

Lawrence Teh

Senior Partner, Global Co-Head of Dentons' International Arbitration Group



Senior Partner, Global Co-Head of Dentons' International Arbitration Group

Singapore

D +65 6885 3693

lawrence.teh@dentons.com

Overview

"Lawrence applies a sophisticated commercial awareness to all matters and is a pleasure to work with, making himself available at all times to ensure the client's needs are met."

– *Chambers Asia-Pacific, 2025*

"Lawrence Teh is arguably one of best legal minds in admiralty and shipping law internationally. His ability to apply exceptional strategic solutions to complex shipping legal problems is without equal."

– *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific, 2026*

Lawrence Teh is the Global Co-Head of Dentons' International Arbitration practice. He is also a Senior Partner and the Co-Head of Dentons Rodyk's Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice group. He also Co-Heads of the International Arbitration and Shipping practices. He has particular experience in handling commercial disputes including those of international trade and commodities, maritime and aviation, banking and financial services, onshore and offshore construction, mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures and other investments, and associated insurance issues.

Lawrence advises clients, acts as lead counsel and appears in the Singapore courts, in arbitration, in mediation and other forms of dispute resolution. He is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), a fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb) and is appointed regularly as an arbitrator in international disputes, under rules and auspices of international arbitration institutions like the ICC, SIAC, LCIA, HKIAC, SCMA, KCAB, AIAC, SHIAC and THAC.

He is a Master of the Bench (Overseas) of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple and the Administrator of the Comité Maritime International (CMI). He is a supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) and is currently a board member of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA).

He is named in numerous legal guides and directories including the *Chambers Asia Pacific*, *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, *Lexology Index*, *Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific*, *Best Lawyers* and *Asialaw Leading Lawyers*.

Experience

Arbitration

- Advising on and acting as counsel in international commercial arbitrations
- Advising on and acting as counsel on jurisdiction, *lex arbitri* and governing law issues in Singapore and overseas arbitrations and in related court applications
- Advising and acting as counsel in applications for interim measures and court applications to enforce arbitral awards
- Giving expert evidence on Singapore law in international arbitration
- Determining disputes under common law (e.g. English, Singapore, Indian Law, etc)
- Determining disputes under civil law (e.g. Korean, Japanese, Chinese law, etc)

Litigation

- Advising on and acting as counsel in litigation in the Singapore courts on commercial disputes and, in particular, on disputes involving the areas of law that follow

International Trade

- Petrochemicals, metals, grain, asphalt and commodities generally
- Financing, structured trading products and security for advances
- Long-term supply agreements
- Transportation
- Frequent arbitrator in international trade and transportation disputes

Maritime

- Enforcement and defense of all types of maritime claims
- Shipbuilding, ship conversion, ship repair and offshore construction
- Mortgage enforcement and defense
- Arrest attachment and other pre-emptive remedies
- Maritime arbitrator

Aviation

- Carriage of goods and persons by air
- Freight forwarding
- Aircraft finance and leasing
- Aviation and airport insurance

Construction

- Onshore and offshore construction
- Advice on front-end construction, including feasibility and cost studies, project management, consultant selection, design competitions, main contractors nominated and domestic subcontractors
- Project risk management
- Interim payments, adjudication, summary judgment, preliminary awards, and court and arbitration work generally

Recognition

- "Lawrence is the best ally to have in a fight." – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2026
- "Lawrence is an experience, professional and sophisticated lawyer." – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2026
- "Lawrence is extremely well versed in the law and gives excellent counsel." – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2025
- "Lawrence Teh's client service, general level of service, level of sophistication and commercial awareness are all very strong. Working with Lawrence has been a great experience." – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2023
- "Lawrence Teh has longstanding experience in shipping disputes in Singapore, advising clients on a range of matters from shipbuilding and liability disputes to mortgage enforcement and ship arrests. A source describes him as someone with 'common sense in the way he litigates.'" – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2022
- "Lawrence Teh has well-established experience in the area of shipping disputes, advising clients on a range of matters from shipbuilding disputes and mortgage enforcement matters to vessel arrests. He attracts significant praise from interviewees, with one calling him a 'very eloquent and tenacious lawyer who is a formidable opponent.'" – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2021
- "A client commends his promptness and attention to detail." – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2020
- "Lawrence Teh is described by a pleased client as 'an extremely pleasant and very intelligent person' who is a 'strong communicator and has a conflict-reducing style.'" – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2019
- Lawrence Teh is "highly experienced in a number of areas of commercial shipping law, including onshore and offshore construction, investment and insurance." – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2018
- "Clients report that they are 'very satisfied with his performance' and that 'he is very meticulous.'" – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2017
- "Lawrence Teh is highly active in both litigations and arbitrations and is admired by market sources as an impressive and successful advocate" – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2016
- "Lawrence is 'very experienced and well regarded' in this space and is also praised for his 'practical and to-the-point approach.'" – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2014
- "Lawrence applies a sophisticated commercial awareness to all matters and is a pleasure to work with, making himself available at all times to ensure the client's needs are met." – *Chambers Global*, 2025
- "Lawrence is extremely well versed in the law and gives excellent counsel." – *Chambers Global*, 2025
- "Lawrence Teh remains highly active in shipping disputes including on shipbuilding disputes, vessel arrests and mortgage enforcements. A client commends his promptness and attention to detail." – *Chambers Global*, 2020
- "Lawrence Teh is a senior partner whose key areas include maritime law, international trade and commodities. Clients praise him as a 'very collaborative lawyer who gives his all and is very generous with his time.' Interviewees also comment on his innovative thinking and growing profile on the general Singaporean legal scene." – *Chambers Global*, 2015
- "Lawrence is a commercial litigator with expertise across a variety of shipping matters who is seen as 'knowledgeable, experienced and authoritative.'" – *Chambers Global*, 2014
- "Lawrence has a 'well-established reputation in both the domestic Singapore market and Greater China.' International clients are quick to commend him, saying: 'He is very professional and reliable, and if anything happens that has Singapore elements he is our first port of call.'" – *Chambers Global*, 2013
- "Lawrence Teh 'is a prominent member of the maritime team, with an impressively well-rounded practice. He is a very capable, responsible and diversified attorney,' remarked interviewees. He is increasingly working with Indian maritime entities." – *Chambers Global*, 2012
- "Lawrence Teh is what makes the team unique." – *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2026

- “Lawrence Teh is a leading admiralty practitioner who is both approachable and commercially astute.” – *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2026
- “Lawrence The is one of the heavyweights of shipping in Singapore.” – *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2026
- “The professional performance and the personal attributes of Lawrence Teh are impeccable. Lawrence brings exceptional experience garnered across the diverse and complex spectrum of international maritime issues. Lawrence's work in the area of marine casualty, often involving significant marine pollution with serious collateral effects, has been exceptional.” – *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2025
- “An excellent team that has depth and an excellent track record...Lawrence Teh...are particularly standout lawyers.” – *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2025
- “Lawrence Teh is an exceptional litigator. Very experienced and super client friendly. A master tactician and able to handle the most complex matters. Equally good in court proceedings, arbitration and mediation. The opposition should never under estimate Lawrence.” – *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*, 2023
- “Lawrence Teh is a well-established leading figure in both shipping and arbitration. He has a wealth of knowledge and contacts.” – *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*, 2022
- “Lawrence Teh is very professional and smart in using various legal techniques. He is also an experienced arbitrator having good knowledge of procedure.” – *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*, 2020
- “Dentons Rodyk’s Lawrence Teh has ‘thorough knowledge of shipping disputes work’” – *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*, 2017
- “... Lawrence Teh offers ‘deep analysis’, and ‘delves to the heart of an issue very quickly’.” – *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*, 2013
- “Rodyk & Davidson LLP’s practice, co-headed by ‘highly qualified and responsive’ SIAC arbitrator Lawrence Teh..., handles ship finance work, cross-border corporate transactions and maritime disputes.” – *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*, 2012
- “Lawrence Teh is highly respected for his work on onshore and offshore construction disputes. He is often appointed as an arbitrator in international disputes.” – *Lexology Index: Construction*, 2018
- “Lawrence Teh is recognized for his extensive expertise in litigation in numerous industry sectors including shipping, aviation, finance, construction and M&A. He is a leading figure in the market.” – *Lexology Index: Litigation*, 2017
- *Chambers Asia Pacific*: Recognised as Leading Individual for Shipping, 2012 – 2026 – “Lawrence Teh is a well established leading figure in both shipping and arbitration. He has a wealth of knowledge and contacts.”
- *Chambers Asia Pacific*: Recognised as Leading Individual for Dispute Resolution: Arbitration, 2026
- *Chambers Global*: Recognised as Leading Individual for Shipping: Domestic: Litigation, 2018 – 2026
- *Chambers Global*: Recognised as Leading Individual for Shipping, 2012 – 2017
- *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*: Recognised as Recommended Lawyer in International Arbitration, 2025 – 2026
- *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*: Recognised as Recommended Lawyer in Dispute Resolution and Shipping, 2026
- *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*: Ranked in Hall of Fame for Shipping, 2020 – 2026
- *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*: Mentioned as key lawyer in the area of Dispute Resolution, 2024 – 2026
- *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*: Recognised as Leading Individual for Dispute Resolution, 2012 – 2018
- *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*: Recognised as Leading individual for Shipping (local firm), 2012 – 2019
- *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*: Recognised as Leading Individual for International Arbitration, 2013 – 2018
- *Asia Business Law Journal*: Recognised in The A-List – Singapore’s Top 100 Lawyers, 2023 – 2026
- *Asialaw Leading Lawyers*: Ranked as Distinguished Practitioner for Shipping, 2021 – 2025

- *Asialaw Leading Lawyers*: Ranked as Distinguished Practitioner for Dispute Resolution, 2020
- *Asialaw Leading Lawyers*: Leading Lawyer for Shipping, Maritime & Aviation, 2006 – 2017
- *Asialaw Leading Lawyers*: Leading Lawyer for Dispute Resolution & Litigation, 2017 – 2018
- *Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific*: Litigation Star in Commercial and Transactions and International Arbitration, 2022 – 2025
- *Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific*: Dispute Resolution Star / Litigation Star in Commercial and Transactions, International Arbitration and Shipping, 2018 – 2021
- *Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific*: Dispute Resolution Star in Aviation, 2018
- *Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific*: Local Disputes Star, 2013 – 2014
- *Best Lawyers in Singapore*: Named Lawyer of the Year for Arbitration and Mediation, 2023
- *Best Lawyers in Singapore*: Recognised for Arbitration and Mediation, Construction Law, Shipping and Maritime Law and Trade Law, 2022 – 2024
- *Best Lawyers in Singapore*: Recognised for Arbitration and Mediation, Construction Law, Litigation, Shipping and Maritime Law, 2025 – 2026
- *Best Lawyers in Singapore*: Recognised for Construction, Maritime, and Trade, 2013 – 2015, 2018 – 2021
- *Expert Guides*: World Leading Lawyers - Aviation, 2013, 2018
- *Expert Guides*: World Leading Lawyers - Shipping & Maritime, 2008
- *IFLR1000*: Restructuring and Insolvency, 2013 – 2014
- *International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* for Aviation Practice, 2013 – 2016
- *International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* for Commercial Arbitration, 2016
- *International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* for Shipping Practice, 2015 – 2016
- *International Who's Who of Commercial Litigators*: 2012, 2014
- *International Who's Who of Shipping & Maritime Lawyers*, 2009 – 2010
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a National Leader (Southeast Asia) for Commercial Mediation, 2025
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a National Leader (Southeast Asia) for Arbitration, 2021 – 2025
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a National Leader (Southeast Asia) for Commercial Litigation, 2022 – 2025
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a National Leader (Southeast Asia) for Construction, 2021 – 2025
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a National Leader (Southeast Asia) for Litigation, 2021
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a National Leader (Southeast Asia) for Transport – Aviation, 2021 – 2025
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a National Leader (Southeast Asia) for Transport – Shipping, 2021 – 2025
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a Global Leader for Commercial Mediation, 2025
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a Global Leader for Arbitration, 2017 – 2026
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a Global Leader for Commercial Litigation, 2021 – 2023
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a Global Leader for Construction, 2020 – 2023, 2025
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a Global Leader for Litigation, 2020
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a Global Leader for Transport – Aviation (Contentious), 2018 – 2026
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a Global Leader for Transport – Shipping, 2019 – 2026

- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a Leading Lawyer for Construction, 2017 – 2019
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a Leading Lawyer for Litigation, 2017 – 2018
- *Lexology Index*: Recognised as a world leading transport lawyer, 2017

Insights

- Co-author, "Starboard: Commercial and maritime arbitration in an ever growing Asian economy," *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 06 (2023)*
- Co-author, "Streamlining enforcement in Singapore of foreign judgments", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 03 (2023)*
- Co-author, "Starboard: United Nations Convention on the international effects of judicial sales of ships adopted by General Assembly", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 02 (2023)*
- Co-author, "Starboard: Draft Convention on the effect of judicial sales of vessels approved by UNCITRAL", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 04 (2022)*
- Co-author, "Starboard: Global maritime centre competition", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 04 (2022)*
- Co-author, "Starboard: Singapore's First Legislation on Multimodal Transportation is now in force", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 03 (2022)*
- Co-author, "Starboard: Shipping law and the protection of coral reefs", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 03 (2022)*
- Co-author, "New Courts, new procedures and renewed access to justice: Key developments since 2021 and what to expect over the horizon," *Chambers and Partners (2022)*
- Co-author, "Singapore: Effective ecosystems of arbitration – Key developments since 2021 and what to expect moving ahead", *Chambers and Partners (2022)*
- Co-author, "Starboard: Can a course of dealing between parties change or add to the terms of a concluded contract?", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 02 (2022)*
- Co-author, "Starboard: BIMCO introduces new Mediation/Alternative Dispute Resolution Clause 2021", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 02 (2022)*
- Co-author, "Starboard: When does a "Bill of Lading" go too far? : The Luna," *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 01 (2022)*
- Co-author, "Breaking news: SCMA launches 4th edition of its arbitration rules," *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 01 (2022)*
- Co-author, "Starboard: Alternative Procedure for Ship Arrests – A Welcome Change", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 02 (2021)*, March 2021
- Co-author, "Starboard: Collision and change of ownership: Who is the defendant in an action in rem? ", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 02 (2021)*, March 2021
- Co-author, "Starboard: ITLOS can sit in Singapore," *Starboard Issue 01 (2021)*
- Co-author, "Starboard: Priority of legal expenditure in maritime disputes," *Starboard Issue (01/2020)*
- Co-author, "Starboard: Salvage Convention claims are now maritime claims", *Starboard (Issue 01/2020)*, May 2020
- Co-author, "Starboard: The spate of oil and gas insolvencies", *Starboard (Issue 01/2020)*, May 2020
- Co-author, "Accolades: Dentons ranked by Global Arbitration Review as one of the top 20 international arbitration law firms", *Starboard (Issue 02/2019)*, April 2019
- Co-author, "Will all the Stars be aligned?", *Starboard (Issue 02/2019)*, April 2019

- Co-author, "Demise charters and the creation of a paper reality", *Starboard (Issue 02/2019)*, April 2019
- Co-author, "London arbitration figures", *Starboard (Issue 02/2019)*, April 2019
- Co-author, "NEWSFLASH: Dentons Rodyk wins Maritime Law Firm of the Year", *Starboard (Issue 02/2019)*, April 2019
- Author, ""Strong cause" for non-exclusive jurisdiction clause cases", *Starboard (Issue 02/2019)*, March 2019
- Author, ""EXCLUSIVE" MEANS EXCLUSIVE", *Starboard (Issue 01/2019)*, January 2019
- Author, "Mediation of maritime disputes aided by Singapore Convention", *Starboard (Issue 01/2019)*, January 2019
- Author, "Salvage reward and treasure", *Starboard (Issue 01/2019)*, January 2019
- Author, "The Maritime Prognosis for 2019", *Starboard (Issue 01/2019)*, January 2019
- Author, "The Role of Courts in a Connected World", *Starboard (Issue 01/2019)*, January 2019
- Author, "Where is justice best served", *Starboard (Issue 01/2019)*, January 2019
- Author, "Singapore Court of Appeal restates the law on exclusive jurisdiction clauses", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter*, Issue 06 (2018)
- Author, "Costs recovery in the SICC: A different regime," *Dentons Rodyk Reporter - Litigation Brief*
- Co-Author, "Domestic and International Arbitration Framework in Singapore" Chapter, *Arbitration in Singapore: A Practical Guide* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2014)

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Member, Panel of International Arbitrators, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board International (KCAB)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Hainan International Arbitration Court (HIAC)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Thailand Arbitration Center (THAC)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)
- Database of Arbitrators, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Database of Arbitrators, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- Supporting member, London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA)
- Board Member, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrator, Shanghai International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (also known as the Shanghai International Arbitration Center (SHIAC))
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), formerly known as KL Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators under the Law Society Arbitration Scheme, The Law Society of Singapore
- Nominations Committee member, International Bar Association (IBA), 2021 – 2022
- Management Board member, International Bar Association (IBA), 2019 – 2020
- Member, International Bar Association (IBA), Arbitration Committee

- Co-chairman, Asia Pacific Regional Forum, International Bar Association (IBA), 2012 – 2014
- Vice-Chairman, Maritime & Transport Law Committee, International Bar Association (IBA), 2007 – 2008
- Chairman, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, The Law Society of Singapore, 2014 – 2017
- Chairman, Civil Practice Committee, The Law Society of Singapore, 2006 – 2010
- Administrator and member of the executive committee, Comité Maritime International (CMI), 2013 – present
- Secretary, Maritime Law Association of Singapore (MLAS), 1997 – 1999, 2003 – 2014
- Chairman, Promotion Committee, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA), 2014 – 2022

Prior and Present Employment

- Senior Partner - Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP (formerly Rodyk & Davidson LLP) (1994 – present)

Areas of Focus

Practices

- Arbitration
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Litigation and Arbitration
- Financial Services Litigation
- Securities and Shareholder Litigation and Arbitration

Industry Sectors

- Aviation and Aerospace
- Construction
- Maritime
- Transportation Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Mining

Education

- Queen Mary University of London, 1991, LLB (Hons)

Admissions and qualifications

- Senior Accredited Specialist, Maritime and Shipping Law, Singapore Academy of Law (SAL), 2022 – present
- Master of the Bench (Overseas), Inner Temple, 2018
- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore, 1994
- Barrister (Inner Temple), England & Wales, 1992