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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 recognised in *Lexology Index*, which describes him as “a real star of construction-related arbitrations”. Simon is also described by *The Legal 500* as “outstanding, efficient and very talented”, and clients commend his “excellent understanding of commercial issues”.

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 an 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

- “Crisis Management in an Era of Fraud”, Asia Pacific (APAC) Legal Congress 2025 (April 2025)
- “The AI Impact: Practical Implications for Experts”, GAR Live: Damages 2025 (January 2025)
- “Role of Expert Witness in Construction Arbitration”, Ho Chi Minh City International Construction Arbitration Conference (HICAC2023) (April 2023)
- Moderator, “Psychology in Arbitration”, Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR)’s online fellowship roundtable series (November 2022)
- “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)
- Workshop on Cross-Examination, Portuguese Arbitration Association (December 2020)
- “COVID 19: Mock Virtual Hearing on Key Procedural Issues”, YSIAC (May 2020)
- Construction Disputes chapter of *International Arbitration and the COVID-19 Revolution*, with T. Wetmore (Kluwer, 2020)
- France chapter of *Construction & Engineering Laws and Regulations 2020*, International Comparative Legal Guides (ICLG, 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)