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ABOUT YI FAN

Yi Fan has an active practice in commercial litigation and international arbitration, and specialises in managing multi-lingual cross-border proceedings involving stakeholders across key Asian jurisdictions, particularly in the Greater China Region.

As a dispute resolution lawyer, Yi Fan has represented and advised clients in a variety of commercial disputes involving, among other things, infrastructure and energy projects, supply and service agreements, banking and finance, and shareholder disputes. Yi Fan has advised and successfully acted for multinational corporations, listed companies, state-owned and government-linked entities, and high-net-worth individuals in the Singapore Courts and in international arbitrations under various arbitral rules, including the SIAC Rules and UNCITRAL Rules.

Yi Fan also has a growing practice in non-contentious advisory work and pre-dispute risk management, particularly focusing on emerging sectors such as electric and autonomous vehicles, renewables, and technology infrastructure.

EXPERIENCE

Some of Yi Fan's noteworthy matters include:

International Arbitration

- Acted in a matter relating to disputes arising from the construction of a major coal-fired super critical thermal ultra-mega power plant project located in India. The claims and counterclaims amount to more than US\$579 million and involve English law, Singapore law and Indian law. The client was awarded US\$146million in damages in the main arbitration. The matter also involves parallel proceedings before the Delhi High Court.
- Represented one of Japan's largest global trading and investment companies in a shareholder dispute involving one of

India's leading home shopping companies, obtaining an overwhelmingly favourable award. The matter also involved proceedings before the Bombay High Court.

Arbitration-Related Litigation

- Successfully defended Shanghai Electric Group in a challenge by India's Reliance Infrastructure, preserving a US\$146 million SIAC award. The challenge was based on allegations that the underlying arbitration agreement was forged, and the SICC decision is reported in *Reliance Infrastructure Limited v Shanghai Electric Group Co Ltd* [2024] SGHC(I) 3. Reliance Infrastructure's appeal to the SICC decision was also successfully resisted in *Reliance Infrastructure Limited v Shanghai Electric Group Co Ltd* [2024] SGCA(I) 10

Commercial Litigation

- Successfully overturned a High Court decision in *Ma Binxiang v Hainan Hui Bang Construction Investment Group Ltd* [2022] SGHC(A) 37, on the basis that the trial judge applied the civil standard of proof incorrectly. Successfully set aside a worldwide Mareva injunction before the Singapore High Court in the first instance proceedings as well.
- Acted for the founder and majority beneficial owner of a leading Chinese menswear designer brand in a US\$26 million claim involving novel issues of banker/custodian-customer duties, brokerage practice and procedures, trading in CFDs and complex compliance issues.

Advisory Work and Pre-Dispute Risk Management

- Advised a popular Chinese social media platform on procurement issues and dispute risks relating to computing infrastructure and services in the ASEAN region.

- Advising a leading Chinese automotive manufacturer on novel issues relating to, among other things, autonomous vehicle functions and e-waste recycling and disposal.
- Advising one of the world's largest sports equipment companies on distributorship issues and dispute risks in the ASEAN region.

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, International Bar Association
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, Law Society of Singapore