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## NAVIGATING A DISRUPTED WORLD – GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

**WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2023 (9.15am to 8pm)**

**NATIONAL GALLERY SINGAPORE, THE Ngee ANN KONGSI AUDITORIUM (LEVEL B1)**

### PROGRAMME

9.15 am	Registration
10.00 am	Welcome Address by Mr Chao Hick Tin SC, Chairman, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration
10.05 am	Keynote Address by Guest-of-Honour
<b>10.20 am</b>	<p><b>Session 1: Making Maritime Dispute Resolution More Efficient – Perspectives from Insurers</b></p> <p>In today's evolving business landscape, disputes are becoming increasingly complex and difficult to resolve. Litigating disputes can be a costly and time-consuming affair. Arbitration and mediation are both commonly-known alternative dispute resolution options. The panel of senior claims handlers will discuss how different forms of alternative dispute resolution can be used to support the claims handling process.</p> <p>John Sze, Deputy Managing Partner, JTJB LLP (Moderator) Alvin Looi, Director, Freight Demurrage &amp; Defence, NorthStandard Andrew Bicknell, Partner, Clyde &amp; Co Singapore Edgar Chin, Director, Ascendant Legal LLC (Formal Law Alliance with Norton Rose Fulbright) Loh Jen Wei, Senior Partner, Dentons Rodyk &amp; Davidson LLP Rama Chandran, Head of Marine, Asia, QBE Insurance</p>
11.35 am	Refreshment Break
<b>12.05 pm</b>	<p><b>Session 2: Decarbonisation and Digitalisation: Where Are We Now and What Is Coming Next?</b></p> <p>Corporates are shifting towards new mechanisms of doing business while aligning themselves with regulations to meet decarbonisation targets. This session offers insight into the current trends and initiatives, as well as foresight into what is in store for the shipping industry in the coming years. The panel of industry experts will share their perspectives on the major concerns over the path to decarbonisation and digitalisation and take stock of the progress towards a more environmentally friendly and efficient shipping industry.</p> <p>Esben Poulsson, Executive Chairman, Enesel Pte Ltd (Moderator) Andrew Hoare, Global Head of Shipping, Fortescue Future Industries Colin de Souza, Regional Head, South Asia, Ocean Network Express Jeppe Skovbakke Juhl, Manager, Maritime Safety &amp; Security, BIMCO Mikael Skov, Chief Executive Officer, Hafnia</p>
1.05 pm	Lunch
<b>2.20 pm</b>	<p><b>Session 3: Misdelivery Claims – Good Faith, Causation and Consent</b></p> <p>Bills of Lading (BL) give its holder a right to demand possession of the goods from the carrier, failing which the holder can claim against the carrier for misdelivery. Trade financing banks often disburse credit on the security of BLs and have historically succeeded in obtaining summary judgment, i.e., judgment without trial, against shipowners for misdelivery.</p> <p>Bazul Ashhab, Managing Partner, Head of Dispute Resolution, International Arbitration / Litigation, Oon &amp; Bazul LLP (Moderator) Daniel Liang, Partner, Maritime &amp; Aviation Practice, Allen &amp; Gledhill LLP Daryll Ng, Managing Partner, Stephenson Harwood Singapore Ian Teo, Managing Director, Helmsman LLC Kendall Tan, Partner, Head of Shipping &amp; International Trade, Rajah &amp; Tann Singapore LLP Nigel Cooper KC, Barrister, Quadrant Chambers</p>
3.35 pm	Refreshment Break
<b>4.05 pm</b>	<p><b>Session 4: Maritime Arbitration Enforcement – Perspectives from China, India, Indonesia, and Vietnam</b></p> <p>There will be a presentation on the process for enforcement of arbitration awards in China, India, Indonesia, and Vietnam. This will be followed by a panel discussion on common pitfalls to be avoided in these jurisdictions when seeking enforcement.</p> <p>Karnan Thirupathy, Partner, Kennedys Legal Solutions (Moderator) Amitava (Raja) Majumdar, Managing Partner, Bose &amp; Mitra &amp; Co, Advocates Dang Vu Minh Ha, Partner, Head of Shipping &amp; Alternative Dispute Resolution, Dzungsr &amp; Associates LLC Nicholas Lum, Partner, Clyde &amp; Co Shanghai Tony Budidjaja, Senior Partner, Budidjaja International Lawyers</p>
5.05 pm	Closing Remark
5.15 pm	Cocktails and networking (National Gallery Singapore, Level 6, Padang Deck)
8.00 pm	End of programme

## SPEAKERS



John Sze is the Deputy Managing Partner of JTJB, a Singapore headquartered regional law firm with a particular specialisation in shipping and international trade law.

John has over 20 years' experience in advising clients on the shipping and trade matters, and has acted as lead counsel in disputes before the Singapore Courts and in arbitrations seated in Singapore, Hong Kong and London. He has also provided expert witness on Singapore shipping law in US and UK court proceeding. John sits on the promotion committee of the SCMA and has been active in encouraging the adoption of SCMA arbitration rules in this region.

**John Sze**

Deputy Managing Partner  
JTJB LLP



Alvin is a Director in the Freight Demurrage & Defence (FD&D) department of Northstandard Ltd. He qualified as an advocate & solicitor of the Singapore bar in 2001 and, prior to joining (then) North of England, Alvin worked in Singapore law firms practicing a wide range of shipping matters including admiralty and trade disputes.

After leaving practice as a partner in 2008, Alvin briefly joined Assuranceforeningen Skuld's representative office in Singapore before moving to North in 2009 where he specialised in FD&D claims and disputes. Alvin has overseen the growth of the FD&D team in Singapore and has geographical responsibility of the FD&D class for North's Asia-Pacific Members.

**Alvin Looi**

Director  
Freight Demurrage &  
Defence  
NorthStandard



Andrew Bicknell is a partner in Clyde & Co's Singapore office. He joined Clyde & Co in 1988 and specialises in shipping and insurance litigation. He has broad experience of marine disputes, acting principally for insurers, charterers, shipowners and traders.

Andrew was a founding member of Clyde & Co's Singapore office which was established in 1991. He has since been involved in a number of high profile casualty cases, including collisions, groundings and ship fires. He has also been involved in construction disputes arising from the building of FPSO's and platforms and in a number of superyachts charter and construction disputes.

Andrew returned to London in May 2007. Subsequently, Andrew has relocated back to Singapore in August 2022 where he continues to focus on a mixture of shipping, insurance and trade work.

**Andrew Bicknell**

Partner  
Clyde & Co  
Singapore



Edgar is a director at Ascendant Legal, a Singapore law firm in Formal Law Alliance with Norton Rose Fulbright.

Edgar has broad and in-depth experience in the shipping/admiralty, international trade and commercial sectors, with a strong focus on contentious matters. He regularly appears as lead counsel before all levels of courts in Singapore, as well as in arbitrations both ad-hoc and institutional, including under the SIAC, LCIA, and ICDR.

Edgar also has extensive and practical experience in the Protection and Indemnity (P&I) industry, having been a Claims Director at an International Group (IG) P&I Club, where he spent five years working closely with owners/operators, brokers and underwriters globally with a focus on Asia.

Edgar is accredited by the Singapore Academy of Law as a Senior Accredited Specialist in Maritime and Shipping Law since 2020.

**Edgar Chin**

Director  
Ascendant Legal LLC  
(Formal Law Alliance  
with Norton Rose  
Fulbright)



Loh Jen Wei is a senior partner in Dentons Rodyk's Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice group and Co-Head of the firm's Shipping practice.

Jen Wei's practice is in civil and commercial litigation and international arbitration. She acts for and advises clients on a range of transport and trade related disputes including charterparties, mortgage enforcement, commodity sale contracts, marine and cargo insurance, and carriage of goods by sea and air. She also regularly advises clients on trade related regulatory and compliance issues. She handles contentious shipping and admiralty matters in the Singapore courts and in arbitration, and advises ship owners, charterers, banks, shipyards and marine insurers.

Jen Wei is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and has been appointed as arbitrator in several charterparty and carriage of goods disputes.

**Loh Jen Wei**

Senior Partner  
Dentons Rodyk &  
Davidson LLP



Rama Chandran was appointed in August 2015 as Head of Marine. He has over 40 years of both industry and extensive marine underwriting experience. Prior to QBE, Rama worked as a Class Underwriter, Marine and Energy for Argo Global Underwriting Asia Pacific. Before that, he was the Head of Marine, SVP for Asia Capital Reinsurance Group Singapore managing a team of Underwriters for both Facultative and Treaty business covering Asia, GCC, Central Asia, Turkey and Australia/New Zealand. Rama is a marine engineer by trade and has worked for Neptune Orient Lines Singapore prior to joining the insurance industry. He came ashore to join Ritchie & Bisset (Far East) as a surveyor and, in 13 years with that firm, rose to Managing Director.

Rama holds a Masters of Business Administration from University of Leicester and is a member of Society of Naval Architect & Marine Engineering and Singapore Maritime Officers' Union. He is a qualified Marine Engineer Officer (Class 1 Motorship) under the Merchant Shipping Act. Rama was the Chairman of the Ocean Hull Committee of the International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI) from 2018 until 2022. He is currently the member of the committee. Rama is also a Member of the Marine Committee at the General Insurance Association of Singapore. Other positions includes as a member at the Legal and Insurance Committee at SSA and Local Chapter at Singapore Arbitration Centre. Rama was named as the 6th most influential people in Marine Insurance globally for 2020 by Lloyd's List.

**Rama Chandran**

Head of Marine, Asia  
QBE Insurance

## SPEAKERS



**Esben Poulsson**  
Executive Chairman  
Enesel Pte. Ltd.

Esben Poulsson is Executive Chairman of Enesel Pte. Ltd., a Singapore based ship owning entity of a fleet of container vessels under the Singapore Flag. He has worked in the maritime industry for over 50 years and has held a variety of senior management positions in Hong Kong, London, Copenhagen and Singapore. Aside from his Enesel duties, he is non-executive Chairman of Cambiaso Risso Asia Pte. Ltd., Singapore, of Tamar Shipmanagement Ltd., Hong Kong and of Keppel Smit Towage Pte. Ltd., Singapore. Additionally, he is a board member of BW Epic Kosan Gas Ltd, Singapore, of Finnlines PLC., Helsinki, of Abu Dhabi Ports Group (Maritime Cluster), Abu Dhabi and of Enesel Bulk Logistics DMCC, Dubai. He also acts as Senior Advisor to the Chairman of X-Press Feeders Ltd., Singapore. He has been a member of the Board of the Maritime & Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) since 2015.

He is immediate past Chairman (2022) of the London-based International Chamber of Shipping and immediate past President (2019) of the Singapore Shipping Association and is an Advisory Panel member of the Singapore Maritime Foundation. In 2019, he was appointed Vice President of the London-based charity, The Mission of Seafarers. He was awarded the Public Service Star by the President of Singapore in 2019, and in 2021, the Seatrade Awards - in association with Lloyd's List - Lifetime Achievement Award.



**Andrew Hoare**  
Global Head of Shipping  
Fortescue Future  
Industries

Andrew Hoare is the Head of Shipping for Fortescue Future Industries (FFI) FFI was set up in 2020 to lead the world in stepping beyond fossil fuels by developing Green Electrons, Green Hydrogen and Green Technology at scale. It is part of the Fortescue Group, which also includes Fortescue Metals ("FM") – the world's leading Mining Company that is on the journey to show the world how a major industrial company can fully decarbonise ("Real Zero") before 2030.

Andrew has close to 30 years' experience in the maritime and energy sectors. He holds an MBA from the City University of London (Hult Ashridge) and a Master's Degree in Management with International Relations from St. Andrew's University, Scotland. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers and is an accredited CEDR mediator since 2022.



**Colin de Souza**  
Regional Head, South Asia  
Ocean Network Express  
Pte. Ltd.

Colin leads a team of diverse yet driven professionals across a region covering the Middle East, Indian subcontinent, South East Asia and Oceania. As regional head, Colin is responsible for pursuing the company's interests and performance in the region.

Colin has worked in the shipping Industry for 38 years. He learnt on the job and added to his skills and experience with every position he held during his career. Intelligent, adaptable, and highly driven, Colin has gone from strength to strength working in many different roles and countries in Europe, Asia and Africa. Colin's key strengths are his knowledge of the business, people skills, his ability to communicate effectively and keep up with technology.



**Jeppe Skovbakke Juhl**  
Manager  
Maritime Safety & Security  
BIMCO

Jeppe Skovbakke Juhl is educated as naval architect and holds a position as manager in the BIMCO department for Maritime Safety & Security for the past almost 12 years. He is responsible for coordinating BIMCO's initiative on a large variety of technical related matters. Currently his core competencies cover maritime digitalization and autonomous ships, port efficiency and ship-shore interface and data exchange. However, in the past, Mr. Juhl was deeply involved in technical knowledge to maritime air emissions and the IMO Green House Gas Strategy. Also, underwater radiated noise and lost containers at sea, as well as core knowledge in ship stability (intact and damage).

Having attended IMO meetings through his whole career, he has fundamental insight to issues related to maritime flag state administration (flag state implementation, goal- and functional-based regulation, Risk-based approval process, including Formal Safety Assessment methodology). Mr. Juhl has previously been working at FORCE Technology with research and innovation projects for 8 years and at the Danish Maritime Authority for another 8 years.



**Mikael Skov**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hafnia

Mikael Skov is the CEO of Hafnia, one of the largest global product tanker companies, listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange. He was the co-founder and the CEO of Hafnia Tankers, a global shipping company involved in the transportation of refined oil products. He has more than 35 years of experience in the shipping industry. He is a board member of Clipper Group Ltd and was an industry representative of the Danish Maritime Strategy Team established by the Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs. He is the co-chair of the All Aboard Alliance, which has been established to increase focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion within the Maritime Industry.

Prior to establishing Hafnia Tankers, Mikael worked 25 years in Torm, an international product tanker and bulk carrier company, of which he served two years as the CEO. Mikael graduated in Economics and Language from Copenhagen Business School and has attended the International Executive Programme at INSEAD.

## SPEAKERS



**Bazul Ashhab**  
Managing Partner  
Head of Dispute  
Resolution, International  
Arbitration/ Litigation  
Oon & Bazul LLP

Bazul Ashhab is the Managing Partner of Oon & Bazul and heads the firm's Dispute Resolution practice. He is also the Chairman of the SCMA's Promotion Committee.

He is highly regarded for his expertise in resolving cross-border disputes. His many years of managing disputes in the region has given him the ability to combine his legal expertise with cultural considerations and knowledge of the lay of the land to provide effective and practical solutions to resolve complex disputes.

He has substantial experience dealing with misdelivery claims and has acted as counsel in a series of headline cases before the Singapore Courts in this area. This has led to substantial instructions from various regional and international energy trading companies and shipowners in the wake of the collapse of Hin Leong Trading Pte Ltd and Hontop Energy (Singapore) Pte Ltd.

He was awarded "Singapore Managing Partner of the Year" by Asian Legal Business and is ranked as one of Singapore's top 100 lawyers by Asia Business Law Journal. He has been recognised as an exceptional lawyer by leading legal publications such as Chambers & Partners and Legal 500.



**Daniel Liang**  
Partner  
Maritime & Aviation  
Practice  
Allen & Gledhill LLP

Daniel is an international trade and shipping lawyer specialising in dispute resolution and contentious work. He regularly acts for shipowners, charterers, commodity traders, financiers, and insurers.

Daniel's practice covers all aspects of the international trade and shipping sectors, including charterparties, bills of lading, shipbuilding, ship repair, ship sale, marine insurance, sale of goods, trade finance, credit insurance. He has extensive experience in dealing with cross-border disputes, insolvencies and situations spanning Africa, the Middle East, Central America, South Asia, South-east Asia, North-east Asia and Oceania.

In addition to Singapore Court litigation, Daniel has experience conducting arbitrations under the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA), Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA), Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), The Grain and Feed Trade Association (GAFTA) and The Palm Oil Refiners Association of Malaysia (PORAM) rules.



**Daryll Ng**  
Managing Partner  
Stephenson Harwood  
Singapore

Daryll is a partner at Virtus Law, and the managing partner of the Stephenson Harwood Singapore office. He also heads the Stephenson Harwood (Singapore) Alliance dispute resolution practice in Singapore. He has specialised in marine and commercial dispute resolution for more than 20 years. Qualified to practise both in Singapore and the UK, Daryll has appeared at all levels of the Singapore Court and has acted in numerous arbitrations and mediations.

Daryll has been named in Asia Business Law Journal's A-list of Singapore's Top 100 Lawyers, recognised as a Distinguished Practitioner for Shipping by Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2021 and listed as a Recommended Lawyer for Shipping and Dispute Resolution by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific and a Leading Individual by Chambers Asia Pacific.



**Ian Teo**  
Managing Director  
Helmsman LLC

One of the founding directors of Helmsman, Ian is an authority on commercial law – with a unique blend of expertise in general commercial matters and specialised shipping and commodities work. He was named a Disputes Star by Benchmark Litigation and one of Asia's 50 Super Disputes Lawyers by Asia Legal Business. He is recognised in Who's Who Legal for his commercial litigation and shipping expertise.

Leading publications have described Ian as, "A specialist in shipping and trade disputes... (who) commands respect" and "a go-to name in the market when it comes to complex shipping disputes".

Ian is a senior accredited shipping and maritime law specialists appointed by the Singapore Academy of Law. He read law at NUS and Cambridge University. He's a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitration and an Adjunct Fellow of the NUS Centre for Maritime Law.



**Kendall Tan**  
Partner  
Head of Shipping &  
International Trade  
Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Kendall has over two decades of 'dry' and 'wet' shipping expertise, acting for high-profile clients in complex commercial disputes and casualties both locally, and across jurisdictions.

Kendall is a tri-jurisdiction qualified lawyer with a focus on marine and commodities-related disputes in Singapore, across Southeast Asia, and in London arbitrations. He is very active in the handling of casualty work in the Asia Pacific region and beyond.

Notably, Kendall has represented owners in drillship and jack-up accidents, sub-sea asset damage claims and acted as counsel to major container lines and tanker fleets in significant collisions or losses at sea including catastrophic pollution.

Kendall's reputation as a highly regarded market leading practitioner is endorsed by the likes of global legal directories such as Chambers and The Legal 500. He is also lauded by clients for having "a good grasp of the law and issues involved" and "a wealth of experience in shipping disputes".



**Nigel Cooper KC**  
Barrister  
Quadrant Chambers

Nigel's commercial practice predominantly covers shipping, energy, offshore and marine construction and insurance law. He is an experienced advocate appearing regularly in the Commercial and Admiralty court and Appellate courts. Nigel has a strong international arbitration practice, including as arbitrator, under the major institutional rules, such ICC, LCIA and SIAC, and under the rules of organisations such as the LMAA, SCMA, and GMAA as well as ad hoc arbitrations. He advises regularly on strategies to ensure that parties are held to their agreement to arbitrate and to ensure the effective enforcement of arbitration awards in different jurisdictions.

He has acted for the government at three major formal investigations as well as appearing as an expert witness in overseas proceedings, including Singapore. Nigel has considerable experience as lead counsel in cases that are factually and technically complex and is recognised for his advocacy and cross-examination skills in such cases.

## SPEAKERS



**Karnan Thirupathy**  
Partner  
Kennedys Legal Solutions

Karnan is a Partner with the Shipping & International Trade team at the international law firm Kennedys. Based in Singapore, he has over 20 years of experience handling international arbitration and multi-jurisdiction disputes in the commodities and shipping sectors.

His clients include trading houses, energy companies, vessel owners / charterers, P&I Clubs and marine insurers. He advises clients on a range of trade and shipping related matters including those involving commodity sale contracts, offtake agreements, contracts of affreightment, marine insurance, shipping / commodities related derivatives contracts and shipping and trade related fraud. He also regularly assists clients with trade sanctions compliance and related regulatory issues.

Karnan is a Singapore and English qualified lawyer and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is a member of the SCMA Procedures Committee and is also on the SCMA Panel of Arbitrators.

In 2020, he was appointed by the Singapore Academy of Law as a Senior Accredited Specialist in Maritime and Shipping Law in recognition of his expertise in shipping law. He has also been consistently recognized by legal publications, Chambers Global, Legal500, Best Lawyers and Who's Who Legal for his expertise and experience in this area.



**Amitava (Raja) Majumdar**  
Managing Partner  
Bose & Mitra & Co

Mr. Amitava Majumdar (Raja), Managing Partner has over two decades experience in the industry. His expertise encapsulates all facets in shipping and trade which inter-alia includes contentious and non-contentious/regulatory practice. He regularly appears in commercial and maritime matters and argues cases before number of High Courts and the Supreme Court of India as also before arbitral tribunals all across India. He has also proffered expert evidence on Indian law and Indian civil procedure before the English High Court and in proceedings before the Singaporean Courts.

Mr. Majumdar is one of the foremost Indian practitioners in ship sale and purchase transactions and regularly represents Indian ship-owners in closings in Singapore, London, Hong Kong, Greece, Italy, United States of America, Dubai, Hamburg, Bulgaria, Japan for various types of vessel. Mr. Majumdar has for the last decade been rated a Band 1 practitioner in the field of shipping by both Chambers & Partners and Legal 500. Mr Majumdar holds a law degree from the University of Plymouth (UK).



**Dang Vu Minh Ha**  
Partner, Head of Shipping  
& Alternative Dispute  
Resolution  
Dzungsr & Associates LLC

Ms. Dang Vu Minh Ha is a commercial and maritime expert focusing on commercial and maritime arbitration, maritime insurance and all types of dry and wet work. She is praised for being "very responsive and answer difficult questions very quickly" with "excellent" advice. Specializing in International Commercial Law, Minh Ha actively participates in both Shipping and Arbitration & ADR Groups of Dzungsr & Associates LLC. She deals with domestic and international arbitration at various institutions locally and internationally whilst also assisting foreign clients in recognition and enforcement of several foreign institutional and ad-hoc arbitral awards in Vietnam.

Beside the client work, Minh Ha is the co-author of a number of publications on arbitration, mediation and Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS). She also contributed to the drafting process of parts of the 2015 Civil Procedure Code of Vietnam related to arbitration and mediation and the Decree No. 22/2017/ND-CP on Commercial Mediation.



**Nicholas Lum**  
Partner  
Clyde & Co Shanghai

Nicholas Lum is a partner in Clyde & Co's Shanghai and Singapore offices. He has been described in leading legal publications as a "Disputes Star in arbitration" and "someone understanding the China market very well". Nicholas specialises in dispute resolution, with particular focus on international trade and commodities, shipping and shipbuilding, and general commercial disputes.

Nicholas spearheads Clyde & Co's Mainland China offices' cross-border dispute resolution efforts. He frequently advises and represents clients in international and local arbitrations conducted under various institutional and ad-hoc arbitration rules including those of SIAC, HKIAC, LCIA, LMAA, CIETAC, ICC and UNCITRAL.

Nicholas has close to two decades of experience working in the Mainland China market and combines a deep understanding of the Chinese business environment with his strong international background and multi-lingual skills. Having practised at the Singapore bar before relocating overseas, Nicholas continues to spend significant time in Singapore assisting China-based and international clients on Singapore-related matters and Court proceedings.



**Tony Budidjaja**  
Senior Partner  
Budidjaja International  
Lawyers

Tony Budidjaja has more than 26 years of experience as an advocate, mediator, and arbitrator for both domestic and international disputes. Tony is the first Indonesian lawyer is deemed qualified to speak in person before the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC). Currently, he is a Fellow at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIDR), as well as the Singapore Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FSIArb).

Tony has been included in the panel of mediators/arbitrators in a number of institutions both domestically (including the Badan Arbitrase Perdagangan Berjangka Komoditi – BAKTI and SJK LAPS) and abroad (such as the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) and the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC). He is the founder of the Indonesian Academy of Independent Mediator and Arbitrators (MedArbid) and currently sits as the Chairman.

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Clyde & Co's history of over 80 years' experience in the marine market, making us one of the oldest maritime law firms in the world, enables us to keep our focus forward, helping our clients respond to fundamental changes in an increasingly challenging geopolitical and regulatory landscape. Our marine lawyers are based in over 25 locations across five continents, delivering comprehensive, commercially focused advice in all time zones.

Clyde & Co's Singapore office was established more than 30 years ago and is a hub for companies across Asia Pacific, including developing economies in Southeast Asia. Clyde & Co provides an integrated service for local and international clients in Singapore through our Joint Law Venture, Clyde & Co Clasis Singapore. This offers clients seamless offshore and onshore advice, and draws together the global knowledge of Clyde & Co and the local knowledge of Clasis LLC.



### Joseph Tan Jude Benny LLP

JTJB is a leading maritime law firm in Singapore and has specialised in Maritime and International Trade law practice since its formation some 35 years ago, in 1988. Today, JTJB's maritime practice is anchored in Singapore with a network of offices across the region to serve the client's maritime needs in Singapore and in the region.

Our firm and maritime law partners are all highly ranked in the leading legal directories for expertise in maritime law. Four of our senior maritime lawyers are senior accredited specialists in Maritime and Shipping law by the Singapore Academy of Law. Our shipping practice covers the entire spectrum of the shipping and international trade market. We continue to be listed as correspondents by a number of the International Group of P&I Clubs, and regularly receive instructions from both the marine insurers as well as businesses operating in the shipping and international trade sphere. We are also regularly involved in arbitration work given the frequent adoption of arbitration clauses in many contracts across the maritime sector.

We have also handled many high value disputes and transactions spanning the areas of oil & gas, commodities, insolvency, shareholder and company law disputes in jurisdictions such as Indonesia, India, Malaysia, China, the US and the UK. The firm's sound, tactical and strategic advice, depth of industry knowledge and its ability to understand the practical aspects of commercial businesses are recognized by the various international industry watchers such as Chambers Asia-Pacific, The Legal 500, Benchmark Litigation and Asialaw Profiles.

With its experience, specialist focus and dedicated network of trusted legal professionals in this region, JTJB is well placed to serve not only the maritime sector, but a spectrum of clients with their legal needs anytime, anywhere.

## ALLEN & GLEDHILL

### Allen & Gledhill LLP

Allen & Gledhill is an award-winning full-service South-east Asian law firm providing legal services to a wide range of premier clients, including local and multinational corporations and financial institutions.

The Firm is consistently ranked as a market leader in Singapore and South-east Asia, having been involved in a number of challenging, complex and significant deals, many of which are the first of its kind. The Firm's reputation for high-quality advice is regularly affirmed by the strong rankings in leading publications, and by the various awards and accolades. With a growing network of associate firms and offices, it is well-placed to advise clients on their business interests in Singapore and beyond, on matters involving South-east Asia and the Asian region.

With its offices in Singapore, Myanmar and Vietnam, as well as its associate firm in Malaysia, Rahmat Lim & Partners, and its network firm in Indonesia, Soemadipradja & Taher, Allen & Gledhill has over 650 lawyers in its network across the region, making it one of the largest law firms in South-east Asia.

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Norton Rose Fulbright is a global law firm with over 3,500 lawyers and other legal staff based in more than 50 cities across Asia, Australia, Europe, the United States, Canada, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East.

We are one of the few international law firms to have a global shipping practice and able to provide the full range of services needed by today's sophisticated shipping companies. The key strength of our practice lies in our multidisciplinary experience and international reach. We are able to offer our clients seamless and coordinated advice, in both Singapore and the region.

In 2018, we entered into a Formal Law Alliance (FLA) with Singapore law practice Ascendant Legal LLC. Together, we offer our clients with complete coverage for their Singapore and international law needs, and underscores our shared commitment to furthering Singapore's position as a leading shipping hub in the world.





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Dentons Rodyk is one of Singapore's Big Five law firms, with a team of around 200 lawyers offering clients a full suite of legal services necessary to do business locally and globally. Our combination with global law firm Dentons, makes us part of the world's largest law firm with 20,000 professionals in over 200 locations in more than 80 countries.

With excellent connectivity to other Dentons offices, Dentons Rodyk's Maritime practice provides comprehensive services that encompass all forms of admiralty and shipping disputes, from enforcement of ship mortgage and other maritime claims, to shipbuilding disputes and marine casualties. On the advisory and transactional front, our Maritime practice offers advisory and documentation services in relation to ship sales and purchases, leasing, financing, and registration as well as the drafting and negotiation of shipping related contracts. Our extensive experience also includes commercial, regulatory and tax issues concerning ship finance. Our clients have commended the team for our ability to "deliver reliable, timely, effective, efficient, and of high quality legal services". Our Maritime practice and lawyers have also been highly ranked in various legal directories, including, but not limited to *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific* and *Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific*.

#### Dzungprt & Associates LLC

Dzungprt & Associates LLC is a boutique shipping and ADR law firm established since 1994 with offices in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. The firm is a leader in the fields of shipping, dispute resolution, commerce and insurance.

Dzungprt & Associates LLC has a vast pool of talented lawyers who have been well-trained abroad, practise to a very high standard and are familiar with the intricacies of shipping and dispute resolution in Vietnam. Our lawyers have been directly involved in the legislative process of Vietnamese laws and has provided guidance for by-laws regulating arbitration, which makes it well-equipped to provide practical and efficient solutions to legal problems.

As a testament to its success, Dzungprt & Associates LLC has consistently been accredited as a top-tier law firm in both dispute resolution and shipping practices by reputable rankings and considered as "one of the best" in arbitration in Vietnam.

#### Helmsman LLC

Helmsman LLC ("Helmsman") is a leading multi-disciplinary law firm servicing clients and partners in Asia, Greater China and further afield. Helmsman started as a dedicated shipping and commodities specialist practice and has grown to include practices such as commercial disputes, employment, and corporate, banking and finance.

The firm routinely acts for clients in varied and high value commercial transactions and disputes across the world from their offices in Singapore and Hong Kong. The breadth of experience and deep expertise of their lawyers makes them the counsel of choice for the biggest corporations and industry stakeholders across the world.

Helmsman LLC are well known for their user-friendly approach, and penchant for 'plain practical advice'. Helmsman LLC is more than a law firm with only award - winning lawyers who represents in court, arbitration or mediation. The firm believes that knowing the letter of the law is one. But being able to apply the law in a way that gets the results is another, more valuable skill in its entirety.

#### Kennedys Legal Solutions

Kennedys Legal Solutions (a joint law venture between Kennedys Singapore LLP and Legal Solutions LLP) is part of Kennedys, a global law firm with over 2,400 people worldwide across 41 offices in the UK and Europe, Middle East, Asia Pacific and the Americas. In Singapore, our team of 14 partners and over 30 lawyers, act for insurers, reinsurers, government and statutory bodies, and corporates across a range of sectors and practice areas.

We are global leaders in shipping and international trade, with our experienced team providing a comprehensive range of services to clients across the maritime and commodities sectors. This includes assisting clients with issues relating to charterparties, cargo claims, casualties, ship construction / repair, the sale of vessels, commodities trading and financing, marine insurance and sanctions compliance. Our clients include shipowners / charterers, trading houses, logistics service providers, ports and terminals operators, P&I Clubs and marine insurers.

#### LCH Insurance Brokers Pte Ltd

LCH Insurance Brokers has been a leading insurance broker since its inception in 1978 as LCH (S). Since then, LCH has grown from strength to strength and established itself as a leader not only in Singapore, but also around the Southeast Asian region. At LCH, we understand the importance of offering the flexibility to our clients to cater to their specific insurance needs. LCH prides ourselves on our ability to recognise and deliver customised risk solutions. With nearly 40 years of experience from the existing team, we are strategically positioned to handle these needs, both locally and globally, through our close contacts with key underwriters in all major insurance markets.



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NorthStandard is one of the leading providers of global marine insurance products and services across the maritime industries. Established through the merger of North P&I Club and the Standard Club in February 2023, NorthStandard brings together over 300 years of marine insurance heritage. 'A' rated by S&P Global, NorthStandard has a premium income around US\$800M and provides cover for over 390 million GT of owned and chartered tonnage.

From headquarters in the UK and with offices throughout Europe, Asia and the Americas, NorthStandard offers a unique blend of worldwide presence and class-leading expertise across multiple specialist areas, including P&I, FD&D, War Risks, Strike & Delay, Hull and Machinery and ancillary insurance. Its Sunderland Marine and Coastal & Inland divisions also provide cover for owners' fixed premium P&I, fishing vessels, inland waterway and coastal trading vessels and aquaculture. NorthStandard's comprehensive local market and sector knowledge is underpinned by continuous investments in market-leading digital technologies.

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### **Oon & Bazul LLP**

With over 20 years of experience, Oon & Bazul's shipping practice provides a complete service to the global maritime community. Our unrivalled understanding of the shipping industry attracts clients from across the sector, including major shipowners, charterers, ship managers, underwriters, P&I clubs, commodity traders, banks and investors with substantial shipping portfolios. We aim to build long-standing relationships and provide practical advice to all our clients.

Our team of lawyers are consistently recognised by legal ranking agencies as elite practitioners in Singapore. The team has experience handling contentious matters as well as complex transactional and advisory work. Our work is typically multijurisdictional – we advise clients and coordinate cases both in the region and across the globe. Clients and international law firms often comment that we are one of the few law firms in Singapore who have the capability to manage complex, high-value legal matters in Singapore and the region.



### **Quadrant Chambers**

Quadrant Chambers holds a pre-eminent position as one of the leading international commercial disputes sets of barristers. Our barristers' expert services as litigators, advocates and arbitrators are sought by clients around the world.

We advise and represent parties in a wide variety of cases relating to shipping, trade and offshore activities in courts, arbitrations, inquiries and other tribunals, international arbitrations and foreign proceedings. Quadrant is the leading shipping set, and has been named Shipping Set of the Year by Chambers & Partners and/or Legal 500 for over 10 consecutive years. "A market-leading set, Quadrant Chambers continues to excel, offering a raft of stellar silks and high-calibre juniors who exhibit strong sector expertise in both dry and wet shipping matters as well as significant commodities disputes." (Chambers Global, 2023).

## RAJAH & TANN ASIA

### **Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP**

The Shipping & International Trade practice at Rajah & Tann is a market-leading, highly proficient and prolific team in Asia. Made up of 45 experienced specialist lawyers, some with seagoing experience, we have the largest number of Accredited Specialists for Maritime and Shipping Law in Singapore. For well over two decades, we have been ranked Band 1 and are recognised as "a pre-eminent practice in Singapore" in our sector.

We manage a complex portfolio of high-end shipping work, in both "wet" and "dry" contentious matters, as well as in ship finance and other non-contentious matters. Our strength in shipping and commodities is endorsed by institutional clients such as local and foreign banks and an international clientele made up of P&I Clubs, shipowners, charterers, and commodity houses.

As part of the largest Asian headquartered legal network, we are adept at multi-jurisdictional shipping work with the combined wherewithal and resources of our Regional Shipping Group, which pools specialists from our 10 regional offices.



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### **Stephenson Harwood Singapore**

Stephenson Harwood is a law firm with over 1100 people worldwide, including more than 190 partners. Our people are committed to achieving the goals of our clients - listed and private companies, institutions and individuals.

We assemble teams of bright thinkers to match our clients' needs and give the right advice from the right person at the right time. Dedicating the highest calibre of legal talent to overcome the most complex issues, we deliver pragmatic, expert advice that is set squarely in the real world.

Our headquarters are in London, with eight offices across Asia, Europe and the Middle East. In addition we have forged close ties with other high quality law firms. This diverse mix of expertise and culture results in a combination of deep local insight and the capability to provide a seamless international service.

The Stephenson Harwood (Singapore) Alliance is a formal law alliance with Stephenson Harwood LLP and Virtus Law LLP. The alliance enables us to offer clients an integrated service in multi-jurisdictional matters involving permitted areas of Singapore law.

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Jus Mundi is a Paris and New York-based legal tech providing smart search tools for commercial, investment, & maritime arbitration research. We offer the broadest and most exclusive collection of commercial arbitration awards from a range of sources, including data from key partnerships with the world's leading institutions, such as ICC, ICDR, SHIAC, and HKIAC.

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### **LVM Law Chambers LLC**

LVM Law Chambers LLC is a highly regarded boutique dispute resolution law firm established in 2017. Since its inception, it has been ranked highly by Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, and Benchmark Litigation.

The team at LVM Law Chambers is led by Mr Lok Vi Ming SC, a highly sought after Senior Counsel, and Joseph Lee, one of the leading lawyers of his generation. It also consists of experienced lawyers such as Mohd Haireez, an Accredited Specialist in Maritime and Shipping Law, and Jonathan Muk, whose specialist area is in fraud and investigations. The team also practices in a wide variety of areas of law, including shipping and international trade, corporate law, arbitration and litigation. They work closely with clients to understand their legal needs and provide tailored solutions that meet their unique requirements. They are known for their ability to provide commercially sensible legal solutions for their clients and are committed to providing their clients with strategic legal advice that is timely, efficient, and cost-effective.

LVM Law Chambers serves both domestic and international clients. Its clients include startups, mid-sized businesses, and large corporations across a range of industries such as the energy, telecommunications, technology, finance, and healthcare industries.



### **Bose & Mitra & Co**

Bose & Mitra & Co. are the largest boutique shipping law firm in India with a team of 15. With a dynamic workforce, we are able to cater to our Clients' needs irrespective of geographical location. We have been involved in virtually every major maritime matter in India in recent years, and also possess the know-how to handle the practical issues on dealing with the Indian maritime administration and the regulatory landscape, as we regularly advise on a wide gamut of such issues. Our work encompasses matters and disputes relating to collisions, salvage, wreck removal, total loss, piracy and terrorism, oil pollution, bunker claims, demurrage disputes, charter party disputes, cargo claims amongst other issues. Additionally, we regularly handle complex cases of personal injury as well as death compensation/crew claims. Furthermore, we provide extensive advice on Indian regulations governing the maritime sector, including but not limited to various regulations promulgated by the office of the Director General of Shipping (Ministry of Shipping) dealing with various facets of shipping. Whilst holding our forte in shipping, we have recently become a de-facto choice for trade matters, white-collar crimes and customs disputes as well, having represented Clients in big-ticket matters in these areas.

### **QBE Insurance**

QBE has been represented in Singapore since 1891 and is an industry leader with more than 130 years of proven performance. We combine in-depth local knowledge in each individual market and draw on the collective global resources of QBE Group to provide commercial, personal and specialty products and risk management solutions. Our success is built on the strength of our partnerships with professional insurance brokers, agents and financial advisors.

As a business insurance specialist, QBE Singapore offers a range of insurance products from the standard suite of property and casualty to the specialist financial lines, marine and construction. All are tailored to the individual needs of our small, medium and large customer base.

QBE Asia is part of the International Division of QBE Insurance Group Limited, a general insurance and reinsurance company, headquartered in Sydney and listed on the Australia Securities Exchange (ASX).



## SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS



### Asia Pacific Institute of Experts

APIEx is a Singapore-based registered society which aims to spearhead the development of professional expertise in the field of Expert evidence both locally and in the Asia Pacific region. A core mission of the society is to develop and provide a framework for the accreditation of Experts to meet international standards. This mission will be achieved through education, training and collaboration in local and regional conferences and workshops in the Asia Pacific region.

APIEx provides an avenue for practicing Experts and those who aspire to become accredited practicing Experts, to develop their expertise and to connect with other Experts and consumers of expert evidence. In particular, APIEx offers an Accreditation Course to acquaint participants with the law relating to opinion evidence (expert testimony), the role of experts in dispute resolution and the relevant Singapore law applicable to expert evidence. APIEx membership comprises lawyers as users of Expert services, as well as aspiring and practising Experts. Please visit [www.apix.org](http://www.apix.org) for more details.



### Baltic Exchange

Head quartered in London, The Baltic Exchange is the world's only independent source of maritime market information for the trading and settlement of physical and derivative contracts. Our international community of over 3000 encompasses the world's maritime interests including the dry bulk, tanker, gas and container shipping markets. Members include shipowners, shipbrokers and charterers as well as maritime lawyers, arbitrators, P&I Clubs and other shipping associations. Each member commits to a code of business conduct - the Baltic Code - summed up by the motto "our word our bond."



### BIMCO

BIMCO – the practical voice of shipping. Facilitating trade is at the very heart of our business, and since 1905, we've helped our members keep world trade moving. We make it our business to help our members with theirs. BIMCO members cover over 60% of the global fleet and consist of local, global, small, and large companies. We are an organisation and global shipping community of around 2,000 members in more than 130 countries. From our offices in Houston, London, Copenhagen, Athens, Singapore and Shanghai we aim to help build a resilient industry in a sustainable future whilst protecting world trade. We do this by finding practical solutions for our members to help them manage risk in a changing world.



### Centre for Maritime Law

The Centre for Maritime Law (CML) at the NUS Faculty of Law is a research centre sponsored in collaboration with the Maritime Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and the NUS Law Vision Project (MinLaw). It aims to be the industry leader for maritime law research in Singapore and in the region. It also aims to contribute to the needs and aspirations of the wider international maritime law community. Our research focus is private (commercial) maritime law, including: admiralty law and maritime arbitration; carriage of goods and passengers by sea; charterparties; the international sale of goods carried by sea; trade finance law; ship finance law; all aspects of the law relating to maritime casualties arising at sea; marine insurance law; and oil and gas law.



### Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

The Singapore branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators is made up of practitioners from various disciplines involved in arbitration and other dispute resolution work and based in Singapore. The membership numbers around 500. The Chartered Institute is the world's leading professional body for promoting the settlement of disputes by arbitration, mediation, and other alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods. The worldwide membership numbers 17,000.

The Singapore Branch provides opportunities for interaction and exchange of know-how, primarily through education and training for arbitrators, mediators, adjudicators, lawyers, experts and allied professionals in arbitration and ADR. Our courses offer a progressive educational 'ladder' suitable for newcomers and skilled practitioners alike. Our educational courses qualify participants for membership of the Chartered Institute as an Associate (ACI Arb), Member (MCI Arb) or Fellow (FCI Arb). These are internationally recognised qualifications and provide a powerful mark of quality assurance. The Branch regularly holds talks and workshops that enable attendees to keep abreast of changes in the legal environment, develop their knowledge and skills, network with industry peers and exchange ideas. The Singapore Branch is in constant contact with the network of CIARB branches across the world, offering members the opportunity to communicate and network globally with like-minded professionals.



### China Maritime Law Association

China Maritime Law Association (CMLA), a professional non-governmental organization composed of individuals and units in the fields of shipping industry, economics and trade, insurance, and legal profession, aims at promoting the development of the maritime law and perfection of the maritime law system in China, and through co-operating with the maritime law associations of other countries, making its due contribution to the promotion of the worldwide unification of maritime laws, accepted practices and customary procedures of ocean shipping. The main tasks of the CMLA are to organize its members to carry out investigations of and do researches on maritime laws, international conventions, accepted practices and customary procedures of ocean shipping; to make proposals or submit reports to government and regulating agencies on problems concerning legislation, jurisdiction and administrative management of maritime law so as to play its active role in promoting the development of ocean shipping, foreign trade and economic co-operation with other countries, maritime insurance and related industries; to carry out exchanges with foreign counterparts; to strengthen contacts with maritime law organizations and individuals of various countries and international maritime law organizations; to study the development tendencies of overseas maritime law and actively participate in activities organized by the CMI and other related international organizations.



### General Insurance Association of Singapore

Established in 1966, the General Insurance Association of Singapore (GIA) is the trade association representing the general insurance sector in Singapore. GIA's mission is to foster public confidence in, and respect for, the insurance industry, represent members' interests to government, trade organisations, similar associations and bodies in other industries, establishing a sound insurance structure and promotion of greater efficiency within the industry, promoting education and training in all aspects of insurance.

As a Trade Association, GIA's role is to be active in the business community, promoting and advancing the common interests of its member companies and of the sector, to identify emerging trends, to respond to issues affecting the General Insurance sector, and to promote the overall growth and development of the sector.



### Hong Kong Maritime Law Association

The Hong Kong Maritime Law Association (HKMLA) was established in 1978 and has been affiliated to CMI since 1979. Its membership is not confined to maritime lawyers but includes shipowners, P&I clubs and other persons and organisations involved in maritime activities who have an interest in maritime law. The HKMLA promotes various activities, including discussion and consideration of maritime law at an international level and in Hong Kong and the advancement of reform where appropriate; participation in the activities of CMI in seeking to develop, unify and harmonise maritime and mercantile laws, customs and practices; liaison and co-operation with other shipping organisations and maritime law associations around the world. The HKMLA also organises social activities for its members from time to time, including periodic luncheons with guest speakers, CPD accredited seminars, annual dinner and other functions.



### Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers

The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS) is a professional and learned society for all members of the commercial shipping industry worldwide. After being founded in 1911 in London, the ICS was granted a Royal Charter in 1920.

The Institute provides the shipping industry with highly qualified professionals being the only internationally recognised professional body in the commercial maritime sphere. It represents shipbrokers, ship managers and ship agents throughout the world with 26 branches in key locations and comprises 4,000 individual Members and Fellows.



### International Association of Independent Tanker Owners

The International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO) champions an industry dedicated to supporting global energy networks by delivering safe, efficient and environmentally sound transport services for oil, gas and chemicals. Its Members lead the continuous improvement of the tanker industry's performance, striving to achieve the goals of zero fatalities, zero pollution and zero detentions. They deliver the highest quality services and promote the availability and use of personnel with the best marine skills and competencies.

INTERTANKO identifies, develops and disseminates information and best practice, essential to the tanker industry. It works as a Forum where Members meet and share information with each other and the wider industry, an Advisor for providing guidance on issues affecting their operations and interests; and a Champion that speaks on behalf of and acts for independent tanker owners. A Non-governmental Organisation, INTERTANKO has observer status at the IMO, UNCTAD and IOPC Funds, contributing actively to their work.

## SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS



### International Malaysian Society of Maritime Law

International Malaysian Society of Maritime Law (IMSML) is a brainchild of visionary individuals, who shared an aim to support moral and ethical practices in the Malaysian maritime framework. Laying down its foundation in December 2015, IMSML's main objective is the advancement of law reforms pertaining to maritime law, facilitation of justice in its arbitration and to encourage equality in its enactment and interpretation. Strength lies in number, and to fortify its goal IMSML invites dedicated members from the Malaysian shipping sector. The members come from a diverse background, consisting of lawyers, judges, corporate professionals, representatives of major exporters, shipping companies, port operators, government officials to defence force representatives. Each member brings to this forum his set of skills and expertise to fortify the pillars of this recently established society. These members, and the founders of IMSML come from different professional fields but unite for a single objective - to assist in the advancement of Malaysian maritime and arbitration laws, and practices, and to forge cross-boarder exchange of ideas and ideals.



### Japan Maritime Law Association

Japanese Maritime Law Association was founded in 1901 with the goal of researching maritime law and contributing to its international unification. It was formally approved as a public-interest foundation by the Minister of Communications on March 18, 1940. Since its foundation, JMLA has been a member of the Comité Maritime International (CMI), and has consistently cooperated with international organizations including the CMI and other national maritime law associations.



### Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)

MPA was established on 2 February 1996 with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and international maritime centre, and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA is the driving force behind Singapore's port and maritime development, taking on the roles of port authority, maritime and port regulator and planner, international maritime centre champion and national maritime representative. MPA partners with industry, research community and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection in our waters, facilitate maritime and port operations and growth, expand the cluster of maritime ancillary services, and promote maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation, R&D and manpower development. MPA is responsible for the overall development and growth of the maritime domain and Port of Singapore. In 2022, Singapore remained one of the world's busiest transshipment hubs with a container throughput of 37.3 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs). For more information, please visit <https://www.mpa.gov.sg>



### Maritime Law Association of Singapore

The Maritime Law Association of Singapore (MLAS) aims to promote the study and advancement of maritime law and its administration in Singapore, and to promote and consider with other associations proposals for the unification of maritime law and practice of different nations. The MLAS is a member organization of the Comité Maritime International (CMI) a non-governmental international organization devoted to the same object of the unification of maritime law and is the only organization in Singapore entitled to attend the International Conferences of the CMI. Members of the MLAS may participate in the development of maritime law, for example, by making their personal views or the view of their industry sector known to the MLAS, who will endeavour to present a balanced view of maritime interests in Singapore to the CMI and other associations concerned with the making or development of maritime law.



### Maritime Law Association of the Philippines

The Maritime Law Association of the Philippines (MARLAW) was established in 1982 in order to foster and promote camaraderie among lawyers engaged in the maritime practice, to help spur progress in the maritime legal practice, to advance the interest of the Philippine maritime profession and the maritime industry as a whole. Through the years, various activities have been organized to further its advocacies and to disseminate relevant information and discuss various developments and issues affecting the maritime sector. MARLAW has grown with the maritime lawyers who have taken pride in becoming part of an organization that serves not only their interest, but the greater interest of the common good as well. MARLAW is also affiliated with Comité Maritime International (CMI).



### Ministry of Law

The mission of the Singapore Ministry of Law (MinLaw) is to advance access to justice, the rule of law, the economy and society through policy, law and services.

MinLaw drives legal reforms, oversees the policy for development, promotion and regulation of Singapore's legal sector, and advances Singapore's national interests through international legal policy and cooperation.

In addition, MinLaw regulates moneylending and pawnbroking, licenses law practices, registers foreign-qualified legal practitioners, supervises precious stones and precious metals dealers, and provides community legal services such as legal aid, criminal defence aid, community mediation, insolvency administration, and public trustee services.

MinLaw also oversees land policy and administration, and the development of Singapore's intellectual property sector supported by its statutory boards. For more information, please visit MinLaw's website here.



### Singapore Academy of Law

The Singapore Academy of Law (SAL) is a promotion and development agency for Singapore's legal industry. Our vision is to make Singapore the legal hub of Asia. SAL works with our stakeholders to set new precedents of excellence in Singapore law through developing thought leadership, world class infrastructure and legal solutions. Our mandates are to build up the intellectual capital of the legal profession by enhancing legal knowledge, raise the international profile of Singapore law, promote Singapore as a centre for dispute resolution, and improve the standards and efficiency of legal practice through continuing professional development and the use of technology. SAL is led by a Senate headed by Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon, and comprising the Attorney-General, the Supreme Court Bench and key leaders of the various branches of the legal profession.



### Singapore Corporate Counsel Association

The Singapore Corporate Counsel Association Limited ("SCCA") is the pioneer national not-for-profit organisation representing the interests of in-house lawyers working for companies and other entities based in Singapore. It prides in building reputable regional training programs, leadership and industry conversations, legal counsel career toolkits, competency frameworks encompassing technical knowledge, skills, and the right attitude and character for corporate lawyers.



### Singapore Institute of Arbitrators

Singapore Institute of Arbitrators is an independent professional body established in 1981. We have nearly 1000 members, based in and outside Singapore, from 41 nationalities and diverse professional backgrounds. Our mission includes the education of arbitration practitioners, the promotion of arbitration and the development of the profession of arbitrator, as well as providing social and networking opportunities for all those involved in arbitration in Singapore. We particularly focus on professional training and development, and regularly organise seminars, webinars and training courses for members and the public. We also act as an appointing authority for the appointment of arbitrators upon request.

We contribute to thought-leadership in the arbitral community, e.g. by publishing guidelines for third party funders in 2017 and on party representative ethics in 2018, by responding to official consultations and by providing a forum for practitioners to discuss current issues. We publish a regular quarterly e-newsletter and in 2019 we launched the SI Arb Arbitration Journal published twice a year.



### Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy

The Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA), a research centre at the Singapore Management University Yong Pung How School of Law, is a platform for thought leadership in dispute resolution theory, practice and policy. SIDRA leads the way through diverse and innovate research projects on international dispute resolution that promote dynamic and inclusive conversations on how to constructively engage with differences at global, regional and national levels. SIDRA explores emerging issues in cross-border mediation and arbitration, international dispute resolution practices and preferences, and disputes arising out of the Belt & Road Initiative. Research projects include the SIDRA Survey, studies on the Singapore Convention on Mediation and China's Belt & Road Initiative. In addition, SIDRA publishes its research findings in academic journals, trade journals, articles and blog posts for global circulation and user access.

SIDRA also advances the skills of dispute resolution practitioners, users and providers by conducting seminars, workshops and training courses on cross-border mediation and conflict management. For details, please visit SIDRA's website at <https://sidra.smu.edu.sg/>



### Singapore International Mediation Centre

The Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC) is a not-for-profit organisation that offers professional dispute resolution services tailored to the evolving needs of businesses in Asia. Working across multiple jurisdictions covering common and civil law traditions, SIMC has an extensive network of mediators and partners globally. SIMC's panel of 70 international independent mediators have extensive experience resolving cross-border disputes and are highly regarded for delivering successful outcomes in complex, high-stakes commercial disputes.

## SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS



### Singapore Maritime Academy

Singapore Polytechnic's Singapore Maritime Academy (SMA) offers diploma courses in Marine Engineering, Maritime Business and Nautical Studies as well as a comprehensive range of professional courses such as the CoC and STCW courses for deck and engineering officers. SMA remains at the forefront of Maritime Education and Training through three key thrusts; leveraging on Education Technology, building Staff Capability and strengthening Industry Engagement. SMA grooms life ready, work ready and world ready individuals to form a caring community of inspired learners committed to serve with mastery. SMA has a team of experienced and dedicated staff, and is supported by sophisticated facilities including a fully-integrated maritime simulation centre and a waterfront training facility. SMA actively reaches out to youths to promote Singapore's vibrant maritime industry and has groomed many professionals and industry leaders for more than 65 years.



### Singapore Maritime Foundation

Established in 2004, the Singapore Maritime Foundation is a conduit between the public and private sectors to accomplish the twin mission of developing and promoting Singapore as an International Maritime Centre (IMC); and to attract, engage and grow a talent pipeline to position Maritime Singapore for continued growth. For details, visit [www.smf.com.sg](http://www.smf.com.sg).



### Singapore Mediation Centre

Established in 1997, SMC pioneered the use of mediation as the mainstream mechanism for dispute resolution, as well as training in negotiation and conflict management. Today, SMC offers a suite of alternative dispute resolution services which brings clarity and objectivity to complex situations. These services include mediation, neutral evaluation, collaborative family practice and domain name dispute resolution. Through our panel of professional mediators with legal and industry expertise, SMC is well-placed to manage difficult negotiations and unlock standstills for businesses by providing cost-effective and timely solutions. At SMC, our vision is to help all businesses fully appreciate the value of mediation as a strategic risk-management tool that they can count on in commercial dealings.



### Singapore Shipping Association

Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) represents a wide spectrum of shipping companies and other businesses allied to the shipping industry. It is a national trade association formed in 1985 to serve and promote the interests of its members and to enhance the competitiveness of Singapore as an International Maritime Centre. To achieve its objectives, SSA engages and collaborates with key stakeholders in the shipping industry and is a trusted advisor and partner to related government agencies. Additionally, SSA co-operates with other regional and international shipping organisations to protect the marine environment and promote freedom and safety at sea.

Currently, SSA represents over 470 member companies, comprising of shipowners and operators, ship managers, ship agents, and other ancillary companies such as shipbrokers, classification societies, marine insurers, bunker suppliers, maritime lawyers, and shipping bankers amongst others. To enhance the vibrancy and further grow the maritime ecosystem, the association has expanded its membership to include technology start-up companies, as part of its strategy to promote digitalisation within the industry.



### The Law Society of Singapore

The Law Society of Singapore was established in 1967 under the Legal Profession Act. It is the representative body that protects and assists members of the legal profession in Singapore. It carries out various statutory functions prescribed under the Act, including maintaining and improving the standards of conduct and learning of the legal profession in Singapore, and the facilitation of the acquisition of legal knowledge by members of the legal profession. The Society also protects and assists the public in all matters touching on, ancillary or incidental to the law.



### Women's International Shipping & Trading Association

Formed in 1974, the Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA International) is a global organisation connecting female executives and decision makers around the world. WISTA International serves as a connector for its network of more than 3,800 female professionals from all sectors of the maritime industry. 56 countries support a National WISTA Association (NWA), each of which in turn is a member of and is guided by WISTA International. NWAs provide in-country and regional networking, business and skill-building opportunities, corporate visibility, and also facilitate relationships within the industry. On a global scale, WISTA members have access to an incredibly diverse network of executives in the shipping and trading field on whom they can call for referrals, connections, advice or business collaborations.

WISTA Singapore was established in 1998 as a non-profit organisation, providing a networking forum for female professionals involved in shipping, trading and related businesses within the maritime industry. As the first NWA founded in Asia, WISTA Singapore is connecting women professionals working for diverse companies such as ship owners and operators, trading houses, bunkering services, brokers, charterers, ship managers, technical and operational service providers, insurers, and law firms.

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