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NOTABLE MENTION

- Chambers & Partners' *Most in Demand Arbitrators – Singapore, Band 1*
- Chambers & Partners' *Most in Demand Arbitrators – Asia-Pacific Region, Band 1*
- Chambers & Partners' *Most in Demand Arbitrators – Global, Band 2*
- Who's Who Legal – Mediation
- GAR – Arbitration
- Who's Who Legal – Arbitration



Based in Singapore, Lawrence Boo heads The Arbitration Chambers since its inception in 1996. He is widely recognised as “a practitioner who truly understands the region”, and is “regularly seen presiding over some of the biggest disputes in Asia.” (Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific)

Formerly the Deputy Chairman (2004–2009), first Chief Executive Officer and Registrar (1991–1996) of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Lawrence is one of Singapore’s founding voices of arbitration. He now serves on the SIAC Court of Arbitration and the ICC Court of Arbitration.

With more than 25 years of experience as an arbitrator, Lawrence has sat more than 300 cases, presiding or acting as sole arbitrator in over 200 cases. He has taken on cases administered by institutions including the SIAC, ICC, LCIA, ICSID, HKIAC, CIETAC, AAA, AIAC, AMTAC, SCMA, BANI, BAC, VIAC, LMAA, PCA, SCMA, as well as ad hoc matters.

Lawrence is also no stranger to mediation, having mediated in no less than 100 disputes, with mediations reaching settlement at a success rate of 75%.

Lawrence is on the panels of leading international arbitration and mediation bodies such as the AAA, AIAC, CIETAC, CMAC, BAC, KCAB, HKIAC, SIMC and SMC. He is Singapore’s nominee to ICSID’s Panel of Arbitrators, as well as the National Correspondent to UNCITRAL’s Case Law on UNCITRAL Text (CLOUT).

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Head of Chambers, The Arbitration Chambers	1996–2004 2009–Current
Executive Deputy Chairman, Singapore International Arbitration Centre	2004–2009
CEO and Registrar, Singapore International Arbitration Centre	1991–1996
Legal practice as Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore	1981–1991

ACADEMIA

Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Law, Bond University, Australia
 Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES & MEMBERSHIPS

Member, SIAC Court of Arbitration	2017
Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration	2018
Fellow, Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (FACICA)	2004
Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators	2000
Fellow, Arbitrators’ and Mediators’ Institute of New Zealand (FAMINZ)	1998
Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb)	1994
Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (FSI Arb)	1994
Member, Shanghai Arbitration Commission	2013
Singapore’s nominee, ICSID Panel of Arbitrators	

Member, ICSID Panel of Conciliators	2011–2017
Member, CEDR Commission on Settlement in International Arbitration	2007–
Member, BAC Panel of Arbitrators	2006–
Member, ICC Arbitration Commission	2004–2006
Member, CMAC Panel of International Arbitrators	1997–
Member, KCAB Panel of Arbitrators	1996–
Member, CIETAC Panel of Arbitrators	1994–
Member, AAA Panel of International Arbitrators	1992–
Member, SIAC Panel of Arbitrators	1992–
Member, AIAC (formerly KLRCA) Panel of Arbitrators	
Member, HKIAC Panel of Arbitrators	
Certified Mediator, International Mediation Institute	2009–
Member, Advisory Board of the Singapore Mediation Centre	1998–2004
Member, Panel of Mediators, Singapore Mediation Centre	1998–
Member, Panel of Community Mediators, Ministry of Law	1998–2012
Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Electricity Market Company	2003–
State Representative to UNCITRAL Working Group on Arbitration	2004–2009
Law Reform Consultant, Attorney-General’s Chambers, Singapore	2001–
Special Consultant to Attorney-General’s Chambers on Review of Arbitration Laws	1996–2000
Member, Inter-Ministry Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution <i>Recommended setting up of community mediation centres leading to enactment of Community Mediation Centres Act (1997)</i>	1996–1997
Vice-Chairman, Sub-Committee on Arbitration Law, Law Reform Committee <i>Recommended Adoption of UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration, leading to the enactment of the International Arbitration Act (1994)</i>	1993–1994

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

LL.M, National University of Singapore	1988
LL.B (Hons), University of Singapore	1980

“Lawrence Boo ... commands immediate recognition [as] one of ‘the top three arbitrators in Singapore’ and an obvious pick for the most significant cases.”

– Chambers & Partners (2016)

“Lawrence Boo heads The Arbitration Chambers in Singapore and is a veteran, as arbitrator, of nearly 300 cases, administered under the rules of most of the world’s leading arbitral institutions, notably including SIAC, CIETAC, HKIAC, the KCAB and the AIAC (formerly KLRCA). Sources respect him as a firm but fair chair who is particularly ‘good at dealing with difficult cases’ and is noted for ‘actively engaging in discussions and asking intelligent questions.’”

– Chambers & Partners (2019)

"Lawrence Boo of The Arbitration Chambers is identified by peers as 'a highly respected name in Singapore' with 'lots of experience.' He is highlighted for his adept handling of commercial disputes arising across the Asia-Pacific."

– Chambers & Partners (2019)

*"Lawrence Boo of The Arbitration Chambers is a **prominent figure in international arbitration** and regularly sits on ICC, SIAC, ICSID and CIETAC arbitrations, among others. Market commentators observe that he is 'particularly strong on Singapore arbitration law' and note his ability to **'keep everything under control and manage the procedural timetable.'**"*

– Chambers & Partners (2019)

PUBLICATIONS

Representative publications only

- Author, *Halsbury's Laws of Singapore Volume 1(2) – Arbitration*
(LexisNexis, 1998 and Re-issues 2003, 2011, 2017 and 2020)
- Co-author, *UNCITRAL 2012 Digest of Case Law on the Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration* (Vienna: UNCITRAL, 2012)
- Author, 'Arbitration' in *Annual Review of Singapore Cases* (Singapore Academy of Law, Annual issues from 2001 to 2020)
- Co-author, Chapter on Singapore in *ICCA International Handbook on Commercial Arbitration* (Kluwer 1996, 2002, 2011 and 2015 Supplements)
- Author, Chapter on Singapore in *ADR in Asian and Pacific Countries, Now and in the Future* (Japan: Ministry of Justice, 2003)
- Author, 'Modifications, Changes and additions Made by States Adopting the UNCITRAL Model Law on international Commercial Arbitration' in *Celebrating Success: 20 Years UNCITRAL Model Law on international Commercial Arbitration* (Singapore: SIAC, 2006)
- Author, "Cost of Arbitration" (2007) *Chinese Yearbook of Private International and Comparative Law* (Peking University Press) pg 12-138
- Author, "Ruling on Arbitral Jurisdiction – Is that an Award?" (2007) *AIAJ Vol 3 No 2* pg125-142
- Author, "The Writing Requirement in Contemporary Practice: Is there really a need for change?" 2008 *DRI, Vol 2, May 2008*, pg 75-83
- Author, 'Internationalisation of decision-making – Arbitration' in *The Internationalisation of Law: Legislating, Decision-making, Practice and Education* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2010)
- Author, The Fordham papers 2012 – Contemporary Issues in International Arbitration – chapter on "Prescription and Relief – Is it a matter of choice?" - Martin Nijhoff Publications
- Co-author, "Of Moving Frontiers And Notes Verbales – Ascertaining The Intentions of State Parties in BITs" – (2018) *AIAJ Vol 14 No 1* pg 15-36 (Kluwers)

LANGUAGES

English

Mandarin