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# **GENERATIONS IN ARBITRATION CONFERENCE**

**HONG KONG**

**Sunday, 15 March 2026 | 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (HKT)**



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**Sunday, 15 March 2026 | 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (HKT)**

A staple of the Vis Moot Competitions and a longstanding event, the Generations in Arbitration Conference (“GIA”) brings together internationally renowned and distinguished speakers to address hot topics in international arbitration and trade law, focusing in particular on various topics related to the Vis Moot problem.

## REGISTRATION & PAYMENT



### Rates

Students / Premium MAA Members: HKD 80 (+ Eventbrite fees)

Standard MAA Members / Non Members: HKD 200 (+ Eventbrite fees)

The registration fee includes lunch and refreshments.

There will be a “pop-up” registration desk for the Vis East Moot at the GIA, for your convenience. Team members, coaches and arbitrators who purchase a ticket for the GIA by **4:00 PM HKT on Friday, 13 March 2026** will be required to register for the Vis East Moot at the GIA venue.

## LOCATION

### Withers

30/F United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong

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If you have any questions, please contact [conferencesandevents@maa.net](mailto:conferencesandevents@maa.net)

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8:30 AM

## REGISTRATION

9:15 AM

## WELCOME ADDRESS

### SHERLIN TUNG

Consultant & Independent Arbitrator,  
Withers & Director, CEO,  
Vis East Moot Foundation

### Prof. Dr. NAVIN G. AHUJA

Mediator & Arbitrator, Mediation Chambers  
Co-President, MAA

9:30 AM

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

## THE IMPORTANCE OF TRUTH IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

### LUCY REED

President, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Court  
Independent Arbitrator

10:00 AM

## TO MED-ARB OR NOT TO MED-ARB? LEVERAGING OPPORTUNITIES AND NAVIGATING

## PROCEDURAL PITFALLS

### QUEENIE LAU SC

Barrister & Senior Counsel,  
Temple Chambers

### HASIT SETH

Independent Counsel,  
Arbitrator & Mediator

### FERNANDA NEMR

(Moderator)  
Senior Associate, Muriel  
Advogados  
Vice President, MAA

### TIM ROBBINS

Independent Arbitrator

### THIAGO DEL POZZO ZANELATO

Senior Associate,  
Pinheiro Neto Advogados

11:15 AM

## COFFEE BREAK

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## PROGRAM

11:45 AM

### FORCE MAJEURE REDEFINED: NAVIGATING ESG AND SUSTAINABILITY SHIFTS

#### **Prof. CLAUDIO FINKELSTEIN**

Professor, Pontifical Catholic University  
of São Paulo  
Partner, Finkelstein Advogados  
Independent Arbitrator

#### **ERIC NG**

Independent Arbitrator  
Barrister, Prince's Chambers

#### **Dr. SHU ZHANG**

(Moderator)  
Senior Lecturer, Deakin Law  
School  
Editor-in-Chief, Vindobona  
Journal, MAA

#### **CHUN KI (CURTIS) FUNG**

Associate, A&O Shearman

#### **MAY TAI**

Independent Arbitrator  
Independent Non-Executive Director  
ANZ Bank

1:00 PM

### LUNCH

2:30 PM

### DEBATE: THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THAT THIRD-PARTY FUNDING CAN UNDERMINE THE PROCEDURAL INTEGRITY OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

#### **Dr. JENNIFER BRYANT**

Partner, Noerr

#### **FARES NOWAK**

Senior Associate, A&O Shearman

#### **ZESLENE MAO**

(Moderator)  
Counsel, WilmerHale

#### **FELICITY NG**

Senior Associate,  
King & Wood Mallesons

#### **AMY WEN WEI**

Partner, CMS

3:45 PM

### CLOSING REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF LUCKY DRAW

#### **Moot Alumni Association**

4:00 PM ONWARDS

### NETWORKING RECEPTION

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## WELCOME ADDRESS



### **SHERLIN TUNG**

Consultant & Independent Arbitrator, Withers  
Director, CEO, Vis East Moot Foundation

Sherlin Hsie-lien Tung (董希琳) is based in Hong Kong with the international arbitration and litigation team at Withers. She is the Director, CEO of the Vis East Moot Foundation, Ltd., and also sits as an independent arbitrator.

Sherlin specializes in cross-border corporate and commercial disputes with a particular focus on international commercial arbitration, international contracts, international trade law (notably the CISG), and multi-jurisdiction litigations. She is unique in that she has experience with all aspects of a dispute, from working with a leading international arbitrator to sitting as arbitrator herself, working for a leading international arbitral institution, then working in-house with a publicly listed international conglomerate, and working in private practice.

As a dual Taiwanese-American citizen, born in Taiwan and educated in the U.S. and Europe, Sherlin is adept at working with multinational companies and handling their transactions and disputes in various languages. She understands how parties from different backgrounds and jurisdictions think and can develop a strategy that is best suited to her clients' needs.

Sherlin regularly speaks in conferences as well as gives lectures and trainings worldwide on international arbitration, international trade law, and cross-border disputes. She is a qualified lawyer in California and New York and a Registered Foreign Lawyer in Hong Kong. Sherlin is native in Mandarin Chinese and English, has working proficiency in Spanish, and has basic German skills (A2).

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## WELCOME ADDRESS



### **Prof. Dr. NAVIN G. AHUJA**

Mediator & Arbitrator, Mediation Chambers  
Co-President, MAA

Prof. Dr. Navin G. Ahuja is a mediator and arbitrator at Mediation Chambers, bringing nearly two decades of extensive experience in the international sale of goods and manufacturing to his role. He holds a law degree, a Master's specializing in ADR, and a Doctorate focusing on guerrilla tactics in international commercial arbitration. Navin is also a Visiting Professor of Law at Guangxi University.

Navin is the Co-President of the Moot Alumni Association (MAA). In addition, he is the Director of Mooting and ADR Competitions at Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University (DSNLU) in Visakhapatnam. He also serves as the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR) Special Representative to Singapore.

Navin is the author of the book "Taming the Guerrilla in International Commercial Arbitration: Levelling the Playing Field", which has garnered acclaim from leading academics and practitioners. He actively contributes to the discourse in ADR through his publications and as a member of the editorial board for the International Arbitration Law Review, alongside delivering guest lectures on mooting, ADR, and the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). Navin has had incredible success in coaching mooting teams to achieve outstanding results.

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## **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**



### **LUCY REED**

President, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Court  
Independent Arbitrator

Lucy Reed is President of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre Court. Ms Reed is an independent arbitrator now based in New York, specializing in investor-State and complex international commercial disputes and listed in Chambers & Partners Most In Demand, and Arbitrators – Global Wide.

She is the Honorary (Immediate Past) President of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) and formerly served as a President of the American Society of International Law, a Vice President of the ICC Court, Chair of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration, and a member of the LCIA Court and the HKIAC Board. Among her other arbitration roles, she served as the Co-Director of the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Swiss Bank Accounts (a Holocaust tribunal) and an arbitrator on the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission (an international humanitarian law tribunal).

From 2016 through 2019, Ms. Reed was the Director of the Centre for International Law and Professor of Practice in the Law Faculty of the National University of Singapore. From 1998 until 2016, she practiced with Freshfields, where she led the global international arbitration group from the New York, Hong Kong and Singapore offices. Among her positions before Freshfields, Ms. Reed was General Counsel of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, in which capacity she led negotiations with North Korea, and a senior attorney with U.S. State Department and U.S. Agent to the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague.

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## SPEAKERS & MODERATORS - PANEL I



### QUEENIE LAU SC

Barrister & Senior Counsel, Temple Chambers

Queenie Lau SC is a barrister at Temple Chambers, Hong Kong. She commenced practice in 2008, and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2024. In terms of arbitration, Queenie became a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 2009, and then a Fellow in 2017. She also became a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators in 2016. In 2018, Queenie became a member of the HKIAC's List of Arbitrators.

Queenie has acted as Counsel both in arbitrations and arbitration-related court applications, and has experience conducting arbitrations in Putonghua. Further, she has been appointed as arbitrator both by parties and arbitral institutions (namely the HKIAC and the ICC International Court of Arbitration).

Queenie was among the first batch of Hong Kong lawyers to qualify for legal practice in the Greater Bay Area.

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### **TIM ROBBINS**

Independent Arbitrator

Tim Robbins is an independent arbitrator with nearly 20 years of experience in commercial and investor state disputes, and has acted as arbitrator, tribunal secretary or counsel in over 85 international arbitrations. Qualified in England & Wales, New York and Ontario, Tim provides a wide breadth of experience, knowledge and perspective from his work with tribunals, in private practice and at arbitral institutions.

Based in The Hague and Hong Kong, Tim sits as arbitrator in matters seated across Europe, the Middle East and Asia. He has acted as presiding, co-arbitrator and sole arbitrator in arbitrations administered by the ICC, SIAC, HKIAC, SCC, and DIAC, in addition to working on matters under the rules of other leading institutions, including the LCIA, ICSID, KCAB, ICDR and JCAA, as well as numerous ad hoc proceedings under the UNCITRAL Rules.



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### HASIT SETH

Independent Counsel, Arbitrator & Mediator

Hasit B. Seth is an internationally engaged arbitrator and mediator, recognised for his work in complex cross-border commercial and construction disputes. He has over 25 years of experience working in the US and India legal practice. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb) and is listed as an arbitrator with 30+ leading global institutions, including the HKIAC, SIAC, DIAC, VIAC, WIPO and KIAC.

Mr. Seth has acted as chair, sole, and presiding arbitrator in high-value disputes involving infrastructure, construction, data centres, securities, shipping, fintech, and technology contracts. He has also received court appointments as an arbitrator and has experience under both international institutional and ad hoc regimes. With a computer science degree and experience, he is a natural choice for an arbitrator in technology disputes.

He is qualified to practice law in New York, India and Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC) Court, Kazakhstan. Mr. Seth combines common law and civil law experience with a global arbitral outlook. He is a frequent speaker at international arbitration conferences and a faculty member of CI Arb, contributing actively to the global arbitration community. He is a senior research fellow at a leading university and teaches construction law topics. He has supported the Vis Moot Court and the Cross-Examination Moot for many years.

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### **THIAGO DEL POZZO ZANELATO**

Senior Associate, Pinheiro Neto Advogados

Thiago Del Pozzo Zanelato is a Senior Associate at Pinheiro Neto Advogados in São Paulo, where he specializes in international and domestic arbitration. He has acted in proceedings under various institutional rules and regularly advises clients on complex issues of Private and Public International Law. He holds an LL.M. in International Law from the University of Cambridge, as well as a Master's degree in Law and International Economic Relations and a Bachelor's degree in Law from the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP).

Thiago is actively engaged in academic and professional initiatives. He is a co-author of several publications, including a book on international arbitration in Brazil. He is also a guest lecturer in arbitration and international law at postgraduate level and regularly participates in conferences and webinars. Thiago also serves as a coach for teams competing in the Willem C. Vis Moot and has contributed to mentoring programs and educational projects through Brazil VYAP chapter, which he co-founded.



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**Moderator:**

**FERNANDA NEMR**

Senior Associate, Muriel Advogados  
Vice President, MAA

Fernanda Nemr is a Senior Associate in the Litigation and Arbitration practice of Muriel Advogados in São Paulo. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of São Paulo and is specialized in Energy Law by the Brazilian Institute of Energy Law. She was a Visiting Foreign Lawyer at the International Arbitration practice at WilmerHale in London.

Fernanda participated in the Vis Moot in 2019 and 2020 and was actively involved as a coach until 2023. She also participated in other domestic and international moot court competitions and is one of the co-founders of the Brazilian Arbitration and Technology Moot (CoDiTech Moot), as well as a member of the organization committee of the Brazilian Arbitration Moot. Fernanda was Chair of Events (Vienna) for the MAA from 2023 to 2025 and was previously a Regional Representative.



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## **SPEAKERS & MODERATORS - PANEL II**



### **Prof. CLAUDIO FINKELSTEIN**

Professor, Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo  
Partner, Finkelstein Advogados  
Independent Arbitrator

Cláudio Finkelstein is a practicing attorney, arbitrator and law professor. Author of many books (Including Danubia Files 1 and 2) and loose articles. He is the Editor of Revista Brasileira de Direito Constitucional e Internacional, Vice President of the Brazilian Society of International Law and full professor of International Arbitration at PUC-SP, where he currently holds the chair of Arbitration Law.



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### **CHUN KI (CURTIS) FUNG**

Associate, A&O Shearman

Curtis is currently an Associate with A&O Shearman, Hong Kong SAR. Curtis advises on a wide range of arbitration matters, including commercial arbitrations and investment treaty arbitrations, under the HKIAC, SIAC, ICC, ICSID and AIAC rules in a wide range of jurisdictions in the Asia Pacific region.

Curtis also sits as tribunal secretary. Curtis works with international clients in multiple sectors, including multinational banks, funds, corporates, pharmaceutical company and sovereign state. Curtis has experience advising clients on complex commercial disputes, investor-state dispute and disputes relating to joint ventures, debt, financial products and energy and infrastructure.



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### **ERIC NG**

Barrister, Prince's Chambers

Eric Ng is a barrister in Hong Kong at Prince's Chambers and maintains a broad civil litigation and arbitration practice, with a specific focus on international commercial and investor-state arbitration. He was previously Deputy Secretary-General at HKIAC, where he oversaw arbitration, mediation, and domain name dispute resolution matters. He has acted as an arbitrator in commercial disputes under the ICC, HKIAC and SIAC Rules, as well as in multiple ad-hoc proceedings.



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### **MAY TAI**

Independent Arbitrator

Independent Non-Executive Director, ANZ Bank, China

May sits as an arbitrator in HKIAC, ICC, SIAC, UNCITRAL and CIETAC proceedings. She is also an experienced counsel and advocate for ICC, ICSID, HKIAC, SIAC, CIETAC, LCIA, SCC and UNCITRAL proceedings. She is a CEDR accredited mediator and on the ICSID panel of conciliators. May specialises in wide range of disputes, including investment treaty disputes, shareholder and joint venture disputes and cases in the energy (upstream and downstream), energy trading, private equity, hotel and leisure, telecoms and technology sectors. She was a Partner of Herbert Smith Freehills from 2010 to 2023. During this time, May served as the China Managing Partner from 2017 to 2020 and as the Asia Managing Partner from 2020 to 2023.

May is a Vice President of the ICC Court of Arbitration and a Council Member of the ICC Institute. May is also a Co-Chair of Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge APAC Steering Community. Outside of dispute resolution, May also sits as the independent non-executive director of ANZ Bank China.

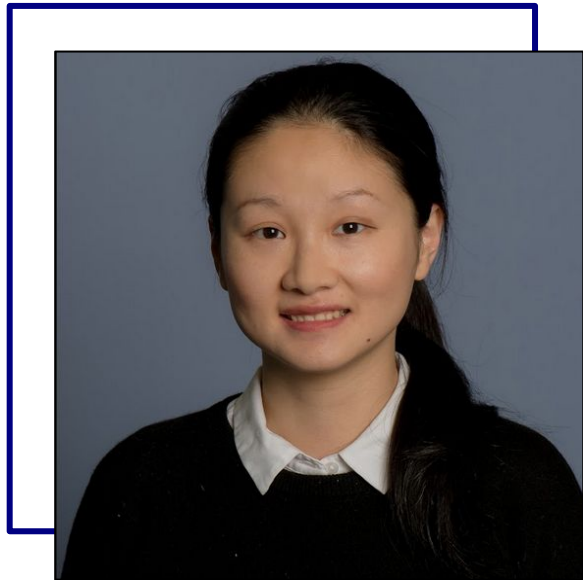


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**Moderator:**

**Dr. SHU ZHANG**

Senior Lecturer, Deakin Law School  
Editor-in-Chief, Vindobona Journal, MAA

Dr. Shu Zhang is a senior lecturer in commercial law at Deakin Law School, Deakin University (Australia). Dr. Zhang is also one of the Editors-in-Chief of the Vindobona Journal of International Commercial Law and Arbitration. Prior to joining Deakin Law School, Dr. Zhang was a postdoctoral fellow in the Chinese International Business and Economic Law Initiative, Law School, University of New South Wales (Australia).

Her research interests include international commercial law, dispute resolution and international arbitration, as well as comparative contract law. She is also admitted to practice in New South Wales, Australia. Dr. Zhang obtained her Ph.D. in Law from University of New South Wales (Australia), and her LLM, LLB and BA in Economics (Double Degree) from Peking University (China). She has published various manuscripts with leading journals in this area, such as the Journal of Contract Law and China Quarterly.



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**SPEAKERS & MODERATORS - DEBATE**



**Dr. JENNIFER BRYANT**

Partner, Noerr

Jennifer Bryant steers her clients through complex international disputes, often before international arbitral tribunal or before state courts in Germany or the U.S. She represents clients in all aspects of contractual disputes, in particular in the context of post M&A claims, supply agreements, service and works agreements, in complex damages proceedings, and in corporate disputes such as disputes concerning shareholder resolutions, other disputes between shareholders and directors' and officers' liability issues.

She also advises her clients with respect to international legal actions, especially U.S. litigations, in particular regarding discovery proceedings in the U.S as well as investigations. The "well versed arbitration specialist" (JUVE Handbook 2022/2023) acts in arbitrations both as counsel and as arbitrator. She is a member of the board of the German Arbitration Institution (DIS). Jennifer Bryant is admitted to practice in Germany and in the U.S. (California). Following her participation in the 12th Vis, she has remained involved with the Moot ever since.



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### **FELICITY NG**

Senior Associate, King & Wood Mallesons

Felicity Ng is a Senior Associate in the King & Wood Mallesons' Hong Kong office, specialising in dispute resolution through arbitration, litigation, and mediation. She is qualified as a solicitor in Hong Kong and England & Wales. She is also an HKIAC-accredited tribunal secretary, HKMAAL-accredited general mediator, and AALCO-HKRAC general and sports mediator.

Felicity regularly acts for private enterprises, listed companies, financial institutions, statutory bodies, and high net worth clients in complex commercial and corporate disputes, China-related disputes, and infrastructure disputes. She is experienced in conducting arbitrations under major institutional rules, including HKIAC and LCIA, and ad hoc arbitrations under UNCITRAL rules. She also acts for clients in arbitration-related court matters, including award enforcement, setting aside, and stay of winding up petition in favour of arbitration.

Felicity is appointed by the Hong Kong SAR Secretary for Justice to serve on the Expert Advisory Group on Legal and Dispute Resolution Services, she previously also served on the Advisory Committee on Promotion of Arbitration. She is also a Committee Member of HK45 (HKIAC's young members group). She holds a Master of Law from the University of Cambridge. She is fluent in English, Putonghua, and Cantonese.

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### **FARES NOWAK**

Senior Associate, A&O Shearman

Fares is a Senior Associate with A&O Shearman, Hong Kong SAR and represents States and private clients in both international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations. He has extensive experience acting in arbitrations under major institutional rules, including HKIAC, ICC, SIAC, ICSID and UNCITRAL Rules, involving various jurisdictions such as Hong Kong, England, Singapore, China, India, Korea and Thailand.

His experience covers a range of complex cross-border disputes arising under international investment agreements, in private equity and joint venture disputes, and in disputes in the energy, finance and technology sectors.

Fares publishes and speaks on arbitration-related topics, including as a guest lecturer on the settlement of investment disputes at the European Public Law Organization's Academy of International Economic Law and Policy, and as a panel speaker on a Vis East Moot webinar on careers in arbitration.

Fares serves as a Committee Member of the HK45 Committee for the 2023-2025 term. He is admitted to practice in Hong Kong and speaks English, German, Arabic, French and Spanish.

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### **AMY WEN WEI**

Partner, CMS

Amy is a partner at CMS' Hong Kong and German offices and leads the firm's international arbitration practice in the APEC region. She specialises in commercial and investment disputes between Asian, particularly Chinese companies, and European parties. She has a decade of experience advising and representing multi-national and state-owned enterprises, listed companies, sovereign states, governmental and other public entities in high-stake, complex cross-border disputes under the rules of over a dozen institutions. She started her career in Paris and has worked at leading international law firms in New York, Shanghai, and now Hong Kong since 2020. Her clients come from a wide range of jurisdictions and industries, including the technology, life sciences, energy (renewable and traditional), retail, manufacturing, and financial sectors.

Amy is trained and practices in both common law and civil law jurisdictions. She is qualified as a solicitor in Hong Kong, an attorney in the state of New York, and an avocate à la cour in Paris, France. She is fluent in Chinese, English, and French.



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### **Moderator:**

### **ZESLENE MAO**

Counsel, WilmerHale

Zeslene Mao is a counsel in the Litigation/Controversy Department and a member of the International Arbitration Practice Group of WilmerHale. She is a Singapore advocate and a New York lawyer, and is fluent in Mandarin. Ms. Mao acts for a range of clients in complex international disputes, and has experience in arbitrations conducted under various institutional rules (including the ICC, LCIA and SIAC rules). Ms. Mao has particular experience in cross-border complex disputes across a variety of industries, including oil and gas, commodities, aviation, banking and finance, technology and pharmaceuticals. Her practice also involves providing strategic counsel and crisis management to global companies, boards and high net worth individuals in relation to business-critical issues, particularly in the pre-dispute phase. She has acted in arbitrations governed by a variety of laws including English law, New York law, PRC law, Hong Kong law and Singapore law. Ms. Mao is also appointed to the SIAC List of Rising Arbitrators.

Prior to joining WilmerHale, Ms. Mao was a senior associate at a leading dispute resolution firm in Singapore, where she regularly appeared before the Singapore courts and arbitral tribunals in commercial dispute matters. She was also appointed Young Amicus Curiae to the Singapore High Court in a case that raised novel issues of evidence law.

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