

Kent Phillips

Partner
Singapore

Biography

Kent Phillips has over 20 years experience as a dispute resolution lawyer, concentrating on international arbitration in both London and Singapore. He has conducted arbitrations under leading institutional rules in most major seats, under both civil and common applicable laws.

Kent's extensive trial experience includes high-value commercial disputes across a number of sectors and jurisdictions. His time in London was spent leading disputes between high-profile Russian oligarchs, with merits hearing of claims involving some US\$3 billion. Now based in Singapore, he is routinely involved in disputes relating to services and infrastructure in the resources, energy, and oil & gas sectors. These include construction and commodities matters and often involve Southeast Asia or India.

Kent conducts all stages of proceedings, from interim measures to advocacy at trial. He also holds full registration as a foreign lawyer to appear before the Singapore International Commercial Court.

For many years Kent has been recognised by major directories as a leading individual for International Arbitration. He regularly sits as an arbitrator and is on the SIAC panel, he is also a director of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – Singapore branch.



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Languages

English

Practices

International Arbitration

Industries

Diversified Industrials
Energy and Natural Resources
Financial Institutions

Education and admissions

Representative experience

Acting as counsel for a manufacturer in a Singapore seated arbitration under SIAC Rules, in a long running dispute between South Korean and U.S. entities.

Acting as Counsel in an ICC arbitration for the supply of telecommunication systems, which included a full merits hearing over two weeks in Singapore.

Acting as counsel in an ICC arbitration (London seat, English law) against Ukrainian state entities for the reconstruction, maintenance and operation of a toll road in Ukraine.

Acting as counsel in an SIAC arbitration relating to the construction of port related facilities in Singapore, which involved an 8 day hearing.

Counsel in an SIAC arbitration involving renewable energy project in Pakistan, including all advocacy up to and including merits hearing.

Advising a Japanese construction company in relation to a US\$200 million thermal power plant international arbitration dispute under the SIAC arbitral rules.

Acting for a claimant in a US\$60m SIAC arbitration relating to commodity financing fraud in China.

Acting for the Claimant in an SIAC arbitration (Singapore seat, English law, three-person tribunal) against private individuals for guarantee claims.

Advising a high profile US energy company on a successful cross-border enforcement of a US\$275m ICSID arbitration award under the NY Convention 1958.

LCIA arbitration relating to a Nigerian oil field, including merits hearing, challenges to the award in the English Courts and multi-jurisdictional enforcement.*

Conduct of multi-jurisdictional litigation for Russian businessman Boris Berezovsky with more than \$3bn at stake.*

Education

LL.M., London School of Economics and Political Science, 1999

BCom LLB, University of Auckland, (Hons), 1994

Memberships

Director of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – Singapore branch

SIAC (Panel member of Arbitrators)

CI Arb (Director of Singapore Branch)

Bar admissions and qualifications

Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand

Court admissions

England and Wales

Singapore International Commercial Court

Accolades

'Kent Phillips is an outstanding arbitration counsel. He is easy to work with and thorough.'

Legal 500, 2019

Kent Phillips is "*experienced and has the ability to calm the most troubled waters*," say market sources. He has over 20 years'

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Dispute Resolution: Arbitration (Singapore), *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2017-2018
- Future Leader in Arbitration, *Who's Who Legal*, 2018
- Dispute Resolution: Arbitration (Singapore), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - The future of the LIBOR benchmark rate *Banking and International Arbitration Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - How to draft for concurrent delay wherever your projects are
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Court of Final Appeal extends time for First Media to challenge enforcement orders and judgment
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Newly published judicial interpretations on arbitration in China
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - PRC Court refuses to enforce SIAC arbitral award made by one arbitrator under expedited arbitration procedures when arbitration agreement provided for three arbitrators
- News
 - Singapore court sets aside award against Lesotho

experience of handling commercial arbitrations and is particularly focused on the energy and resources sector. Clients find him "technically sound, succinct and commercial."

Chambers Asia Pacific, 2020
