

Mediator's Curriculum Vitae

Personal Particulars

First Name: Sharon

Last Name: Ong

Nationality: Singaporean

Languages: English, Mandarin

Educational / Professional Background

Master of Laws (LLM) (Public International Law), University College London, University of London

- Awarded the Cheng Cheng-Nan Prize for the best performance in Public International Law, 1998/99.

Postgraduate Practical Course in Law, Board of Legal Education, Singapore, 1995.

Bachelor of Laws (LLB Hons), National University of Singapore

- Awarded the Koh Han Kok Prize for the best performance in Public International Law, 1994/95.

Appointed to various positions within the Singapore Legal Service, including as Magistrate/Deputy Registrar of the State Courts and Referee of the Small Claims Tribunals; Director-General of the International and Advisory Group of the Ministry of Law; and as a negotiator in bilateral and multilateral negotiations and the Government's legal advisor at the International Affairs Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers, and the Ministry of Defence.

Practised as a commercial litigation lawyer prior to joining the Singapore Legal Service.

Mediation Education and Training

Specialist Mediator, Singapore International Mediation Centre.

Accredited Mediator, Singapore Mediation Centre.

Qualified Mediator, International Mediation Institute.

Mediation Experience

Head of the Singapore delegation and Singapore's representative at the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group II (Dispute Settlement), which successfully concluded its work on the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, also known as the "Singapore Convention on Mediation", and the amended UNCITRAL Model Law. Conducted workshops on the Convention at the UNCITRAL Academy and the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific, as well as specialised training for officials and legal professionals, at the invitation of foreign governments.

Drove legal policy and law reform in the Ministry of Law to shape Singapore's mediation landscape by advancing Singapore's legal framework, including the Mediation Act 2017, the Singapore Convention on Mediation Act 2020, and the Supreme Court of Judicature (Singapore Convention on Mediation) Rules 2020.

Mediated civil and family disputes as Deputy Registrar and Referee of the Small Claims Tribunals, and conducted criminal mediation as a Magistrate of the State Courts of Singapore.

Professional Affiliations

Governing Council member, International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT).

Advocate and Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore.

Member, Singapore Academy of Law.

Awards

The President's Certificate of Commendation (COVID-19) – Simplified Insolvency Programme (Team), Dec 2022.

National Day Award – Public Administration Medal (Silver), Aug 2022.

Defence Management Group Excellence Award (Individual), Ministry of Defence, Jan 2015.

National Day Award – Public Administration Medal (Bronze), Aug 2011.