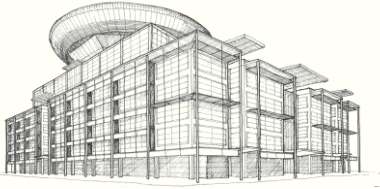


Singapore International Commercial Court

Justice Quentin Loh

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SICC is an International Commercial Court designed to deal with transnational commercial disputes.

It provides an internationally accepted dispute resolution framework for the resolution of international commercial disputes in accordance with substantive principles of international commercial law and international best practices.

It is an alternative to international arbitration, addressing some of the shortcomings, issues and limitation of IA, yet providing the benefits of the IA process that made IA such a popular dispute resolution process in its infancy.

Jurisdictional rules cater for parties who:

- 1) have a dispute at hand that is of an “international” and “commercial” nature;
- 2) submit to the jurisdiction of the SICC under a jurisdiction agreement in writing; *and*
- 3) are not seeking (a) reliefs against a State or Sovereign of a State, or (b) any prerogative order or any relief connected with a prerogative order.

The SICC is part of the Supreme Court of Singapore.

It has the jurisdiction and power to join third and subsequent parties to the action where appropriate.

It can deal with issues like s 216 – minority oppression actions.

What makes the SICC distinctive with the benefits akin to those in international arbitration?

- 1) Availability of Foreign Counsel representation;
- 2) The Option of Confidentiality;
- 3) Simplified Rules of Discovery;
- 4) Option to dis-apply the Singapore Evidence Act;
- 5) Option of determination of foreign law on the basis of submissions;
- 6) Costs – no taxation.