

# Invitation

## A Matter of Trusts

In conjunction with the signing ceremony of the “Singapore Convention on Mediation” to be held in Singapore on 7 August 2019, the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC), the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA), in association with White & Case, are pleased to invite you to a thought leadership event on dispute resolution options for trusts disputes.

An increasing number of cross-border, commercial transactions involve trusts. That trend has brought with it a rise in high value, complex cross-border disputes in relation to trusts.

Traditionally, such disputes have been the exclusive preserve of national courts, particularly in common law jurisdictions. More recently, however, the parties to such disputes are increasingly attracted by the perceived benefits of alternative forms of dispute resolution such as arbitration or mediation that offer confidentiality and the ability to nominate specialist decision-makers.

But it still remains uncertain whether trusts disputes may be submitted to alternative dispute resolution. Responses have been mixed: there has been high-profile litigation before the appellate courts in some States in the US and Australia; some jurisdictions, including New Zealand, are planning to introduce legislation to address the issue or have already done so; and the ICC recently has published a draft arbitration clause for arbitrating trusts disputes under the ICC Rules.

This topic should be of interest to dispute resolution practitioners generally, since it affects litigation, arbitration and mediation. It is also relevant to commercial lawyers and policy-makers seeking to ensure commercial parties can be assured that the dispute resolution mechanism they have selected will be enforceable.

### Our speakers will discuss:

- | the legal nature of a trust and the types of disputes to which trusts give rise;
- | the equitable jurisdiction of the courts as the traditional preserve of trusts disputes;
- | the increased interest among parties in arbitration and mediation as a means to resolve trusts disputes;
- | the challenges that trusts disputes present for arbitration and mediation and the institutional and legislative responses to those challenges; and
- | the options for resolving trusts disputes in Singapore, including the potential role for the SICC.

### Monday, 5 August 2019

5:45 p.m. Registration

6:00 p.m. Seminar

8:00 p.m. Reception

### Supreme Court Building

Viewing Gallery, Level 8

1 Supreme Court Lane, Singapore 178879

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### Speakers

- | **Lord Jonathan Mance**, International Judge of the SICC
- | **Cavinder Bull SC**, CEO, Drew & Napier LLC
- | **Andrew Butler**, Barrister, Thorndon Chambers
- | **Robert Kirkness**, Barrister, Thorndon Chambers
- | **Toby Landau QC**, Barrister, Essex Court Chambers Duxton
- | **Julie Raneda**, Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer
- | **Dr. Matthew Secomb**, Partner, White & Case
- | **Hazel Tang**, Counsel, International Chamber of Commerce

| **Mary Walker**, Barrister, 9 Wentworth Chambers

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