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NOTABLE MENTION

- Chambers & Partners' *Most in Demand Arbitrators – Singapore, Band 1*
- Chambers & Partners' *Most in Demand Arbitrators – Asia-Pacific Region, Band 1*
- Chambers & Partners' *Most in Demand Arbitrators – Global, Band 2*
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- GAR – Arbitration
- Who's Who Legal – Arbitration



Lawrence Boo heads The Arbitration Chambers since its inception in 1996. He is widely recognised as “a practitioner who truly understands the region” and is “regularly seen presiding over some of the biggest disputes in Asia.” (Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific) both in commercial and investor-State disputes.

Formerly the Deputy Chairman (2004–2009), first Chief Executive Officer and Registrar (1991–1996) of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Lawrence is one of Singapore's founding voices of arbitration.

With more than 30 years of experience as an arbitrator, Lawrence has sat in more than 350 cases, presiding or acting as sole arbitrator in over 250 cases. He has taken on cases administered by institutions including the ICSID, SIAC, ICC, CIETAC, PCA, AAA-ICDR, LCIA, HKIAC, AIAC, AMTAC, SCMA, BANI, BAC, VIAC, SCMA and LMAA, as well as ad hoc matters.

Lawrence is also no stranger to mediation, having mediated in no less than 100 disputes, with mediations reaching settlement at a success rate of 75%.

Lawrence is on the panels of leading international arbitration and mediation bodies such as the AAA, AIAC, CIETAC, CMAC, BAC, KCAB, HKIAC, SIMC and SMC. He is Singapore's nominee to ICSID's Panel of Arbitrators.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Head of Chambers, The Arbitration Chambers	1996–2004 2009–Current
Executive Deputy Chairman, Singapore International Arbitration Centre	2004–2009
CEO and Registrar, Singapore International Arbitration Centre	1991–1996
Legal practice as Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore	1981–1991

ACADEMIA

Honorary Professor,
School of International Law,
East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL)
Adjunct Professor,
Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES & MEMBERSHIPS

Member, SIAC Court of Arbitration	2017
Member, ICC Court of Arbitration	2018–2021
Fellow, Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (FACICA)	2004
Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators	2000
Fellow, Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand (FAMINZ)	1998
Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)	1994
Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (FSIArb)	1994
Member, Panel of the Protocol to the ASEAN Charter on Dispute Settlement Mechanism	2021–

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES & MEMBERSHIPS

Member, ICSID Panel of Arbitrators	2013–
Member, ICSID Panel of Conciliators	2011–2017
Member, Beijing Arbitration Commission, Panel of Arbitrators	2006–
Member, CMAC Panel of International Arbitrators	1997–
Member, KCAB Panel of Arbitrators	1996–
Member, CIETAC Panel of Arbitrators	1994–
Member, AAA Panel of International Arbitrators	1992–
Member, SIAC Panel of Arbitrators	1992–
Member, AIAC (formerly KLRCA) Panel of Arbitrators	2009
Member, HKIAC Panel of Arbitrators	2010
Member, Shanghai Arbitration Commission, Panel of Arbitrators	2013
Member, Shanghai International Arbitration Center (SHIAC), Panel of Arbitrators	2015
Certified Mediator, International Mediation Institute	2009
Member, Advisory Board of the Singapore Mediation Centre	1998–2004
Member, Panel of Mediators, Singapore Mediation Centre	1998–
Member, Panel of Community Mediators, Ministry of Law	1998–2012
Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Electricity Market Company	2003–
State Representative to UNCITRAL Working Group on Arbitration	2004–2009
Law Reform Consultant, Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore	2001–
Special Consultant to Attorney-General's Chambers on Review of Arbitration Laws	1996–2000
Member, Inter-Ministry Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution	1996–1997
<i>Recommended setting up of community mediation centres leading to enactment of Community Mediation Centres Act (1997)</i>	
Vice-Chairman, Sub-Committee on Arbitration Law, Law Reform Committee	1993–1994
<i>Recommended Adoption of UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration, leading to the enactment of the International Arbitration Act (1994)</i>	

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

LL.M, National University of Singapore	1988
LL. B (Hons), University of Singapore	1980

*"He is a **high-quality operator** and, for big-ticket proceedings, he proceeds very sensibly and writes very well-reasoned awards."*

– Chambers & Partners (2023)

***Lawrence Boo** of The Arbitration Chambers is a **renowned arbitrator**. He often sits as chair or party-appointed member of the panel on high-stakes arbitrations administered by the ICC, SIAC and the LCIA"*

– Chambers & Partners (2023)

*"Lawrence Boo heads The Arbitration Chambers in Singapore and is a **veteran**, as arbitrator, of nearly 300 cases, administered under the rules of most of the world's leading arbitral institutions, notably including SIAC, CIETAC, HKIAC, the KCAB and the AIAC (formerly KLRCA). Sources respect him as a firm but fair chair who is **particularly 'good at dealing with difficult cases'** and is noted for '**actively engaging in discussions and asking intelligent questions.**'"*

– Chambers & Partners (2019)

PUBLICATIONS

Representative publications only

Author, *Halsbury's Laws of Singapore Volume 1(2) – Arbitration*

(LexisNexis, 1998 and Re-issues 2003, 2011, 2017, 2020 and 2022)

Co-author, *UNCITRAL 2012 Digest of Case Law on the Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration* (Vienna: UNCITRAL, 2012)

Author, 'Arbitration' in *Annual Review of Singapore Cases*

(Singapore Academy of Law, Annual issues from 2001 to 2022)

Author, Chapter on "Enforcement of Arbitration Agreements Under Art 8 MAL" *UNCITRAL Model Law after 25 years – Global perspectives on International Commercial Arbitration* – McGill University; Juris LLC

Co-author, "Of Moving Frontiers And Notes Verbales – Ascertaining The Intentions of State Parties in BITs" – (2018) *AIAJ Vol 14 No 1* pg 15-36 (Kluwers)

Co-author, Chapter on Singapore in *ICCA International Handbook on Commercial Arbitration* (Kluwer 1996 and supplements to 2022)

Author, *The Fordham papers 2012 – Contemporary Issues in International Arbitration* – chapter on "Prescription and Relief – Is it a matter of choice?" - Martin Nijhoff Publications

Author, 'Internationalisation of decision-making – Arbitration' in *The Internationalisation of Law: Legislating, Decision-making, Practice and Education* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2010)

Author, "The Writing Requirement in Contemporary Practice: Is there really a need for change?" 2008 *DRI*, Vol 2, May 2008, pg 75-83

Author, "Ruling on Arbitral Jurisdiction – Is that an Award?" (2007) *AIAJ Vol 3 No 2* pg125-142

Author, "Cost of Arbitration" (2007) *Chinese Yearbook of Private International and Comparative Law* (Peking University Press) pg 12-138

Co-Author, "Challenging Orthodoxy: State Immunity from Court Supervisory Jurisdiction in Investor-state Disputes?" (with Elizabeth Wu);(2023) *AIAJ*, Vol 19, No2, pg 115–147

LANGUAGES

English

Mandarin