



SINGAPORE'S CHIEF JUSTICE TO DELIVER 2016 HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS-SMU ASIAN ARBITRATION LECTURE ON 24 NOVEMBER

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The Honourable the Chief Justice, Sundaresh Menon, will deliver this year's Herbert Smith Freehills-SMU Asian arbitration lecture on Thursday 24 November.

The Chief Justice will speak on the role of the party-appointed arbitrator, discussing whether they are adjudicators, advocates, or something in between? His Honour will examine their functions, duties and ethical obligations from pre-appointment consultations to the final discharge of the mandate, and whether there is an adequate common understanding of these matters. The Chief Justice will also suggest some practical rules of engagement and best practices that emerge from his analysis.

Commentary will be provided by Alastair Henderson, Herbert Smith Freehills' Head of International Arbitration, Southeast Asia.

"The last fifteen years have transformed Singapore's status as a global centre for arbitration," said Alastair. "Rising volumes of investments, joint ventures and projects in this region have inevitably produced disputes, and where once the arbitrations would have been held in Europe or the US, international companies are now choosing Singapore and other Asian centres as a matter of course."

"It is vital that Asia must also contribute thought leadership and academic influence. The further global development of arbitration must come from truly international collaboration."

The lecture series, hosted by Singapore Management University's Centre for Cross-Border Commercial Law in Asia this year, was established in 2010 through funding from Herbert Smith Freehills, and promotes collaborative forms of dispute resolution and access to justice.

It also aims to promote Singapore as a leading centre for dispute resolution in Asia, particularly in arbitration and mediation. Each year, a distinguished arbitrator delivers the lecture, which is also published in a leading global arbitration journal.

Notes for editors

1. The lecture will take place on Thursday, 24 November 2016 from 5-6.30pm (Registration begins at 4.30pm), at the Mochtar Riady Auditorium on level 5 of the Singapore Management University Administration Building, 81 Victoria Street, Singapore 188065. If you wish to attend, please RSVP by 5pm on 23 November 2016 to Huang Peiling (Ms), SMU Office of Corporate Communications & Marketing, at email: plhuang@smu.edu.sg or tel: 6828-0964.
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