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INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW



PROF MAKANE MOISE MBENGUE
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Makane Moïse Mbengue is Professor of International Law at the University of Geneva, where he directs the Department of International Law and International Organisation. He also teaches at Sciences Po as an Affiliated Professor. His fields of expertise include general international law, international environmental and investment law, climate change, WTO law, and international dispute settlement.

Since 2017, Professor Mbengue has served as President of the African Society of International Law. He is a member of both the Institut de Droit International and the Curatorium of The Hague Academy of International Law. Professor Mbengue frequently acts as an expert for numerous international organisations, including the UN, UNEP, UNCTAD, WHO, the World Bank, and IISD.

He has served as counsel before international courts and tribunals, including the ICJ, acted as arbitrator in investment and trade disputes and as Judge ad hoc at ITLOS. He is involved in the negotiations of several International Investment Agreements in Africa.

SOURCES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW; RELATIONSHIP WITH INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW



PROF VINCENT-JOËL PROULX
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Vincent-Joël Proulx is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore, where he teaches and researches in the areas of international law, international dispute settlement, and comparative law. He co-directs the LL.M. Programme in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (IADR).

Prior to joining NUS Law, he served a three-year term as Special Assistant and Legal Adviser to the President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ). His past appointments also included serving as Legal Officer to the Vice-President of the ICJ, Law Clerk at both the Court of Appeal for Ontario and ICJ, Québec Scholar at

the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Secrétaire-rédacteur at five sessions of the Institute of International Law, and various positions at Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Industry Canada and the Office of the General Counsel of the Information Commissioner.

He has sat as arbitrator under the ICC and SIAC rules and was appointed to different arbitrator rosters, including the European Union's List of Candidates Suitable for Appointment as Chairpersons for Arbitrations, the List of Arbitrators of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), the Reserve Panel of Arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), and the Panel of Arbitrators of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)

RULES OF INTERPRETATION OF INVESTMENT TREATIES



DR ROMESH WEERAMANTRY

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Romesh Weeramantry is a Special Counsel in the International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution practice of Clifford Chance. He specialises in public international law and investment treaty claims.

His career has included positions as a Legal Officer at the United Nations Compensation Commission (Geneva) and a Legal Advisor to the President of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal (The Hague). He is a member of the Editorial Board of the ICSID Review and a General Editor of the Asian Dispute Review. He is also Global Fellow at the National University of Singapore Centre for International Law (CIL).

SCOPE OF INVESTMENT TREATIES: DEFINITIONS OF INVESTMENT AND INVESTOR



DR STEFANIE SCHACHERER

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Stefanie Schacherer is an Assistant Professor at the Yong Pung How School of Law at the Singapore Management University, specialising in international trade and investment law at the intersection with sustainable development and climate change governance.

In addition to h3er academic work, she has advised governments and delivered capacity-building

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MS FRAUKE NITSCHKE

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Frauke Nitschke is Chief Counsel at ICSID. Prior to joining ICSID in 2003, Ms Nitschke worked at the World Bank's Inspection Panel in Washington, D.C.

She holds law degrees from the Freie Universität Berlin (Staatsexamen), Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M.), and a Master's degree in Organizational Psychology focusing on Alternative Dispute Resolution from the FernUniversität Hagen.

Ms Nitschke is also an accredited mediator, a Weinstein-JAMS International Fellow, and admitted to practice law in the State of New York and Washington, D.C.



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Jonathan ("Jon") Chevry is a Senior Counsel on one of the ICSID Case Management Teams.

Prior to joining ICSID in 2019, Jon spent five years as an attorney at White & Case in Paris, where he advised on international commercial and investment arbitration proceedings. He also served as a consultant to the French Ministry of Economic Affairs, providing guidance on France's international investment protection policy.

Jon holds a PhD in Public International Law and is a regular speaker and author on international investment law and dispute settlement.



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Carlos Molina is Legal Counsel on one of ICSID's Case Management Teams. Prior to joining ICSID in 2022, he worked as an attorney at B. Cremades & Asociados in Madrid.

He holds degrees from Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M. with International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Certificate), Sciences Po (LL.M., Transnational Arbitration & Dispute Settlement), and ESADE (Double Degree in Law and Business Administration).

He is admitted to practice law in Spain.



MR YUICHIRO OMORI
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Yuichiro Omori is Legal Counsel on one of ICSID's Case Management Teams. Prior to joining ICSID, he worked as an attorney with an international law firm in Tokyo, Japan (2011-2018) and as a trial lawyer at an international court in the Hague, the Netherlands (2018-2022).

He holds degrees from Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M.), Kobe University (J.D.) and Osaka University (LL.B.). He is admitted to practice law in the State of New York, England and Wales (solicitor) and Japan (currently omitted).

COMPARING ICSID ARBITRATION WITH NON-ICSID ARBITRATION



MR ADITYA SINGH
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Aditya Singh is an Executive Partner (Singapore office) at White & Case, specialising in international arbitration and white-collar investigations. He acts as counsel in commercial and investment treaty arbitrations, and advises companies in corporate governance, internal investigations and FCPA (Foreign Corrupt Practices Act) matters.

He has worked with White & Case in New York, London and Singapore and represented governments and private parties in both institutional and ad hoc arbitral

proceedings across the world.

He is an Adjunct Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore, where he teaches a course on energy arbitration.

WORKSHOP: DRAFTING A REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION



MS SAPNA JHANGIANI KC

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Sapna Jhangiani KC is a barrister at Blackstone Chambers, based in Singapore, with over twenty-five years' experience in appearing before courts and tribunals, and sitting as an arbitrator or mediator, in complex commercial disputes seated all over the world, including investor-state disputes.

Alongside her independent practice as an advocate, arbitrator and mediator, she is a Judge in the Court of Appeal of the DIFC Courts.

She is also a member of the Panel of Advisors to the Attorney-General of Singapore and was International Legal Counsel at the Attorney-General's Chambers for 3 years from 2021 to 2024. She is a Council member of the Singapore Branch of the International Law Association. She is also a Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

FAIR AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT



PROF MARK FELDMAN

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Mark Feldman serves as Executive Dean (2023-current) and Professor of Law at Peking University STL, where he has been based since 2011.

He also acts as the President of the Guangzhou Court of International Arbitration (executive arm of Guangzhou Arbitration Commission), a role in which he is the first foreign expert to head the executive arm of a domestic arbitral institution in mainland China.

His collaboration with the Institute for Transnational Arbitration includes work as Co-Chair of the ITA-ASIL Conference (2023), Co-Chair of the ITA Workshop (2014), and Co-Chair of the Asia Task Force (2024-2027). He previously served as the Chief of NAFTA/CAFTA-DR

Arbitration in the Office of the Legal Adviser at the U.S. Department of State.

EXPROPRIATION



PROF TOMOKO ISHIKAWA
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Tomoko Ishikawa serves as a Professor at Nagoya University in Japan. She has acted as an ICSID Conciliator (2017-2023, appointed by the Chairman of the Administrative Council) and currently serves on the Legal Advisory Committee of the Energy Charter Treaty, as an arbitrator at the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration, and as a mediator at the Kyoto International Mediation Centre.

Her background also includes service as an Associate Judge at the Tokyo District Court and Deputy Director at Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where she handled bilateral and trilateral investment treaties, Free Trade Agreements, and WTO dispute settlement.

MOST FAVOURED NATION; AND PANEL: STATE MANAGEMENT OF INVESTMENT TREATY OBLIGATIONS



PROF N. JANSEN CALAMITA
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N. Jansen Calamita is Head of the International Economic Law and Policy programme at the Centre for International Law, and Research Associate Professor (CIL), Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore.

He was previously Director of the Investment Treaty Forum at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law and has held posts at the University of Birmingham and the University of Oxford. Professor Calamita began his career in New York in the litigation and arbitration practice of what is now Arnold & Porter.

He also served in the Office of the Legal Adviser in the U.S Department of State (International Claims and Investment Disputes Division) and as a member of the UNCITRAL Secretariat. He continues to advise governments on matters relating to international investment and international dispute resolution.

THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION



MR BRYCE WILLIAMS

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Bryce Williams is Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), and the acting Head of the PCA's Singapore Office. As Legal Counsel, he has acted as registrar in a range of inter-State, investor-State, and other arbitral proceedings under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. He is also the Court's representative to the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

Prior to joining the PCA, he was an associate in the London office of Latham & Watkins, where he acted as counsel in international commercial and investment arbitrations. He holds an LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) (Hons) from the Graduate Institute and University of Geneva, and an LL.B. (Hons) and Bachelor of International Studies, both from the University of Sydney.

WORKSHOP: ISSUES RELATING TO DOCUMENT PRODUCTION IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION



MS GITTA SATRYANI

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Gitta Satryani is the Managing Partner of Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer's Singapore office and Head of Disputes for Southeast Asia. She specialises in complex cross-border disputes, international commercial arbitration, investment treaty arbitration, and public international law. She advises commercial corporations, sovereign states, and state-owned entities on cross-border energy, infrastructure, and commercial projects, as well as dispute avoidance strategies and investment structuring.

With a specialise focus on Indonesia-related disputes, she works closely with associated firm Hiswara Bunjamin & Tandjung to advise Indonesian and international clients. An LL.B. Honours graduate of the National University of Singapore, she is qualified as an Advocate and Solicitor of the

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COACHING SESSION FOR MOOTERS



MR JOSHUA HIEW

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Joshua Hiew is an independent advocate and barrister at Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice). His practice is centred on complex commercial litigation and arbitration, often with an international and multi-jurisdictional element. He is instructed by law firms and lay clients alike in proceedings before the Singapore Courts and a diverse range of tribunals.

He enjoys the study and practice of public international law and was previously part of NUS' Jessup Moots Team as competitor and coach.



MS RESHMA NAIR

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Reshma Nair is a Senior Associate at Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer in Singapore with over a decade of experience specializing in shareholder disputes, energy sector disputes, and ESG and climate disputes in Asia. Her work focuses on advising states, state-owned entities, and multinational corporations on active commercial and treaty arbitrations, as well as dispute avoidance strategies in the energy sector and energy transition.

Admitted to practice law in Singapore, she holds a Master's in International Energy from Sciences Po, Paris. She serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the National University of Singapore, teaching the Advanced Practicum in International Arbitration course, and is the course convener for comparative and civil laws for the Singapore Bar Examinations.



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Ritika Bharti is an Associate in the international arbitration practice at A&O Shearman, based in Singapore. She is qualified to practice law in India and holds an LLM in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution from the National University of Singapore.

She has worked in arbitrations under major arbitration rules such as ICC, SIAC, ICSID, and UNCITRAL as well as on arbitration-related litigation. The matters she has worked on span various sectors, including shareholders' disputes, construction, energy, telecommunications, real estate, technology, private equity and finance.



MR SIDNEY TAMBASI NETYA
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Sidney Tambasi Netya is a Research Associate with the International Economic Law & Policy Programme at the NUS Centre for International Law (CIL), focusing on general public international law, international economic law, and dispute settlement.

At the UN International Law Commission, he served as Research Assistant to Professor Phoebe Okowa (now a Judge of the International Court of Justice), following research roles at the South Centre and legal training at ALN Kenya | Anjarwalla & Khanna. He holds an LL.M. (summa cum laude) from the Graduate Institute, Geneva, and won the Excellence in Advocacy Award at the 2025 Singapore International Arbitration Academy.

ISDS REFORM AT UNCITRAL WORKING GROUP III



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In the past, he has been a Visiting Research Scholar at the University of Michigan Law School. He has also worked as a legal consultant for UNCTAD (Investment Agreements Section) and the Asian Development Bank. He holds a Ph.D in International Law from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva).

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Manjiao Chi is Professor and Founding Director of the Center for International Economic Law and Policy (CIELP) at UIBE, Beijing, China. An experienced practitioner in international dispute settlement, he regularly acts as an arbitrator, expert witness, and legal consultant in investment arbitration, WTO, and cross-border commercial disputes.

His expertise encompasses international trade and investment law, state-to-state dispute resolution, and international treaty negotiations. He was or is Deputy Chair of the Academic Forum on ISDS Reform supporting UNCITRAL Working Group III, Deputy Chair of the China International Investment Arbitration Forum, member of the ILA Committee on International Investment Law and the Rule of Law, and Expert Counsel at the Ministry of Commerce of China (on secondment).

He was recently designated by China to the General Panel of Mediators at the International Organization for Mediation (IOMed), and the Panel of ICSID Conciliator, and designated by the EU as Chairperson candidate for the trade and sustainable development expert panel under EU trade agreements.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND MEDIATION



MS CELINE LANGE

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Celine Lange is a Research Fellow at the Centre for International Law (CIL), National University of Singapore. Celine is leading the development of the International Dispute Resolution programme at CIL.

She graduated in 2019 with a LLM from the National University of Singapore, where she specialised in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution. Celine also holds a Master's Degree in Law from Strasbourg University, France, specialising in International Human Rights Law, and a Master's Degree from the Paris Institute of Political Studies (IEP Paris).

Prior to joining CIL, Celine worked in private practice, at the Arbitration Chambers Singapore, and previously at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

Celine is a SIMI accredited mediator (Singapore International Mediation Institute).

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND MEDIATION; AND THE TRIBUNAL'S POINT OF VIEW



DR CAMERON FORD OAM SC

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Cameron Ford OAM SC is an independent arbitrator, counsel and mediator practicing from Singapore. He was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for services to law.

He was most recently a partner in the international dispute resolution group of Squire Patton Boggs. He is on the arbitration panels of SIAC, HKIAC, KCAB, CIETAC and BAC and has conducted numerous commercial and investor-state arbitrations as counsel and as arbitrator under various institutional rules including SIAC, ICC, ICSID and UNCITRAL. He is also a Member of the SIAC Users' Council Executive Committee, and Chair of the SIAC Users' Committee for Australia and New Zealand.

He further serves as an assistant editor of the Singapore Arbitration Journal, Editor-in-Chief of the Northern Territory Law Reports since 2004 and the Executive Editor of the Northern Territory Law Journal.

DISSECTION OF A CASE (CLAIMANT)



MS SAMANTHA TAN
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Samantha Tan is a Partner in Freshfields' international arbitration practice in Singapore, specializing in cross-border commercial arbitration, investor-State disputes, and Singapore commercial litigation.

She represents states, investors, and corporations in proceedings under major institutional rules, including ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC, and SIAC, spanning the energy, joint venture, technology, and post-M&A sectors. In addition to her counsel practice, she sits as an arbitrator and mediator and leads the Asia chapter of Freshfields' Women's Network.

ANALYSING A CASE: STRATEGIES FOR STATES IN INVESTOR-STATE ARBITRATION; AND PANEL: STATE MANAGEMENT OF INVESTMENT TREATY OBLIGATIONS



MR DAVID PAWLAK
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David Pawlak, an attorney admitted to the bar of the State of New York, serves as arbitrator and provides representation and advisory services in international arbitration matters with a focus on investor-State disputes. In private practice, he served as lead counsel successfully defending states in major treaty claims across ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC, and VIAC proceedings.

He is a member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators, and the Panel of Arbitrators for International Investment Disputes of the Beijing Arbitration Commission / Beijing International Arbitration Center. He previously served in the Office of the Legal Adviser at the U.S. Department of State on legal team dedicated exclusively to investment treaty matters.

THE EVOLUTION OF ETHICS RULES IN ARBITRATION FROM 1872 FORWARD ; AND MOCK ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL



MR CHRISTOPHER THOMAS KC
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Christopher Thomas KC has practiced in the field of international trade regulation and investment law for over thirty years. He worked as a Senior Policy Advisor for the Government of Canada during the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement negotiations and thereafter (with the permission of Canadian conflict of interest authorities), advised Mexico during the NAFTA and Labour and Environment side agreement negotiations, as well as other states involved in international trade negotiations.

In the area of international dispute settlement, he acted as counsel for Mexico in many investor-State arbitrations as well as in NAFTA State to State disputes. During the 1990s, he began to be offered appointments to various ISDS tribunals and in 2009 he transitioned from counsel work to acting as an arbitrator.

From 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2018, he was a Senior Principal Research Fellow and then the Head of the International Dispute Resolution (Practice Skills) Programme at the National University of Singapore's Centre for International Law. As part of his responsibilities at CIL, he was tasked with establishing the Singapore International Arbitration Academy in 2012 and oversaw the Academy throughout the time of his tenure at CIL.

KEYNOTE; AND MOCK ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL



JUSTICE INDU MALHOTRA
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Indu Malhotra is a former Judge of the Supreme Court of India and an international arbitrator. She serves as a Member of the Court of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), London.

In 2018, she became the first woman advocate to be elevated directly from the Bar to the Supreme Court of India and served on the Bench until March 2021. Prior to her judicial appointment, Justice Malhotra practiced for over three decades as a Senior Counsel in the Supreme Court and various High Courts of India. In 2017, she was

a member of the High-Level Committee constituted by the Ministry of Law and Justice to institutionalise arbitration in India, whose recommendations formed the foundation of the 2019 amendments to the Indian Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996. Her arbitral practice encompasses institutional and ad hoc proceedings across major global and regional arbitral centres, including SIAC, ICC, MCIA, and DIAC.

She is the author of the commentary *The Law and Practice of Arbitration and Conciliation* (4th ed. 2020) and is now in the process of bringing out the 5th Edition. Her Commentary is often cited by courts in various judgments. In 2024, she established a Chair at National Law University, Delhi for conducting a specialised course on International commercial and investment treaty arbitration for imparting training to law officers working in the Legal Departments of Central & State Government, Public Sector Undertakings, Counsel in law firms, and legal practitioners.

PANEL MODERATOR: STATE MANAGEMENT OF INVESTMENT TREATY OBLIGATIONS



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Daphne Hong is concurrently the Solicitor-General of the Attorney-General's Chambers of Singapore and the Director-General of its International Affairs Division (IAD). She is Singapore's Legal Adviser and heads IAD, the department that advises the Singapore government on all international law matters and represents Singapore in international negotiations and dispute resolution.

She has been involved in, *inter alia*, the applications to the ICJ for the revision and interpretation of its 2008 judgement concerning the sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge, and Singapore's intervention as Third Party in the WTO Dispute on Australia's Plain Packaging measure. She is also the lead negotiator for the delimitation of Singapore's maritime boundaries.

PANEL: STATE MANAGEMENT OF INVESTMENT TREATY OBLIGATIONS



DR KRAIJAKR THIRATAYAKINANT

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Kraijakr Thiratayakinant serves as Minister Counsellor at the Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. He is involved in Thailand's investor-State dispute settlement and on state delegations in institutional frameworks such as UNCITRAL Working Group III, and in negotiations, such as for the Thailand-EU Free Trade Agreement and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF).

He earned his PhD in International Economic Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science, before which he studied international law at the Master's and Bachelor's level at the University of Cambridge.

DEBATE: THIRD-PARTY FUNDING IN INVESTMENT ARBITRATION



DR MATTHEW SECOMB

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Matthew Secomb is an independent arbitrator working out of Secomb Arbitration (Singapore/Paris), with 25 years of experience in international arbitration, specializing in the energy, LNG price review, renewables, and construction sectors. Before establishing his independent practice in August 2026, he was a partner at White and Case, where he worked for over two decades. He headed the firm's Asia-Pacific International Arbitration Group for eight years.

Prior to this, he served as Counsel to the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris. Matthew is triple-qualified as an avocat at the Paris Bar, a solicitor-advocate in England & Wales, and a barrister and solicitor in Victoria, Australia. Alongside practice, he is an Adjunct Professor at NUS Law specialising in energy arbitration, with annual lecturing roles at Queen's University and Paris-Assas University.

He holds prominent institutional leadership positions,

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DR ALOYSIUS LLAMZON
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Aloysius (Louie) Llamzon is a partner at King & Spalding's International Disputes Practice Group, based in Singapore and Washington D.C. He represents private and sovereign clients in commercial, investment, and inter-State disputes.

Having practiced in Asia, Europe, the U.S., Latin America, and Africa, Louie is thoroughly familiar with civil and common law systems. He advocates before Tribunals seated throughout the world and acts as arbitrator in commercial and investment cases.

He is also a Research Professor of Law at the Ateneo de Manila University School of Law (Philippines), where he obtained his J.D. He received his LL.M. and J.S.D. degrees from Yale Law School, and his book "Corruption in International Investment Arbitration" (OUP, 2014) is a leading treatise on the subject. Louie was formerly Senior Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague.

DAMAGES IN INVESTOR-STATE ARBITRATION: PRINCIPLES, VALUATION, AND STRATEGY



MR EMMANUEL JACOMY
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Emmanuel Jacomy is a Partner in A&O Shearman's Global International Arbitration Group and Co-Head of the Asia-Pacific Arbitration practice, based in Singapore.

He has over 20 years of experience representing corporations, State-owned entities and governments in complex, high-stakes commercial and investment treaty arbitrations under all major arbitration rules. His experience includes disputes involving significant financial and valuation issues across the energy, infrastructure and technology sectors.

He is an Adjunct Professor at the National University of Singapore and a Visiting Professor at Tsinghua University. He also sits as an arbitrator and is a member of the SIAC, BIAC, CIETAC, HKIAC, SHIAC and CAA

panels of arbitrators. He speaks English, French and Mandarin Chinese.



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James Nicholson is Asia Head of Economic and Financial Consulting at FTI Consulting and a leading expert witness in international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations. A CFA Charterholder, his practice focuses on damages quantification, valuation of businesses and financial assets, lost profit calculations, and financial risk assessments across high-stakes disputes in industries including energy, telecommunications, real estate and infrastructure disputes.

He has testified before ICSID, PCA, and commercial arbitration tribunals on over 60 occasions, frequently acting in disputes exceeding US$1 billion appointed by sovereign states and multinational corporations. He previously served as President of the Standing Committee of the ICC International Centre for ADR.

THE TRIBUNAL'S POINT OF VIEW



MS AMANDA LEES

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Amanda Lees is the Head of Mallesons' Singapore Dispute Resolution practice and Head of International Arbitration across Australia and Singapore. With over 20 years of experience in cross-border dispute resolution in the Asia-Pacific region, she specialises in complex commercial and investment treaty arbitrations, cross-border litigation, and alternative dispute resolution.

Her practice spans key sectors including energy and resources, commodities, telecommunications, technology, and financial services..

Amanda regularly sits as an arbitrator under SIAC, ICC, and UNCITRAL rules. She is also Director and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) Singapore branch.



MS KOH SWEE YEN SC

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Koh Swee Yen, Senior Counsel, is the Head of WongPartnership's International Arbitration practice. Swee Yen represents states, state-owned entities and multinationals in high-value, multi-jurisdictional litigation and international commercial and investment arbitration, and is recognised internationally as a thought leader and one of the top lawyers in dispute resolution by major legal publications.

Swee Yen holds leadership positions in prominent organisations—she is a member of the ICC Court and the ICCA Governing Board, and a Governing Board member of Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore. She is also one of only four individuals designated by Singapore to the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators.

MOCK ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL



PROF CHESTER BROWN SC

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Chester Brown is Professor of International Law and International Arbitration at the University of Sydney Law School, and the Law School's Director of Global Engagement. He is also a Barrister at 7 Wentworth Selborne Chambers, Sydney, and an Overseas Member of Essex Court Chambers, London. Professor Brown teaches and researches at the University of Sydney in the fields of public international law, international dispute settlement, international arbitration, international investment law, and private international law.

He also maintains a practice in these fields, and has been involved as counsel, expert, and arbitrator in various proceedings, including before the International Court of Justice, the Iran- United States Claims Tribunal, inter-State and investor- State tribunals, as well as in inter-State conciliation proceedings, international commercial arbitrations, and domestic court proceedings.



MS CHIAN BAO

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Chiann Bao, a partner at ArbBoutique, is a Chartered Arbitrator and CEDR-accredited mediator with 25 years of experience. Qualified in New York, Hong Kong and England and Wales but having extensive experience handling civil law governed complex arbitrations, Chiann has served as arbitrator, mediator and legal expert in almost 150 arbitrations with a total value of almost 50 billion US dollars in dispute. Prior to becoming an independent arbitrator, she worked in private practice (in New York and Hong Kong).

She holds leadership positions worldwide and currently serves as member of the ICCA Governing Board and is a Co-Chair of the ITA Arbitrator Task Force. In 2025, she was appointed as a judge of the Bahrain International Commercial Court. She also holds positions on the Board of Directors of Maxwell Chambers and the Global Advisory Board of the New York International Arbitration Centre. She is an Advisory Board member for the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre and a member of the Court of Arbitration for the Lusaka International Arbitration Centre.

She is a former Co-Chair of the IBA's International Arbitration Committee (2024-2025) and a former Vice President of the ICC Court of Arbitration (2018-2024). From 2010 to 2018, she served as the Secretary General and then as a Council Member of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre during which it was ranked the most improved institution worldwide.

A regular speaker and lecturer, she was awarded the Global Arbitration Review "best lecture" for her Proskauer Rose Lecture in 2022. She is a member of the permanent faculty at the Sciences Po Law School and until 2025, was an adjunct associate professor at NUS Faculty of Law. She also currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees and is an Honorary Senior Fellow of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. She also authors and edits articles and books and serves as a member of editorial boards of publications published by Oxford University Press and Kluwer.