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Elaine specialises in complex cross-border disputes, international arbitration and investigations.

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BACKGROUND

Prior to joining Herbert Smith Freehills' Singapore office, Elaine practised for 9 years in Tokyo and 3 years in Paris. Elaine is a dual-qualified lawyer, in Singapore and in England & Wales.

KEY SERVICES

[International Arbitration](#)
[Corporate Crime and Investigations](#)

KEY SECTORS

[Energy](#)
[Manufacturing and Industrials](#)

EXPERIENCE

Elaine's practice combines international arbitration, litigation and investigations. She represents clients in cross-border disputes across a range of industries, with particular expertise in the energy, technology, infrastructure and manufacturing sectors.

Elaine has acted as counsel in arbitrations under the SIAC, ICC, LCIA, JCAA, HKIAC, VIAC, TAI and UNCITRAL rules. In addition to her work as counsel, Elaine also sits as arbitrator.

Elaine leads on multi-jurisdictional investigations and advises clients on a wide range of issues relating to bribery, corruption, fraud, corporate governance and compliance. She is experienced in handling both internal investigations as well as investigations by law enforcement and regulatory authorities.

Elaine's recent experience includes:

- representing a leading technology company in a SIAC arbitration against minority shareholders in Indonesia in relation to fraudulent breaches of the shareholders agreement and share purchase agreement
- acting for a major Japanese company in an investigation of corrupt and anti-competitive activities at its Southeast Asian subsidiary, including representing the client in an on-going dialogue with the US DOJ and SEC in relation to potential FCPA violations
- conducting an investigation jointly with a Multilateral Development Bank into fraudulent and corrupt practices in relation to high-value projects for the construction of power stations in Africa
- advising a major Japanese trading house in connection with a VIAC arbitration concerning delays and disruption to the completion of an urban rail construction project in Vietnam
- representing a consortium of investors in an LCIA arbitration in London, with parallel litigation in the BVI, in respect of a dispute over the control of a natural resources project in Central Asia

ACCOLADES

- "Clients single out..., Elaine Wong, who *'stands head and shoulders above the rest'*.
Asia Pacific Legal 500 (Dispute Resolution)
- "Elaine Wong is a highly skilled expert in cross-border commercial arbitration and enjoys a fantastic reputation as *'a tough opponent who puts you through your paces'*."
Who's Who Legal
- "Elaine Wong is *'a superb practitioner'* who *'offers strategic solutions'* and has a particularly strong expertise in construction and energy disputes."

Who's Who Legal

- "The '*terrific*' Elaine Wong is recommended for energy cases".
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