, he returned to private practice. He is a Senior Consultant at RHT Law Asia. He is a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He also sits on various governmental committees including the Institutional Disciplinary Advisory Committee which advises the Commissioner of Prisons on punishment of prison inmates and the Military Court of Appeal. He is also a Vice President of the Singapore Academy of Law. In 2002, he was awarded the Public Service Medal by the President of the Republic of Singapore for his contributions to the Military Court of Appeal.



Mr Dinesh Dhillon - President, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators; Partner, Allen & Gledhill LLP

Mr. Dinesh Dhillon practises international arbitration and litigation. He has acted as lead counsel in international arbitration for global multinational corporations in the telecommunications, airline, hotel, commodities, construction, manufacturing and projects industries. Apart from corporates, he has also represented sovereign states in international arbitration cases. He has represented clients in landmark cases before the Singapore courts relating to jurisdiction of arbitral tribunals, challenges to arbitration awards and attempts to resist enforcement of foreign arbitration awards. Dinesh has represented multinational companies in cases before the Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal relating to banking, corporate, employment, entertainment, insurance, property and shareholder disputes.

He has also acted for statutory boards in judicial review cases. Dinesh was called to the Singapore Bar in 1995. In 2004, he obtained the Graduate Certificate in International Arbitration from the National University of Singapore. He is recommended for his expertise in international arbitration and commercial litigation in leading publications, such as *Chambers Global* and *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* where he has been described as "outstanding", a "well respected litigator" and "strong on strategy and case management". He is a Fellow and President of The Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, Co-Chair of the International Bar Association's Asia Pacific Arbitration Group, Honorary Treasurer of the Law Society of Singapore and Honorary Treasurer of the Pro Bono Services Office.



Mr. Yu-Jin Tay - Vice-President, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators; Partner & Head, International Arbitration (Asia), Mayer Brown LLP

Yu-Jin Tay is a partner in Mayer Brown's Singapore office and head of the international arbitration practice in Asia. He has practised in Singapore, London, Paris and Washington DC and has over 20 years of specialist arbitration experience across a wide range of sectors including energy, natural resources, technology and manufacturing, construction and infrastructure and investment treaty arbitration, involving the world's leading arbitral seats and institutions. Since 2001, he has practised investment treaty arbitration and in 2013 was designated to ICSID's Panels of Arbitrators and Conciliators. Yu-Jin was one among four Asian lawyers featured in Global Arbitration Review's global 45 under 45 ranking and has been ranked among the top partners in *Arbitration: Future Leaders* for consecutive years. He is listed annually as leading individual in legal directories including *GAR's International Who's Who* (since 2010), in the Singapore, Indonesia, South Korea, India and Asia-wide chapters of *Chambers Asia-Pacific* and *Legal 500* (since 2008). In addition to counsel work, Yu-Jin sits regularly as presiding, sole and co-arbitrator in ICC, SIAC, HKIAC, LCIA, VIAC and ad hoc arbitrations. He is a Fellow and Vice-President of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He is also a member of the specialist mediator panel of the Singapore International Mediation Centre.

About the Mock Arbitration Workshop Conveners



Mr. Chan Leng Sun SC - Essex Court Chambers Duxton (Singapore Group Practice)

Leng Sun is a Senior Counsel of the Supreme Court of Singapore. He is the Deputy Chairman of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the SGX Appeals Committee. He is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and the Advisory Panel of the Singapore Maritime Foundation.

Leng Sun is qualified in Malaysia, Singapore and England. Leng Sun is a Chartered Arbitrator, the Immediate Past President of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb) and the former Global Head of Arbitration of an international law firm. Leng Sun is recognised among the top lawyers worldwide by "Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019", "Who's Who Legal - Arbitration 2020", "Who's Who Litigation - Thought Leaders 2020" and Acritas Stars 2019. He is described by Chambers Asia-Pacific 2017 as "one of the best arbitrators and practitioners in arbitration."



Mr. Iain Potter - Partner, Matson Driscoll & Damico Pte Ltd, Singapore

Iain specialises in litigation support and expert witness assignments, in particular those involving business valuations or complex loss of profits claims. He has been instructed as an expert in proceedings before courts and arbitral tribunals in a number of jurisdictions including the UK, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, India, Australia and the BVI and has been appointed as a tribunal expert in an UNCLOS arbitration.

He is currently pursuing a number of areas of research, including a PhD with the University of Leicester and is overseeing research projects with teams from the National University of Singapore's Business School, focussing on shareholder derivative actions and on Singapore-listed companies' cost of capital. Iain is a Fellow of the Expert Witness Institute.

About the Mock Arbitration Tribunal



Judicial Commissioner Mohan S/O Ramamirtha Subbaraman - The Supreme Court of Singapore

Judicial Commissioner S. Mohan joined the Supreme Court on 3 January 2020. He graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (2nd Class Upper Honours) from the National University of Singapore in 1992 and was called to the Singapore Bar in 1993. Judicial Commissioner Mohan specialises in maritime, shipping and international trade disputes. He was among the first select group of legal practitioners to be accredited as Senior Accredited Specialist in Maritime and Shipping law in 2019 by the Singapore Academy of Law.

He was also on the panel of arbitrators of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration and a Fellow of The Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He last held the position of Managing Director of Resource Law LLC and had acted as counsel in the High Court and Court of Appeal on various contentious commercial matters involving, among others, maritime, shipping and international trade disputes.



Mr. Thio Shen Yi SC - Joint Managing Partner, TSMP Law Corporation

Shen Yi read law at St John's College, Cambridge University, graduating in 1991. He topped the English Bar Examinations, and was called to the Singapore bar in 1993. Since then, he has practiced exclusively in dispute resolution, primarily as counsel, and occasionally as arbitrator. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2008 at 40 and elected a Master Benchers of The Middle Temple in 2016.

His areas of expertise include complex corporate and trust litigation, restructuring and insolvency, financial and commercial disputes, information and technology, construction and engineering disputes, and competition law. He served as the 25th President of the Law Society of Singapore from 2015-2016. A firm believer that pro bono legal work is a debt that every lawyer owes, he also currently serves on the board of the Law Society's Pro Bono Services Pte Ltd, a registered charity.

About the Speakers / Panellists



Mr. Chaitanya Arora

Chaitanya Arora is a financial expert who specialising in the assessment of quantum, financial and accounting issues in contentious matters. He has over 20 years of experience of consulting in various roles including financial audit, mergers and acquisitions and disputes. Mr. Arora is often appointed as an independent expert witness on damages, valuation and accounting topics in disputes before the ICC, SIAC, Singapore Courts and ad hoc arbitrations in Asia. During his career spent in consulting, Mr. Arora has lived and worked in several countries including the US, Singapore and India, and has handled complex projects in several jurisdictions in North America, Europe, Africa, Australia and Asia. Recently, he was named as a Thought Leader - Arbitration 2019 in Singapore by Who's Who Legal.

His clients recommended him for his "strong understanding of the Asian market" and his "professionalism and responsiveness to clients' needs". He was also listed in the Who's Who Legal: Arbitration Expert Witness list for 2018. He drew praise from clients for his "extremely impressive" work in the arbitration space. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants and CPA Australia. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst. He has earned a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy from the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign.



Mr. Hamish Egan - Associate Director, HKA

Hamish has more than 15 years' experience within the accounting and finance industry, comprising experience in audit; corporate finance (financial due diligence and valuation); and forensic accounting. His forensic accounting experience includes business valuations arising primarily from shareholder disputes; estimation of lost profits arising from alleged breaches of contracts or agreements; and the analysis of complex accounting information. He has worked across various sectors including oil and gas, financial services, manufacturing and the food industry; with clients or assets in jurisdictions across Asia including Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, China, Vietnam and Thailand.

Hamish has worked in multiple forums, including international arbitration, court litigation, and mediation. Hamish's experience also includes working for the sovereign wealth fund of Singapore, where he was involved in developing the firm-wide valuation policy and reviewing the valuations of private equity investments. He has qualifications in economics, finance and accounting from the University of Auckland, and is both a Chartered Accountant and a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Charterholder.

**Mr. Jonathan Ellis – Director, Accuracy (Singapore Office)**

Jonathan Ellis is a Director in the Singapore office of Accuracy, which he co-leads. He specialises in quantification of lost profits and valuations, in particular for litigation, arbitration and expert determination purposes. He has been appointed as expert on numerous occasions and given oral testimony on matters across a variety of sectors and geographies.

He has worked on matters before the Singapore International Commercial and High Courts, in mediation processes as well as in SIAC, ICC, ad-hoc, LCIA, HKIAC, and ICSID arbitration forums. Jonathan is a Physics graduate from Imperial College London and has a Master's in Accounting and Management Science, with distinction, from the University of Southampton. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) and a member of Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN). He recently was part of the drafting subcommittee of the CIARB's guidelines for witness conferencing in international arbitration.

**Mr. Mohamed Goush Marikan - Managing Partner & Mariner, Goush Marikan Law Practice**

Goush Marikan has been in practice at the Singapore shipping bar for over 24 years. He heads the firm's Marine Casualty Response team and Shipping practice.

His invaluable experience as a sea-going officer for 8 years (during which he served on board general cargo vessels, container vessels and bulk carriers) and experience in handling casualties in the region have put him in a good position to provide clients with swift and practical assistance following any casualty or any maritime dispute with heavy technical content.

**Mr. John Gibson – Director of Asia, Marine Engineer, Brookes Bell Singapore**

Mr. John Gibson was at sea for twenty years before joining the Brookes Bell in 1996. He is a Chartered Engineer, with a Master's degree, and since 2001 John has been a partner at Brookes Bell. An expert in his field, John uses his extensive consultancy and investigative experience to provide comprehensive assessments of marine and offshore casualties and disputes. The type of investigations John conducts are as diverse as they are thorough.

As a member of the Institution of Fire Engineers John also reports on fatal and non-fatal fires. John has provided technical evidence for court proceedings and arbitration around the world and for the last 6 years he has been based in Singapore having set up the Brookes Bell office there. John is also a supporting member of the LMAA and a member of SCMA.

**Mr. Alastair Henderson - Managing Partner, Southeast Asia, Head of International Arbitration Practice, Southeast Asia, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP**

Alastair heads Herbert Smith Freehills' disputes practice in Southeast Asia. He is also the firm's Southeast Asia managing partner. He has lived and worked in the region since 1999. Alastair is 'one of the leading names on the Asia-Pacific arbitration scene'. He represents clients before tribunals all over the world and serves regularly as an arbitrator in major centres. He handles cases for governments, multinational corporations and leading regional companies, across many sectors and industries including construction, infrastructure, power, energy and natural resources; industrial and manufacturing sectors; international contract and joint venture disputes; cross-border trading and investment cases; and specialist areas of international law.

**Mr. Jonathan Humphrey – Partner, HKA**

Jonathan Humphrey has more than 20 years of experience advising clients as an accounting and finance expert on complex contentious matters and in an advisory capacity. His experience includes the quantification of lost profits arising from breach of contracts and warranties, valuations resulting from expropriation and shareholder disputes and quantification of damages in respect of class actions, professional negligence, insurance claims, business interruption and post-acquisition disputes.

He has worked across sectors including oil and gas, power, construction, IT and telecoms, financial services and manufacturing; and has an established international background working in jurisdictions including Australia, Asia, the United Kingdom, Continental Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Jonathan is appointed regularly as an expert in contentious matters and has experience providing oral evidence in commercial and investment treaty cases. He has worked in multiple forums, including international arbitration under ICC, UNCITRAL, LCIA, SIAC, DIAC and HKIAC rules, court litigation and mediation.

**Ms Julie Raneda – Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer Pte Ltd**

Julie Raneda is a partner in Schellenberg Wittmer's international arbitration practice in Singapore. She represents clients in international commercial, investment and sports arbitration matters. Julie has been involved as counsel and arbitrator in complex arbitrations seated in civil and common law jurisdictions under many different laws and various arbitration rules (in particular ICC, SCAI, SIAC, UNCITRAL, CAS, VIAC).

Her main areas of expertise include construction and engineering, energy, pharmaceutical/life sciences, manufacturing and international sales. She also advises clients on international trade sanctions. After completing a degree in international relations at the Graduate Institute Geneva, Julie graduated with a law degree from the University of Geneva. Julie Raneda joined Schellenberg Wittmer

in 2008. She also practiced at a leading international law firm in London in 2014-2015. Julie was admitted to the Swiss Bar in 2011 and to the Singapore bar in 2016 (foreign lawyer). Julie is the chair of the ASA South East Asia chapter, vice chair of the IPBA Next Generation Committee and a committee member of YSIAC.

**(Engr. Dr.) Harry Tan Siew Ann - Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, National University of Singapore**

Prof Harry Tan has been a staff member of the Department of Civil Engineering at the National University of Singapore (NUS) since May 1980. He has published over 300 technical papers covering topics such as Deep Excavations, Pile Foundations, Geosynthetics, Ground Improvement of Soft Clays, and Land Reclamation, in journals and various international conferences.

He was awarded the GEOSS "Outstanding Geotechnical Engineer Award for 2018" for his sustained contributions to education, research and practice of geotechnical engineering in Singapore, to improve its state of practice. He is a licensed professional engineer since 1994, and a geotechnical specialist since its inauguration in 2007, in Singapore. He was the leader of the State Expert witness team for the COI on the Nicol Highway tunnel collapse of April 2004.

**Dr. Tan Teng Hooi – Assoc Prof and the Head of the Building and Project Management Programme, School of Science and Technology, Singapore University of Social Sciences**

Dr. Tan Teng Hooi is presently an Associate Professor and the Head of the Building and Project Management Programme, School of Science and Technology, Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS). He is a Chartered Engineer and Professional Engineer, a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers (UK) and the Institution of Engineers Singapore (IES).

In his thirty-nine years of engineering career, he has worked in the academia where he lectures, conducts research, provides consultancy in civil and structural engineering and in the industry as a practitioner. He has also served in many technical committees on standards in SPRING Singapore relating to the construction industry and has served as an Expert Witness in several cases in Singapore.

**Mr. Ian Teo - Managing Director, Helmsman LLC**

Ian Teo is a commodities and shipping lawyer. He is consistently recommended in major legal publications for his expertise, including Chambers - The World's Leading Lawyers for Business, Asia Pacific Legal500 and Best Lawyers International (2013 -2018). In 2016, Ian was named Singapore Trade Lawyer of the Year. In 2019, he was amongst the first batch of Senior Accredited Shipping and Maritime Law Specialists recognised by the Singapore Academy of Law. He was also recognised by Euromoney Expert Guides 2019 as one of the world's 30 Best of the Best shipping lawyers. Ian read law at the National University of Singapore and Cambridge University.

**Mr. Ivan Todorov - Senior Master Mariner, Brookes Bell**

Ivan has 15 years of sea-going experience, conducting ISM, ISPA, MLC and Navigational audits and 6 years as a marine surveyor. He is a DNV-GL certificated ISM/ISPA/MLC internal auditor for shipping companies and a Nautical Institute certificated Navigational Assessor. As a marine surveyor, he was involved in various cargo and ship related claims for P&I Clubs, H&M underwriters and Admiralty Lawyers. Ivan has provided expert opinion and acted as an expert witness in arbitration proceeding in the UK.

**Mr. Abraham Vergis - Managing Director, Providence Law Asia LLC**

Abraham is an experienced Singapore court advocate and counsel in international arbitrations across Asia. He is also an accredited arbitrator. Abraham has been commended by the Singapore Court judgements on being "very competent", "impressed by the quality of Mr Vergis' advocacy, and certainly more than capable of advancing his client's position." Chambers and Partners ranked Abraham to be amongst the top twenty litigators in Singapore in 2018 and 2017. Abraham was nominated as "Asia's Disputes Star of the Year" by AsiaLaw.

Abraham established Providence Law Asia LLC as a boutique international arbitration and litigation practice, bringing with him 20 years of extensive experience in contentious work in Asia. He works closely with leading lawyers from other jurisdictions and is regularly instructed as counsel by International law firms. Under Abraham's leadership Providence Law Asia has attained multiple accolades, including most recently winning the Award for "Best Managing Partner" by Asian Legal Business.

**Mr. Gregory Vijayendran SC - Partner, Dispute Resolution, Rajah & Tan LLP; President, Law Society of Singapore**

Gregory Vijayendran, SC graduated from the National University of Singapore and was one of the main speakers in the university's mooting team in 1992 that emerged world runner-up at the 1992 Jessup International Law Moot Competition in Washington D.C. Gregory was thereafter admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1993 and joined Rajah & Tann after being in practice in two other leading law firms for 15 years (jointly heading the Banking and Insolvency Litigation Practice Group of another leading law firm).

Gregory presently serves as President of the Law Society of Singapore. In that capacity, he also serves on strategic and influential boards and committees impacting and developing the legal sector such as (i) Singapore Academy of Law (as Vice President) (ii) Singapore Institute of Legal Education (iii) SAL Ventures and (iv) the Promotion of Singapore Law Committee.

Gregory has considerable experience and expertise in various spheres of civil and commercial litigation, arbitration and dispute resolution. He is also a recognised expert in banking and insolvency law as well as charities governance. Most recently, Gregory has been recognised by Best Lawyers in Singapore (2019) for Insolvency and Reorganisation law.

**Dr Thomas Walford - CEO, Expert Evidence Limited; Governor, Expert Witness Institute, United Kingdom**

Dr. Thomas Walford has wide experience in Private Banking, Investment Management and Wealth Management. Thomas spent 19 years managing Private Banks and nearly thirty in the city managing or advising clients on investment and banking needs. Also wide experience of UK, Offshore and International relationships. Recent cases include working for financial institutions and clients in Interest Rate Swaps, Property Lending and adherence to Investment Objectives. He has dealt with a multitude of client situations and resolved them to the satisfaction of the parties involved.

Thomas is a governor of and is a certified expert by the Expert Witness Institute. In 2015 he was appointed on the jury of the European Expertise and Expert Institute ('EEEE') as part of the European Guide to Legal Expertise ('EGLE') project. He is accredited by: the UK Register of Expert Witnesses, Expert Witness Institute, Academy of Experts, CEDR, also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Court Cross Examination a speciality, as is advising on pre-litigation decisions on a Particulars of Claim.

**Mr. Wayne Wilson - Managing Director, The Claro Group**

Wayne Wilson, a Managing Director with The Claro Group, LLC, has 25 years of experience as a consultant to the energy industry. He works with his clients' issues from wellhead to Wall Street, on matters ranging from drilling and development delays to SEC investigations. He has consulted on projects in Eastern Europe, South America, Africa, Southeast Asia, and North America. His testimony has been accepted by courts at the international, federal, and state levels and by arbitration tribunals across the globe. Wayne has provided consulting services and expert testimony to international clients in the areas of finance, valuation, organizational management, accounting, statistics, and risk management.

His expertise in the energy industry includes crude, natural gas, petrochemicals, polyolefins, refined & processed products, petroleum transportation, energy commodities trading, energy derivatives trading, liquified natural gas, power generation, power transmission, and local distribution.

**Mr. Nicholas White - Senior Consultant, London Offshore Consultants Pte Ltd**

With over 29 years' experience as a marine surveyor/consultant, Nick has considerable experience investigating an extensive range of claims for P&I Clubs, H&M Underwriters, Energy Underwriters and Admiralty Lawyers, including extensive experience in salvage and wreck removal. Nick has provided expert evidence in the Singapore Supreme Court and for arbitrations in Singapore and Australia on collisions, seaworthiness issues, and unsafe port issues. Nick is an Associate Mediator named on the SMC's marine panel, named on the Lloyd's panel of Special Casualty Representatives (SCR), is a Liveryman of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners and a Fellow of The Nautical Institute.