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The Fundamentals of International Legal Business Practice

22 February 2023

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Topics include:

- Foreign investment and M&A trends in the Asia-Pacific region: Mid-2023 outlook
- Changing landscape and new trends in international dispute resolution
- Potential (and largely untested) legal issues arising from emergent technologies
- Roundtable discussion: The role of young lawyers in shaping the future of the legal profession

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Programme

Conference Co-Chairs

Arush Khanna *Numen Law Offices, New Delhi, Delhi; Asia Pacific Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Young Lawyers' Committee*
Ben Smith *MinterEllison, Sydney, New South Wales; Young Lawyers' Committee Liaison Officer, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

Wednesday 22 February

0830 – 1700 **Registration**

0930 – 0945 **Welcome remarks**

0950 – 1015 **Opening Remarks and Introduction to the IBA**

Dinesh Dhillon *Allen & Gledhill, Singapore; Vice Chair, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

Ramesh Vaidyanathan *Advaya Legal, Mumbai, Maharashtra; Co-Chair, IBA Asia-Pacific Regional Forum*

1015 – 1130 **Session one:**

Foreign investment and M&A trends in the Asia-Pacific region: Mid-2023 outlook

The pandemic has seen significant impacts on regional industries and economies. In this session we discuss 1) the impact of a rising interest rate environment; 2) how supply chain bottlenecks have affected the economy; 3) the appetite for investment in new and emergent industries; 4) steps countries have taken to regulate foreign investment in the post-pandemic world; and 5) the future of trade in the Asia-Pacific region post Covid-19.

Moderator

Geread Dooley *MinterEllison, Sydney, New South Wales*

Panellists

Saqeb Mahbub *Mahbub & Company, Bangladesh*

Sophie Mathur *Linklaters, Singapore*

Mariko Nagata *Anderson Mori & Tomotsune, Singapore*

Antonio Sanchez *Uria, Beijing*

1130 – 1145 **Refreshment break**

1145 – 1300 **Session two:**

Changing landscape and new trends in international dispute resolution

This session will endeavour to give an overview on the recent trends in arbitration and will include a discussion on 1) the rise and significance of ESG and the role of international arbitration; 2) the future of arbitration in the cyber industry and the metaverse; 3) third-party funding; and 4) emerging standards and code of conduct for arbitrators. The session will also cover the impact of the Singapore Mediation Convention on ADR and the road ahead.

Moderator

Vikram Nair *Raja & Tann, Singapore*

Panellists

Chia Chi Chong *Mori Hamada & Matsumoto, Singapore*

Kartikey Mahajan *Khaitan & Co, Singapore*

Foo Yuet Min *Drew & Napier, Singapore*

Christopher Studebaker *Tokyo International Law Office, Tokyo*

1300 – 1415 **Lunch**

1415 – 1530 **Session three:**

Potential (and largely untested) legal issues arising from emergent technologies

New technologies are racing ahead and the law is, at times, struggling to keep up. In this session we discuss some of the legal issues that lawyers need to be across in the tech sector including 1) which jurisdiction should regulate blockchain technology and smart contracts which operate on decentralised ledgers; 2) the scope for cryptocurrency and NFT transactions to be used to circumvent anti-money laundering regulations; 3) copyright issues that arise on the sale of NFTs; 4) the evolution of smart contracts beyond the traditional legal framework of contract law; and 5) the increasing regulation of customers' data.

Moderator

Alipak Banerjee *Nishith Desai Associates, New Delhi, Delhi*

Panellists

Sophie Ahn *Yulchon, Seoul*

Desmond Chew *Dentons Rodyk, Singapore*

Heidi Chui *The Law Society of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR*

Tahera Mandviwala *TDT Legal, Mumbai, Maharashtra; Co-Chair, India Working Group*

1530 – 1545 **Refreshment break**

1545 – 1700 **Session four:**

Roundtable discussion: The role of young lawyers in shaping the future of the legal profession

It is no secret that the future of the legal profession lies in the hands of the younger generation. This session will commence with a short presentation of the highlights of the Young Lawyers' Survey Report 2022 which will be followed by a roundtable discussion covering the aspirations, expectations and also the concerns that a young lawyer faces today. This will include discussions on various issues such as career opportunities and progression; diversity and inclusion; retention and attrition; flexibility in working; and work-life balance.

Co-Moderators

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Ben Smith *MinterEllison, Sydney, New South Wales; Young Lawyers' Committee Liaison Officer, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

Panellists

Janice Goh *Clifford Chance, Singapore*

Shashi Nathan *Withers KhattarWong, Singapore*

Fecilia Tan *TSMP, Singapore*

1700 – 1710 **Closing remarks**

1830 – 2030 **7th IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum Biennial Conference Welcome reception**

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Continuing Professional Development/Continuing Legal Education

For Conference delegates from jurisdictions where CPD/CLE is mandatory, the IBA will provide a Certificate of Attendance for the Conference. Subject to CPD/CLE requirements, Conference delegates can use this to obtain the relevant number of hours' accreditation. The number of CPD/CLE hours available may vary depending on the rules applied by the members' bar association/law society on time recording criteria.

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Information

Date

22 February 2023

Venue

ParkRoyal Collection Marina Bay
6 Raffles Boulevard
Singapore 039594
Tel: +65 6845 1000
Website: <https://www.panpacific.com/en/hotels-and-resorts/pr-collection-marina-bay.html>

Language

All working sessions and Conference materials will be in English.

How to register

Register online by 10 February at www.ibanet.org/conference-details/CONF2285 and make payment by credit card to avail of the ten per cent online registration discount or complete the attached registration form and return it to the Conference Department at the IBA together with your proof of bank transfer payment. You should receive an email confirmation of your registration within five days; if you do not, please contact maria.chew@int-bar.org.

By registering for the conference you agree to the following delegate code of conduct, the host country's local and/or national requirements and venues restrictions and precautions:

- You will not attend the conference if you are displaying any Covid symptoms
 - Should you develop any Covid symptoms during your attendance at the conference you inform a member of IBA staff by email (confs@int-bar.org) and you agree not to attend any further conference sessions or related events
- comply with all local and national restrictions
- You travel at your own risk and you agree that the IBA cannot be held responsible if you contract Covid during the conference or after returning from the conference
- You agree to the extent permitted by law that you shall not hold IBA responsible for: any travel costs incurred for travelling to and from the conference; any travel costs that may be irrecoverable due to the cancellation or postponement of the conference; any losses or liabilities associated with contracting Covid whether on the way to, during or after the conference.
- You agree that, if asked by the relevant local or national authorities, the IBA has permission to pass on your personal information and contact details to those authorities should contact tracing be required.

Fees

Online registrations received:

	on or before 27 January	until 10 February
Delegate fee	US\$110	US\$135

After **10 February** registrations must be received in hard copy at the IBA office

Hard copy registration forms and fees received:

	on or before 27 January	after 27 January
Delegate fee	US\$120	US\$145

If you would like to become a full or general member of the IBA, which includes membership of one committee or more – and inclusion in and access to our membership directory – we encourage you to do so now in order to register for this Conference at the member rate. You can find full details of how to join at www.ibanet.org.

Full payment must be received in order to obtain your Conference documentation.

Fees include:

- * Attendance at all working sessions
- * Access to the Conference materials from the IBA website (www.ibanet.org), including any available speakers' papers submitted to the IBA before 13 February
- * Access to live delegate search
- * Lunch on Wednesday
- * Tea and coffee during breaks
- * 7th IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum Biennial Conference Welcome reception on Wednesday

Please note that registrations are not transferable.

List of participants

In order for your name to appear in the list of participants, your registration form must be received by 13 February at the latest.

Live delegate search

Delegates are able to use the live delegate search via the IBA website, in order to use this function delegates will need to be logged into their MyIBA. This will allow search access to up-to-date attendance lists.

Registration confirmation

Upon receipt of your payment for the Conference a confirmation email will be sent to you which contains information regarding your attendance at the Conference. You will also be able to view and download your payment information and manage your registration via your My IBA profile on the IBA website.

Book with confidence

- The IBA will offer a full refund if you are required to cancel your registration due to Covid related reasons; we will require written confirmation of your cancellation by the end of business on the first day of the conference.
- If the IBA needs to reschedule the event, your registration will be automatically transferred to the new date and no additional fees will be charged. If this date is not convenient for a delegate, a refund of the cost of the conference place will be available on request to the IBA.
- If the IBA is unable to reschedule the conference within 12 months of the original scheduled date, a full refund of the cost of the conference place will automatically be made to all delegates.
- Please note that the IBA will not provide refunds for any other costs incurred including any travel costs.

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Certain sessions and/or social functions may be photographed and/or filmed and some of this content may be used for future IBA marketing materials, member communications, products or services. Should you have any concerns with regard to this, or do not wish to be featured in any of these materials please contact the IBA Marketing Department at ibamarketing@int-bar.org.

Payment of registration fees by bank transfer or BACS payment
Registration forms received without proof of payment will NOT be processed until proof of payment has been received.

US dollars: by bank transfer to the IBA account at the National Westminster Bank, St James's & Piccadilly Branch, 208 Piccadilly, London W1A 2DG, United Kingdom.
SWIFT address NWBKGB2L, IBAN GB55NWBK60730101286498

Please ensure that a copy of the bank transfer details is attached to your registration form.

Use the exchange rate prevailing at the time of registration.

Online credit card payments: by Visa, MasterCard or American Express.
No other cards are accepted.

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Conference sell-outs

The IBA places its conferences in venues of a suitable size for each event; however, there are times when our conferences may sell out. Should this happen, prospective delegates will be informed and a waiting list will operate. The waiting list will function on a 'first come, first served' basis, subject to receiving registered delegate cancellations. The waiting list for a conference will close once it has reached ten per cent of the conference venue capacity, as it is very unlikely a place will become available. The IBA will not be liable for any travel or accommodation expenses incurred by an individual who travels to a conference without a confirmed place at the event.

Cancellation of registration or social functions

If cancellation is received in writing at the IBA office by 20 January 2023, fees will be refunded less a 25 per cent administration charge. Refunds will be made minus any monies owed to the IBA.

We regret that no refunds can be made after this date. Registrations or social function bookings received after **20 January** will not be eligible for any refund of fees. Please note that the IBA will however offer a full refund if you are required to cancel your registration due to Covid related reasons; we will require written confirmation of your cancellation by the end of business on the first day of the conference.

Should you have difficulties in obtaining your visa and are not able to attend the Conference this cancellation policy will still apply.

Promotional literature

Please note that no individual or organisation may display or distribute publicity material or other printed matter during the Conference, unless by prior arrangement with the IBA. Organisations and companies wishing to discuss promotional opportunities should contact the IBA Sponsorship Department at sponsorship@int-bar.org.

No deductions or withholdings

All fees payable to us by you in accordance with the terms contained in this 'Information' section shall be paid free and clear of all deductions or withholdings whatsoever.

If any deductions or withholdings are required by law to be made from any fees payable to us by you under the terms contained in this 'Information' section you shall pay such sum as will, after the deduction or withholding has been made, leave us with the same amount as we would have been entitled to receive in the absence of any such requirement to make a deduction or withholding.

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Upon submission of your completed Conference registration form to the IBA you are considered 'registered' pending payment. Please note that the cancellation terms and conditions as indicated will apply as soon as your registration is received.

Provided you have cancelled your registration to attend an IBA Conference in accordance with the terms of the 'cancellation of registration' clause included in the 'Information' section of the relevant Conference programme, you must then confirm to us in writing at the IBA office as soon as possible, but in no event later than one year (12 calendar months) from the date of any such Conference, all necessary details to enable any reimbursement owed to you to be paid. We regret that no refunds will be made after the date that is one year (12 calendar months) after the date of the relevant Conference.

Travel arrangements and visas

Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. It is recommended that you check your visa requirements with your local embassy or consulate. **We are unable to dispatch visa invitation letters to support your visa application prior to receipt of your registration form and full payment of registration fees.**

Please apply for your visa in good time.



Registration form

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Please tick box if you have allergen intolerances and specify _____

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Delegate	US\$120	US\$145	US\$

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7th IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum Biennial Conference I will attend I will not attend NIL
Welcome reception (Wednesday)

One place per registered delegate is permitted

TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE US\$

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Note: please do not send your credit card details on the registration form or within an email or fax.

By bank transfer or BACs payment

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The IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world. It has a membership of more than 80,000 individual lawyers and more than 190 bar associations and law societies spanning over 170 countries.

Inspired by the vision of the United Nations, the IBA was founded in the same spirit, just before the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was proclaimed in 1948.

The IBA covers all practice areas and professional interests, providing members with access to leading experts and up-to-date information, enabling them to better represent their clients' interests.

Through its various committees, fora and task forces, the IBA facilitates the exchange of information and views among its members as to laws, practices and professional responsibilities relating to the practice of law around the globe.

IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum

In addition to offering an unrivalled opportunity to establish contact among lawyers within and outside the region, and with acknowledged experts on different areas of law, specialist Forum activities provide an unparalleled opportunity to keep abreast of legal business developments in the region. Members also benefit from excellent working relations with national Bars, the Inter-Pacific Bar Association and LAWASIA.

IBA Young Lawyers' Committee overview

In 2004, there was a common understanding that the IBA needed to do more to attract young lawyers to join the association and become active and engaged in its various committees, groups and initiatives. Therefore, the Young Lawyers' Committee was founded with a clear focus on young colleagues and their specific aims and interests, serving as an 'entrance door' for young lawyers and putting them into contact with the rest of the Divisions to become further involved in the IBA. The major goal of all our activities is to create a win-win situation in which young colleagues can enhance their skills and networks thanks to IBA programmes, conferences and other projects, while simultaneously providing the IBA and its constituents with fresh ideas and a vivid contact to the next generation of legal experts and counsel.

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