



Steven is an arbitrator and advocate with more than 25 years' experience in international dispute resolution and arbitration in Asia. Steven sits as presiding, sole, co-arbitrator and emergency arbitrator. He also appears as lead counsel in international arbitrations and has appeared as lead counsel in the High Court and Court of Appeal in Singapore. Prior to practicing as an independent arbitrator and barrister, Steven practiced as a Singapore advocate and solicitor and as an English solicitor advocate with leading Singapore and international firms in Asia.

Steven has extensive experience with disputes involving Asia-Pacific jurisdictions including Singapore, India, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Nepal, US and Australia.

He has experience with a broad range of commercial disputes covering private equity investments, mergers and acquisitions, sale and acquisition of businesses, joint ventures, share options, agency, licensing, hotel management, coal, mineral, agricultural commodities and trading contracts, oil and gas (sale and transportation of gas, production sharing contracts), energy (power purchase agreements, long term utilities supply contracts), letters of credit, refund guarantees, performance bonds, offshore engineering, ship and rig building, construction (commercial, residential buildings, hotels, EPC contracts, power, petroleum, petrochemical plants, supply of turbines, road, rail, ports and airports, water management projects).

He is a panel arbitrator with the SIAC, HKIAC, ICDR, KCAB, JCAA, CAAI, AIAC and THAC and has also sat in ICC, SCMA, LMAA, UNCITRAL Rules and ad hoc cases. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and the Asian Institute of ADR and is a Director of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Singapore Branch.

Steven has received recognition as a leading individual in international dispute resolution and arbitration in Chambers and Legal 500 where he has been noted as "hugely experienced", "a respected arbitrator with extensive experience handling commercial arbitrations in the construction, infrastructure and energy sectors". He has also been described as "a prominent counsel in arbitration", "very impressive advocate", "is well known as a high quality individual", for his "very extensive arbitration experience, both as counsel and as an arbitrator. He acts frequently on matters in the construction, energy and resources, and shipbuilding sectors, and is respected for his incisive mind and in-depth research", "peers point out his sharp intellect", "a pragmatic international arbitration professional who turns out quality work every time", "all his advice is well considered, well researched and well thought through", "an excellent communicator – he identifies the salient issues to pursue and lets you know what the game plan is. He focuses people's minds on those issues", "inventive", "meticulous, technically minded and excellent at assessing the merits of a client's position", and "well known for energy disputes, and commended as

a lawyer who strives to better his understanding of client needs”.

Steven was included in the inaugural list of the top 100 A-List lawyers in Singapore by Asia Business Law Journal in 2018.

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## PRACTICE AREAS

- International Arbitration - as arbitrator and counsel
  - Commercial / Corporate Disputes
  - Construction (Onshore & Offshore)
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## SECTORS

- Energy & Natural Resources
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## PRACTICE AREAS

### INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION – AS ARBITRATOR AND COUNSEL

- Sole arbitrator in ICC arbitration between Indian and Singapore parties involving related coal trading contracts, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Sole arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between two Singapore parties concerning a port development project, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Sole arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between German and Indian parties concerning coal trading contracts, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Sole arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between US and Indian parties involving software licencing, agency and distribution agreement, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Sole arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between US and Australian parties over construction of catamarans, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – English)
- Sole arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between Vietnamese and Indian parties over agricultural commodities contract, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – English)
- Emergency arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between German and Indian parties concerning joint venture for construction of LNG facilities, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Swiss)
- Co-arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between Italian and Indian parties concerning joint venture for automotive manufacturing in India, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Indian)
- Sole-arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between Singapore parties involving construction project in

Singapore, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)

- Sole-arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between US and Hong Kong parties concerning coal mining and trading contract, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Co-arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between PRC and Singapore parties involving coal trading contract, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Sole-arbitrator in ad hoc arbitration between UK and Indian parties concerning joint venture for the manufacture of automotive parts in India, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Indian)
- Presiding arbitrator in 3 related SCMA arbitrations between PRC and Singapore parties concerning coal trading contracts, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – English)
- Presiding arbitrator in LMAA arbitration between Indian and PRC parties concerning coal trading contracts (substantive governing law – English)
- Co-arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between Singapore parties involving construction project in Singapore, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Sole-arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between Singapore parties over agricultural commodities trading contract, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Co-arbitrator between Singapore parties concerning stockbroking and margin trading facilities, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Co-arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between PRC and South African parties concerning mineral commodities trading contract, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Sole-arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between Cambodian and South Korean parties concerning road construction project in Cambodia, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Cambodia)
- Presiding arbitrator in ICC arbitration between Thai parties involving construction contract in Bangkok, seated in Bangkok, Thailand (substantive governing law – Thai)
- Sole-arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between PRC and South Korean parties concerning internet game licence agreement, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Co-arbitrator in two consolidated SIAC arbitrations between US, BVI and Singapore parties concerning share rights issue agreement and shareholders minority oppression action, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Co-arbitrator in UNCITRAL arbitration between South Korean and Nepalese parties over hydro-electric project, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Nepal)
- Sole-arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between BVI and Saudi parties concerning share option agreement, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Sole-arbitrator in KCAB arbitration between South Korean and Peruvian parties concerning the supply of steel, seated in Seoul, Republic of Korea (substantive governing law – Korean)
- Emergency arbitrator in SIAC arbitration involving German, PRC, and Singapore parties concerning shareholders agreement, minority oppression action and share issuance, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Co-arbitrator in SIAC arbitration involving Indian, UK and Singapore parties concerning intellectual

property infringement claim, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Indian)

- Presiding arbitrator in SIAC arbitration involving PRC and Indian parties concerning construction of port facilities, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Indian)
- Co-arbitrator in ICDR arbitration involving Singapore and US parties concerning distribution agreement, seated in Minnesota, USA (substantive governing law – Minnesota)
- Co-arbitrator in ICC arbitration involving PRC and Sri Lankan parties concerning design and build contract for a development in Colombo, seated in London (substantive governing law – Sri Lanka)
- Presiding arbitrator in SIAC arbitration involving Japanese, Indian and Dutch parties concerning indemnity provisions for acquisition of a company in India, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Sole arbitrator in ICDR arbitration involving US and Singapore parties concerning a software licence agreement, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Sole arbitrator in two consolidated SIAC arbitrations involving Singapore and South Korean parties concerning product supply and technical support contracts, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore)
- Co-arbitrator in 26 consolidated SIAC arbitrations involving Singapore and PRC parties concerning warehouse receipts, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore law)
- Emergency arbitrator in SIAC arbitration involving Singapore parties concerning tankage and storage and in tank transfer agreements for petroleum products, seated in Singapore (substantive governing law – Singapore law).

## COMMERCIAL / CORPORATE DISPUTES

- SIAC arbitration concerning USD1.3 billion interest in aviation infrastructure assets in South Asia
- LMAA arbitration involving shareholders agreement for oil and gas services joint venture in Africa
- SIAC arbitration involving dispute over a USD173 million settlement agreement
- DIAC arbitration involving dispute over termination of hotel management agreement
- SIAC arbitration involving private equity fund investment in India
- ICC arbitration over the sale of shares in Korean financial institution involving private equity funds and Korean financial institutions
- SIAC arbitration over the sale of a business involving Singapore company and international private equity fund

## CONSTRUCTION (ONSHORE & OFFSHORE) OFFSHORE

- SCMA arbitration with owner over termination of the contract, delay and extension of time claims for construction of multipurpose offshore support services vessel
- SIAC arbitration involving defects in construction of self elevating platform
- Ad hoc arbitration concerning termination of contract of sale for three high speed vessels

## ONSHORE

- ICC arbitration concerning construction of a class A office building in Russia
  - SIAC arbitration concerning tunnelling works for underground transportation project
  - Ad hoc arbitration concerning construction of elevated frontage roads package for international airport in Southeast Asia
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## SECTORS

### ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

- SIAC arbitration concerning construction of power plant in Singapore
  - ICC arbitration concerning supply and construction of power boilers for pulp and paper mill and power plant in Thailand
  - SIAC arbitration concerning liabilities under oil and gas joint operating agreement
  - UNCITRAL arbitration on a gas sale agreement
  - UNCITRAL arbitration on a gas transportation agreement
  - ICC arbitration involving civil works for petrochemical plant
  - ICC arbitration involving construction of a polymer advanced material compounding plant in Thailand
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## RECOMMENDATIONS

*"A respected arbitrator with extensive experience handling commercial arbitrations in the construction, infrastructure and energy sectors."* Legal 500 2019

*"Hugely experienced and often sits as an arbitrator."* Chambers & Partners 2018

*"Very professional and has vast experience and expertise in SIAC arbitrations."* Chambers & Partners 2017

*"A prominent counsel in arbitration."* Chambers & Partners

*"Very impressive advocate."* Legal 500

*"Respected both as arbitration counsel and increasingly active arbitrator."* Chambers & Partners

*"Very extensive arbitration experience, both as counsel and as an arbitrator. He acts frequently on matters in the construction, energy and resources, and shipbuilding sectors, and is respected for his incisive mind and in-depth research."* Chambers & Partners

*"Peers point out his sharp intellect."* Chambers & Partners

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## APPOINTMENTS

- Panel arbitrator, SIAC, HKIAC, ICDR, KCAB, AIAC, THAC and CAAI
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Fellow, Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Director, CIArb, Singapore Branch
- Vice-Chair, IPBA Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Committee
- Honorary Overseas Member, COMBAR

## LECTURES & TEACHING

- Lectured at National University of Singapore and for Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, Approved Faculty Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.
- Frequent speaking engagements in arbitration conferences and seminars in the Asia-Pacific Region

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## QUALIFICATIONS

- LL.B. (Hons) London School of Economics and Political Science, 1991
- LL.M. Columbia University School of Law, 1993
- In practice as Singapore Advocate and Solicitor and English Solicitor Advocate in international dispute and arbitration in Singapore, Hong Kong and Asia-wide, 1994 – April 2019

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### PUBLICATIONS

- *Singapore chapter, Arbitration World, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, Sweet & Maxwell, 2018*
- *Discerning the Fine Line Between Disregard and Misapprehension – Appeals Under the Cloak of Natural Justice, Asia Pacific Arbitration Reporter, SAL, [2017] 1 APAR SG 50*
- *Interim Relief in International Arbitration, SIAC, 2014*
- *Reflections on Costs and Ethics in International Arbitration, SI Arb, 2013*
- *Delay, Interest and Certification Duties: Hiap Hong & Co v. Hong Huat Development, Straits Lawyer, 2001*
- *Panatown Ltd v. McAlpine Construction Ltd: No Panacea for Third-Party Loss, Law Gazette, 2001*
- *Contributory Negligence in Professional Liability Claims, Professional Indemnity, July 1996*

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