

**Hybrid event**

**In-person at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP and Virtual via Zoom**

**5.00pm, 11 May 2023, Singapore**

**THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS (SINGAPORE)  
invites you to**

***"Guerrilla Warfare in International Arbitration: The Current State  
of Play"***

**Date: Thursday, 11 May 2023**

**Time: 5.00pm to 8.30pm**

**(Registration starts at 4.45pm for a 5.00pm sharp kickoff. During a brief  
intermission between 5.40pm and 6.00pm, and from 7.00pm to 8.30pm,  
drinks will be served courtesy of HSF)**

**In-person Venue: Herbert Smith Freehills LLP**

**(50 Raffles Place, #24-01 Singapore Land Tower, Singapore 048623)**

**Virtual via Zoom**

**Speakers: Dr Michael Hwang SC, Dr Navin G. Ahuja and Alastair Henderson**

**Moderator: Sarah Grimmer**

**ABOUT THE EVENT**

In his seminal article in 2005, Dr Michael Hwang SC coined the term "guerrilla tactics" in international arbitration, bringing international attention to it and starting a discourse which has continued to date.

Almost 20 years later, he will revisit the topic and deliver his current thoughts on the subject, followed by a discussion with a panel of experts to discuss *inter alia*:

- Observations on "guerrilla tactics" and the definition of the term;
- Coping with and disciplining guerrillas; and
- Methods to prevent the deployment of guerrilla tactics.

**PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

4.45pm to 5.00pm:	Registrations
5.00pm to 5.40pm:	Brief welcome remarks (CIARB Singapore Chair), followed by opening remarks by Dr Michael Hwang SC
5.40pm to 6.00pm:	Refreshments break with wine and soft drinks
6.00pm to 7.00pm:	Panel Session with Q&A

**MODERATOR****Sarah Grimmer**

Sarah is a full-time arbitrator at Twenty Essex in Singapore. She has over 20 years of experience in international commercial and investment treaty arbitration. From 2016 to 2022, Sarah served as Secretary-General of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) during which time it was ranked the third most preferred institution in the world. Prior to that, she spent a decade at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague where she administered complex inter-State, investor-State, and contractual disputes involving States and State entities. Sarah has also worked at the ICC International Court of Arbitration (ICC) in Paris administering hundreds of commercial cases under the ICC Rules of Arbitration. Prior to that she worked at Shearman & Sterling LLP in Paris and in private practice in New Zealand.

**SPEAKERS****Dr Michael Hwang SC**

Dr Michael Hwang S.C. currently practises as an international arbitrator based in Singapore with a selective practice as Senior Counsel of the Supreme Court of Singapore. He served as the Chief Justice of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts from 2010 - 2018. Michael's other past appointments include: Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Singapore; Singapore's Non-Resident Ambassador to Switzerland and Argentina; President of the Law Society of Singapore; Commissioner of the United Nations Compensation Commission; Vice Chairman of the ICC International Court of Arbitration; Vice President of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration (ICCA); Trustee of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC); Council Member of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA); and a Visiting (and later Adjunct) Professor of the National University of Singapore. He was educated at undergraduate and postgraduate levels at Oxford University, where he won a college scholarship by open competitive UK examination (the first Singaporean to do so). He has been conferred an Honorary LL.D. by the University of Sydney. He currently serves as a non-resident Judge for cases conducted in English heard by the Bahrain Court of Cassation.

**Dr Navin G. Ahuja**

Navin is a practice development manager at Pinsent Masons MPillay LLP supporting the international arbitration practice. He earned his doctorate focusing on guerrilla tactics in international commercial arbitration and has subsequently published a book entitled "Taming the Guerrilla in International Commercial Arbitration: Levelling a Playing Field", endorsed by well-known arbitration practitioners. He has also contributed to several publications and was, more recently, a Visiting Fellow at the City University of Hong Kong where he taught students about international arbitration, international sales law, and mootings.

### **Alastair Henderson**

Alastair is an international arbitration specialist. He has been based in Southeast Asia (Bangkok and Singapore) since 1999 and is one of the region's best-known names in this field.



Alastair handles complex, high value, high profile cases across many sectors and industries, covering a wide variety of trade, commercial and financial activities. He has particular experience of construction, engineering and infrastructure projects; oil, gas and power sector disputes; shareholder and joint venture disputes; and a wide range of other commercial cases. He is very familiar with disputes and procedures throughout Southeast Asia, as well as international and multinational cases beyond the region. His clients include governments and public bodies, state-owned and independent companies, international banks, and other multinational and leading regional companies.

He also has extensive experience as an arbitrator, sitting as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and presiding arbitrator under a wide range of local and international rules of arbitration. He is a fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators; a former member of CIArb's Singapore and Thailand national committees; a national committee member of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre Users Council; and an Expert Panel member of Singapore Management University's Centre for Cross-Border Commercial Law in Asia.

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