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Bio

Ms. Lee, Noh Kong, Vice Minister of Justice, Republic of Korea

Mrs. Lee Noh Kong is the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Korea, appointed on 13 May 2022. She is the first female Vice Justice Minister in Korean history.

Mrs. Lee holds a Master's and a Bachelor's degree in Law from Yonsei University. After passing the 36th National Bar Examination in 1994, Mrs. Lee began her career as a prosecutor in 1997 at the Seongnam Branch of Suwon District Prosecutors' Office and worked as a prosecutor for 23 years. Prior to her appointment as Vice Minister, Mrs. Lee practiced law at Shin & Kim LLC in Seoul as Attorney-at-Law.

Mrs. Lee also worked as a professor at the Judicial Research and Training Institute in 2009. She served as the head of various departments, including: the Criminal Trial and Civil Litigation Department at the Suwon District Prosecutors' Office (2011); the Criminal Affairs Division II at the Supreme Prosecutors' Office (2012); and the Criminal Trial Department 3 at the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office (2013).

Mrs. Lee also held various key leadership positions in the Prosecutor's Office. In 2014, Mrs. Lee worked as the Chief Prosecutor at the Yeongdong Branch of Cheongju District Prosecutors' Office, followed by the appointment as Director of Criminal Department 3 at the Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' Office (2015) and Director of the Human Rights Policy Division at the Ministry of Justice (2016).

In 2017, she was appointed as Deputy Chief Prosecutor at the Bucheon Branch of Incheon District Prosecutors' Office and the 4th Deputy Chief Prosecutor at the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office in 2018. Ms. Lee was the first woman to serve as the deputy chief prosecutor of the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office.



Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret, Secretary of UNCITRAL

Mrs. Anna Joubin-Bret is the Secretary of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and Director of the Division on International Trade Law in the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations. She has been appointed on 24 November 2017.

Prior to her appointment, Mrs. Joubin-Bret was a practicing Attorney-at-law of the Paris Bar. She specialized in International Investment Law and Investment Dispute Resolution. She focused on serving as counsel, arbitrator, mediator, and conciliator in international investment disputes. She served as arbitrator in several ICSID, UNCITRAL and ICC disputes. Prior to 2011 and for 15 years, Anna was the Senior Legal Adviser for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). In this capacity, she managed the research and advisory work on international investment law issues as well as the technical assistance program on international investment agreements (IIAs). During her tenure, Anna assisted countries and governments in the formulation of investment policies and frameworks and the management of investor-State disputes. Anna has edited and authored seminal research and publications on international commercial law and international investment law, notably the Sequels to UNCTAD IIA Series. She co-edited with Jean Kalicki a book on Reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement in 2015. She lectured on international investment law in various universities and institutes all over the world. She holds a post-graduate degree (DEA) in Private International Law from the University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne, a Master's Degree in International Economic Law from the University Paris I, a Bachelor's degree of Arts in Political Science from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques and a Bachelor's degree of Arts in Private Law from the Université Jean Moulin (Lyon III). She has been Legal Counsel in the legal department of the Schneider Group, General Counsel of the formerly French KIS Group and Director-Export of Pomagalski S.A. She has been appointed judge at the Commercial Court in Grenoble (France) and was elected Regional Counsellor of the Rhône-Alpes Region in 1998.



Mr. Yoo, Jeong Bok, Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea

Mr. Jeong-bok Yoo is Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City. He was re-elected in June 2022 at the 8th local elections of the Republic of Korea, after serving his mayoral term from 2014 to 2018.

He started his career in civil service after passing the 23rd Senior Civil Examination for Administrative Service in 1979 and worked at various government departments including the Ministry of Government Administration. In 1994, he became the country's youngest mayor in Gimpo, Gyeonggi-do, and later served as the mayor of Seo-gu, Incheon, and mayor of Gimpo City.

He served as a three-term National Assembly member representing Gimpo from 2004 to 2014. He also served as the Minister for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries before becoming the first Minister for Security and Public Administration.

He studied Political Science and International Studies at Yonsei University and earned his Master's degree at Yonsei Graduate School of Public Administration.

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Ms. Athita Komindr, Head, UNCITRAL RCAP

Ms. Athita Komindr is Head of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP), managing technical assistance and capacity building programming available to over 50 States in Asia and the Pacific in key areas of commercial law, including dispute resolution, MSMEs, international contract practices, sale of goods, electronic commerce, transport, insolvency, international payments, secured transactions, and procurement. In that capacity, she coordinates with Governments and international and regional organizations with respect to trade law reform activities aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Ms. Komindr has twenty years of experience in the fields of international trade and economic law, arbitration, multilateral dispute resolution, and the rule of law and development. Prior to joining the United Nations, Ms. Komindr mainly advised and worked with numerous Thai agencies, including the Thailand Institute of Justice, the Thai Ministry of Science and Technology, and the Thailand Arbitration Center where she managed the Arbitration and Legal Affairs Divisions. She also worked for the Thai Ministry of Commerce in Bangkok (2002-2005) and Geneva (2005-2010), representing Thailand in bilateral, regional, and multilateral trade negotiations, WTO dispute settlement, and treaty drafting. Admitted to the New York Bar, Athita has experience in both common and civil law traditions in the public and private sectors, and holds degrees from Harvard College, Georgetown University Law Center, and Harvard Law School.



Mr. Jung Hyun Park, Director for International Legal Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Republic of Korea

Mr. Junghyun Park is the Director for International Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Justice, Republic of Korea (MOJ).

Before joining the MOJ, Mr. Park practiced law at Kim & Chang and Lee & Ko, specializing in international trade and customs. He also worked as a government official and a diplomat at the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, taking part in various FTA negotiations including the negotiations for the Korea-China FTA, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the China-Japan-Korea FTA. Mr. Park worked as a public prosecutor in a local Prosecutor's Office in the early years of his career. Mr. Park received his bachelor's degree in Law from the Seoul National University, where he has also completed his graduate coursework in International Trade Law. He was admitted to the Korean Bar in 2008.



Ms. Phenix Tse, Senior Government Counsel, Department of Justice, Hong Kong SAR China Ms. Phenix Tse is a Senior Government Counsel at the International Law Division of the Department of Justice (DoJ) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), where she advises the HKSAR Government on international law issues. She also has diverse experience in the DoJ including formulating policies relating to the legal system and the legal profession in Hong Kong, conducting criminal appeals and prosecutions, taking forward policy initiatives in raising Hong Kong's international profile, as well as organising promotional and capacity building events in Hong Kong and abroad. She was seconded to the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific as a Legal Expert in 2018-2019.



Mr. Ganbold Baasanjav, Head, UNESCAP East and North-East Asia Office

Dr. Ganbold Baasanjav is the Head of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) East and North-East Asia Office based in Incheon, Republic of Korea. Prior to UNESCAP, Dr. Ganbold has worked extensively for the government of Mongolia serving within the country in the Foreign Ministry as well as abroad in a diplomatic capacity. He was most recently the Ambassador-at-large for Sustainable Development at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia (2018-2019). Prior to this, he has served as the Mongolian Ambassador to the Republic of Korea (2013-2018), Director-General of the Asia and the Pacific Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia (2008-2013), and the Mongolian Ambassador to Vietnam (2004-2008). Dr. Ganbold has also served as the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia (2001-2003) and as the Director-General of the Public Affairs Department at the Ministry of External Relations of Mongolia (1998-2000). His earlier career includes overseas diplomatic assignments with the Mongolian Embassy in Pyongyang, DPR of Korea (1989-1993). Dr. Ganbold was also a part-time lecturer and Dean for the Department of International Relations, School of Foreign Service, at the National University of Mongolia (1997-2001).

Dr. Ganbold is fluent in English, Korean and Russian, and earned his BA in International Relations from Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), Russia an MA in Political Science from University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA and a PhD in Law from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Republic of Korea. He is married with four children.



Dr. Min Young Jang, Korea Legislation Research Institute, Republic of Korea

Dr. Jang, Min-young is a research fellow at the Korea Legislation Research Institute. She holds S.J.D. and LL.M. degrees from Northwestern University School of Law. Her major research interests cover the topics of human rights law and climate change law.



Ms. Jessica Viven-Wilksch, Deputy Chair, UNCCA, Australia

Ms. Jessica Viven-Wilksch is a Lecturer at Adelaide Law School, University of Adelaide. She is the current Deputy Chair of the UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee for Australia (UNCCA), which is the primary platform for engagement in Australia with UNCITRAL and its international trade law topics by the Australian legal profession, judiciary, and academia.



Mr. Gourab Banerji, Senior Advocate & Vice Chair, UNCCI, India

Mr. Gourab Banerji is a Senior Advocate based in New Delhi who practices mainly before the Supreme Court of India in the field of civil and commercial law. He has particular expertise in arbitration, both domestic and international.

Mr. Banerji served Additional Solicitor General of India in the Supreme Court from 2009 to 2014. In that capacity, he represented the Government of India in a number of important cases. For instance, in *Republic of Italy v. Union of India*, (2013) 4 SCC 721 ("*The Italian Marines case*"), he successfully represented the Government in persuading the Supreme Court to hold that India had concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute Italian marines accused of shooting Indian fishermen within the Exclusive Economic Zone of India. After stepping down as the Additional Solicitor General of India in 2014, he joined Essex Court Chambers as an Overseas Associate. He has appeared in a large number of domestic and international commercial arbitrations seated in India and abroad (Singapore, Hong Kong, London, Amsterdam etc.). He specializes in high stake and high value commercial litigation before the courts. He has been party to various reports which have led to reform in India's arbitration law. He has often been appointed *amicus curiae* by the Supreme Court of India in a number of matters covering wide ranging issues, spanning from indirect tax to arbitrations.

He is presently the Vice President of UNCCI (India), a delegate to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, and a National Correspondent of India for the UNCTRAL CLOUT System.



Prof. Jaemin Lee, Seoul National University School of Law, Republic of Korea

Mr. Jaemin Lee is currently Professor of Law at School of Law, Seoul National University in Seoul, Korea. He obtained his LL.B., LL.M. and Ph.D. from Seoul National University; LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center; and J.D. from Boston College Law School. His major areas of teaching and research are public international law, international economic law, and international dispute settlement.

Upon graduation from College of Law, Seoul National University in 1992, he joined the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a foreign service officer. His post in the ministry included deputy directorship of the Treaties Division and the North American Trade Division. Between 2000 and 2004, he also practiced law with Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP (Washington, D.C. office) as an associate attorney of the firm's international trade group. From 2004 to 2013 he taught international law and international economic law at School of Law, Hanyang University in Seoul, Korea. He has published articles and books (including book chapters) on various topics of public international law, international investment law and international trade law. Since 2012, he has been participating in UNCITRAL Working Groups II and III as delegate of the Republic of Korea.



Mr. Heehwan Kwon, Director, KCAB INTERNATIONAL

Mr. Heehwan Kwon is the Director at KCAB INTERNATIONAL and is in charge of the international promotion and cooperation projects within KCAB. He has been with KCAB since 2002, working in various divisions within the organization including the department of planning and management. He also has extensive experience as an arbitration case administrator. He was instrumental in the revision process of the 2016 KCAB International Arbitration Rules and has overseen the planning of the KCAB roadshows outside of Korea since 2016. He holds a B.A. in Public Administration and Policy from Yonsei University and a masters from the KDI School of Public Policy and Management. Also, he is about to finalize his Ph.D. course by majoring international trade.



Prof. Anthea Roberts, Director of Centre for International Governance and Justice, Australia National University

Ms. Anthea Roberts is a Professor at the School of Regulation and Global Governance in the Australian National University (ANU). She is an interdisciplinary researcher and legal scholar who focuses on new ways of thinking about complex and evolving global fields. Her research areas include international law, trade and investment, the effect of geopolitical change on global governance, and understanding and navigating complex systems.

Prof. Anthea is the Director of the Centre for International Governance and Justice and chairs the ANU Working Group on Geoeconomics. She is currently a Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School and formerly taught at the London School of Economics, Columbia Law School, and Harvard Law School.

In 2019, the League of Scholars named Anthea the world's leading international law scholar and Australia's leading law scholar. Her latest co-authored book 'Six Faces of Globalization: Who Wins, Who Loses, and Why it Matters (2021)' with Harvard University Press was listed as one of the Best Books of the Year by the Financial Times and Fortune Magazine. Prof. Anthea's first book 'Is International Law International? (2017)' won numerous prizes, including the American Society of International Law's Book Prize, and was Oxford University Press's topselling law monograph worldwide in 2017-2018.



Dr. Zhijin (Donna) Huang, Director, Arbitration and ADR, North Asia, ICC Dispute Resolution Services

Dr. Donna is in charge of business development for ICC Arbitration and ADR services in Asia, with a focus on North Asia. She developed her experience working as a law professor, counsel, legal expert, and consultant in a Chinese University, a law firm as well as for ICC and the Chinese governments. Dr. Donna has been active in government-level academic exchange before she joined the ICC. She was granted Fulbright Fellowship and EU Erasmus Fellowship and has published widely on issues of international law.



Dr. Viatcheslav Gavrilov, Dean, Far Eastern Federal University School of Law, Russia

Dr. Viatcheslav Gavrilov is the Heard of Department of International Public and Private Law and a Director of the School of Law of Far Eastern Federal University (Vladivostok, Russia). He received his PhD in Juridical Sciences from Kazan State University in 1994 and his LL.D. in 2006. Dr. Gavrilov has authored many scientific publications on public and private international law, including five monographs and several textbooks. He was invited as a speaker and has participated in international conferences and programs in the USA, Canada, China, France, Hungary, Taiwan, Thailand, Spain, Indonesia, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Philippines, Cambodia, India and Japan. He is also a co-founder and attorney of the Board of Lawyers "Etalon" in Vladivostok.

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Mr. KeunHo Park, General Counsel, Siemens Korea

Mr. KeunHo Park is General Counsel of Siemens Korea (with legal managing responsibility over Siemens Japan as well).

Mr. Park has worked at Siemens more than 10 years as a Legal Counsel advising Siemens business in Korea. His focus has been on regulatory topic, corporate governance, anti-trust compliance, and commercial transactions.

Before joining Siemens, he had in-house legal experience in other multinational companies in Korea, e.g., General Electric and eBay. Mr. Park also did an internship with International Legal Affairs Department, Ministry of Justice of Korea.

Mr. Park received LL.M degree from New York University School of Law and Bachelor of Law degree from KyungHee University College of Law.



Ms. Melissa Feng, Partner, GEN Law Firm, China

Ms. Melissa Feng has nearly 20 years of experience as a lawyer and has been engaged in foreign-related dispute resolution practice for a long time, mainly focusing on finance (including letters of credit, letters of guarantee, factoring, forfaiting, and other trade financing fields) and international trade, specializing in domestic and foreign-related litigation and arbitration in finance and overseas construction contracting projects. Ms. Feng is especially experienced in handling cross-border complex dispute cases, such as "parallel litigation, multiple lawsuits and arbitration" for domestic and international clients. At the same time, based on her unique experience in litigation and arbitration, Ms. Feng provides cross-border trade compliance and financial compliance services for domestic and foreign clients, and undertake special legal services and year-round legal services for banks, financial institutions, and multinational enterprises in this field. She has recently been recognized by Asian Law Business as one of ALB China 2022 15 Top Litigators.



Ms. Ratha Chea, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology, and Innovation (MISTI), Cambodia

Ms. Ratha Chea is an accomplished software executive with over 10+ years of experience in software development. Ms. Chea holds a Bachelor's Degree in Information and Computer Science from the University of California, Irvine, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from California State University, Fullerton. She worked as a Senior Financial Analyst in California and in Sydney. In each of her workplaces, she used the synergy of her skills as a Software Developer and Financial Analyst to help grow and improve the business processes of the company.

In 2011, Ms. Chea Co-founded Versita Pty. Ltd. a Technology Service Provider Company in Australia and after returning to Cambodia in 2016 she founded Khmum Technology Co., Ltd., a Technology Service Provider Company that specializes in eCommerce. Cambodia's eCommerce is rapidly growing and fast-expanding. However, some communities have not directly benefited from this growth.

She also founded Khmum - eShop in 2018 which is an All-in-one Ecommerce platform (eCommerce, Point of Sales System POS, Access to Loan) with an app-based, end-to-end marketplace that connects MSMEs, emphasizing women-led businesses, to consumers in Cambodia and beyond. Driven by a mission to increase digital literacy, promote local products, and create more jobs and opportunities.

Currently, she is Under Secretary of State of the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation. Oversea General Department of SMEs & Handicraft and General Department of Science, Technology, and Innovation.

- Driven by a mission to achieve the Industrial Development Plan (IDP) 2015-2025 for online registration to meet the target of 80% by 2025 and meet the ASEAN framework to make online registration easier and more convenient.
- Working to develop resilience, inclusive SMEs policy, and Building a Strategic Framework to Engage, Equip and Empower Women in Digital Economy.

Ms. Chea also volunteers her time with some organisations such as:

- Cambodia Women Entrepreneur Association (CWEA) Vice President
- Cambodia Digital Technology Association (CDTA) Vice President
- Cambodia EBusiness Association (CEA) Treasurer

Award: Women in IT Summit & Awards Series 2022, Advocate of the Year

Publication: https://asianvision.org/archives/publications/avi-commentary-issue-2021-no-15-ai-technology-a-disrupter-to-teaching-and-learning



Mr. Shreyas Jayasimha, Chair, LAWASIA UNCITRAL Committee

Mr. Shreyas Jayasimha read law at the National Law School of India University and was a Chevening Scholar at the University of Warwick. He enrolled as an Advocate in 2000.

Mr. Jayasimha has conducted several complex trials and has appeared before several High Courts and the Supreme Court and international and domestic arbitral tribunals and mediation fora. He is also trained as a mediator and has been appointed arbitrator. Mr. Jayasimha is a member of the LCIA Asia Pacific Users Council and is the one of the editors of the IBA mediation committee newsletter. His practice area includes litigation, dispute resolution, company law, constitutional law, intellectual property, and technology law amongst others across industrial sectors such as infrastructure, real estate, oil and gas, aviation etc. Shreyas is a member of the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA), Geneva since 2012, and was recently made the Coordinator, UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee of India. Mr. Jayasimha has been listed in the International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration since 2010 till date.

Panel 1



Ms. Katie Kwong, Senior Government Counsel, Department of Justice, Hong Kong SAR China Ms. Katie Kwong is Senior Government Counsel at the International Law Division, Department of Justice of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China ("HKSAR"). She advises the Government on various international law issues and provides legal support in bilateral and multilateral negotiations. The subject matter of negotiations includes air services, avoidance of double taxation and free trade agreements.



Ms. Khairon Niza BT MD Akhir, Manager, Regulatory Development & Services Division, Companies Commission of Malaysia

Ms. Khairon Niza is a Manager under the Regulatory Development & Services Division. She is in charge of matters related to international affairs, law reform and policy. Currently, she is in charge of the introduction of a secured transaction legal framework for Malaysia and the amendments to the Companies Act 2016 (the introduction of new provisions to cater to companies affected by the COVID pandemic).

Prior to joining the Companies Commission of Malaysia, she practiced as an Advocate and Solicitor for more than ten (10) years in the areas of Banking, Commercial, Probate and General Litigation.

She graduated with an LL.B (Hons) in 1997 from University of Wales, Cardiff, United Kingdom and obtained her LL.M in 2010 majoring in Commercial Law from Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia.



Dr. Risham Garg, Associate Professor of Law, National Law University Delhi, India

Dr. Risham Garg holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), doctoral research degree, for his work on International Contracts & the UN CISG Convention. He presently teaches courses of Transnational Commercial Laws, Bankruptcy Insolvency & Restructuring, Law of Contracts, Sale of Goods, Private International Law in the postgraduate and undergraduate law degree programmes, aspects of Legal Writing, and Business Law Research Methods to the PhD research scholars. He has previously taught papers of Law of Property, Banking Laws & Negotiable Instruments, International Commercial Arbitration, Law of Tort & Consumer Protection, Legal & Constitutional History, Jurisprudence, and Legal Methods.

He serves as the Director of the Center for Transnational Commercial Law (CTCL) at NLU Delhi and also the Director of Centre for Regulatory Studies (CRS), and has been a regular faculty member at the National Law University Delhi since 2009.



Dr. & Prof. Henry Hai Li, Vice President, China Maritime Law Association

Dr. and Prof. Henry Hai Li is a practicing shipping lawyer based in the City of Shenzhen, China. He is also vice-president of China Maritime Law Association and a Titulary Member of the Comitè Maritime International (the "CMI"). He was the Chair since 2008 and a co-chair since 2018 of the CMI International Working Group on Judicial Sales of Ships. He was a member of the Chinese delegation and attended all the sessions of the UNCITRAL WG XI on judicial sales of ships leading to the production of the Draft UN Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships.



Mr. Junianto James Losari, Counsel, UMBRA Strategic Legal Solutions, Indonesia

Mr. Junianto James Losari is a Counsel at UMBRA – Strategic Legal Solutions and the go-to lawyer for dispute resolution issues requiring advanced and comprehensive legal analysis, either advisory or contentious. He is experienced in handling disputes relating to cross-border transactions and always provides commercial and pragmatic solutions for his clients. Currently, he is also a Doctoral Candidate at the City University of Hong Kong with a research focus on international arbitration.

Mr. Losari is a dual-qualified practitioner in both the civil law (an advocate in Indonesia) and common law legal systems (a solicitor in England & Wales). Previously, he practised with the largest law firm (with an international affiliation) in Indonesia and one of the magic circle law firms in Singapore, with a stint at the firm's headquarters in London, United Kingdom. He has represented major multinational companies in commercial and investor-state disputes, as well as advised States on international investment law. His experience working at major international law firms has equipped him with a deep understanding of a wide range of industries, including telecommunication, power, energy, infrastructure, hospitality, automotive, as well as livestock.



Mr. Mark Walter, Executive Director, International Law Institute

Mr. Mark Walter is an international development expert with more than 23 years of experience working with governments, civil society, and the private sector to achieve policy, legal/regulatory and institutional reforms that foster inclusive growth, the rule of law and democratic institutions. A U.S.-qualified lawyer, Mr. Walter has unique expertise in navigating both public and private sectors and understanding the needs of the full range of stakeholders. He serves as a primary resource on enabling environment and advocacy, economic governance, private international law, political economy analysis, trade and local content policy, climate of contracting, access to commercial justice, and legal issues around investment in developing economies. He has more than a decade of experience in Asia, extensive management and field expertise, and deep experience with regional bodies including ASEAN and APEC. He has worked in countries across the Asia Pacific Region.

Panel 2

Moderator



Mr. Jae Sung Lee, Senior Legal Officer, UNCITRAL

Mr. Jae Sung Lee is a senior legal officer at the International Trade Law Division (ITLD) of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, which functions as the substantive secretariat for the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

He currently functions as the Secretary of Working Group III on investor-State dispute settlement reform and has functioned as the secretary of the working groups on dispute settlement, secured transactions and electronic commerce.

Before joining the United Nations in 2007, Mr. Lee served in the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A Korean national, he is a graduate of Seoul National University College of Law, holds LL.M. degrees from Seoul National University Graduate School of International Studies and NYU School of Law as well as a Ph.D. in Law from Seoul National University. He has been a member of the New York Bar since 2006.



Mr. Issey Park, Associate, Al Tamimi & Company

Mr. Issey Park is an Associate in the Arbitration Department based in Dubai. He advises clients on international commercial arbitration, investor-State dispute settlement, and private international law matters.

Before returning to Al Tamimi & Company, Mr. Park served with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). He also has experience in case administration from the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB).



Ms. Sharon Ong, Director-General (International & Advisory) / Director of Legal Services, Legal Services Regulatory Authority, Singapore

Ms. Sharon Ong is the Director-General of the International & Advisory Group at the Ministry of Law, Singapore, where she oversees the International Legal Division and the Policy Advisory Division. She is concurrently the Director of Legal Services of the Legal Services Regulatory Authority.

Ms. Ong was Singapore's representative to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group II (Dispute Settlement), which successfully concluded its work on the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, also known as the "Singapore Convention on Mediation", and the amended UNCITRAL Model Law. She and her team were responsible for driving law reform domestically to shape Singapore's mediation landscape by advancing Singapore's legal framework, such as the Mediation Act 2017, as well as to give effect to the Convention, namely, the Singapore Convention on Mediation Act 2020 and the Supreme Court of Judicature (Singapore Convention on Mediation) Rules 2020. Ms. Ong has helmed technical meetings, conducted capacity-building training workshops, spoken at conferences, and published articles on the topic of international dispute resolution, including cross-border mediation. She was actively involved in the planning and execution of the Singapore Convention Signing Ceremony and Conference in August 2019, the digital entry into force celebration event in 2020, and the UNCITRAL Academy 2021 and 2022.

Ms. Ong is the Deputy Chairperson of the Expert Panel to the Singapore Management University's Centre for Commercial Law in Asia, and is a member of the Asian Business Law Institute Advisory Board, the Singapore Global Restructuring Institute Advisory Board, the Singapore Academy of Law Specialist Accreditation Board and the Journals Advisory Committee, and the Singapore Institute of Legal Education.

Ms. Ong graduated with a law degree from the National University of Singapore and holds a Master of Laws (Public International Law) from the University College London, the University of London. She was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore and practised as a commercial litigation lawyer in Singapore before she joined the Singapore Legal Service, where she held various appointments in the State Courts, the International Affairs Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers and the Ministry of Defence. She was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Bronze and Silver) in 2011 and 2022, respectively.



Mr. Ian Li, Senior Government Counsel (Ag), Legal Enhancement and Development Office, Department of Justice, Hong Kong SAR China

Mr. Ian Li is Acting Senior Government Counsel in the Legal Enhancement and Development Office (LEAD Office) of the Secretary for Justice's Office in the Department of Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

The LEAD Office assumes the role of the central policy unit of the Department of Justice and assists the Secretary for Justice and the Deputy Secretary for Justice in formulating strategic plans and co-ordination for effective implementation of the Department's policy initiatives. In his current post, Mr. Li's role includes assisting in driving the Department of Justice's policy initiatives in promoting Hong Kong's legal and dispute resolution services in Hong Kong and beyond.

Before joining the Secretary for Justice's Office, Mr. Li was posted in the Treaties and Law Unit of the International Law Division, where he was responsible for advising the Hong Kong Government on various public and private international law issues, and has participated as legal advisor to the HKSAR in a number of international negotiations.

Mr. Li holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) double degree from the University of Adelaide, Australia, and a Master of Laws in Human Rights (with Distinction) from the University of Hong Kong. He is admitted as a barrister and solicitor in the Supreme Court of South Australia.



Mr. Takashi Takashima, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL

Mr. Takashi Takashima is a Legal Officer at the International Trade Law Division (ITLD) of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, which functions as the substantive secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

From April 2018 to September 2022, he was Senior Attorney of the Litigation Bureau and the Minister's Secretariat International Affairs Division of the Japanese Ministry of Justice. For the Japanese Government, he represented meetings and led policy coordination on legal issues in multilateral forums with a special focus on UNCITRAL and ICSID. He also played an essential role in the formulation of the Japanese Government's strategy on international disputes.

His prior experience includes serving as Judge of various domestic courts in Japan for 12 years. Alongside his extensive experience in dispute settlement, he has diplomatic experience as second secretary of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.

Mr. Takashima functioned as coordinator for the process on the enlargement of UNCITRAL membership and successfully led the negotiations to a consensual adoption of a resolution increasing UNCITRAL membership from 60 to 70 at the United Nations General Assembly in December 2021. He also served as Rapporteur for the UNCITRAL WGII project on the expedited arbitration rules.



Mr. Steve Kim, Secretary-General, KCAB INTERNATIONAL

Mr. Steve Kim is the Secretary-General of KCAB INTERNATIONAL. As a US attorney, Mr. Kim has extensive experience in the field of international arbitration, and previously served as the Director of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) of the AAA (New York). Mr. Kim was also senior corporate counsel at Samsung where he managed matters involving cross border disputes, M&A and competition law investigation. Mr. Kim also has extensive experience as a business executive, as he was the country manager for CPA Global and head of Korea business development for a large EU law firm. Mr. Kim graduated from the University of California San Diego (UCSD) and received his juris doctorate (JD) from St. John's University in New York.



Mr. Eric Ng, Deputy Secretary-General, HKIAC

Mr. Eric Ng is Deputy Secretary-General at HKIAC. Prior to joining the HKIAC, Mr. Ng worked for several years as a barrister-at-law in Hong Kong focusing primarily on international commercial and construction arbitrations, as well as general commercial litigation in Hong Kong, and has worked as counsel as well as tribunal secretary for several major international commercial, construction, and financial arbitrations around the world.

In addition to his work as a barrister, Mr. Ng was previously Adjunct Professor at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, lecturing in advocacy and investor-state arbitration. He has also lectured at Tsinghua University and Peking University. Mr. Ng has also published on issues of international dispute resolution and investor-state arbitration.

Mr. Ng holds a BCL from Oxford University, PCLL and JD from City University of Hong Kong, MSc E-commerce from the University of Hong Kong, as well as a BS in Business Administration and Information Systems from Babson College in the USA. He is admitted to practice law in Hong Kong.

Panel 3



Mr. Luca Castellani, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL

Mr. Luca Castellani is a legal officer in the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). As secretary of UNCITRAL Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce), he oversaw the preparation of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records and of the UNCITRAL Model Law on the Use and Cross-border Recognition of Identity Management and Trust Services. He has assisted several countries, including the Maldives, in the enactment of UNCITRAL texts on electronic commerce. In the field of sales law, he actively promotes participation in the UN Convention on Contracts for International Sale of Goods (CISG) and has coordinated the preparation of the UNCITRAL – HCCH –Unidroit Legal Guide to Uniform Instruments in the Area of International Commercial Contracts, with a Focus on Sales. He has published several articles on international business transactions law and comparative law, namely sale of goods, electronic commerce and trade law reform in developing countries.



Mr. Yann Duval, Chief of Trade Policy and Facilitation, UNESCAP

Mr. Yann Duval is currently Chief of Trade Policy and Facilitation Section at UN-ESCAP, the regional branch of the United Nations Secretariat for Asia and the Pacific. Over the past 20 years, Dr. Duval has conducted research and delivered technical assistance and advisory services on trade policy and facilitation throughout Asia and the Pacific, including on the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement. He spearheaded the development of the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT), as well as, inter alia, the creation of the ESCAP-World Bank Trade Cost Database, the UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation, and the online Trade Intelligence and Negotiation Adviser (TINA). Dr. Duval was also instrumental in the development of the United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade and Transport in Asia and the Pacific (UNNExT) and the negotiation of a new intergovernmental Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific, a UN treaty which entered into force in February 2021.

Prior to joining the UN, he held faculty positions at the Asian Institute of Technology and Washington State University, USA.



Ms. Hannah Nguyen, Director - Digital Ecosystems, ICC Digital Standards Initiative

With over 14 years' experience in global trade and supply chain, Ms. Hannah Nguyen is a passionate champion for digitalization and connecting disparate parts of its ecosystem.

Her role as Director of Digital Ecosystems at ICC's Digital Standards Initiative (DSI) is transforming the industry by uniting industry stakeholders, standards development organizations, solution providers, governments, and inter-government organizations in the common quest to promote policy coherence and harmonise digital trading standards for the benefit of businesses, governments, and people everywhere.

A prominent industry advocate and thought leader, she has co-authored with the World Trade Organization (WTO) its first ever standards toolkit for cross-border paperless trade, helping companies and government agencies globally adopt readily available standards.

Her prior experience includes leading business development for C. Steinweg Group that resulted in significant expansions for its commodity logistics business in Southeast Asia; promoting Singapore as the premier regional hub for the trading of commodities and derivatives through Enterprise Singapore; and conducting market intelligence to advise corporates interested in competing and growing their businesses in Asia Pacific.



Mr. Loh Sin Yong, Director for TradeTrust, Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA), Singapore

As Director for TradeTrust at IMDA, Mr. Sin Yong is responsible for driving the digital transformation of Singapore's trade and logistics sectors to help businesses maintain relevance and competitiveness by evolving ahead of the rapidly progressing digital economy. Mr. Sin Yong has over 30 years of professional IT and leadership experience in trade facilitation, logistics, maritime domains particularly in the Chinese, Southeast Asian, and South Asian markets. He represents Singapore as Head of Delegation at UNCEFACT and holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer & Information Sciences, a Master's degree in Management of Technology, and a Graduate Certificate in Intellectual Property Law.



Mr. Steven Beck, Head of Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Mr. Steven Beck is the head of trade and supply chain finance at the Asian Development Bank (ADB). In his fifteen years at the ADB, he has managed exponential growth of the bank's trade finance business and implemented its first supply-chain finance business. While at the ADB, Mr. Beck initiated a tool that maps the entire supply chain for COVID-related goods to address shortages. He initiated the Trade Finance Register of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), which compiles the only industrywide statistics on trade-finance default and loss rates. These statistics underpinned changes to the Basel III regulations, freeing billions of dollars to support trade in emerging markets. He created the ADB led study that, for the first time, quantified trade finance market gaps and their impact on economic growth and jobs. Under his leadership, a gender audit was conducted of ADB partner commercial banks to develop specific recommendations to attract, retain, and promote more women in banking. Mr. Beck undertook several initiatives to make global trade and supply chains more resilient through digitization, including establishing the Digital Standards Initiative in partnership with the Government of Singapore and the ICC. He began his career with roles as a special assistant to the Canadian minister for international trade and as a senior manager at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC). He left CIBC to help start up a new multilateral development bank, the Black Sea Trade & Development Bank (BSTDB), which focused on economic development in Türkiye, Russia and countries of the former Soviet Union. Following BSTDB, he took up roles as a senior consultant, including work with the United States Agency for International Development in southern Africa. Mr. Beck is on the Governing Board of the Digital Standards Initiative. He is a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Working Group for Trade Finance. He has an M.A. from the Fletcher School at Tufts University, USA and a B.A. from Queen's University, Canada.



Mr. Darryl Ikbal, EIF Project Manager, Tuvalu Department of Trade, Tuvalu

Mr. Darryl Ikbal is the Project Manager for the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) for the Tuvalu Tier 2 Project. Previously, he was the Project Manager for the Tuvalu PACER PLUS Project leading Tuvalu to the ratification of the Agreement. In addition, he has been at the forefront leading and assisting the Tuvalu Department of Trade in ETrade related activities, namely: the implementation of the Etrade readiness assessment, development and implementation of the TradeWorthy ECommerce Skills and Regulatory Analysis Project, Tuvalu's Cross Border Paper Less Readiness Assessment Study (UNESCAP), PIFS National E Commerce Strategy, EIF Tuvalu Trade Development Strategy and establishing Tuvalu's National E Commerce Strategy.



Mr. Chaichana Mitrpant, Executive Director, Electronic Transactions Development Agency, Ministry Digital Economy and Society, Thailand

Dr. Chaichana Mitrpant is currently the Executive Director of the Electronic Transactions Development Agency, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society of Thailand, a primary government agency responsible for developing, promoting, and regulating electronic transactions and digital services in Thailand. Dr. Chaichana has endeavored and worked closely with stakeholders in drafting the digital standards, digital laws to support the electronic transactions and digital economy in Thailand for example the standard related to e-Signature, e-Document and Digital ID and the draft of Digital Identity Law and the draft of Digital Platform Law. To protect the benefit of digital platform and digital services users, ETDA has been conducting with several sectors and stakeholders to educate and develop digital skills for the public and private sectors. Moreover, he is well-known among public sector management professionals as an expert in IT security. Dr. Chaichana Mitrpant has devoted almost two decades to raising Thailand's cybersecurity readiness and defensive strength. His past experiences include developing computer emergency response and digital forensic capability, providing IT security consultancy services to law enforcement and legal organizations, developing security training programs for security professionals at all levels, and supporting the National Cybersecurity Committee in drafting the National Cybersecurity Framework.

During his tenure at ETDA, for example, he has represented Thailand at various international forum and helped negotiate successful collaborations and bilateral meetings at ASEAN, APT, ITU, and the UN. Additionally, he has provided his expert opinions and recommendations to other organizations on numerous occasions.

Dr. Chaichana Mitrpant received a PhD (Engineering) from the Universitate Duisburg-Essen (Germany), an MS (Electrical Engineering) from the University of Michigan (US), and a BS (Electrical Engineering) from Rice University (US).

Panel 4

Moderator



Ms. Monica Canafoglia, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL

Ms. Monica Canafoglia is a legal officer at the International Trade Law Division (ITLD) of the UN Office of Legal Affairs, which is the substantive secretariat for the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL.

She is currently serving as secretary of UNCITRAL Working Group I (Micro, Small and Medium sized Enterprises) and coordinating the UNCITRAL presence on social media. Before joining the International Trade Law Division, Monica worked for other agencies of the United Nations system.

Ms. Canafoglia is a licensed lawyer in Italy, her home country. She also holds a Master's degree in Public Policy and Management.



Dr. Anne Matthew, Senior Lecturer, Queensland University of Technology, School of Law

Dr. Anne Matthew has extensive expertise in corporate and commercial law. Dr. Anne is a Senior Lecturer at QUT Law School, a Consultant at Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Lawyers, and Chair of the UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee, Australia's Expert Advisory Committee on Working Group I: Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises.

Dr. Anne teaches postgraduate and undergraduate programs in international commercial arbitration, international commercial law and finance, corporate law and the regulation of artificial intelligence and robots.

She studies how regulation can create an enabling environment for micro, small and mediumsized enterprises, including particularly their access to finance. Her research focuses on companies, particularly those engaged in innovation and entrepreneurship.

Innovation, entrepreneurship and risk-taking play a pivotal role in economic growth and should be encouraged in a modern economy. Her PhD thesis considered how to best position the legal environment created by corporate law to encourage these phenomena, particularly among start-up ventures. The thesis explored this question by examining select elements of Australian corporate law through the lens of innovation economics, and broke new ground in doing so. Using principles of neo-Schumpeterian economics, her thesis examined the law from industry, financial and public perspectives, and formulated recommendations for improvement and simplification. Her thesis was awarded QUT's Outstanding Thesis Award 2019.





Ms. Yanying Li, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL

Ms. Yanying Li is a legal officer at the International Trade Law Division (ITLD), Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, which serves the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. After joining the ITLD in 2019, Ms. Li has serviced UNCITRAL Working Group V (Insolvency Law) developing a legal text on MSE insolvency. Currently she services UNCITRAL Working Group I (MSMEs) and supports the organization of the annual session of the Commission. She also assists the UNCITRAL secretariat in its exploratory work on legal issues related to the digital economy. Before joining the ITLD, she worked in the field of banking and international arbitration at the Asian Development Bank (Manila), Clifford Chance LLP (London) and the Permanent Court of Arbitration (the Hague). She completes her PhD research on inter-creditor relations in sovereign debt restructuring, and holds two master's degrees on international business law.

Ms. Mercy Epao, Joint Secretary, Ministry of MSME, India

Ms. Mercy Epao is Joint Secretary in Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises. Prior to the current posting, she has served Govt. of India in various capacities across the Ministries/ Departments for the past 25 years. Some of her important postings *inter alia* are Ministries of Finance, Housing & Urban Affairs and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) etc. in various capacities. During her service, she handled different subjects viz. Agriculture and Allied Sector in DoNER, externally aided projects for the NER, Pay related matters, Cadre review of All India Service (AIS), HR and Administration etc.

She is a Post Graduate from Delhi University. As Joint Secretary she is in charge of administration and implementation of various schemes pertaining to Small and Medium Enterprises in the country. She has been handling the National SC/ST Hub Scheme, which is dedicated to support SC/ST entrepreneurs. The International Co-operation Scheme entails her to tie-up / negotiate / interact and enable MoUs / FTAs/ sharing and exchanging of ideas in the SME sector with UN Bodies, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) besides bilateral and multilaterals etc. to strengthen the MSME sector through capacity building, technological up gradation etc. National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), National Institute of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (NiMSME), Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI) are the Organizations under her charge. Besides, the media cell under her gives wide coverage to the benefits/schemes of the Ministry. Her passion is to see women and weaker / marginalized section entrepreneurs to attain knowledge for gainful entrepreneurship leading to social upliftment and economic empowerment.

In addition, she also looks after coordination of various subjects such as Vision India @2047, Toy Manufacturers Hub, Swachhta Campaign and Director in few Autonomous Bodies.



Mr. Pornvit Sila-On, Director, Bureau of International Trade Promotion Policy, Department of International Trade Promotion, Ministry of Commerce, Thailand

Mr. Pornvit Sila-On, Director of the Bureau of International Trade Promotion Policy, Department of International Trade Promotion or DITP. DITP is one of eight departments under the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand which take responsibility to enhance the competitiveness of Thailand's international trade in the global context.

Graduated 2 master's degrees from University of London in UK and Tufts University in USA, he experienced working with Ministry of Commerce for more than 20 years in various parts including the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the WTO in Geneva, Department of Trade Negotiations, and Department of Intellectual Property, which make him has particular expertise about trade, both domestic and international.



Mr. Christopher Wohlert, Workstream Lead, Secured Transaction Reform, APEC - Asia Pacific Financial Forum / FIDN

Mr. Chris Wohlert is the chief executive for the Hong Kong Branch and business leader for the Distribution Finance platform in Asia Pacific for Wells Fargo. In this role, he leads the inventory financing and cross-border factoring business serving multinational manufacturers across a variety of industries in coordination with the Distribution Finance platforms in Wells Fargo globally.

Mr. Wohlert has decades of experience in the fields of commercial lending, inventory finance, and factoring where he has managed and structured global financing programs across North America, South America, Europe, Middle East/Africa, and Asia Pacific. He has spent more than 20 years at Wells Fargo Commercial Distribution Finance and its predecessor companies in roles of increasing responsibility in the areas of portfolio management, special assets, business development, and leadership.

Mr. Wohlert is an active member of the Asia Pacific Financial Forum, which is part of the APEC Finance Minister's Process, where he serves as the leader for secured transaction reform for the Financial Infrastructure Development Network. This was launched in November 2015 as part of the Cebu Action Plan.



Mr. Santun M. Siregar, Director of Civil Affairs, Directorate General of Legal Administrative Affairs, Ministry of Law and Human Rights, Indonesia

Mr. Santun Siregar is a Director of Civil Affairs of the Directorate General of Legal Administrative Affairs, in the Ministry of Law and Human Rights. He has served as the Director of the Indonesian Corporate Registry since 2020. Beforehand, he spent as a head of the legal division in some Indonesian MLHR branch offices. He started his government official career in the Indonesian Intellectual Property Office.



Ms. Tina Jabeen, President, Bangladesh Women Investors Network (BWIN)

Until September 2021, Ms. Tina Jabeen served as the founding Managing Director and CEO of Startup Bangladesh Ltd., a venture capital company wholly funded by the Government of Bangladesh. The Company's mission was to support Bangladesh's fledgling start-up ecosystem across three sectors: technology, healthcare, and education. During her 5-year tenure, Ms. Jabeen oversaw the pre-launch strategic and operational plans for the company (as Investment Advisor) and then the formal launch of the \$65 million fund (as CEO). Her position required an ability to navigate the complex socio-political dynamics of an emerging economy while commanding ethical, mission-aligned outcomes for the company. The phased roll-out of Startup Bangladesh included the establishment of all functional areas.



Prof. Megumi Hara, Chuo University, Japan

Ms. Megumi Hara is a professor at the Law School of Chuo University, Tokyo. She teaches property law, contract law, secured transaction law, and trust law. She served as a delegate of Japan for the Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of the draft Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Agricultural, Construction and Mining Equipment (MAC Protocol). She has also participated as either a delegate for Japan or as an observer for UNCITRAL Working Group VI on Secured Transactions. She represents Japan for UNCITRAL Working Group I on access to credit. She is also a member of the Factoring Model Law working group for UNIDROIT.

She was also involved in Japan's recent property law reform as a researcher appointed by the Ministry of Justice. She was also a committee member for a working group under the auspices of the Small and Medium Enterprise Agency of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), in preparation for the reform of the Secured transaction law in Japan.

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Ms. Hangyeol Kim, Legal Expert, UNCITRAL RCAP

Ms. Hangyeol Kim is a Legal Expert of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP), assisting capacity building programmes and technical assistance to States in the Asia and the Pacific in key areas of commercial law, including arbitration, mediation and electronic commerce. She is seconded from the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Korea. Ms. Kim has extensive experience in international law, including but not limited to trade issues, criminal litigation and dispute resolution. Prior to joining the Ministry of Justice, she worked as a foreign attorney at Yoon & Yang LLC, where she handled complex and high-profile international trade disputes in addition to commercial and corporate matters. She also previously worked at the International Criminal Court, facilitating victims' participation and reparations in a wide range of war crime and genocide cases. She also gained legal experience through internships at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and APEX LLC. She was admitted to the D.C. bar in 2019. She holds dual Bachelor's degrees from Handong Global University, a J.D. degree from Handong International Law School and a Master of Laws degree from Regent University School of Law.

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Ms. Tsoi is seconded from the Department of Justice (DoJ) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Prior to her secondment, she was serving in the Prosecutions Division as a Public Prosecutor, and has advised on a wide spectrum of ordinances covering offences relating to anti-money laundering, anti-smuggling, consumer rights protection, copyright and trademark protection, unfair trade practices, etc. She has also tackled cases arising from the 2019 unprecedented upheaval social unrest in Hong Kong, which often concern serious offences such as arson, explosives-related crimes, riot, robbery, wounding with intent, etc. Ms. Tsoi was trained in the DoJ and Slaughter and May (Hong Kong Office) before admitted as solicitor in Hong Kong in 2018. She holds a double degree in BBA and JD from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and a Master of Laws (Technology and Intellectual Property Law) degree from the University of Hong Kong.