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Background and general experience

Amanda specialises in cross border dispute resolution through international arbitration and complex multi-forum litigation.

Over 17 years, the last 6 years in Singapore, Amanda has acted in a broad range of commercial disputes in a number of industries, including the *Apple v Samsung* proceedings and other telecommunications disputes, large energy and mining disputes in Asia and Australia, employment disputes and commodities disputes globally.

She has experience acting in international arbitrations in London, Asia (in particular involving parties from Singapore, Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, India and Indonesia) and Australia and related stay, interim measures, anti-suit and anti-arbitration applications. Amanda is currently defending the Republic of Indonesia in a bilateral investment treaty arbitration for a claim of USD500 million by an Indian investor.

She regularly sits as an arbitrator for the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and is on the SIAC panel and has also been appointed arbitrator by the ICC International Court of Arbitration.

Amanda is also an experienced litigator, having acted in proceedings in the superior courts of Australia and being one of the few international counsel to have litigation in the Singapore International Commercial Court.

Amanda is adept at alternative dispute resolution, such as mediation and expert determination and has substantial experience of drafting and advising on dispute resolution provisions in complex contracts.

Amanda is actively involved in the arbitration community in Asia. She is one of the Regional Co-Leaders for the South-East Chapter of ASA. Amanda is the former co-chair of the Asia-Pacific Forum for International Arbitration (AFIA), a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) and Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb) and Director of the Singapore branch of CIArb. Amanda regularly teaches and speaks on arbitration.

Amanda is the author of multiple LexisNexis practice notes for international commercial arbitration in Hong Kong and Singapore and the former author of the GAR Know How on Commercial Arbitration in Hong Kong.

Recent experience

- sitting as sole arbitrator in a marine engineering dispute in Singapore under the ICC Rules with Malaysian and Singaporean parties
- sitting as sole arbitrator in a dispute over a distribution agreement in Singapore under the SIAC Rules with Singaporean and Chinese parties
- acting for the Government of the Republic of Indonesia in a BIT claim brought by an Indian investor (UNCITRAL arbitration, London seat, PCA administered)
- acting for Tozzi SRL, an Italian EPC contractor, in a dispute over a pre-bid agreement (SICC judgment)
- acting for a multinational commodities trader in a trade finance dispute with an Indian company (SIAC arbitration, Singapore seat)
- acting for a multinational commodities trader in a trade finance dispute with an Indian company and Dubai company (2 SIAC arbitrations, Singapore seat)
- acting for an alternative asset manager in an employment dispute seated in Hong Kong (ICC mediation, ICC arbitration)
- acting for a multinational commodities trader in a dispute with a Chinese supplier (LCIA arbitration, London seat, PRC court proceedings and Malaysian court proceedings for interim measures)
- acting for a BVI company in a SIAC arbitration with an Indonesian company over the forfeiture of an onshore oil block (Singapore seat)
- acting for a multinational chemicals company in a UNCITRAL arbitration (Singapore seat) concerning an Indian law licence agreement for an Indian petrochemicals plant with related court litigation in India
- acting for an Australian mining company in a dispute with its Indonesian joint venture partner over its interest in a large resources deposit in Indonesia
- acting for Samsung Electronics Ltd in its Australian Federal Court and High Court litigation with Apple Inc over patent infringements and licensing for smartphones and tablets
- acting for a global shipping container company in a dispute with former employees with proceedings in Singapore and London