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Admissions: Roll of Solicitors of England and Wales (2000),
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Practices : Energy, Infrastructure & Projects, International Arbitration,
Litigation

Yee Leong's primary area of practice is international arbitration specialising in the areas of energy, oil and gas, power and infrastructure projects in Singapore, Malaysia and the region. In practice for more than 25 years, Yee Leong is recognised as a leading international dispute resolution specialist in the Asia-Pacific region.

Yee Leong is consistently recognised as a leading arbitration expert by many legal publications. Amongst others, *Chambers Global/Asia-Pacific* (2013) notes that he is a "prominent figure in the region, thanks to his years of experience in countries such as Singapore, Malaysia and Laos" while *Chambers Global/Asia-Pacific* (2014) mentions him as "an active, 'very capable and well-known' international arbitration specialist." Yee Leong was also one of the nominees (and the only Asian nominee) for the *Global Arbitration Review* inaugural "Advocate of the Year" award and has been named Singapore International Arbitration "Lawyer of the Year" 2015-2016 by *Best Lawyers*. *Best Lawyers* honours a single lawyer in all major practice areas and regions as "Lawyer of the Year," based on peer-review assessments. The award reflects the high level of respect a lawyer has earned for excellence, professionalism and integrity.

Yee Leong is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He is also on the panel of arbitrators for Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration and CIArb Presidential Panel of Arbitrators. Yee Leong also served as a director of Singapore LNG Pte Ltd from 2011 to 2015.

Yee Leong graduated from the National University of Singapore with an LLB (Hons) degree in 1989.

Yee Leong's experience includes:

Singapore

- Representing an investor in an ICC arbitration in Singapore against a major car manufacturer for claims in excess of US\$10 million arising from a joint venture for a motor racing sport events in Asia.
- Representing a major entertainment operator in a SIAC arbitration in Singapore against two Japanese equipment fabricator for claims in excess of US\$ 50 million arising out of a contract for the fabrication of the tallest observation tower in the world.
- Represented a major European contractor in a SIAC arbitration in Singapore against a Singapore statutory board for claims in excess of 250 million arising out of a contract for the construction of metropolitan railway stations, tunnels and neighbouring infrastructures in Singapore.

Malaysia

- Representing a Malaysian housing developer in a Persatuan Akitek Malaysia arbitration in Malaysia against the main contractor for claims of about RM 10 million arising from a housing project in Malaysia.
- Representing a Singapore developer in an ad hoc arbitration in Kuala Lumpur against a Malaysian contractor for claims in excess of RM20 million for civil works in a twin tower condominium project in Kuala Lumpur
- Representing a concessionaire in a KLRCA arbitration in Kuala Lumpur against a major tunnelling contractor for claims in excess of RM 300 million arising from tunnelling works for the world 1st dual use flood mitigation tunnel in Kuala Lumpur.
- Representing a major German pharmaceutical company in a PAM arbitration in Kuala Lumpur against a German contractor for claims in excess of RM30 million arising from the construction of a major pharmaceutical facilities in Penang.
- Representing a major Japanese manufacturer in an ad hoc arbitration in Kuala Lumpur against a Malaysian distributor for claims in excess of RM 6 million arising from a distribution agreement in Malaysia.
- Representing a major international oil-rig and FPSO designer and fabricator in a KLRCA arbitration in Kuala Lumpur against a major oil and gas producer with respect to a conversion of a

FPSO

- Representing a major engineering consultant in a KLRCA arbitration in Kuala Lumpur against a major Malaysian port developer and operator for claims in excess of RM20 million arising out of a design contract for a major container port in Johor

Thailand

- Representing a consortium of Italian, Spanish and Thai contractors in an UNCITRAL arbitration in Bangkok against the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand for claims in excess of US\$50 million for civil works in a pumped storage project in the Lam Ta Khong region in Thailand
- Representing an investor fund in a SIAC arbitration in Singapore against two Thai shareholders of a major Thai company for claims in excess of US\$45 million arising out of a contract for rehabilitation of the Thai company.
- Representing an investing company in a SIAC arbitration in Singapore against a property owning company in Thailand for claims un excess of US\$45 million arising from a failed investment in the property owning company in Thailand

Laos

- Representing the Lao government in an UNCITRAL Arbitration in Kuala Lumpur against a Thai concessionaire with respect to a mining and power generation concession in Laos for claims in excess of US\$3 billion.
- Representing a Thai civil contractor in an ICC arbitration against a major European main contractor for claims in excess of US\$20 million arising from construction of a major hydro-electricity dam in Lao PDR.

Indonesia

- Representing a German commodity trading company in an ICC arbitration in Singapore against an Indonesian company for claims of about US\$4 million for failure to deliver certain commodity in Indonesia.
- Representing a Malaysian oil block concessionaire in a SIAC arbitration in Singapore against an Australian drilling contractor for claims in excess of US10 million arising out of a drilling

contract in Indonesia

India

- Representing an Indian broadcasting network in an ICC arbitration in Singapore against an American satellite developer for claims in excess of US\$100 million arising from a satellite utilisation contract.
- Representing a major Indian public listed information technology company in a SIAC arbitration against an Indian shareholder for claims in excess of US\$100 million arising from an investment contract in Singapore
- Representing a Swedish telecommunication company in an ICC arbitration in claims for US\$5 million against two Indian mobile phone makers for breach of Global Patent Licensing Agreement.

Pakistan and Central Asia

- Representing a Singapore vendor in a SIAC arbitration in Singapore against an American purchaser of shares in a project company with a power plant in Pakistan for claims in excess of US\$56 million for fraud, negligence and breach of warranty
- Representing a Singapore rig maker against its joint venture partners in four SIAC arbitrations in claims for the aggregate sums of US\$30 million arising out a sale and purchase of shares and construction of a rig in Kazakhstan

Yee Leong is also active as an arbitrator and has recently been appointed as arbitrator in the following arbitrations:

- Appointed as sole arbitrator under the International Arbitration Act for an ad hoc arbitration over a dispute relating to failure of respondent to deliver feed wheat to the claimant.
- Appointed as sole arbitrator under the International Arbitration Act for an ad hoc arbitration over a dispute arising from a breach of an investment agreement.
- Appointed as an emergency arbitrator under the SIAC Rules 2010 for five inter-related SIAC arbitrations over a dispute arising from sale and purchase of shares and shareholders agreement. Claimants sought urgent interim relief for declarations that certain transfer of shares and removal of

directors were invalid and for the transfer and removal to be reversed.

- Appointed as sole arbitrator under the International Arbitration Act for an ad hoc arbitration over a dispute arising out of a joint venture agreement to harvest teak wood in Ghana.
- Appointed as sole arbitrator under the International Arbitration Act for twenty five UNCITRAL 2010 arbitrations administered by SIAC. These arbitrations arose out a series of sales and purchase of residential apartments in Phuket where the purchasers claimants had alleged that the developer respondent has failed to complete the project and deliver the apartments.
- Appointed as Chairman of a three man tribunal under the SIAC Rules 2013 over a dispute arising out of a sale and purchase of 90,000 wet metric tonne of iron ore under the Standard Iron Ore Trading Agreement.
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