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Alvin YEO, Senior Counsel, is the Senior Partner of WongPartnership LLP. His main areas of practice are banking and corporate disputes, insolvency and restructuring, and construction and civil engineering matters. Alvin has extensive experience as counsel in arbitration proceedings both in Singapore and in the region, and sits on occasion as arbitrator.

Some notable matters he has been involved in include acting for a Malaysian international media group in an arbitration under SIAC Rules relating to a proposed joint venture for satellite pay television services in Indonesia, which also involved multiple proceedings in other jurisdictions, with claims totalling over US\$1.75 billion; a French conglomerate with interests in power generation and transport markets, in a landmark jurisdictional ruling arising out of a challenge to a clause requiring the SIAC to administer an arbitration under the ICC Rules; a global energy conglomerate in a reclamation dispute with a statutory board and a consortium of international contractors under the UNCITRAL Rules; Bayerische Hypo- und Vereinsbank in legal proceedings against Asia Pacific Breweries, in relation to the largest corporate fraud in Singapore's history; Société Générale in defending a claim brought by Jurong Shipyard for US\$200 million which represented the largest derivatives claim in Singapore's history; HSBC Trustee in respect of the structured notes known as Minibonds which failed following the collapse of Lehman Brothers.

Alvin graduated from King's College London, University of London, and was admitted to the English Bar (Gray's Inn) in 1987 and the Singapore Bar in 1988. In January 2000, Alvin became the youngest lawyer to be appointed Senior Counsel.

He is a Vice-Chair of the IBA Arbitration Committee, a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration, the Court of the LCIA, the Singapore International Arbitration Centre's Council of Advisors, a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and on the panel of arbitrators of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution, the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board and the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration. Alvin has served on various public committees which undertook comprehensive reviews of the legal services sector. He is a member of the Appeals Advisory Panel of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS). Alvin also serves on the boards of various public companies in Singapore, and is an elected Member of Parliament.

Alvin has contributed to several publications related to his main areas of practice, including the Singapore chapter in *The Asia Arbitration Handbook* (2nd edition) Oxford University Press and in *Bank Confidentiality*, Butterworths (1st to 4th editions).

Alvin is recognised as a leading litigation and arbitration lawyer in international legal directories such as *The Legal 500: Asia Pacific*; *IFLR 1000*; *Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *Chambers Asia – Asia's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *PLC Which Lawyer – Dispute Resolution (Litigation & Regional Arbitration)*, *Best Lawyers International: Singapore (Arbitration & Mediation, Construction, Litigation)*; *Guide to the World's Leading Construction Lawyers*; *Guide to the World's Leading Litigation Lawyers*; *Guide to the World's Experts in Commercial Arbitration*; *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*; and *Asialaw Leading Lawyers*.