



## PARTNER

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**KEY PRACTICE(S)**

Construction &amp; Engineering

International Arbitration

Litigation

**ADMISSION(S)**

Singapore Bar (1992)

Bar of England and Wales, Middle Temple (1991)

**EDUCATION**

Kings College London

Andrew is the Co-Head of the Litigation & Dispute Resolution Department in Allen & Gledhill. He has extensive experience in arbitration having been involved in a number of large international arbitrations centring on transport, infrastructure, information technology, industrial plants and construction projects. Andrew also has a broad litigation practice that encompasses a wide range of areas, including securities, international sale of goods, insolvency, trusts, fraud and employment litigation.

Andrew obtained his law degree from Kings College London in 1990. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales, Middle Temple in 1991 and called to the Singapore Bar in 1992. That year, he joined Allen & Gledhill's Litigation & Dispute Resolution department and was made a Partner in 1998. He became the Head of the department in 2008. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He is an assessor and lecturer in Arbitration courses run by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is currently the Vice Chairman of the ICC Singapore Arbitration Group.

Andrew has been recommended for his expertise in litigation and international arbitration in several leading publications including *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, *Asialaw Profiles*, *The International Who's Who Legal: Asset Recovery* and *Benchmark Asia-Pacific*. In *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, he is cited as "[having] depth of experience across a wide cross-section of arbitration mandates" and a "noted litigator and arbitration counsel who is characterised as a 'good, strong practitioner' in the latter role...his highly varied expertise extends across a number of business sectors, including infrastructure, IT and transport". *Chambers Global* marks that he is noted as "a good, very measured litigator who's very systematic in his approach" and "is also admired for his expertise in insolvency-related matters".

**WORK HIGHLIGHTS**

Andrew has been selected in the Fifth Edition of *Best Lawyers in Singapore* in the practice areas of Arbitration, Mediation and Litigation. Andrew is also named as one of the leading disputes lawyers in Benchmark Asia-Pacific 2022.

The following are some of the International Arbitration matters in which Andrew has been involved in:

- acting for an Asian government in an ICC arbitration of a dispute on a joint investment and management agreement of an Asian airline where the amount in dispute exceeded US\$50 million;
- acting as Singapore Law Counsel for an Asian government in respect of an ICC Arbitration relating to a major international airport where the amount in dispute was in excess of US\$1 billion;
- acting for a global aircraft engineering company in an ICC arbitration with a regional national carrier concerning complex technical engineering issues;
- acting for a public sector developer of a mass rapid transit system in an arbitration over the construction of railway tunnels, overground track and several stations. The amount in dispute exceeds US\$150 million;
- acting for a government authority in an arbitration concerning a major infrastructure project including a underground/underwater tunnel with sums in excess of S\$200 million in dispute;
- acting for a Latin American multi-national conglomerate in an ICC arbitration relating to technology licensing in the chemicals industry. The amount in dispute was US\$21 million;
- acting for an international contractor in an arbitration on a water treatment plant in North Africa where the amount in dispute was in excess of US\$10 million;
- acting for a South East Asian infrastructure and engineering contractor in a dispute with a Chinese contractor in respect of the joint development of a major subway line in Thailand. The amount in dispute was in excess of US\$20 million;
- acting for the plant owner in an arbitration concerning an investment in a major chemical plant in Indonesia where the amount in dispute exceeded US\$60 million;
- acting for a multinational media company in an arbitration concerning the broadcast rights of major events where the amount in dispute exceeded US\$80 million;
- acting for a public utility in relation to a dispute with contractor on the construction of a water treatment plant where the amount in dispute was in excess of S\$20 million;
- acting for a large multinational contractor in a dispute relating to the construction of an industrial processing plant in Indonesia where the amount in dispute exceeded US\$20 million;

- acting for the contractor in an ICC arbitration relating to the IT and controls system for a major road tunnel. The amounts in dispute exceeded S\$15 million;
- acting for an Indonesian distributor in a dispute with its multinational principal on agreements for distribution of technical equipment;
- acting for consortium of banks in a dispute encompassing both litigation and arbitration concerning an industrial plant. The amount in dispute was in excess of S\$350 million;
- acting for the employer in tripartite arbitration proceedings against the prime contractor and structural subcontractor in respect of a major office building. The amount in dispute was about S\$12 million and the contract value was S\$240 million;
- acting for a State owned natural resources company in an ICC arbitration relating to a bulk commodity supply contract where the amount in dispute exceeds US\$5 million;
- acting for a leading life science company in an arbitration with a pharmaceutical company seated in New York. The dispute related to contracts for clinical trials;
- acting for the employer in an arbitration in respect of a construction contract of a major hazardous chemicals storage facility; and
- acting for the employer in arbitration proceedings relating to an engineering contract for a large scale water treatment plant with a value in excess of S\$30 million.

The following are some Litigation matters which Andrew has been involved in:

- acting for an appellant land owner in an appeal against quantum of compensation for land acquisition. The land acquired and claim of compensation sought was one of the highest in land acquisition history exceeding S\$120 million;
- acting for a major creditor in a high profile insolvency in the construction and engineering sector with debts of over S\$350 million;
- acting for the public transport authority in relation to the collapse of a cut and cover tunnel in a major excavation. Represented the employer in the inquiry into the causes of the collapse. The hearing involved complex issues of structural and geotechnical engineering and public/contractual duties in design and build contracts;

- Represented the Land Transport Authority of Singapore in a high-profile Committee of Inquiry (COI) hearing on two major train service disruptions and a systemic review of train operations. The rail system is the backbone of Singapore's public transport system and the disruptions affected more than 200,000 commuters. The COI hearing attracted large public interest and involved 116 witnesses including foreign experts on railway infrastructure, rolling stock and safety;
- acting for a statutory authority in litigation with one of the world's largest IT services company in a dispute over a major software development project. The amount in dispute exceeded S\$40 million;
- acting for a multinational manufacturer of professional sound/audio systems in disputes both in litigation and arbitration concerning its corporate finance activities and shareholders;
- acting for executive directors of a listed company in Court litigation over the termination of their directorship and employment;
- acting for an employer in relation to litigation over the exercise of share options by a senior executive using funds from alleged insider trades; and
- acting for majority shareholder and partner in various high value businesses in litigation over a dispute with an ex-employee/partner.