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Renewable Arbitration: insight for Asia-Pacific Parties

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Synopsis: Renewables have featured prominently in international energy disputes in recent years, in particular involving European States. As the world turns towards decarbonisation and energy-transition becomes high on the agenda of Asia Pacific States, this panel comprised of investment and commercial arbitration experts explores: Are disputes in the renewable energy sector different from those in the traditional fossil fuel arena? What type of disputes are commonly seen in the renewables sector and is arbitration the best forum to resolve them? What are the lessons that investors and Asia Pacific States can draw from renewables arbitration in Europe? What are the particularities of arbitration involving a State party or a State-owned entity? What procedural tips can Parties take away?

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Speaker Bios



Moderator: Monica Feria-Tinta, Barrister and Arbitrator, Twenty

Monica is a barrister and arbitrator at Twenty Essex, a specialist in public international law and international arbitration. She was 'Barrister of the Year' Finalist in The Lawyer's Awards 2020 and featured in The Lawyer Hot 100. She acts as counsel in ICSID, SCC, ICC, PCA and SIAC arbitrations and has broad experience in arbitrations involving Sovereign States. Monica also accepts appointments as arbitrator. She recently sat as Presiding Arbitrator in a €1.2 billion+ investment renewables arbitration with a seat in The Hague.

Monica is in the UK-Korea FTA dispute resolution list of arbitrators (proposed by the UK), was appointed by the government of Malaysia to the Advisory Council of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) and is in the advisory board of Climate Change Arbitration Monitor, an initiative by Science Po Law School and Squire Patton Boggs. She is Visiting Fellow at Jesus College, University of Cambridge and has been a guest lecturer at the LCIL Executive Course on Investment Law and Arbitration, University of Cambridge. Monica works in English, Spanish and French. She holds an LLM (LSE) and the prestigious Diploma of the Hague Academy in International Law.



Baiju Vasani, Barrister and Arbitrator, Twenty Essex

Baiju Vasani is a Senior Fellow of SOAS, University of London, and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators who has recently joined Twenty Essex as a barrister. He is also on the arbitrator panels of various arbitral institutions worldwide, including the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes.

Baiju holds four degrees in law: an LLB, LLM, BCL, and JD from King's College London, LSE, University of Oxford, and Northwestern University School of Law respectively. He has spent the past two decades serving as advocate or arbitrator in dozens of high-value international arbitrations.



David Lewis KC, Barrister and Arbitrator, Twenty Essex

David is barrister and arbitrator practising at Twenty Essex. He is a specialist advocate who was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1999 and became a Queen's Counsel in 2014. He practises in a range of general commercial and private international law disputes, with a particular emphasis on international arbitration, energy and natural resources, civil fraud and the conflict of laws. He has been involved in a number of renewable energy disputes.

David has acted as lead counsel in arbitration hearings in numerous jurisdictions worldwide, including frequently in Singapore, where he was based permanently from 2009 to 2010. He was nominated for 'International Arbitration Silk of the Year 2019' by The Legal 500. He also regularly acts as arbitrator under various institutional rules and ad hoc. In addition to the English Courts, he has also appeared before the Courts of the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands and Gibraltar.

Speaker Bios



Professor Hi-Taek Shin, Arbitrator, Twenty Essex

Professor Hi-Taek Shin is an arbitrator at Twenty Essex, London/Singapore. Until recently, he served as the Chairman of KCAB INTERNATIONAL, the international division of Korean Commercial Arbitration Board. He has unique experience combining a successful career as counsel, academic and arbitrator, as well as in the public service. Until 2007, he had long been a partner at Kim & Chang, the leading Korean law firm, specializing in cross-border transactions, including mergers and acquisitions and resolving disputes arising from such transactions. Since 2007, he has taught investor-State arbitration at Seoul National University School of Law. From 2016 to 2019, he served as the Chairman of the Korea Trade Commission – the trade-remedy authority of the Korean Government.

Professor Shin's professional expertise includes resolution of disputes arising from international investments and business transactions, purchase and sale of corporate entities and assets, joint ventures and shareholder agreements, research and development of new pharmaceutical products. He also has expertise in complicated disputes in the energy, infrastructure, construction projects and defence industries.

He has been appointed as a sole, presiding and co-arbitrator in international commercial and investment arbitrations under the rules of major international arbitral institutions. He is on the panel of arbitrators of HKIAC, AAA/ICDR, ICSID, JCAA, KCAB and SIAC, to name a few.

He is an author of a Korean chapter in "The UNCITRAL Model Law and Asian Arbitration Laws" (G. Bell ed., Cambridge University Press, 2018).



Joel E. Richardson, Partner, Kim & Chang

Joel E. Richardson leads the International Arbitration & Cross Border Litigation Practice Group as a Partner at Kim & Chang. He has represented clients in arbitrations administered by a wide variety of institutions including ICC, LCIA, SIAC, HKIAC, KCAB, AAA, CAM-CCBC, and CAS as well as ad hoc

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Mr. Richardson sits on the panel of international arbitrators of the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board and the panel of Specialist Mediators of the Singapore International Mediation Centre. He has been recognized as a Leading Individual in international arbitration in Korea by Chambers Global and Chambers Asia Pacific, as a Leading Lawyer by Who's Who Legal, Arbitration and Who's Who Legal, Mediation, and as a Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific: International Arbitration. Mr. Richardson also regularly advises Korean parties regarding litigation in the United States and advises foreign clients regarding Korean court litigation in conjunction with his colleagues at Kim & Chang. Mr. Richardson regularly speaks at seminars and international conferences on topics in international arbitration and mediation and has published numerous articles on issues in international arbitration. He formerly served as a lecturer in Anglo-American law at the Judicial Research and Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea. He is admitted to practice in Maryland and the District of Columbia.