



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL
MEDIATION CENTRE

Mediator's Curriculum Vitae

Personal Particulars

First Name: Sapna

Last Name: Jhangiani

Prefix (e.g. Hon., Justice etc, if applicable):

Suffix (e.g. QC, KC, SC etc, if applicable): KC

Organization: Independent Counsel, Arbitrator and Mediator

Designation:

Domicile / Usual Place of Business (Country): Singapore

Nationality / Nationalities: British

Languages (Proficient for Mediation): English

Practice Areas

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Educational / Professional Background

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Mediation Education and Training (if applicable)

Sage Basic and Advanced Mediation Training: SIMC Specialist Mediator Training

Mediation Experience (if applicable)

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Professional Affiliations (if applicable)

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SAPNA JHANGIANI KC

Education

Program on Negotiation,
Harvard Law School, 2022

Mediator Training (Basic and
Advanced), Sage Mediation,
2021

Diploma in International
Commercial Arbitration, Queen
Mary University of London,
2006

Arbitration Award Writing
Exam, Chartered Institute of
Arbitrators, 2006

Bar Vocational Course, Inns of
Court School of Law, 1999

Diploma in Law, City
University, 1998

M.A. and B.A (Joint Hons)
Philosophy & French, Jesus
College, Oxford University,
1997

Scholarships

Viscount Sankey Bar
Scholarship, Jesus College
Oxford, 1997, 1998 & 1999

Peter Duffy Human Rights
Scholarship – four months at the
European Court of Human
Rights in Strasbourg in 2000

Sunley, Eastham, CPE &
Hardwicke Scholarships,
Lincoln's Inn, 1997 to 1999

Pegasus Scholarship - Allen &
Overy, New York, 2003

Sapna was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1999 and appointed Queen's Counsel in 2020. She practised at the Independent Bar in London until 2006, when she relocated to Dubai and practised from Clyde & Co Dubai for 5 years, focusing on litigation before the DIFC Courts, as well as international arbitration.

Sapna transferred to Clyde & Co Clasis Singapore in 2011, and was called as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 2019. From 1 September 2021, she accepted a 3-year role in public service as International Legal Counsel at the Attorney-General's Chambers Singapore (AGC), alongside which she maintains a practice as arbitrator and mediator. In 2024, she was called to the Bar in BVI.

For the last 15 years of her 25-year career, Sapna has sat as an arbitrator, having received her first tribunal appointment in 2009 from the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC). She has experience as sole or co-arbitrator in a wide range of disputes, in both *ad hoc* and institutional arbitrations.

Sapna has accepted appointments as a mediator in civil and commercial disputes since 2021 and is an accredited mediator with the Singapore International Mediation Institute.

Sapna has substantial multi-jurisdictional and cross-border experience, having been involved as arbitrator or counsel in complex commercial disputes seated in diverse jurisdictions such as Dubai, London, Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand, PRC, Vietnam, India, Indonesia, Paris, Mauritius, and the Cayman Islands. She has a wealth of experience in cases governed by both civil and common law, with particular expertise in cases governed by DIFC, Dubai, English, Singapore, Indian, Hong Kong and Mauritian law.

Sapna's experience spans a broad spectrum of commercial disputes including disputes relating to joint ventures, shareholder agreements, private equity investments, licensing and distribution, product liability, shipbuilding, energy, oil trading, consultancy agreements, aviation leasing, sale of goods, construction, real estate, and hospitality.

Sapna's expertise as a leading arbitrator and counsel has been recognised by Who's Who Legal, Chambers & Partners, "Best Lawyers" and Legal 500. She was named by Asia Legal Business as one of the top 15 Female Lawyers in Asia.

Court Admissions and Affiliations

Past Chair, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Singapore branch)

Vice Chair, ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR

SIMC Specialist Mediator, 2024

Called to BVI Bar, 2024

Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 2022

Appointment as Queen's Counsel, 2020

Called to the Singapore Bar, 2019

SIMI Accredited Mediator

Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, 2012

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 2009

Called to the English Bar, 1999

ICCA

IBA (Arbitration Committee)

Ambassador, IBA Asia-Pacific Arbitration Group

IPBA

LCIA

SIAC Users' Council

ICC Singapore Committee

Languages

English, French, conversational Hindi

Task Forces

ICCA-Queen Mary Taskforce on Third Party Funding

ICC Taskforce on Decisions as to Costs

Co-author of Singapore Institute of Arbitrators' Guidelines for Third Party Funders in Singapore

ICC Taskforce on Maximising the Probative Value of Witness Evidence

Representative Experience as Arbitrator

- Party-appointed arbitrator in DIFC-LCIA arbitration (under DIAC rules) relating to USD 90 million dispute between shareholders in a Qatari company servicing the oil and gas industry;
- Party-appointed arbitrator in LCIA arbitration in London relating to transaction fees due to financial advisors for a bank's equity investment into a global foreign exchange business;
- Arbitrator jointly appointed by Parties in SIAC arbitration arising from foreign investment into an Indian start-up company specialising in defence technology;
- Several arbitrations governed by Indian law, including arbitrations seated in India;
- Appointments as Chair, sole or co-arbitrator in arbitrations seated in diverse jurisdictions such as Dubai, London, Singapore and India.
- Regular appointments by both parties (nominated by law firms based in Dubai, Singapore, Europe and India) and institutions (DIAC, LCIA, SIAC, ICC);
- Experience as an arbitrator across a wide spectrum of disputes and industries including joint ventures, private equity investments, licensing and distribution, product liability, sale of goods, consultancy agreements, and hospitality;
- Appointed by Singapore Government in 2020 to Panel of Assessors for COVID-19 Temporary Relief;
- Appointed as adjudicator by Financial Industry Dispute Resolution Authority in Singapore.

Representative Experience in Mediation

- Mediator appointments from the ICC Centre for ADR (in Paris);
- Successfully mediated the settlement of a Singapore court case concerning a claim of professional negligence against a lawyer;
- Successfully mediated a defamation claim between council members on the board of a non-profit cultural organisation;
- Lead mediation advocate in several (mostly successful) mediations of commercial disputes in London, Dubai and Singapore.

Representative Experience as Counsel

- *Ng Kok Wai v Public Prosecutor*: Lead prosecutor in Singapore appeal proceedings presided over by the Chief Justice, regarding extraterritoriality under Singapore and international law of a crime committed by a Singapore citizen on a foreign-flagged cruise ship;

Publications

“Conflicts of Laws and Issues in Arbitration” in “Arbitration in Singapore: A Practical Guide” edited by the Honourable Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon

“Section 12(5)(a) of the International Arbitration Act: Versatile Chameleon or Limited Source of Powers?”, 2022 SI Arb J 29

“Abuse of Process and Good Faith: Underused Tools to Tackle the Challenge of Multiplicity of Proceedings in Investor-State Arbitration” in “International Arbitration and the Rule of Law: Essays in Honour of Mr Fali S Nariman”

"New guidelines on hot-tubbing in arbitration: sink or swim?" in "Dispute Resolution Briefing", PLC Law and New Law Journal, November 2019

"Enforcing International Arbitration Awards in the Courts of South Korea: We Set the Record Straight", IBA Arbitration News, February 2016

“Conflicts of Law and International Commercial Arbitration – Can Conflict Be Avoided?”, 2(1) BCDR Intl. Arb. Rev. 99, 100 (2015)

Article on the Enforcement of Foreign Court Judgments by the DIFC and SICC, In-House Community, 16 November 2015

“International Commercial Court adds muscle to legal landscape”, Tradewinds, 17 April 2015

“Why international commercial courts may be the way forward”, Global Arbitration Review, 16 February 2015

"Appeals of Issues of Foreign Law under the English Arbitration Act 1996 - a Matter of Fact", Dispute Resolution International, Vol 7, No 1, May 2013

"A Regulatory Framework for Arbitrators and Increased Arbitral Accountability: Ideas to Reinvigorate Arbitration or Stifle it?" – prize-winning essay in Ciarb competition in 2013

"Enforcement and the UAE", IBA Arbitration News, Vol 16, No 2, September 2011

- *Ad hoc* arbitration in Delhi, India between a contractor and sub-contractor in relation to the construction of a pipeline in North Africa for a South-Asian government;
- *Banyan Tree Corporate Pte Ltd v Meydan Group LLC*: Junior Counsel in enforcement proceedings of a DIAC award before DIFC Court of Appeal which made new law;
- Representing an Indian high net-worth individual in a USD500 million SIAC arbitration turning on the construction of a deed of guarantee governed by English law;
- Over 20 SIAC arbitrations and one SIMC mediation relating to commodity disputes involving Indian, Chinese, Singaporean, Thai and Vietnamese parties;
- USD 50 million LCIA arbitration in London between an Indian steel conglomerate, a commodities trading company based in the UAE, and an Australian mining company;
- *Amwal Al Khaleej Commercial Investment Co Ltd v the Abdullah Brothers and others*: representing the private equity firm in a shareholders' dispute – successfully resisted a highly contested jurisdictional challenge in the DIFC Courts as lead advocate;
- *Gulf Merchant Group v ADCB*: representing an asset management firm in a dispute with its largest shareholder, a prominent UAE bank partially owned by the government, in the largest case to come before the DIFC Courts at the time;
- USD 135 million claim in the Cayman Islands brought by a prominent UAE citizen against a Gulf-based hedge-fund manager in relation to a private investment.
- LCIA arbitration in London in respect of a consultancy agreement for services provided in relation to the Qatar gas-to-liquids project.
- Lead advocate in a USD 50 million shipbuilding dispute between a Singapore shipyard and a UAE purchaser, involving a ship arrest in China, an arbitration, and injunction proceedings;
- UNCITRAL arbitration proceedings between a UK multinational and a State government in the Middle East.