



# SCMA MUMBAI SEMINAR 2024 ON MARITIME LAW & ARBITRATION

**THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2024**

**1.00PM - 7.00PM**

**VENUE: PRESIDENT, MUMBAI**

**90 CUFFE PARADE, MUMBAI 400005**

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## THE CONFERENCE

SCMA, together with the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) along with our member law firms, Norton Rose Fulbright, Oon & Bazul, and Rajah & Tann, would like to invite you to a seminar addressing legal and arbitration matters relating to the maritime and international trade sectors.

We are honoured to have Mr Cheong Ming Foong, Consul-General of Singapore's Consulate-General in Mumbai, deliver the welcome remarks. Our speakers include Mr Kenneth Lim, MPA's Assistant Chief Executive (Industry & Transformation), experienced maritime lawyers, Mr Bazul Ashhab, Mr Jainil Bhandari, Ms Sue Ann Gan and Mr Edgar Chin, and SCMA's Executive Director, Ms Bernice Yeoh.

## GUEST OF HONOUR



**CHEONG MING FOONG**  
CONSUL-GENERAL,  
SINGAPORE CONSULATE-GENERAL IN MUMBAI

## SPEAKERS



**KENNETH LIM**

ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
(INDUSTRY & TRANSFORMATION)  
MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY  
OF SINGAPORE



**BERNICE YEOH**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SINGAPORE CHAMBER OF  
MARITIME ARBITRATION



**ANIL DEVLI**

CEO  
INDIAN NATIONAL  
SHIPOWNERS' ASSOCIATION



**BAZUL ASHHAB**

MANAGING PARTNER &  
HEAD OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION  
OON & BAZUL



**JAINIL  
BHANDARI**

PARTNER  
RAJAH & TANN SINGAPORE



**SUE ANN GAN**

PARTNER  
NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT



**EDGAR CHIN**

DIRECTOR  
ASCENDANT LEGAL

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## PROGRAMME AGENDA

1.00pm - 2.30pm	Registration & Light Lunch
2.30pm - 2.40pm	Welcome Remarks by Guest-of-Honour Mr Cheong Ming Foong, Consul-General, Singapore Consulate-General in Mumbai
2.40pm - 3.00pm	“Overview of Maritime Singapore” Mr Kenneth Lim, Assistant Chief Executive (Industry & Transformation), Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore
3.00pm-3.25pm	“Dispute Resolution for the Maritime and International Trade Sectors” Ms Bernice Yeoh, Executive Director, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration
3.25pm-3.50pm	“Arbitration as a Means of Dispute Resolution in Banking and Finance” Ms Sue Ann Gan, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright & Mr Edgar Chin, Director, Ascendant Legal
3.50pm-4.20pm	Coffee Break
4.20pm-4.45pm	“Challenging and Enforcing Arbitration Awards - A look at recent Singapore cases where arbitral awards were successfully and unsuccessfully challenged” Mr Bazul Ashhab, Managing Partner & Head of Dispute Resolution, Oon & Bazul
4.45pm-5.10pm	“Lessons from the Battlefield - Practice, procedure, and overcoming tactical delays in Singapore arbitration” Mr Jainil Bhandari, Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore
5.10pm-5.35pm	Q&A
5.35pm-5.40pm	Closing Remarks Mr Anil Devli, CEO, Indian National Shipowners’ Association
5.40pm - 7.00pm	Networking Drinks & Canapes

### **ABOUT SCMA**

The Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) is a Singapore arbitration institution committed to promoting international arbitration as an alternative means of dispute resolution for the maritime and international trade sectors. The use of SCMA arbitration is efficient and cost-effective. SCMA has a diverse panel of over 140 arbitrators made up of legal practitioners, technical/commercial specialists from the trade and maritime sectors spanning across 18 places of residence.

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## SPEAKERS



**CHEONG MING FOONG**  
CONSUL-GENERAL,  
SINGAPORE CONSULATE-GENERAL IN  
MUMBAI

Mr Cheong Ming Foong has been Singapore's Consul-General in Mumbai since 3 October 2021.

Mr Cheong graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1996 and obtained a Master of Philosophy in Modern Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom in 2012.

He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) in 1996 and has served in various positions both in Singapore MFA headquarters as well as overseas postings in Cambodia, Australia and the United Arab Emirates.



**KENNETH LIM**  
ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (INDUSTRY &  
TRANSFORMATION), MARITIME AND PORT  
AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

Kenneth is the Assistant Chief Executive (Industry & Transformation) of Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) since 1 January 2021. He oversees Transformation Office, International Maritime Centre, Business Capability Development as well as Innovation, Technology, and Talent Development.

Kenneth was seconded from Government Technology Agency (GovTech) in 2017 where he was tasked with harnessing info- communications technology and related engineering for public sector transformation.

Kenneth has over 25 years of technology-related experience, starting his career as a programmer in PSA, and becoming Vice President Technology Development, Trade & Logistics in CrimsonLogic and Senior Vice President in Energy Market Company before joining the public sector in 2011. His professional experience covers sectors in the Sea Port, Logistics IT and Energy industries.



**BERNICE YEOH**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SINGAPORE  
CHAMBER OF MARITIME ARBITRATION

Bernice has been the Executive Director of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration since May 2022. Before her current appointment as the Executive Director of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration, Ms Yeoh was with the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) for 16 years, holding positions as Senior Director (Strategy & Policy) and Director (International Maritime Centre). She was involved in developing Singapore as an international maritime centre, particularly in maritime services including marine insurance, and maritime law and arbitration.

Bernice formulated strategies and policies and developed scenario planning to safeguard Singapore's competitiveness as a global hub port in a post-COVID-19 world. She drove the organisation's corporate work plans and steered the secretariat teams supporting international advisory panels established by MPA to review strategic plans for Singapore's role as a maritime hub and its role in maritime decarbonisation.



**ANIL DEVLII**  
CEO,  
INDIAN NATIONAL SHIPOWNERS'  
ASSOCIATION

A lawyer by training, Anil is an active member of the Indian maritime fraternity. He has been involved with the Indian shipping industry for over 20 years.

Anil is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Indian National Shipowners' Association, an organisation which is involved in furthering the interests of the Indian flag. He has varied experience in the business of ship owning & operations. In addition to his experience in pursuing policies for the growth of Indian shipping industry, he engages in thought contribution towards other maritime related activities.

Anil is a strong believer that the growth of India as a world maritime power is of paramount importance and India's relevance and standing in the world is irretrievably linked to the growth of the Indian flag and the Indian shipping industry.

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Bazul Ashhab is the Managing Partner of Oon & Bazul and heads the firm's Dispute Resolution practice. He also Chairs the SCMA's Promotion Committee.

With his substantial experience in cross-border dispute resolution, he seamlessly blends legal expertise with cultural nuances to provide effective and practical solutions to resolve complex disputes.

Bazul has a track record of acting as counsel in novel and unprecedented cases in several practice areas including company law, international trade, banking, trade finance, shareholders' disputes, insurance, insolvency, shipping, derivative actions, as well as fraud and asset recovery. He is recognized as an exceptional lawyer by renowned legal publications including Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 and has received countless awards including "Singapore Managing Partner of the Year" by Asian Legal Business. He is also ranked as one of Singapore's top 100 lawyers by Asia Business Law Journal.

**BAZUL ASHHAB**  
MANAGING PARTNER & HEAD  
OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION  
OON & BAZUL



Jainil Bhandari is a partner of Rajah & Tann Singapore, and its Malaysian associate office Christopher & Lee Ong. He is also a director of Rajah & Tann Myanmar. He has been in active litigation and arbitration practice since 1989 and has appeared in the Singapore and Malaysian courts and in ad hoc as well as institutional commercial arbitrations administered under SIAC, SCMA, AIAC, LMAA and UNCITRAL Rules. He also has extensive experience in commodity contract arbitrations administered by various trade bodies such as GAFTA, FOSFA and PORAM, and is a qualified arbitrator and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Jainil specializes in shipping and trading disputes relating amongst other to bills of lading, charter parties and transportation contracts, offshore construction projects, marine insurance, shipping casualties, oil pollution and international commodity contracts involving shipments of coal, iron ore and oil. He is recognized as a global leader by Who's Who Legal: Transport – Shipping 2022, and has been consistently ranked as a leading lawyer in shipping law by Chambers, The Legal 500, Asialaw Profiles and Best Lawyers.

**JAINIL BHANDARI**  
PARTNER  
RAJAH & TANN SINGAPORE



Sue Ann is a shipping partner based in Singapore. She has a focus on maritime law since 2005 and advises financial institutions and owners on a wide range of shipping work across all asset classes, including both financing and restructuring matters.

Sue Ann's shipping litigation background has equipped her to deal with complex issues that arise in risk management and restructuring matters (including workouts and rehabilitation process). She regularly conducts due diligence exercises and advises stakeholders on bankability, risk and liability issues in relation to shipping projects.

In 2024, Chambers Asia-Pacific ranked Sue Ann as a Band 2 lawyer in the Shipping: International Finance category. In 2023, Sue Ann is recognised by Legal 500 Asia Pacific as a "Rising Star" in Shipping and as a "Next Generation Partner" in Asset Finance. She is also ranked as Top 10 Influential Shapers in Singapore's International Shipping Finance Sector by the Business Today News in 2023.

**SUE ANN GAN**  
PARTNER  
NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT



Edgar is a director at Ascendant Legal, a Singapore law firm in Formal Law Alliance with Norton Rose Fulbright. He has broad and in-depth experience in the shipping/admiralty, international trade and commercial sectors, with a strong focus on contentious matters. He regularly appears as lead counsel before all levels of courts in Singapore, as well as in arbitrations both ad-hoc and institutional, including under the SIAC, LCIA, and ICDR.

Edgar also has extensive and practical experience in the Protection and Indemnity (P&I) industry, having been a Claims Director at an International Group (IG) P&I Club, where he spent five years working closely with owners/operators, brokers and underwriters globally with a focus on Asia.

Edgar is accredited by the Singapore Academy of Law as a Senior Accredited Specialist in Maritime and Shipping Law since 2020.

**EDGAR CHIN**  
DIRECTOR  
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