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Background

Gavin trained and practised for over 17 years at Herbert Smith Freehills, where he was a partner in the Dispute Resolution division from 2010 to 2017.

He led the International Arbitration practice in South East Asia at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner between 2017 and 2019, before joining Mishcon de Reya in 2020.

Gavin has represented clients in arbitrations conducted under ICC, SIAC, TAI, LCIA, SCC, TOMAC and pure ad hoc arbitration rules, with arbitral seats across Asia and Europe.

Gavin also sits as an arbitrator and is a panel member for SIAC, the Asian International Arbitration Centre, the Thai Arbitration Institute and THAC.

From 2004, Gavin spent 10 years in Tokyo acting for a range of Japanese and international clients, including a two-year secondment to a Japanese trading company. In 2014, he relocated to South East Asia, since when he has handled disputes involving Singapore, Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam, Cambodia and Indonesia.

Market profile



Legal 500 Asia Pacific – (2019) *“Gavin Margetson delivers ‘clear, concise and robust legal advice’, is ‘very practical, pragmatic and commercial’ and ‘focused on achieving the best possible outcome’; he is ‘an outstanding practitioner who combines excellent strategic judgement with close attention to detail and strong client-handling skills’; (2017) Leading Individual Dispute Resolution Thailand “...his thought to the issues is deep and client-oriented. He thinks practically about what is the best solution to fix the disputes.”*



Chambers & Partners – (2017) Leading Individual Dispute Resolution Thailand; (2016) *“[Gavin] wins praise for his deep knowledge and experience in international arbitration cases”;* (2014) *“...peers note that Gavin Margetson excels at arbitration work, and clients are happy with his rapid response time. He has litigation experience covering a number of sectors.”*

Management experience

- Leading International Arbitration team at BCLP in South East Asia.
- Co-managing the HSF Bangkok office as the sole international partner; overseeing a team of 7 Thai lawyers and 3 international lawyers; liaising with global and regional executive partners regarding the management of the practice.
- Leading cross-office teams (Tokyo, London, Paris, Singapore and Bangkok) on complex litigation, international arbitration and investigations matters since 2007.

International Arbitration as counsel

Construction & Infrastructure

- Japanese EPC contractor in Singapore seated ICC arbitration in relation to the engineering, procurement and erection of a paper pulp mill in Vietnam, one of the largest pulp paper mills in Vietnam.
- Japanese trading company in a series of London ad hoc arbitrations and parallel TOMAC arbitrations valued at over USD 50 million, arising out of a series of shipbuilding contracts, including (a) disputes as to the availability of legal set-off under English and Japanese law and (b) the vessels' seaworthiness.
- Japanese technology contractor pursuing and defending ICC arbitration claims/counterclaims of over USD150 million arising out of a contract for the design, build and installation of a submarine telecommunications cable system from India to France via the Middle East.
- Japanese telecoms company bringing an ICC arbitration claim for USD50 million in liquidated damages arising out of the construction and delivery into geostationary orbit of a defective telecommunications satellite.
- Telco infrastructure company overseeing claims against a South African telco provider, including construction delay claims and other technical issues relating to the phased roll out of network towers.

Commercial, M&A and Joint Ventures

- Thai oil and gas exploration company in Thai Arbitration Institute proceedings against a transport service provider relating to alleged breaches of a USD315 million service agreement.
- Japanese trading company pursuing USD 20 million post-M&A earn out claims in LCIA arbitration under a share purchase agreement with a large Indian telecommunications company.
- Indonesian oil and gas operator defending a SIAC arbitration claim for USD218 million arising out of a Joint Operating Agreement for an oil and gas development block in Sumatra.

- Japanese trading company defending an ICC arbitration claim brought against it by its African JV party in connection with the distribution of Japanese manufacturer automobiles.

International trade

- United Arab Emirates coal trading company as counsel in SIAC arbitration arising out of contracts for the sale, purchase and shipment of coal from Indonesia to India.
- Japanese solar panel manufacturer in Stockholm Chamber of Commerce arbitration claims relating to the procurement of solar wafers from a supplier in China.
- Singaporean aerospace contractor bringing a USD 2 million claim in SIAC arbitration arising out of an aircraft engine maintenance and repair order (MRO) agreement.

International Arbitration as Arbitrator

- Co-arbitrator in a series of Thai Arbitration Institute proceedings relating to the construction of luxury apartments in Thailand.
- Chairman in ad hoc Singapore arbitration relating to the shipment of rice to Malaysia, including allegations of cyber-crime with respect to the buyer's email account.
- Sole arbitrator in SIAC proceedings involving claims relating to the TV rights for an international test and ODI series between two Asian nations.
- Sole arbitrator in SIAC proceedings concerning a series of agreements for the shipment of liquid petroleum gas.