

YSIAC-YAWP BREAKFAST:

“I Learned the Hard Way...”: The Unwritten Rules of a Successful and Sustainable Arbitration Practice

Organised by Young Singapore International Arbitration Centre (YSIAC) and Young Arbitral Women Practitioners (YAWP)

We are delighted to invite you to the upcoming YSIAC-YAWP Breakfast held during Singapore Convention Week 2026, hosted at A&O Shearman's Singapore office.

International arbitration practice places heavy emphasis on technical excellence, yet many of the skills that determine long-term success are rarely “taught”. Managing clients, reading tribunals, navigating difficult conversations, leading without formal authority, and building one's professional profile are learned through experience. This breakfast event sets out to canvass those lessons openly and candidly, for arbitration practitioners who are transitioning from “doing the work” to “owning the work.” Rather than simply highlighting polished success stories, it will focus on mistakes, challenges, and turning points, and the practical lessons they reveal. The aim is to normalise honest conversations about the “soft skills” that underpin a successful yet sustainable arbitration career.

Breakfast will be served before and after the discussion, with time set aside for networking. There will also be a Q&A session and participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance.

We hope you will join us for this engaging and insightful morning.

OPENING REMARKS



Sheila Ahuja KC
Partner and Co-Head of Asia-Pacific Arbitration Practice at A&O Shearman

PANELISTS



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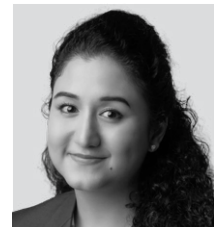
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Snigdha Bhatta
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CO-MODERATORS

EVENT DETAILS

VENUE:

A&O Shearman Singapore
2 Central Boulevard, #45-01 West Tower,
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Singapore 018916

DATE AND TIME:

Wednesday, August 26, 2026
8:30am—Registration and Breakfast
9:00am to 10:00am—Session
10:00am to 10:30am—Networking

We would be grateful if you could [sign up](#) by latest August 11, 2026, or scan the code.



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Speakers' profiles

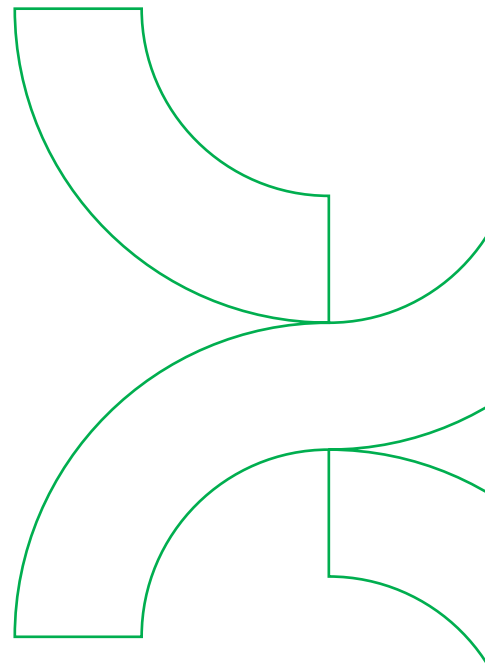


Funke Adekoya SAN
*Independent Arbitrator,
Member of the SIAC Court and
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Funke Adekoya SAN practices as an independent arbitrator, with a focus on commercial transactions in the infrastructure and construction, energy, and natural resources sectors, as well as disputes arising from investments in other sectors. She also acts as counsel in selected disputes and as an expert witness in arbitration-related litigation.

A Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, she is often appointed as the sole arbitrator, a party-appointed arbitrator, or the chair of the arbitral tribunal in arbitration proceedings. These cases include commercial and investment disputes involving both African and non-African parties, filed under the ICSID, ICC, and LCIA rules, as well as ad hoc proceedings under the UNCITRAL Rules. As an arbitrator, she is currently listed by Chambers Global on its 2026 Global list of the "most in-demand" arbitrators.

In addition to being listed on the ICSID panel of arbitrators and on the panels of other arbitral institutions, she is currently an Advisory Board member of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) and a member of the International Commercial Expert Committee of the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China. She is a member of the courts of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and the Abu Dhabi International Arbitration Centre (ArbitrateAD). She is also a member of the LCIA African Users Council and of Nigeria's ICC National Committee.



Yuet Min Foo
*Managing Director (Dispute Resolution)
at Drew & Napier and Former Member of
the YSIAC Council*

Yuet Min graduated with First Class Honours from the National University of Singapore in 2006, where she also represented the University at the 2006 Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington D.C. Prior to joining Drew & Napier in 2008, Yuet Min was a Justices' Law Clerk at the Supreme Court of Singapore. She was also appointed to the Supreme Court's Young Amicus Curiae Scheme in 2010–2011.

Yuet Min advises clients mainly on civil disputes relating to a wide range of commercial contracts, with the aim of achieving commercially-viable solutions for clients. She has been described by clients as "very skilled", "an excellent lawyer who is on point, effective and innovative" with "great judgement and a strong focus on the client's objectives".

Besides maintaining an active litigation practice in the Singapore Courts, many of Yuet Min's matters involve SIAC and ICC arbitrations as well as arbitration-related Court proceedings. She has particular experience and interest dealing with multi-lingual proceedings (both in Court as well as in arbitrations) and has conducted a bilingual international arbitration under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

She has been appointed arbitrator in a number of SIAC, ICC, and ad hoc international arbitrations. She has also conducted arbitrations under the expedited procedure. Yuet Min is a recognised Dispute Resolution and International Arbitration practitioner in many publications.

Brought up in a multi-lingual environment, Yuet Min speaks English, Mandarin, Malay, and the Hokkien dialect.

Yuet Min currently co-heads Drew & Napier's Dispute Resolution Department.



Jae Hee Suh
*Counsel at A&O Shearman,
Member of the YSIAC Council and
Member of ArbitralWomen*

Jae Hee Suh is a Counsel in A&O Shearman's International Arbitration Group based in Singapore. She previously worked in the firm's Hong Kong and London offices. Jae Hee has represented States and private clients in various sectors for commercial and investment treaty arbitrations under major arbitral rules. Jae Hee has also advised on the enforcement of, and challenges against, arbitral awards in a variety of jurisdictions.

Jae Hee is a native Korean speaker and studied law at Oxford University as a STX Corporation scholar, graduating with First Class Honours, the Field Fisher Prize and the Hogan Lovells Prize. She is a YSIAC Council member of Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and a Steering Committee member of Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB). She is a former Vice Chair and the founding member of Ciarb Korea Young Members Group and a former member of the Young ArbitralWomen Practitioners' (YAWP) Steering Committee.

Jae Hee is ranked as an "Up and Coming" lawyer in the area of investment treaty arbitration and international commercial arbitration in South Korea by Chambers Asia-Pacific 2026, and is listed on the "Spotlight Table" in South Korea for Dispute Resolution: International Firms by Chambers Global 2026. She is also recognised as a "Leading Associate" for international arbitration in Singapore by Legal 500 Asia-Pacific 2026. In addition, Jae Hee is recognised as a "Global Elite Thought Leader" and a "Future Leader" in the field of arbitration in the 2026 edition of Lexology (formerly Who's Who Legal), and was named a "Rising Star" in Singapore by Asian Legal Business in 2023, which recognises outstanding next-generation lawyers.



Sheila Ahuja KC
*Partner and Co-Head of
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Sheila Ahuja KC is a partner in A&O Shearman's Global International Arbitration Group and co-head of the APAC arbitration practice. She is also joint chair of the firm's India Group. She is one of the foremost arbitration practitioners in the Asia-Pacific region. She was appointed King's Counsel in March 2025.

Sheila was the only solicitor-advocate among the 105 King's Counsel appointments in 2025 and, out of five solicitor candidates, was the sole successful applicant.

She advises clients on complex international commercial arbitration and investor-State disputes across the Asia Pacific region.

Sheila is a Solicitor Advocate, with Higher Rights of Audience before the Senior Courts of England & Wales and the Courts of Hong Kong. She is enrolled in the Bar Council of New Delhi and is also qualified to appear before the Singapore International Commercial Court. She regularly sits as arbitrator, and more recently, as presiding arbitrator. She is also invited to sit as a Deputy High Court Judge in Hong Kong.

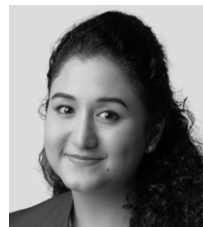
Sheila is the highest ranked female arbitration counsel in Singapore by Chambers Asia Pacific 2026. She is one of only three individuals ranked Band 1 for Indian Disputes—Expertise Based Abroad by Chambers Asia Pacific 2026 and she is also the sole individual recommended by Chambers Global 2026 for Dispute Resolution (Expertise Based Abroad) in Malaysia.



Audrey Liew
*Senior Manager at Accuracy and
Member of ArbitralWomen*

Audrey is a Chartered Accountant based in Accuracy's Singapore office where she focuses on dispute resolution support, financial analysis and infrastructure advisory. She has contributed in high-profile engagements across South-East Asia and beyond, delivering both financial and strategic insights in both contentious and non-contentious matters.

Audrey has led and supported various projects involving complex valuation matters, particularly in M&A transactions, infrastructure development, construction delays, and joint venture disputes. Her experience includes assessing of loss of profits, evaluating construction prolongation costs, and valuing companies and contractual rights. Audrey's sector expertise spans a wide range of industries, including oil and gas, rail, aviation, shipping, public-private partnerships and more.



Snigdha Bhatta
Counsel at SIAC

Snigdha is Counsel at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), where she administers a diverse portfolio of more than 100 international commercial arbitrations spanning a wide range of industries, governing laws and procedural frameworks. In her role, she advises on complex cross-border disputes and supports tribunals and parties throughout the arbitral process.

She is qualified to practise law in Nepal and in England & Wales and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb). Her area of specialisation is technology disputes, with experience spanning complex commercial disputes across a broad range of industries in Asia.

In addition to her casework, Ms. Bhatta leads the development of SIAC Gateway, SIAC's digital case management platform, contributing to the institution's ongoing efforts to enhance procedural efficiency and innovation in international arbitration.

Prior to joining SIAC, she practised litigation and arbitration at a leading law firm in Kathmandu, Nepal.