



# BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ARBITRATION: A NEW FRONTIER

AIAC is delighted to present the first evening talk in 2020 with the focus on business and human rights arbitration. The international arbitration community has witnessed a swing of the pendulum in investment arbitration where the focus is no longer exclusively on investment protection but also on human rights affected by foreign investment activities. The evening talk could not be more timely considering the launch of the Hague Rules on Business and Human Rights Arbitration last year on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Our Panel of Speakers will explore the notion of business and human rights as the primer of the evening talk and further navigate how business and human rights disputes can be resolved by way of arbitration. The Panel will also discuss the challenges faced by the international arbitration community in doing business and human rights arbitration.



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6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.



Seminar Room 1, AIAC

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# SPEAKERS



## MR CECIL RAJENDRA

Cecil Rajendra – a lawyer by profession but a poet by compulsion – was born in Penang Malaysia and read law at the University of Singapore and Lincoln's Inn, London. In 1980, he initiated the country's first Legal Aid clinic in the village of Bayan Lepas.

He served several terms as chairman of the Bar Council's Legal Aid and Human Rights committees. Cecil is the author of 25 books & his poems have been published in over 60 countries.

He has been honoured with a Malaysian Lifetime Humanitarian Award (2004), a Suhakam Human Rights Award (2012) and was declared A Living Heritage Treasure in 2015.

In 2019, he was bestowed a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Malaysian Bar.

This was followed by the International Bar Association's (IBA's) prestigious Pro Bono Award for his visionary Legal Aid & Human Rights contributions.



## MR ANTONY CROCKETT

Antony Crockett is a Senior Consultant with Herbert Smith Freehills, based in Hong Kong. Antony leads the firm's Business and Human Rights practice in the Asia Pacific region and is internationally recognised for his expertise in this emerging field of practice.

Antony also advises government and corporate clients on public international law and has more than 12 years' experience advising clients in relation to complex cross-border dispute resolution, including investment treaty arbitration, international commercial arbitration and proceedings before national courts. Antony is admitted as a solicitor in England & Wales, as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia and as a Solicitor Advocate of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. He holds the degrees LLM (Dist.) (LSE), LLB (Hons) and BSc (Melbourne).



## MS IRENE MIRA

Irene Mira is an International Case Counsel at the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC). Irene is also an Assistant Editor at the Kluwer Arbitration Blog (KAB). She read law at Universitas Indonesia and obtained her LLM in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution from Queen Mary University of London as an Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education (LPDP) scholar. She is an HKIAC accredited tribunal secretary.

Prior to her stints at the AIAC and KAB, Irene was an international arbitration intern at a Hong Kong-based global law firm. She also worked for a Jakarta-based forensic audit start-up company where she dealt with transnational white-collar crimes related matters. Irene was a member of an expert team that assisted a Southeast Asian government agency in reviewing the country's investment treaties with its treaty partners.

An avid mooter, Irene participated in the Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot, and the Willem C. Vis Arbitration Moot competitions. Her areas of interest are international arbitration, international investment law, and public international law. Irene speaks English and has a good working knowledge in French.