

## PANELISTS OF ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH ICC COURT PRESIDENT

*The Role and Engagement of In-House Counsels in Vietnam towards ICC Arbitration process*

Zoom meeting (English Vietnamese), 18th November 2021

*1pm – 2.30pm (Paris time), 7 pm - 8.30 pm (Hanoi time), 7 am - 8.30 am (NY time)*

Ms. Claudia Salomon	President of the International Court of Arbitration (ICC)
Mr. Alexander G. Fessas	Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration
Chau Huy Quang	ICC Court Member, Executive Attorney Rajah & Tann LCT Lawyers
Dang Xuan Hop	ICC Court Member, Arbitrator, Hop Dang's Chambers
Nguyen Nam Trung	Member of the Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution Team, ICC Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Committee
Nguyen Phuong Trinh	Chairperson of CIArb Vietnam Chapter, Founding Partner at TNP Law
Kieu Anh Vu	Representative at the ICC Young Arbitration Forum
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Nguyen Hieu Binh	Legal team leader, Viet An Group
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Nguyen Trung Anh	Director of EPC 3 of Marubeni Power System & Infrastructure Corporation



## **Ms. Claudia Salomon**

President of the International Court of Arbitration (ICC)



Claudia Salomon is the President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. She is the first woman to lead the world's most preferred arbitral institution in its almost 100-year history.

Ms. Salomon is also an independent arbitrator, specialising in international, investor-state and complex commercial disputes. She is widely recognised as one of the leading arbitration practitioners of her generation.

Ms. Salomon has experience as arbitrator and counsel in some of the most complex, high value and significant disputes. Her cases span a broad range of industry sectors, including construction, energy and natural resources (oil and gas, hydroelectric, solar, wind farm), financial services, hospitality, life sciences, technology, and telecommunications.

She is particularly adept at multi-party, multi-contract claims involving complex financial agreements, post-M&A disputes and intellectual property rights.

Additionally, Ms. Salomon is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She is a sought-after speaker and writer on international arbitration and the co-editor of *Choice of Venue in International Arbitration*, published by Oxford University Press.

Ms. Salomon is a member of the New York Bar and a solicitor in England and Wales. She graduated from Harvard Law School, cum laude, and Brandeis University, summa cum laude with honours. She also studied at Somerville College, Oxford University.

**Mr. Alexander G. Fessas**

*Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration*



Alexander G. Fessas is the Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, where he is responsible for the operational management and coordination of the ICC Court’s Secretariat and other dispute resolution services in Paris, Hong Kong, New York, Sao Paolo, Singapore and Abu Dhabi Global Market.

He joined the Secretariat in late 2011 and held consecutive positions in three case management teams, of which two as counsel. Prior to his appointment as Secretary General, he was the Secretariat’s Managing Counsel over a three-year term.

He read law at the University of Athens, Greece having specialized in international commercial transactions and conflict of laws. Prior to joining the ICC Court, he practised as counsel out of Athens where he established a sole practice in 2008. He was previously an associate at an Athens-based law firm. He is admitted to the Athens Bar and speaks English, French and Greek

## **Dr. Chau Huy Quang**

*Member of the ICC Court,*

*Executive Attorney Rajah & Tann LCT Lawyers*



Dr. Quang has over 25 years of experience in legal practice, including several years as legal counsel to leading international corporations. He is a recognised arbitrator and mediator in both Vietnam and the broader region.

Dr. Quang's experience covers foreign investment, commercial transaction, employment, investment arbitration, maritime, and construction law for both dispute settlement and transaction work. From complex construction disputes to arbitration of projects of national significance, Dr. Quang has been highly regarded by clients for his advocacy and strategic advice, being able to untangle complex and sensitive disputes involving the state authorities. Dr. Quang has successfully litigated for and against governments and government-

linked entities.

Dr. Quang is a regular lecturer and speaker on topical legal issues for national and international legal forums in Vietnam and across the region and is a respected arbitrator of the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC). Dr. Quang is a visiting professor for both domestic and foreign schools of laws, including Dong A Law School (Busan, South Korea) and Kobe Law University (Japan), and Golden Gate Law University (San Francisco, CA). Additionally, he has been frequently called upon by the press and leading publications for his commentary on Vietnamese law and has authored multiple articles in both foreign and domestic newspapers and magazines.

Quang Chau has consistently been recognised by Asia Legal Business/Thomson Reuters, The Legal 500 Asia Pacific and Chambers & Partners, and IFLR 1000 as a leading lawyer in the categories of dispute resolution, construction, shipping, and taxation. Dr. Quang's dedication to Rajah & Tann LCT has resulted in the team becoming one of the most prolific and knowledgeable in Vietnam, garnering a strong track record of success. Under Dr. Quang's leadership, from 2010 to date, the firm's Dispute Resolution practice has been recognised by Chambers Global, Chambers Asia-Pacific, The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Asialaw Profiles, and Asian Legal Business as a leader in the region in all major legal areas.

**Mr. Dang Xuan Hop**

*Member of the ICC Court,  
Arbitrator, Hop Dang's Chamber*



Dang Xuan Hop is a lawyer of Allens Arthur Robinson Company. He works in the field of investment, commercial and arbitration legal advice. Studying this major with the purpose of a lawyer is to solve domestic and foreign problems in a fair and equitable manner.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in foreign languages and a bachelor's degree in law from Hanoi National University in 1996, he went on to Australia to study a Bachelor of Laws at Bond University and then a Master of Laws at Bond University. University of Melbourne. In 2015, he received a PhD in International Investment Law from the prestigious Brasenose University, Oxford University (UK). Also in 2015, he was honored by Chambers Asia-Pacific as one of the leading lawyers in Vietnam in the field of litigation and negotiation and mediation.

After nearly 20 years of operation in the field of trade negotiations, Mr. Hop has held many important positions. In 2010, he was a member of the Drafting Committee of the Law on Commercial Arbitration. Year 2012 – now an arbitrator VIAC, member, Singapore Arbitration Academy Then became an arbitrator, Singapore International Arbitration Center, Kuala Lumpur, Pacific International Commercial Arbitrator. And now Mr. Hop is a Partner of Australia's leading law firm – Allens & Linklaters – with the belief that he wants to bring everyone the most fairness in his profession.

**Mr. Nguyen Nam Trung**

*Arbitrator, Vietnam International Arbitration Center (VIAC),*

*Deputy Head of Business Planning, Power Engineering Consulting Joint Stock Company 3*



Nguyen Nam Trung is an active arbitrator of Vietnam International Arbitration Center (VIAC) and Deputy Head of Business Planning, Power Engineering Consulting Joint Stock Company 3.

As the leader of a construction company, Mr. Trung has full knowledge and experience in commercial disputes related to constructional field.

Additionally, Mr. Trung is a member of several constructional group and association such as International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC), International Construction Law Association (ICLA), and Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF). He is also involved in training young engineers on legal issues related to the construction industry by joining the BIM Task Group, Business Practice Committee of FIDIC.

Mr. Trung graduated Ho Chi Minh city University of Architecture with major in Civil Engineering. He finished master degree in structural engineering and Law & Practice in International Construction at Asian Institute of Technology (Thailand) and Stuttgart University (Germany) respectively.

## **Ms. Nguyen Phuong Trinh**

*Chairperson of CIArb Vietnam Chapter, Founding Partner at TNP Law*



Trinh Nguyen is one of few lawyers with dual qualification in Australia and Vietnam. Over the past 20 years, Trinh worked at international law firms prior to being a partner at a large national firm and founded a boutique law firm, TNP Law focusing on Infrastructure projects, land-based and sea-based construction front end, and back end since 2017. Trinh concurrently maintains an unrestricted solicitor license in Victoria, Australia. She also acts as lead counsel in international arbitration with respect to multi-million dollars disputes arisen from sea-based construction projects and complex cross-border investment disputes issues. Trinh has served two terms as a Vice Chair of Cross-Border

Investment Committee under IPBA and has contributed and updated Vietnam Chapter Kluwer Law for Commercial Litigation Publication since 2013.

Trinh is one of the first few fellows of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in Vietnam and an approved faculty member of CIArb for its pathway course. Trinh currently serves as the first Chairperson of CIArb Vietnam Chapter. She is a strong advocate for diversity and inclusion and a pioneer in arbitration and mediation fields in Vietnam, being Australian Dispute Center accredited mediation empaneled at Vietnam Mediation Center under VIAC.

**Mr. Kieu Anh Vu**

*Representative at the ICC Young Arbitration Forum,  
Founder and Managing Partner, KAV Lawyers*



Kieu Anh Vu is the Founder and Managing Partner at KAV Lawyers, based in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. He is a young practitioner specialized in dispute resolution, arbitration, and ADR. He is a Representative of ICC YAF for North Asia Chapter.

He is also member of CIArb (MCIArb) and has been list on the panels of arbitrators, mediators of Southern Trade Arbitration Centre (Vietnam) and Asian International Arbitration Centre (Malaysia). He is in charge of Member of Board of Advisory of STAC as well. In addition, he is a visiting lecturer at some universities in Ho Chi Minh City, lecturing on legal skills, business law, contract law and arbitration commercial law.



**Mr. Nguyen Bac Thuy**

*Head of Economics of Investment and Construction Contracts - Department of Construction Economics - Ministry of Construction*



Nguyen Bac Thuy is an expert for a number of large investment projects in Vietnam. One of it is the Dung Quat oil refinery expansion at Long Son. He negotiated EPC contracts for Dung Quat oil refinery. He has participated in compiling many Laws, Decrees and Circulars on construction investment, bidding, public investment, construction contracts, construction investment cost management, etc.

Mr. Thuy is an appraiser at many major cases he also appeared as a lecturer in many training courses for ministries, branches, localities, the State Audit, and enterprises on management of construction investment costs and construction contracts. He is an expert at several international arbitration cases (SIAC, ICC) and also a Mediator in a number of construction disputes.

Mr. Thuy holds a degree in Civil Engineering and a Master in Construction Management from the University of Civil Engineering, Vietnam.

**Ms. Nguyen Thi Thanh Minh**

*Head of Dispute Resolution Practice Department at ACSV Legal*



Nguyen Thi Thanh Minh is the Senior Associate and Head of Dispute Resolution Practice at ACSV Legal. She is also a registered Arbitrator and Consultant at Pacific International Arbitration Centre (PIAC Vietnam).

Minh Nguyen joined ACSV Legal in 2019 after having worked nearly ten years for various international law firms and corporations, including a Magic Circle firm. Prior to joining ACSV Legal, Minh worked as Legal Compliance Manager in the SEA&NZ Business Unit of the largest brewing company in the world.

In addition to a strong corporate and compliance background, Minh also has an impressive track record in international arbitration. She obtained an LLM in International Arbitration from Pepperdine University with one of the highest-grade point averages in her graduation class. As the Head of Dispute Resolution Practice of ACSV Legal, Minh has directly advised and represented clients in some multi-million-dollar M&A cases arbitrated at the SIAC and the ICC where her clients got a complete victory over the other sides.

Minh is a member of various arbitration networks in the USA, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. In addition, she is an Adjunct Lecturer for a course in the Master of Civil Law Program – a joint program between the University of Economics and Law of Vietnam and the University of Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne.

Minh is fluent in English and Vietnamese.

**Dr. Nguyen Thi Hoa**

*Lecturer at Faculty of International Law, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law,  
Former legal expert at Ho Chi Minh City Department of Justice*



Dr. Nguyen Thi Hoa is a lecturer at Ho Chi Minh City University of Law since September 2019. Prior to that, she worked as a legal consultant at the Ho Chi Minh City Department of Justice from 2010 to 2019 with work including consulting for public-private partnership contracts; construction law, investment law, international dispute settlement; promote the application of commercial arbitration; recognition and enforcement of decisions of foreign organizations, etc.

She completed her PhD thesis at Pantheon-Assas University Paris II with the topic "Dispute settlement procedures in the international construction field using FIDIC model contracts" in December 2018. She has experience at a construction law consulting firm in Paris from September to December 2018.

**Mr. Le The Hung**

*Managing partner of CNC Counsel*



Le The Hung has a lot of experience in the field of construction and real estate. He often advises project developers, contractors and consultants during the development and construction of real estate projects and infrastructure in Vietnam.

As one of the few Vietnamese lawyers with knowledge of FIDIC Contracts, he also organizes seminars to provide practitioners with in-depth knowledge of the contract templates published by FIDIC.

**Ms. Nguyen Thuy Dung**

*Head of Legal at GELEX Infrastructure Joint Stock Company*



Nguyen Thuy Dung is the Head of Legal of Gelex Infrastructure JSC. Her duties are leading the legal team to handle various legal issues arising from day-to-day business and special projects, dealing with legal issues in M&A deals and other projects, engaging in the internal control process by setting up internal regulations, and providing legal advice on various issues related to legal services on investment, corporate, contracts, real estate projects, and energy projects.

Ms. Thuy Dung has experience in policy-making, engaging in the legal assistance program organized by the Ministry of Justice. Besides, she has joined several TV programs on various legal issues.

Additionally, Ms. Dung is a member of International Sale of Goods Vietnam (CISG Vietnam), where she is studying the application of the UN Convention on Contracts for International Sale of Goods (CISG) in drafting contracts and dealing with international disputes. She is also a member of the Society of Construction Law by joining in studying and developing the law on construction in Vietnam.

**Ms. Nguyen Hieu Binh**

*Legal team leader, Viet An Group*



Nguyen Hieu Binh is currently the Head of Legal Team at Viet An Environmental Engineering Joint Stock Company (Viet An Enviro), a subsidiary of the Viet An Group ecosystem. Viet An Enviro is one of the market leaders in consulting services and installing automatic environmental monitoring systems. Viet An Enviro is also an appointed distributor and reputable agent of many manufacturers of automatic measuring equipment from G7 countries.

In addition, Ms. Binh is also working as an independent consultant for community projects to provide general legal knowledge to a number of individual groups working in the field of human resources, technology, start-ups, and F&B.

**Mr. Vu Van Vinh**

*Deputy Director of Project Management Unit 2, Ho Chi Minh City Urban Railway Management Board (MAUR)*



The Management Authority for Urban Railways (MAUR) was established in accordance with the Decision No.119/2007/QĐ-UBND dated 13 September 2007 of the Ho Chi Minh City People’s Committee with the functions as an implementing agency of the urban railway projects. MAUR consists of 4 divisions and 4 units with a total staff of 229 people: 40 people have postgraduate education, 173 people have under-graduate, 7 people have vocational education and 9 people have high school education.

Party cell of Management Authority for Urban Railways was upgraded to Party Division of Committee Urban Railway Management in accordance with the Decision No. 205-QDTC/DUK dated July 8, 2009, there are 101 party members are joining in eight division cells.

Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union was established from MAUR Youth Union branch Decision in accordance with the Decision No. 45-QD/TCCS dated May 12, 2009, of the Standing Committee of Dan – Chinh - Dang group. There are currently has 92 union members joining at eight sub-affiliated Youth union branches. The Union is growing in number and quality of the 220 union members. August 2009 Veterans of Committee Urban Railway Management was established with six members.

**Mr. Nguyen Trung Anh**

*Director of EPC Unit 3, Marubeni Power System & Infrastructure Corporation (Japan)*



Nguyen Trung Anh is Director of EPC Unit 3, Marubeni Power System & Infrastructure Corporation of Marubeni Corporation (Tokyo, Japan). He has experiences of project development, tendering & procurement, engineering, construction, commissioning, contract & project management of large-scale energy projects (including BOT, EPC Projects), in a variety of roles for owners, EPC contractors.

Prior to his position as the Director of Marubeni Corporation, Mr. Trung Anh was the Deputy Project Director from April 2018 to March 2021, where he developed claim strategy, led negotiation and commercial settlement with Owner and achieved zero LD (defended 30 million USD LD claims) in Thai Binh TPP Project.

In addition, he was also the Project Manager Assistant in the Nghi Son 1 commercial settlement with EVN. He joined in developing claim strategy process, negotiating and defending 100 million USD LD claims (final settlement with 16 million USD).

Mr. Trung Anh graduated from University of Exeter, United Kingdom, summa cum laude with honors. He also trained at the Japan Association for the Advancement of Technology in SP-A2E Project Management Training Course for International Projects in 2016.