

Navigating the First 100 Days of an Arbitration: Strategies for Success

Date and time: Monday, 25 August 2025, 4pm to 7pm

Venue: Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

9 Straits View, #06-07 Marina One West Tower, S018937

This panel discussion will explore the critical first 100 days of an arbitration, highlighting best practices, key procedural milestones, and common challenges.

A diverse panel, including counsel, arbitrators, institutional leaders and experts, will share insights on effective case management, jurisdictional issues, and early strategic decisions that can shape the arbitration process.

Programme

4:00pm	Registration
4:15pm	Welcome remarks
4:30pm	Panel discussion
6:00pm	Networking reception

Speakers



Moderator: Anna Kelly
Board Director, ArbitralWomen
Associate Director, HKA



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Meet our Speakers



Sapna Jhangiani KC, Barrister, Arbitrator, Mediator, Blackstone Chambers

Sapna Jhangiani KC has 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. Sapna has practised in London, New York, Dubai and Singapore, and is called to the Bar in England & Wales, Singapore and the British Virgin Islands.

Sapna holds an undergraduate degree from Oxford University, and a diploma in international commercial arbitration from Queen Mary University, London, in which she graduated with distinction.

Sapna is consistently ranked in the leading legal directories, and has been described as "excellent", "tenacious", "a charming advocate" and a "true all-rounder" with "excellent advocacy skills" and "excellent written advocacy". She was recognised by Asian Legal Business as one of Asia's top 15 female lawyers.

Sapna is a Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, as well as the past Chair of the Singapore branch of the Institute.

From 2021 to 2024 she was International Legal Counsel at the Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore, and she is a member of the Panel of Advisors to the Attorney-General of Singapore.

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



Dr. Vanina Sucharitkul, Partner (Foreign Lawyer), Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Dr. Vanina Sucharitkul is a Partner at Rajah & Tann Singapore, specialising in international arbitration and has experience advising clients on a diverse range of cross-border disputes in a range of sectors and investment treaty arbitration. Admitted to the California Bar, Vanina has practiced at international law firms in San Francisco, Bangkok, Paris, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Vanina has experience acting as counsel and advocate in arbitrations across multiple jurisdictions under the auspices of various institutions such as the ICC, the SIAC, the AAA, the HKIAC, the TAI and ICSID. In addition, Vanina regularly sits as arbitrator.

Vanina was a Court Member of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) for nine years and has served as Director of ArbitralWomen for two terms. She currently chairs the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) Thailand Branch and is the Founding Co-President of Young Thailand Arbitration Center.

A graduate of U.C. Berkeley, Vanina then completed her Juris Doctor from U.C. Hastings College of the Law and LL.M. from Golden Gate University School of Law. She further obtained her Doctorat en Droit from Université Paris Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) on ISDS Reform. A tri-national, Vanina speaks Thai, French and English.



Ellen Wong, Associate Director, HKA

Ellen Wong is a project manager with over ten years of experience. She has been appointed as a delay expert and assisted the named expert.

Ellen has supported ongoing arbitrations for complex and large-scale infrastructure, civil and structural, and building projects. She has carried out delay analysis and prepared expert reports for projects with values of more than \$500 million.

Ellen has managed construction projects comprising complex structural works, electrical substations, wastewater treatment plants, road and services infrastructure, and geotechnical works.

Ellen specialises in forensic delay and critical path analysis. She has been engaged in dispute analysis for industrial buildings, sewage and water treatment plants, and transport infrastructure projects. Her work involves establishing critical paths, identifying delay events and their impacts, and measuring the extent of delay against approved programmes.

Ellen holds a master's in construction law and dispute resolution. She is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a member of the Society of Construction Law (Singapore).



Sherly Gunawan, Counsel, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)

Prior to joining SIAC, Sherly practiced law at the Jakarta office of international law firms, where she primarily focussed on litigation and arbitration in the construction, mining, and plantation sectors, and had an array of experience in assisting and representing state-owned enterprises and multinational companies.

Sherly read law at the University of Surabaya, Indonesia with full scholarships and graduated summa cum laude. She also obtained an MSc in Construction Law & Dispute Resolution at King's College London as a Chevening scholar, in which she passed with Distinction and received the Society of Construction Law award for the best dissertation.

Sherly is admitted to the Indonesian bar (PERADI) and is also a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Young ICCA, and the Association of Indonesian Privacy Data Professionals.

Sherly speaks English and Bahasa Indonesia.



Anna Kelly, Board Director, ArbitralWomen and Associate Director, HKA

Anna Kelly is a board member of ArbitralWomen and an Associate Director in HKA's Forensic Accounting and Commercial Damages practice, based in Sydney.

Anna is a Chartered Accountant with over 10 years of experience. She specialises in the quantification of commercial damages and valuations for the purposes of international arbitration and litigation.

Anna has advised on disputes across Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Oceania with values up to \$850 million. Anna has worked on damages claims in arbitrations across a range of sectors, including cryptocurrency, oil and gas, renewable energy, construction, retail, and sport and media rights.

Anna is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) and Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ). Anna completed her degree in Economics with French from the University of Birmingham.