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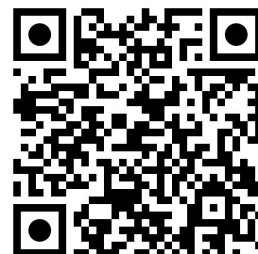
**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
***Resolving Disputes in a Changing World***

- Date: 12 September 2025 (Friday)
- Venue: Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre  
38/F, Two Exchange Square,  
8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong
- Time: 08:30 – 17:30 (Lunch provided)
- Drinks Reception: China Club  
13-14/F, Old Bank Of China Building  
Bank St, Central
- Time: 18:00 – 20:00
- Price: HKD 750 (Members)  
HKD 1,000 (Non-Members)



**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Queenie Lau SC**

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## Programme (Morning)

**8:30am** | Registration and CPD sign-in

**9:00am** | Opening Remarks

**Gina Leung**, Chairperson of Ciarb (EAB)

**Mathew Briggs & Johnson Ng**, Co-Chairpersons of Ciarb (EAB) YMG

**9.30am** | Keynote Address

**Queenie Lau SC**, Barrister, Arbitrator and Mediator, Temple Chambers

**10:00am** | Coffee & Tea

**10:30am** | Panel 1 - Blockchain and cryptocurrency disputes in International Arbitration

Disputes involving blockchain technology and assets in the form of cryptocurrency have become more common in international arbitration. This panel will explore the formation of such novel disputes, and consider the issue of jurisdiction of an arbitral tribunal in the presence and absence of express arbitration clauses in the underlying contract to a cryptocurrency transaction. The panel will further consider the concept of 'property' in the context of cryptocurrencies, recent jurisprudence, interim measures applications (types and challenges etc.) and discuss potential issues for enforcement of arbitral awards stemming from cryptocurrency arbitration.

**Amy Wen Wei**, Partner, CMS

**Jeffrey Huang**, Of Counsel, A&O Shearman

**Sebastian Hughes**, Barrister, Prince's Chambers

**Hyungyu Kang**, Lawyer, Yulchon LLC

**Bami Yoo**, Partner, Lee & Ko

**11:30am** | Panel 2 - Technology in Arbitration: From e-hearings to AI

Technology and generative AI are rapidly transforming the landscape of international arbitration. Drawing on first-hand experience, this panel will examine the latest developments—from e-hearings and digital discovery to innovative uses of AI; discuss leading guidance; address practical, regulatory and ethical challenges; and share insights for navigating this evolving field across the Asia Pacific region.

**Timothy Ho**, Head of Customer Success, LexisNexis

**Gloria Li**, Managing Associate, Linklaters

**Eriko Kadota**, Counsel, Nishimura & Asahi

**Mihiro Koeda**, Partner, Miura & Partners, Tokyo, Japan

**Joseph Law**, Account Director, Epic

**Jennifer Wu**, Partner, Pinsent Masons

**12:30pm** | Lunch

## Programme (Afternoon & Evening)

### 1:30pm | Panel 3 – Green Intentions, Grey Outcomes (ESG and arbitration of disputes)

ESG is not just a buzzword. As a core element of corporate responsibility, it is reshaping legal practice. Using Taiwan's transparency and compliance framework as a lens, this panel examines how ESG compliance, risk, and reporting influence contract drafting, shape international business cooperation, and whether arbitration could be the key to resolving disputes arising from ESG commitments.

**Dr. David Fong**, Barrister, Harcourt Chambers

**Alice Lu**, Chairperson, Ciarb YMG Taiwan

**Sharon Tam**, Senior Associate, Bird & Bird

**Lydia Tang**, Director, BRG

**Chengkai Wang**, Partner, Dentons

### 2:30pm | Panel 4 – Developments in ADR: mediation, adjudication and beyond

This panel will discuss the recent developments in Alternative Dispute Resolution including the development of mediation and adjudication in Hong Kong, Asia, Offshore jurisdictions and beyond, as well as their interplay with arbitration. This panel will also explore the ongoing development of the interplay between winding-up proceedings and arbitration and recent authorities. This panel will be a great opportunity for attendees to understand these developments as well as their implications.

**Bernadette Fan**, Founding Partner, CFB Legal

**Kimberly Leng**, Counsel, Carey Olsen

**Hieu Nguyen**, Co-Chairperson, Ciarb YMG Vietnam

**Ronald Pang**, Barrister, Arbitrator & Mediator, Pantheon Chambers

**Dr. Fan Yang**, International Dispute Resolution Academy

### 3:30pm | Coffee & Tea

### 4:00pm | Panel 5 – Social Media and Arbitration

Social media is deeply interwoven into our daily lives, and the boundaries between personal and professional use have become increasingly blurry. How will social media impact the arbitration landscape in the future? Could social media use by arbitrators impact their eligibility and desirability for nomination, as well as raise grounds for challenges. Should arbitrators and practitioners refrain from using social media entirely? Alternatively, does social media have the potential to democratise access for less tenured arbitrators to increase their chance of nomination and for parties to find suitable arbitrators?

**Hanna Azkiya**, Senior Associate, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer

**Jonathan Chan**, Barrister, Des Voeux Chambers

**Kingsley Ong**, Partner, CMS

**Suar Sanubari**, Partner, Rosetini & Partners

**Xuan Yao**, Deputy Counsel, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre

### 5.00pm | Closing Remarks

**Mathew Briggs & Johnson Ng**, Co-Chairpersons of CIArb (EAB) YMG

### 6.00pm | YMG Drinks Reception at China Club

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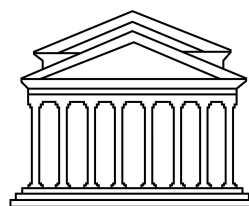


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