International Arbitration for Indian Corporates and PSUs

Date: 6 August 2010, Friday
Time: 3.00 pm – 6.30 pm (Registration starts at 2.30 pm)
Venue: Magnolia Hall, Indian Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
Fee: Free of charge

The Programme

2.30 pm  Registration

3.00 pm  Opening Speech by Sundaresh Menon SC, Managing Partner, Rajah & Tann LLP

3.10 pm  Salient Issues in Commercial Arbitrations chaired by Chong Yee Leong, Head International Arbitration Practice Group, Rajah & Tann LLP
- Ankit Goyal, Head (South Asia) & Asst. Counsel, Singapore International Arbitration Centre. Topic: Innovations in Administered Arbitration
- Prakash Pillai, Partner, International Arbitration Practice Group, Rajah & Tann LLP. Topic: Choice of Venue in International Arbitrations
- Parag Tripathi, Senior Advocate, Additional Solicitor General of India. Topic: Arbitration in India under Indian arbitral institutions and the Indian Arbitration Act
- Ashok Sharma, CGM(Law) & General Counsel, MMTC Limited. Topic: Arbitration Scenario: International/ Domestic- a PSU perspective

4.15 pm  Q&A Session

4.30 pm  Tea Break

5.00 pm  Roundtable Discussion: The Role Of Courts In Arbitration Proceedings And Enforcement Of Awards chaired by Sundaresh Menon SC, Managing Partner, Rajah & Tann LLP
- Vivek Tankha, Senior Advocate, Additional Solicitor General of India
- SK Dholakia, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India
- Chong Boon Leong, Partner, International Arbitration Practice Group, Rajah & Tann LLP

6.05 pm  Q&A Session

6.20 pm  Concluding Remarks by Sundaresh Menon SC, Managing Partner, Rajah & Tann LLP

6.30 pm  Cocktails and Dinner Reception
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The Speakers

Ankit Goyal, Head (South Asia) & Assistant Counsel
SIAC

As Head (South Asia) & Assistant Counsel of the SIAC, Mr Goyal is actively involved with the promotion of SIAC in the South-Asia region and also assists in case administration and undertakes research on comparative laws of arbitration in Asia. He was previously a Senior Associate with the disputes team of a major Indian law firm.

Ashok Sharma, General Counsel & Chief General Manager (Law)
MMTC

Mr Sharma is Head of Legal Department of MMTC Limited (A Govt. of India Enterprise), which is India’s first Golden Super Star Trading House and leading International Trading Company having turnover of over Rs. 45,000. As Head of Legal Department of MMTC Ltd for over 18 years, Mr. Sharma is widely hailed in legal circles as a pre-eminent In-House-Counsel and has dealt with over 650 commercial / maritime / international arbitrations/court cases involving over Rs. 550 crores. Mr Sharma was conferred the ‘National Law Day Award, 2008’ for his ‘Outstanding Contribution to Practice of Law relating to Public Sector Undertakings’ by the Honourable Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh in presence of Honourable Dr. Justice KG Balakrishnan, Chief Justice of India and Dr. HR Bhardwaj, Honourable Union Minister of Law & Justice.

S. K. Dholakia, Senior Advocate
Supreme Court of India

Mr Dholakia has 44 years of experience in litigation practice and has acted in over 1000 cases. Mr Dholakia specialises in arbitration, commercial and tax laws. He is a leading expert on arbitration law, in particular on the value and applicability of the UNCITRAL Model Law to India. He has published over 60 articles in his career on taxation, company, contract, partnership law and law of the sea and is a regular speaker at seminars, symposiums and conferences chiefly on arbitration law and on the Convention on Sale of Goods

Parag P. Tripathi, Senior Advocate
Additional Solicitor General Of India

Mr Tripathi was appointed Additional Solicitor General of India in February 2008. Prior to that, he was in active practice in India since 1983 in the Supreme Court, the High Court of Delhi and other High Courts, Judicial Tribunals and Bodies, CEGAT, CLB, MRTP and Commercial Arbitrations. He was designated as Senior Advocate in January 2000. Mr Tripathi has published numerous articles in distinguished law journals and is a regular speaker at conferences both in India and abroad.

Vivek Tankha, Senior Advocate
Additional Solicitor General of India

Mr Tankha is the Additional Solicitor General of India. He was formerly the Advocate General for the State of Madhya Pradesh. Mr Tankha has a wealth of experience in arbitration work and has appeared before both national and international tribunals over a wide spectrum of matters ranging from business, trade and commerce of electricity, infrastructure, oil and gas, mines and minerals, water, forests, roads, power and telecommunications. He has also been a member and chaired various high powered Ministerial Committees on a wide variety of legal issues. He is also a member of the Executive Council of the National Law Institute University at Bhopal as the nominee representative of the Honourable Chief Justice of India and the Honourable Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court.
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Sundaresh Menon SC, Managing Partner
Rajah & Tann LLP

Mr Menon is the Managing Partner of Rajah & Tann LLP. He graduated with First Class Honours from the National University of Singapore and later took a Masters degree from Harvard Law School where he again achieved academic distinction. He has been practising in the field of commercial arbitration and litigation for more than 20 years. Mr Menon is recognised by a number of legal journals as being one of Singapore’s and Asia’s leading lawyers in the fields of commercial litigation and arbitration, insolvency and construction law. Mr Menon was named among the leading international arbitration practitioners in the world by the Chambers Global Guide 2006.

Chong Yee Leong, Partner
Rajah & Tann LLP

Mr Chong heads the International Arbitration Practice Group in Rajah & Tann LLP and is concurrently the principal partner of M/s Kamilah & Chong in Malaysia. He has been practicing for 20 years and is recognised as a leading international arbitration lawyer in the Asia-Pacific region by a leading global ranking publication.

Chong Boon Leong, Partner
Rajah & Tann LLP

Mr Chong is a Partner in the International Arbitration Practice Group of Rajah & Tann LLP. He practises exclusively as a dispute resolution lawyer and has over the past 17 years led and/or been involved in various complex dispute cases adjudicated in various fori around this region. He had worked in several very prominent insolvency cases in Singapore involving the judicial management and/or liquidation of some of the largest public companies in Singapore. Mr Chong has been recognized as a “key name” from as early as 2002 and described as ‘experienced’, ‘very sharp’ and ‘spots issues very quickly’ in the 2002/2003, 2003/2004 and 2004/2005 editions of the Asia Pacific Legal 500.

Prakash Pillai, Partner
Rajah & Tann LLP

Mr Pillai is a Partner in the International Arbitration Practice Group of Rajah & Tann LLP. He is also the Partner responsible for the firm’s South Asia Practice and leads the firm’s efforts in the South Asian, particularly Indian, market. He has extensive experience in international commercial arbitration and commercial litigation work and has appeared in a broad spectrum of contentious matters before various arbitral tribunals, as well as the High Court and Court of Appeal of Singapore. He has also acted in a number of significant and landmark cases in the areas of shareholders’ disputes, commercial, contractual and tortious disputes, defamation, restitutionary claims, insolvency litigation and property-related disputes.
The Reply

Please fax or email the attached Reply Form confirming your attendance by 30 July 2010.
Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Prakash Pillai if we can be of any assistance.

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