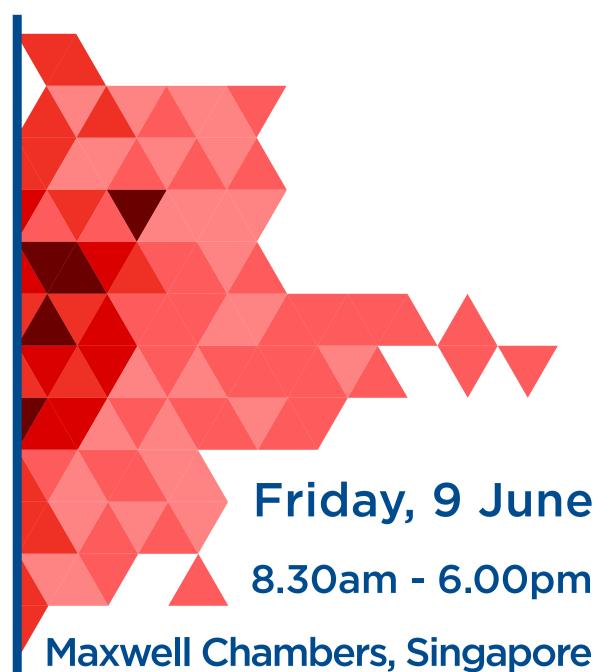


EVOLUTION AND INNOVATION: KEEPING PACE WITH THE FUTURE OF ARBITRATION



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YSIAC CONFERENCE 2017 PROGRAMME

7.45am - 8.30am Registration and Refreshments

(To Be Confirmed)

8.30am - 8.45am

Welcome Address by Mr Davinder Singh, SC, CEO, Drew & Napier LLC; Chairman, SIAC Board of Directors

8.45am - 9.15am

Keynote Address by Mr Gary Born, Chair, International Arbitration Practice Group, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP; President, SIAC Court of Arbitration

9.15am - 9.30am

Introduction to Speed Conferencing sessions

9.30am - 10.00am

Coffee Break

10.00am - 11.15am

SPEED CONFERENCING

This is the conference version of "speed -dating". There will be a total of 10 sessions.

Each session will be an interactive discussion run by co-moderators on a "hot" topic in international arbitration.

11.15am - 11.45am

Coffee Break

11.45am - 12.30pm

PLENARY SESSION 1

CONCLUSIONS FROM "SPEED CONFERENCING" SESSIONS - PART I

Each co-moderator summarises the discussions in their sessions, and the issues raised and debated. Feedback will be followed by discussion and Q&A with the audience.

12.30pm - 1.30pm

Lunch Break

1.30pm - 2.15pm

PLENARY SESSION 2

CONCLUSIONS FROM "SPEED CONFERENCING" SESSIONS - PART II

Each co-moderator summarises the discussions in their sessions, and the issues raised and debated. Feedback will be followed by discussion and Q&A with the audience.

2.15pm - 2.30pm

Presentation of Essay Competition Prizes

2.30pm - 3.30pm

GC PANEL SESSION

THE GENERAL COUNSEL'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

General Counsel ("GC") play an important, but oft-overlooked, role in shaping international arbitration. At the contract negotiation stage, GC are the ones determining whether an arbitration clause is incorporated into the contract, the applicable arbitration rules, whether it provides for a sole arbitrator or a three-member tribunal etc. At the initial stages of a dispute, before external counsel are engaged, GC are the ones undertaking the initial cost-risk-benefit assessment of the case and advising on pre-arbitration settlement efforts.

As legally-trained representatives of the end-users of arbitration, together with the management of the company and on the advice of external counsel, they can, among other things, help tailor-make the arbitral procedure of a case to ensure that it is time and cost efficient and meets the specific requirements of the case.

It is thus imperative in discussing the future of international arbitration, that GC are consulted, and that they make

3.30pm - 4.00pm

Coffee Break

their voices heard.

4.00pm - 5.00pm **DEBATE**

> In a society that chases after youth, the international arbitration industry has somewhat bucked that trend. Instead, experienced arbitrators, typically of some seniority in terms of age, are generally preferred over the more junior ones. In a multi-million dollar dispute, it is easier for counsel to recommend senior international arbitrators to their clients as party-nominated arbitrators, instead of younger arbitrators who are most likely cutting their teeth on their first few cases.

MOTION: THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THAT ARBITRATORS BECOME BETTER WITH AGE

Age typically equates with experience.

5.00pm - 5.40pm **Q&A PANEL**

Closing Remarks by Ms Lim Seok Hui, CEO, SIAC 5.40pm - 5.45pm

6.15pm **COCKTAIL EVENING**

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