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Simon, a partner in the Singapore office, provides advice and representation in commercial and treaty proceedings conducted under the rules of the major arbitral institutions and ad hoc, and in pre-arbitration dispute resolution processes. His practice has a particular focus on disputes arising out of large infrastructure and major projects involving disputed technical, delay, and quantum related issues.

Simon is described by *The Legal 500* as a “rising star” and clients laud his “impressive ability to deep dive into highly complex, technical issues” and turn them into “elegant and powerful arguments”.

Simon holds an LLB (First Class Hons) and a BA (French). He is admitted and entitled to practice at both the Paris Bar as an Avocat and in England and Wales as a Solicitor. Simon is also admitted in New Zealand. He speaks fluent English and French.

Selected Experience

- Advising a Middle Eastern contractor in a dispute arising out of the construction of a large residential and commercial facility in North Africa.
- Representing a European contractor in a dispute concerning the construction of two dual-fired power plants in North Africa.
- Acting for a ultra-high net worth individual in a dispute arising out of the repudiation of an option agreement and services agreement.
- Advising a global contracting group in pre-arbitration dispute resolution processes arising out of an agreement for the construction of a significant sulphuric acid production facility and power plant.
- Advising a multinational manufacturer in the automotive industry in an arbitration arising out of the termination of a long-term distribution relationship.
- Representing local subsidiary of a global contracting group in a dispute arising out of the construction of a significant healthcare facility in the Middle East.
- Acting for a European contractor in dual contractual and investment treaty arbitrations arising out of a “mega project” to expand a strategic maritime infrastructure installation.
- Representing a French-German consortium in an arbitration arising from an agreement for the construction of a “first-of-a-kind”, new-generation nuclear power plant in Finland.
- Advising a European refining company in a dispute concerning a significant refinery upgrade project involving a wide spectrum of technical issues, ranging from deficient site preparation to post-completion defects, complex delay analysis and significant claims for production losses.
- Acting for a European mining company in proceedings arising out of an expansion to a substantial wet-sands mining operation in an African country.
- Representing a large Middle Eastern construction contractor in an ICC arbitration in Toronto arising from an agreement for the construction of a significant mining

infrastructure project in a southern African state.

Admissions

- New Zealand
- England and Wales
- Paris Bar (France)

Languages

- English
- French

Education

- BA (French), University of Auckland (2010)
- LLB (hons), University of Auckland (2010)

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- “Who is Afraid of Due Process? The Civil and Common Law Perspectives on the Spectre of Arbitral Proceedings”, YSIAC and DIS40 webinar (May 2022)
- Faculty members, American Bar Association’s (ABA) International Arbitration Skills Masterclass (March 2022)
- Tribunal, “This house believes that specialised construction courts are better suited for resolving construction disputes as compared to arbitration”, SCL-India Conference 2021: Construction Law and Arbitration: The Way Forward, The Society of Construction Law, India (December 2021)
- Construction Disputes chapter of *International Arbitration and the COVID-19 Revolution*, with T. Wetmore, Kluwer (October 2020)
- France chapter of *Construction & Engineering Laws and Regulations 2020*, International Comparative Legal Guides (ICLG, 2020)
- Workshop on Cross-Examination, Portuguese Arbitration Association (December 2020)
- “COVID 19: Mock Virtual Hearing on Key Procedural Issues”, YSIAC (May 2020)
- “Where to Next? Japan as a Seat for International Arbitration”, Inter-Pacific Bar Association Arbitration Day (November 2019)
- “Cross-Examining Expert Witnesses”, Tour de Arbitration (February 2019)
- “Challenges to Arbitrators – Where do We Stand?” (October 2018)
- “Skills Training Workshop: Cross-Examination in International Arbitration”, Young ICCA (June 2018)