

Benson Lim

Senior Associate

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Biography

Benson is triple-qualified in Singapore, England and Wales, and New York – part of our multi-qualified, multilingual international arbitration team in Singapore. Fluent in English and Chinese he focuses on arbitration counsel work involving Southeast Asian and Greater China regions. His experience includes infrastructure, construction, energy and natural resources, corporate, merger and acquisition, international trade, and commodities disputes.

Most of his work is as arbitration counsel but he has also been appointed three times as a sole arbitrator by SIAC and ICC. He is an accredited mediator with sole or co-mediator appointments in over 50 mediations in the United States and Singapore.

He has published articles in arbitration academic journals, and he led 3 teams of 8 Assistant Editors as Associate Editor at Kluwer Arbitration Blog, covering Southeast, East and Central Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands. Furthermore, he is a CI Arb Fellow and is actively involved in several arbitration committees such as ICC Singapore Arbitration Group Thought Leadership Sub-Committee, Young SIAC Committee, and SIAC Users Council.

Benson is listed as a Rising Star by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Representative experience



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Languages

English
Chinese
Malay

Practices

International Arbitration
Asia Regional Practice

Education and admissions

Education

Bachelor of Laws, National
University of Singapore

Memberships

Sole arbitrator in SIAC arbitration over international trade of components for solar technology equipment between German and Chinese parties.

Sole arbitrator in SIAC arbitration arising out of an investment agreement.

Sole arbitrator in ICC arbitration over international trade of gypsum.

Counsel for Chinese buyer in SIAC arbitration relating to the sale and purchase of clinker.

Counsel for US pharmaceutical company in SIAC arbitration relating to sale and purchase of pharmaceutical products in China.

Counsel for global infrastructure fund in SIAC arbitration relating to representations and warranties in a M&A deal.

Counsel for Chinese state-owned contractor in ICC arbitration relating to the engineering, procurement and construction of a cement plant in Central Asia.

Awards and rankings

- International Arbitration – Ranked as “Rising Star”, *Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2022
- International Arbitration – Ranked as “Rising Star”, *Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2021
- International Arbitration – Ranked as “Rising Star”, *Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2020

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - Enforcement of Emergency Awards – India takes a leap
- News
 - C v D – Hong Kong court rules on compliance with pre-arbitration procedural requirements

SIAC (Reserve Panel Arbitrator)

YSIAC Committee (Member)

SIAC Users Council (Member)

ICC Singapore Arbitration Group
Thought Leadership Committee
(Member)

Maxwell Chambers Steering
Committee (Member)

CI Arb (Fellow)

Bar admissions and qualifications

Singapore

Solicitor, England and Wales

New York

Court admissions

Singapore International Commercial
Court
