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Gitanjali Bajaj is a Litigation & Regulatory partner with over 15 years' experience in dispute resolution and risk management in major international and domestic projects in the renewable energy, oil and gas, defence, construction and infrastructure and transport sectors. Gitanjali is also the Asia-Pacific Co-Head of International Arbitration for DLA Piper and the Regional Lead for DLA Piper's India Group in Australia.

Gitanjali regularly represents principals and contractors in both domestic proceedings and international commercial arbitrations under various rules including ICC, SIAC, DIAC and DIFC-LCIA, where she brings together her in-depth knowledge of the sector and a practical understanding of the procedures of such forums to achieve commercially sustainable outcomes.

Gitanjali is recognised as Band 1 for Dispute Resolution - Arbitration in Chambers Global and Asia Pacific 2022 describing Gitanjali as "a very strong and capable individual and a very strong leader of a team on a big case." Gitanjali is also recognised by Legal 500 as a Leading Individual for Dispute Resolution - Arbitration and as a Next Generation Partner for Construction, and for International Arbitration in Who's Who Legal 2022 and The Best Lawyers in Australia from 2020 to present.

Gitanjali has received national recognition for her achievements, having been named Lawyer of the Year in The Best Lawyers in Australia 2022 list for International Arbitration; International ADR Practitioner of the Year 2021, Arbitration Practitioner of the Year 2020, and International ADR Practitioner of the Year 2019 at the Australian Dispute Centre's ADR Awards; and Partner of the Year at Lawyers Weekly Women in Law Awards 2018.

Gitanjali serves as Vice President of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA), is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb) and is an Ambassador for the IBA Asia Pacific Arbitration Group.

- 소송, 중재 및 조사
- 국제무역, 규제 및 대정부 관계
- Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Disputes
- Transport
- Oil and Gas
- Renewables
- Cross-Border Litigation
- International Arbitration
- International Trade

- 에너지

English Hindi

언어

- English

- Hindi

경력

- Acting for an employer in relation to various delay and variation claims by the D&C Contractor arising from the construction of a solar power plant in the Northern Territory.
- Acting for an international defence contractor in relation to the termination of one of the largest defence procurement projects in Australia.
- Acting for a D&C contractor in Supreme Court of Victoria proceedings arising from alleged defects in the Victorian Desalination Plant.
- Acting for a South Korean rolling stock manufacturer in relation to various contractual issues at consortium level and owner level arising from a contract to design, build, deliver and maintain a fleet of high capacity double deck trains.
- Acting for the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste in negotiations with Australia and the Oil & Gas Contractors operating in the Timor Sea on the transition of oil & gas interests in accordance with the Maritime Boundaries Treaty, including for the Greater Sunrise fields.
- Acted for an international joint venture in relation to a multi-million dollar ICC arbitration seated in Singapore arising from a downstream EPC Subcontract relating to the construction of the Onshore LNG Facilities forming part of the Ichthys Onshore LNG Project (Northern Territory), Australia's largest LNG project.
- Acted for the national petroleum authority of Timor-Leste in relation to an ICC arbitration seated in Singapore for claims arising out of a Production Sharing Contract (PSC) with major international Oil & Gas contractors for the exploration and exploitation of the oil and gas reserves in the Timor Sea.
- Acted for an international renewable energy contractor in a multi-million dollar SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore against the EPC Contractor in relation to claims arising from the construction of a bioethanol facility in the Philippines.
- Acted for a wind turbine installation contractor in relation to claims for variations, acceleration, extensions of time, site safety issues under subcontracts with the EPC Contractor on five different projects in various dispute forums in Australia.
- Acted for a global power generation, infrastructure and transmission facilities contractor in a domestic arbitration in relation to plant operation incidents at a power plant in Western Australia.
- Acted for the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste against Australia in Compulsory Conciliation proceedings under Annex V of the 1982 United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) concerning the delimitation of the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf and the establishment of permanent maritime boundaries between the two States.

자격

전문 자격

- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, 2007

경력

Prior to joining the Sydney office, Gitanjali was based in the Middle East from 2008 to 2011 with the Litigation and Regulatory Group at DLA Piper, where she focused on international commercial arbitration and all aspects of commercial litigation.

수상

- Named Lawyer of the Year in The Best Lawyers in Australia 2022 for International Arbitration in Sydney
- Recognised in The Best Lawyers in Australia 2022 for Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Named International ADR Practitioner of the Year 2019 at the Australian Disputes Centre's ADR Awards
- Named Partner of the Year at the 2018 Lawyers Weekly Australian Women in Law awards
- Finalist 'Partner of the Year' at the Lawyers Weekly Australian Law Awards 2019
- Finalist 'Arbitration Practitioner of the Year' in the Australian ADR Awards 2018

- Ranked as 'up and coming' in *Chambers Asia Pacific 2018* for Dispute Resolution in Australia
- Ranked as 'up and coming' in *Chambers Global 2018* for Dispute Resolution in Australia
- Recognised in *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* for Construction and Dispute Resolution
- Recognised in the 2019 *Who's Who Legal* for International Arbitration
- Recognised in *The Best Lawyers in Australia 2020* for International Arbitration
- Ranked in Doyle's Guide to Arbitration Lawyers - Australia 2018
- Ranked in Doyle's Guide to Construction & Infrastructure Litigation Lawyers - Australia 2017
- Listed amongst the '50 Women to Watch in the Australian and New Zealand legal markets' in *Australasian Lawyer* in April 2015
- Finalist in the Rising Star Litigation category in the 2014 Euromoney Australasian Women in Business Law Awards

학력

- The University of Queensland (with a certificate of specialisation in International law), LLB, Hons Class1, 2004
- The University of Queensland (with a Major in International Relations), BA, 2004

회원 자격

- Member CIArb
- Arbitral Women
- Society of Construction Law
- Board Member Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration

인사이트

출판물

Asia Pacific Arbitration Roundup 2021

30 March 2022

Welcome to the third edition of our Asia Pacific Arbitration Roundup where we review significant case updates and key developments in international arbitration across various Asia Pacific jurisdictions in the past year.

Australia

30 March 2022

This case concerned an application by Beijing Jishi Venture Capital Fund (Limited Partnership) (Jishi Fund) in the Federal Court of Australia for enforcement of an award under the International Arbitration Act 1974 (Cth) (IAA) with respect to a 2018 China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) award.

Guide to Arbitration Rules in the Asia-Pacific Region

30 August 2021

In this guide we provide a side-by-side comparison of the rules of leading APAC arbitral institutions in order to assist clients in appropriately choosing an arbitral institution and seat of arbitration in the Asia-Pacific region to resolve cross border disputes.

The Supreme Court of India upholds party autonomy on choice of foreign seat

3 June 2021

Five months after our previous report on the Gujarat High Court's judgment in *GE Power Conversion Pvt. Ltd. v. PASL Wind Solution Pvt. Ltd.*^[1], the Supreme Court has ruled that two Indian parties may choose a foreign seat of arbitration and any award resulting from the arbitration would be enforceable in courts across India. In its groundbreaking judgment, the Supreme Court also found that interim relief under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (**Arbitration Act**) would be available for foreign seated arbitrations between two Indian parties, notably setting aside a contrary view held by the Gujarat High Court. Indian parties and foreign investors with Indian registered companies now have the freedom to choose a suitable seat outside of India to resolve their commercial disputes through arbitration.

ACICA releases updated Arbitration Rules 2021

7 May 2021

The Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (**ACICA**) has released its revised Rules on Arbitration (**2021 Rules**). The 2021 Rules apply to all ACICA arbitrations from 1 April 2021, unless parties have specifically agreed to the application of an earlier edition of the ACICA rules.

The 2021 Rules set out ACICA's vision for the future of arbitration by focusing on efficiency of the international arbitration process notably on issues of costs and case management, as well as anticipating the needs of parties in multi-contract arbitrations. We summarise the key updates in this article.

Revised IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration

17 March 2021

The International Bar Association has released its revised Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration (**2020 IBA Rules**). The 2020 IBA Rules were formally adopted on 17 December 2020 and mark the first update to the rules since the 2010 edition (**2010 IBA Rules**). The revisions to the rules reflect developments in global arbitration practice, including the emergence of remote hearings and the growing need for data protection and confidentiality.

Australia

11 March 2021

This year the Australian courts continued to re-affirm their pro-enforcement approach to international arbitration awards. In two significant separate judgments, the Federal Court of Australia rejected attempted challenges to enforcement proceedings relating to an award made by an International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) Tribunal, and an award made by the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC).

Asia Pacific Arbitration Roundup 2020

8 March 2021

Welcome to the second edition of our Asia Pacific Arbitration Roundup and our third regional arbitration publication.

Delhi and Gujarat High Courts give the nod to Indian parties choosing a foreign arbitration law and a foreign seat of arbitration

18 December 2020

November 2020 welcomed a flurry of decisions demonstrating the increasingly pro-arbitration approach of courts in India. The proposition of whether two Indian parties may choose a foreign law to govern the arbitration and a foreign seat of arbitration has drawn much debate over the years. The Delhi High Court in *Dholi Spintex Pvt. Ltd vs Louis Dreyfus Corporation India Pvt. Ltd.* answered the question in the affirmative and held that two Indian parties can choose a foreign law as the law governing the arbitration. The Delhi High Court also reiterated the principle of limited interference in international arbitrations by courts.

India Update: Arbitration and Conciliation Ordinance (Amendment), 2020

1 December 2020

On 4 November 2020, the President of India promulgated the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 (**Ordinance**), which amends sections 36 (Enforcement) and 43-J (Norms for accreditation) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (**Arbitration Act**). The Ordinance also omits the eighth schedule of the Arbitration Act, which deals with qualifications and experience of arbitrators.

- An analysis of conciliation and its role in the resolution of international disputes, having regard to the UNCLOS Compulsory Conciliation proceeding between Timor-Leste and Australia and other instances of conciliation, Australian Alternative Dispute Resolution Law Bulletin, Vol 4.6, 2018

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The Hong Kong Arbitration Week 2021 is open for registration

25 October 2021

Hong Kong

The Road Less Traveled: Exploring other arbitration forums in the Asia-Pacific Region

27 May 2021

Webinar

Over 2018/2019, Gitanjali was invited to speak at a number of preeminent panels including:

- The 2019 Women in Law Summit Series (Australia) - Panellist for 'Raising the bar: career advice from industry trailblazers'
- The NSW Bar Association 2018 ADR -Masterclass on International Commercial Arbitration
- ABA / NSWBA Rise 2018 conference - Panellist for International Commercial Arbitration session
- The ILA 78th Biennial Conference (August 2018) - Timor Sea Panel regarding the conciliation between Australia and Timor-Leste
- The Nippon Capacity Building and Training Program (September 2018) held by the Tribunal on the Law of the Sea in Hamburg - Guest Lecturer for Conciliation under UNCLOS

Gitanjali Bajaj and John Gallagher recognised as “Lawyers of the Year” by The Best Lawyers Australia 2022

23 April 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Australian Partners Gitanjali Bajaj (Litigation & Regulatory, Sydney) and John Gallagher (Finance, Projects & Restructuring, Melbourne) have separately been recognised as “*Lawyers of the Year*” in the 14th edition of The *Best Lawyers in Australia 2022 Awards*.
