



About the Lecture

SINGAPORE MEDIATION LECTURE

The Singapore Mediation Lecture series aims to enhance the understanding and use of mediation in resolving cross-border commercial disputes.

Singapore's Voyage Across the World Map of Mediation – Past, Present, Future

Singapore hosted the signing ceremony of the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, also known as the Singapore Convention on Mediation, on 7th August this year.

A game-changer for international dispute resolution, the Convention is significant in the development of international commercial mediation globally. Similar to the New York Convention in arbitration, it addresses a key limitation of mediation and facilitates for the first time the enforcement of mediated settlement agreements across borders. More importantly, it plants the Singapore flag on the world map of mediation and strengthens Singapore's strong position as a leading dispute resolution hub in the world.

How did Singapore embark on this mediation journey and come so far? With the Convention open for signature in

August, what does it mean for countries, businesses and practitioners in the long run? How will dispute resolution evolve moving forward and how can the legal and business community adapt to harness the new opportunities that arise?

Mr Edwin Tong SC, Senior Minister of State for Law and Health, will address these issues and share his perspectives on the past, present and future of mediation for Singapore. He will share on Singapore's role in growing mediation locally and globally, review Singapore's present achievements in the international dispute resolution space, and provide suggestions on how the government, bench, bar, businesses and academia can work together to harness the benefits of the Convention and mediation.

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Details of Lecture 2019

Singapore's Voyage Across the World Map of Mediation – Past, Present, Future

Date

17 October 2019, Thursday

Time

5.00pm to 6.30pm

(Registration starts at 4.30pm)

Speaker

Mr Edwin Tong SC

Senior Minister of State

Ministry of Law and Ministry of Health, Singapore

Venue

Mochtar Riady Auditorium, Level 5

Singapore Management University
Administration Building
81 Victoria Street
Singapore 188065

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Business Attire

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The lecture is open to the public and admission is free.



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Practice Area: Alternative Dispute Resolution

Training Category: General

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Programme

4.30pm

Registration

5.00pm

Welcome

5.05pm

Lecture: Singapore's Voyage Across the World Map of Mediation – Past, Present, Future

Mr Edwin Tong SC

Senior Minister of State

Ministry of Law and Ministry of Health, Singapore

6.05pm

Panel Discussion and Q&A

Mr Edwin Tong SC, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Health, Singapore

Ms Dorcas Quek Anderson, Assistant Professor of Law, Singapore Management University

Mr Francis Goh, Partner, Eversheds Harry Elias LLP

Ms Ng Chai Ngee, General Manager, Kuok Investments (Singapore) Pte Ltd

6.30pm

End of Session

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About the Speaker



Mr Edwin Tong SC

Senior Minister of State

Ministry of Law and Ministry of Health, Singapore

Mr Edwin Tong SC is the Senior Minister of State for Law and Health.

He was educated at St Joseph's Institution, Raffles Junior College and later read law at the National University of Singapore. Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1995, Mr Edwin Tong SC practised extensively in corporate and commercial disputes, restructuring and insolvency matters, and international arbitration. He was made partner at Allen & Gledhill in 2000 and later appointed Senior Counsel. At Allen & Gledhill, Mr Edwin Tong SC was concurrently Head of the Restructuring and Corporate Insolvency Department, Co-Head of the Litigation & Dispute Resolution Department and also a member of the firm's Exco before he was appointed Senior Minister of State for Law and Health in July 2018.

Mr Edwin Tong SC was a leading lawyer at the Singapore Bar. He has been consistently cited and recommended for his expertise in dispute resolution and as a restructuring and insolvency practitioner in various leading legal publications. Chambers Asia-Pacific has describes him as "an outstanding lawyer" and "a renowned name in the market" (2017), as well as "one of the pre-eminent practitioners" (2018) in Singapore. The Legal 500 Asia Pacific cites Mr Edwin Tong SC for his "excellent leadership, hands on approach and strategic outlook" of his practice and, in the 2018 edition of IFLR1000, he was ranked as a "Market Leader", recognising him as a standout performer in the field of restructuring and insolvency.

Mr Edwin Tong SC was first elected into Parliament in 2011 and, since 2015, has been the Member of Parliament for the Marine Parade Group Representation Constituency (GRC). Between 2011 and July 2018, he was the Deputy Chairman of the Government Parliamentary Committee (GPC) for Law & Home Affairs. In March 2018, he was selected to be part of a 10-member Select Committee tasked to look into ways to combat deliberate online falsehoods.

He was a member of both the Insolvency Law Review Committee as well as the Committee to Strengthen Singapore as an International Centre for Debt Restructuring, which recommended significant changes to the insolvency and restructuring laws which aim to enhance Singapore's effectiveness in facilitating international debt restructuring.

Mr Edwin Tong SC is married with three children. He has an active interest in football, and serves in a volunteer capacity with the Football Association of Singapore as its Vice-President.

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Singapore Mediation Centre

Established in 1997, the Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC) pioneered the use of mediation as the mainstream mechanism for dispute resolution, as well as training in negotiation and conflict management. Today, SMC offers a suite of alternative dispute resolution services which brings clarity and objectivity to complex situations. These services include mediation, neutral evaluation and domain name dispute resolution. Through our panel of professional mediators with legal and industry expertise, SMC is well-placed to manage difficult negotiations and unlock standstills for businesses by providing cost-effective and timely solutions. At SMC, our vision is to help all businesses fully appreciate the value of mediation as a strategic risk-management tool that they can count on in commercial dealings.

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Centre for Cross-Border Commercial Law in Asia

The Centre for Cross-Border Commercial Law in Asia (CEBCLA) facilitates research in all areas of commercial law especially in the Asian context. CEBCLA aims to be the leading Asian centre of research in commercial law which is informed by a variety of research methods including doctrinal, theoretical, empirical, historical and comparative perspectives. The goal is that CEBCLA will act as the meeting point and first port of call for scholars, leading practitioners, governments and policy makers pursuing rigorous, informed and significant research in commercial law in Asia.

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