

Overview

International Arbitration is the preferred mechanism for resolving cross-border commercial and investment disputes. As a leading arbitration hub supported by the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC), Singapore offers a neutral and efficient forum for complex international disputes.

Our International Arbitration Practice represents clients in high-value, multi-jurisdictional matters across sectors including finance, energy, construction, commodities, technology, and shipping. We act for multinational corporations, state-owned entities, financial institutions, investment funds, and high-net-worth individuals in arbitrations seated in Singapore and major global centres.

Our team manages all stages of arbitration, from strategy and pleadings to evidence, hearings, and enforcement. We regularly handle applications to enforce or set aside awards, emergency relief, interim measures, and jurisdictional and procedural challenges. We also routinely act as counsel or arbitrator in high-value arbitrations involving arbitral institutions based in Singapore, Sydney, London, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Mauritius and Vietnam. The disputes we arbitrate cut across a number of industry sectors and are in addition to the matters handled by our Litigation & Dispute Resolution Practice, insofar as such matters are capable of settlement by arbitration.

They include:

- Sports
- Telecommunications
- Banking & finance disputes (including international trade financing)
- Contractual and commercial disputes (including contentious employment matters)
- Fraud, asset-tracing and trusts
- Infrastructure, construction and engineering disputes

Accolades

Legal 500 Asia Pacific

- Ranked in International Arbitration (2012 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Tier 4
- Ranked in Dispute Resolution (2007 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Tier 2

Benchmark Litigation

- Ranked in International Arbitration: Domestic Firms (2018 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Tier 3

Asialaw Profiles

- Ranked in Dispute Resolution (2010 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Highly Recommended

Testimonials

They are first and foremost very professional. As a client I find that it is very comforting to know that my lawyers are on top of the situation in legal matters.

– Chambers Asia Pacific 2026

The team provides excellent and user-friendly service including legal research and drafting, and is sensitive to the client's needs.

– Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2026

Shook Lin does not overcomplicate matters. It knows when to latch onto the right details and when to move things along efficiently.

– Chambers Asia Pacific 2026

Professional, personable, approachable and readily available.

– Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025

SLB's practice is unique, in being a large firm with a personal touch and individual attention, on heavy matters spanning over a decade. It also made good use of technology to case manage effectively, extensive documents and evidence

– Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025

SLB's individuals stood out for their dedication and hard work, beyond the call of duty.

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Shook Lin & Bok have a dynamic, hungry and youthful team, who show expertise way beyond their years.

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Provides excellent value working with international counsel on complex cross-border matters before the Singapore courts. Asset recovery related matters a particular speciality

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They have a deep bench and strong expertise in the sectors in which we have needed them, particularly commodities and insolvency.

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