

ELECTION STATEMENT



My name is Delphine Ho and I am running for the position of Council Member of the SI Arb Council 2022/2024. I have been a Fellow of SI Arb since 2020, and am currently a member of both the Education Committee and the Arbitration Bar Committee.

I strongly believe in the development and growth of arbitration expertise in Singapore and elsewhere. A key component of this is arbitration education: this includes not only introductory level courses to allow more people to gain an understanding of the peculiarities (and there are many!) of arbitration, but also courses designed to impart practical skills and tools to assist those interested in sitting as arbitrators. To this end, I have been teaching international arbitration at various levels for several years, including SI Arb's International Entry Course (IEC) and the Fellowship Assessment Course (FAC) programmes.

SI Arb's mission of education arbitration practitioners, promoting the use of arbitration and developing the arbitrator profession, therefore resonates with me. I hope to be able to further contribute to these aspects of SI Arb's mission, as well as to the arbitration community overall, as a Council Member.

My experience with arbitration has been varied: I have been arbitration counsel, a judicial officer, worked in an arbitral institution, and am now an independent arbitrator and mediator. This, I believe, has given me a unique perspective as to the needs of, and challenges faced by, the arbitration and ADR community. I believe that I can add positively to SI Arb's thought-leadership objectives, and actively participate in the development of new arbitration initiatives and processes. One of my areas of interest is the use of AI in arbitration decision-making, so as to reduce the overall costs of arbitration and increase access to justice for the individual layperson claimant. I think this is an area that needs to be explored to ensure that arbitration remains relevant and material in the overall ADR landscape.

I would be very honoured to serve as a Council Member if elected.

Thank you.

ANDREW PULLEN

SEEKING RE-ELECTION AS VICE PRESIDENT

Profile

- Barrister, Fountain Court Chambers
- Based in Singapore since 2011
- Specialising in arbitration as counsel and arbitrator



SIArb experience

- **Fellow** of SIArb
- **Vice President** since 2021
- **Council Member** 2017-2021
- **Chair, CPD Committee** 2019-2022
- **Chair, Activities Committee** 2017-2019
- **Member, Arbitration Bar Committee** since 2016
- **Member, Education Committee** 2021-2022
- **Member, Constitution Review Committee** 2019-2021

SIArb activities & achievements

- Led CPD programme through Covid-19 pandemic
- Organising Commercial Arbitration Symposium (5th year involved)
- Co-organising RAIF Conference 2022
- Promoted events for younger practitioners, e.g. initiated SIArb annual debate and oversaw first arbitral careers event
- Drafted SIArb submissions to several MinLaw consultations
- Contributed to recent constitutional revisions

Reasons for seeking re-election

I volunteer for SIArb because I see it as an important pillar supporting Singapore's position at the top of the global premier league for international arbitration. The Institute's particular contribution is in helping to maintain the high quality of practitioners based in Singapore or interested in its success, through our training courses, regular CPD, thought leadership and fostering a sense of professional community. I was pleased to help our CPD programme successfully navigate the challenges of Covid. As we emerge from the pandemic, I am delighted to be organising in-person events again: the Commercial Arbitration Symposium and RAIF conference, both in November. I hope to be re-elected to have the opportunity to help shape a new balance of in-person and online CPD which will foster personal interaction but retain the advantages of webinars (the ease of inviting international speakers; the convenience of watching from one's desk on a busy day; the improved offering to overseas SIArb members, who can join the CPD programme without travel), all the while maintaining our high standards.

I was honoured last year to be elected by fellow council members to fill the casual vacancy and serve as Vice President. I now seek SIArb fellows' and members' endorsement to continue in that position.



Meera Rajah

Election Statement

Candidacy to serve as a Council Member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb) from 2022-2024

Dear fellow SIArb members:

With gratitude to my proposer and seconder, I wish to express my intent to run for election to be a Council Member of SIArb for the term from 2022-2024. I set out below the reasons why I have decided to put my name forward for the election.

First, an introduction. I am a triple-qualified lawyer (New York, Singapore, and England & Wales), focusing my practice on both investment-treaty and commercial arbitration, as well as other cross-border disputes. After completing a general LL.B. in London and gaining work experience in Singapore, I specialised in international arbitration studies at Columbia Law School. Thereafter, I stayed on in New York to practice. The arrangement that I have with my firm allows me to be substantially involved in Singapore work.

To date, I have served both as a Committee Member of the Arbitration Bar Committee and as an Assistant Editor of the Singapore Arbitration Journal (SIArb J). In these capacities, I have had the opportunity to represent the interests and concerns of members who practice as arbitration counsel, to assist with SIArb's responses to consultations, to participate in its events, and to contribute to its publications. Additionally, I have published in a number of peer-reviewed international journals on various topics, including arbitration. I am up to date on practical and academic developments of relevance and interest to both the New York and the Singapore arbitration communities, and, as a diverse young practitioner in both jurisdictions, I am able to offer some unique perspectives on work internationalisation.

I stand for election with the goal of becoming even more deeply involved with the Institute's mission to meaningfully contribute towards educating, promoting, and developing the arbitration community, as a whole. Given the opportunity, I would like to work through SIArb to promote more Singaporean representation, more Asian representation, and more female representation both locally and internationally, to raise awareness of what it means to be part of the Singaporean arbitration community. In particular, I hope to be able to share my experiences with younger practitioners who have an interest in arbitration, to continue to grow the SIArb community in terms of thought leadership, representation, and a shared appreciation of both arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution processes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Meera



Election Statement

I have served two full terms as a Council member of SI Arb. During this time, I was heavily involved in the Institute's constitutional amendment exercise. We were able to pass the constitutional amendments at an EGM late last year. Recently, the Institute also obtained ROS's approval of the said amendments after a period of consult where I served as the Institute's main point of contact. This was an extremely meaningful endeavour as it had been more than 10 years since the Institute's constitution was last updated. Through my involvement in this process working with fellow Council members, I have gained greater insight as to the history and workings of the Institute. My time on Council has been extremely fulfilling and enriching thus far. I have also served on the Activities sub-committee helping to organise many of the Institute's events. I am currently the standing chair of the Arbitration Bar Committee where I have worked on the Institute's responses to various consults on the law and/or practice of arbitration sought by the Ministry of Law, other public authorities as well as arbitral institutions. I wish to continue my work with the Institute and this year I seek to step up to the role of Honorary General Secretary. I have in my time on Council worked closely with the excellent Francis Goh, our outgoing general secretary from whom I have learnt tremendously. I hope to follow in his footsteps and to fill his shoes. I seek for your kind support in this regard.

I regret that I am unable to be present at this year's AGM as I am away in Berlin running the Berlin marathon taking place on 25 September. Long distance running has been my passion outside work. It has taught me many life lessons and instilled grit which continue to guide me in all that I do.

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Mr Francis Goh
Honorary Secretary
Singapore Institute of Arbitrators

Election Statement : Matthew Shaw

Dear Mr Goh

I wish to put myself forward for election to the Council of the Institute for the 2022-2024 period as kindly Proposed by Mr Tay and Seconded by Mr Pullen.

I have been a Member of the Institute for approximately 10 years during which time I previously served as a member of the Arbitration Bar Committee and the Scheme Arbitration Committee. Having now practiced arbitration in Singapore for almost 13 years, and intending to continue this for the rest of my career, I feel an responsibility and imperative now to contribute whatever I can to further the important work done by the Institute.

I was pleased take and pass the Fellowship Assessment Course (FAC) in 2020. The FAC has undergone a substantial revamp in recent years under Chor Leong's excellent leadership. It is now a very practical course with direct applicability and utility to the work of both experienced arbitrators and those sitting as an arbitrator in their very first cases. It is filled from start to finish with practical and useful guidance and instruction from the Course Director, Education Committee Members, the Teaching Faculty, and the Resource Panel.

Inspired by this, if elected to the Council I would like to make a meaningful contribution to further the education and accreditation functions of the Institute. Anecdotally, I understand that there is increasing demand for these functions from our constituency. The Institute should do what it can to meet this demand and make it a key area of focus over the next 2-year term.

Foreseeably this will require a substantial investment of time in creating high quality teaching materials with the approval of the Institute and a commitment in terms of teaching resources. It also would benefit from the contributions of those from diverse legal backgrounds and traditions to ensure that the courses we assemble speak to the cosmopolitan characteristics of our constituency and of arbitrations in Singapore.

If elected to the Council, would be delighted to have the opportunity to make a full contribution to these efforts by way of the preparation of teaching programs and materials and in terms of participating as course faculty on courses. I have some experience of teaching medium-to-large groups of mature adults due to my role on the University of Western Australia's international arbitration summer course, and from teaching on an LLM course in Jakarta.

The initial courses I have in mind might include teaching on the following subject matters: (1) Roles and Limitations of Tribunal Secretaries; (2) Procedural Techniques for Case Management in Complex Disputes; and (3) Practical Use of Time and Cost-Saving Measures. Other subject matters are of course available and it may be useful to establish an outline programme for these shortly after the re-formation of the Education Committee in the new term.

It would be an honour to be elected to the Council of the Institute to contribute everything that I can to the Institute's educational and accreditation work.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Shaw (F0830)