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Sharon Chong is a dispute resolution partner and her portfolio focuses on aviation disputes, international arbitration, corporate and commercial litigation and arbitration, and insolvency and restructuring.

She acts as an advocate in a wide array of cross-border disputes and has appeared at all tiers of the Malaysian courts and in international arbitrations in Asia and Europe (including ad-hoc arbitrations and those conducted pursuant to ICC, AIAC, SIAC and TAI Rules).

Her other areas of practice include regulatory enforcement, competition disputes, and oil & gas disputes. Sharon is experienced in a broad range of corporate and commercial disputes and provides strategic input in advising corporate clients on fraud matters from the pre-dispute forensic investigation stage, to dispute resolution strategy.

Sharon has been described as “*extremely responsive and savvy*”, “*gives practical and clear advice*” and has “*impressed*” with “*both her round-the-clock availability and her ability to get up to speed with sometimes complex matters*” (The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific 2021). She is also “*very willing to roll up her sleeves and get the work done. Meticulous, with a strong work ethic and very easy to get along with*” (The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific 2020).

She is the Immediate Past President of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MIArb) and a committee member of the Young SIAC. Sharon sits as an arbitrator and is on the panel of arbitrators of AIAC, SIAC and KCAB. She is a Fellow of the CIArb (UK) and the MIArb and was appointed member of the first ever Ad-hoc Arbitration Panel for the 29th SEA Games Kuala Lumpur 2017. She is also a faculty member of the Bar Council of Malaysia’s Advocacy Training Course.

Sharon was recognised as one of ALB’s Asia’s Top 15 Rising Lawyers in 2021 and was awarded Young Lawyer of the Year (Law Firm) at ALB Malaysia Law Awards 2020. She is ranked “Next Generation Partner” for Dispute Resolution in The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific 2021 and 2020 and listed “Future Star” in Commercial Disputes, Dispute Resolution and International Arbitration in Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific. She is also recognised and mentioned in GAR 100.

SELECTED RECENT EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION / ARBITRATION-RELATED LITIGATION

As Arbitrator

- Appointed as Arbitrator by the AIAC and SIAC in a number of institutional arbitrations on contractual disputes.
- Appointed as Arbitrator in a number of ad-hoc arbitrations on contractual disputes.

As Counsel

- Acted for a foreign client in an SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore involving petroleum product quality dispute, against one of the largest integrated energy and commodity trading companies in the world.
- Acted for a Malaysian oil and gas company in an AIAC arbitration seated in Malaysia involving helicopter charter services.
- Acted for a foreign client in an ICC arbitration seated in Singapore involving service agreements.
- Acted for a reinsurer in various TAI arbitrations seated in Thailand on coverage issues in claims resulting from the 2011 environmental disasters in Thailand.
- Acted as co-counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Singapore on disputes arising from shareholders and settlement agreements involving more than RM 56 million.

- Acted for a foreign client in an ad-hoc arbitration seated in London against the world's largest commodities trading company in a claim arising out of a contract for crude oil supply.
- Acted for a subsidiary of a national oil and gas company in a matter involving defects in the design, engineering, construction and installation of a mobile offshore production unit.
- Advised a subsidiary of one of the world's largest integrated oil and gas services and solutions provider in a subsea cable installation project.
- Advised a major shipping company in arbitration proceedings involving a contract for the construction and the leasing of a semi-floating production system.
- Acted in various setting aside and enforcement proceedings before the courts in Malaysia, including representing a Thai company and a Lao company in their appeal to the Federal Court against the Court of Appeal decision which upheld the High Court order to set aside an international arbitration award for the sum of USD 57.2 million. [*Thai-Lao Lignite Co Ltd & Anor v. Government of The Lao People's Democratic Republic* [2017] 9 CLJ 273 (FC)]
- Acted in various enforcement of arbitral award proceedings before the Malaysian Courts.
- Acted for the director of the KLRCA, where the director's immunity from legal suits and other process were in question. [*AV Asia Sdn Bhd v Director of KLRCA & Measat Broadcast Network Systems Sdn Bhd* Originating Summons No. 24NCC(ARB)-1-01/2013]
- Acted for the KLRCA, where the appointment of an arbitrator by the Centre as an appointing authority is challenged by one of the parties. [*Al-Hidayah Properties Development Sdn Bhd v KLRCA & Kukdong Engineering & Construction Co Ltd* Originating Summons No. 24NCC-184-06/2013]

SELECTED ARBITRATION-RELATED TALKS / PRESENTATIONS

- Panel speaker, "ESG, Technology and the Emerging Regulatory and Disputes Landscape", SIAC Korea Webinar hosted jointly by SIAC, In House Counsel Forum of Korea and Yoon and Yang on 14 December 2021.
- Panel speaker, "Pandora's Box – Obtaining Documents in Asset Recovery Cases" session in Asset Recovery Asia Conference on 30 November 2021.
- Moderator, Lex Mundi Asia Pacific Litigation, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Meeting on 11 November 2021.
- Moderator, YSIAC Conference 2021 on 10 November 2021.
- Panel speaker, "Developing Diversity in Arbitration, Advocacy and Tribunal Secretaries" session in 2021 Annual Conference of CIArb Nigeria Branch on 4 November 2021.
- Facilitator, SIAC South East Asia Academy "The Making of an Advocate and an Arbitrator", hosted by SIAC on 29-30 July 2021.
- Moderator, "Surviving, Persevering and Thriving in the Era of COVID – Has ADR Evolved?", MIArb's 7th Annual Law Review 2021 on 22 July 2021.
- Panel speaker, "Recent Trends and Developments: An Asian market perspective on dispute management" jointly hosted by Skrine and Allen & Overy on 13 July 2020.
- Moderator and panel speaker, "Dispute Resolution in the Age of COVID-19: Perspectives from different jurisdictions" on 24 June 2021.

- Speaker, “Arbitration Proceedings in the Time of COVID-19: Are Virtual Hearings the Answer?”, Joint Monthly Fellowship of the Philippine Institute of Arbitrators (PIArb) and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch, Philippine Chapter) on 27 May 2021.
- Moderator, YSIAC-YPG-YMG-YSCL Debate on 12 March 2021.
- Panel speaker, “Country Reports”, hosted by the Regional Arbitral Institutes Forum 2020 on 24 November 2020.
- Panel speaker, “COVID-19 Pandemic: Government’s Attempts to Reduce the Impact – How Effective Would They Be”, on 18 November 2020.
- Facilitator, “SIAC Indochina Academy, hosted by SIAC on 15 and 16 October 2020.
- Moderator and panel speaker, “International Arbitration”, Lex Mundi Asia-Pacific Litigation, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Virtual Meeting on 4 September 2020.
- Panel speaker, “Malaysia’s COVID-19 Bill: Potential Implications for Business”, hosted by AMCHAM on 3 September 2020.
- Moderator, “How to Conduct an Effective Virtual Arbitration Hearing: 10 Tips from the Battlefield” hosted by MIArb on 21 July 2020.
- Speaker and Moderator, two-part Dispute Resolution Webinar Series “Inception to Enforcement: Practical Issues” jointly hosted by Skrine and Allen & Overy on 3 and 17 July 2020.
- Moderator, “COVID-19 Webinar: The Institutions Strike Back” webinar hosted by MIArb on 12 June 2020.
- Panel speaker, “Developing your career in arbitration – How to become an accredited arbitrator and get appointed as an arbitrator” hosted by Young Members Group of CIArb on 5 June 2020.
- Counsel, “YSIAC Mock Virtual Hearing: Cross Examination” hosted by YSIAC on 15 May 2020.
- Panel speaker, “COVID-19: Navigating International Contracts” webinar on 17 April 2020.
- Panel speaker, “Contractual Issues in the Time of Covid-19” webinar on 2 April 2020.
- Trainer, “Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards” to AIAC case counsel in February 2020.

SELECTED ARBITRATION-RELATED PUBLICATIONS

- Co-authored the Malaysian Chapter on Dispute Resolution 2020 and 2021 published on Lexology Getting The Deal Through.
- Co-authored the Malaysian Chapter in the Arbitration Post-Award Interest "Guidebook".
- Co-authored the Malaysia Country Update published in the April 2018 edition of the Asian Dispute Review journal.
- Co-authored the chapter on “Corporate Dispute Resolution” in the practitioner’s guide “Arbitration in Malaysia: A Practical Guide”.
- Authored the article “The Arbitrability of Shareholders’ Disputes: An Overview” published in The Law Review.
- Contributed articles to various publications including Lexology, Mondaq, ILO and the newsletters of the CIArb, MIArb, AIAC and YIAG e-News.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Committee Member, YSIAC of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) (2019-2023)

President, Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MIArb) (2019-2021)

Founding Member, Director and current Secretary, International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) Malaysia Network (2019-2022)

Panel Arbitrator, Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)

Panel Arbitrator, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)

Panel Arbitrator, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB)

Faculty Member, Bar Council Advocacy Training Course

Member, SIAC Users Council (2017-2024)

Member AIAC YPG

Member ICC YAF

Sports Arbitrator

QUALIFICATIONS

Fellow of CIArb (UK)

Fellow of MIArb

Diploma in International Arbitration (CIArb (UK)

AIAC Certificate Programme in Sports Arbitration

Advocate & Solicitor, High Court of Malaya

LLB (Hons) University of London (2006)

Sharon's full Curriculum Vitae may be obtained from <https://www.skrine.com/people/partners/sharon-chong-tze-ying>.