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Charting the Path to Effective Dispute Resolution: Strategy, Process and Outcome

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Effective dispute resolution is shaped by the choices made at every stage of a dispute. From the way businesses approach commercial risk and conflict, to the strategic considerations that guide General Counsel in managing significant disputes, the path to resolution requires balancing legal objectives with cost, reputation, commercial relationships, and wider business priorities. Once a dispute proceeds to arbitration, the focus shifts to the process itself - how proceedings can be managed with greater discipline, proportionality and efficiency, while preserving fairness and due process. And ultimately, the effectiveness of arbitration rests on its ability to deliver an enforceable award. This year's SIAC Annual India Conference in Mumbai will bring together General Counsel, arbitrators and leading practitioners to examine these different dimensions of a dispute and what each can contribute towards effective resolution of disputes.

The St. Regis Mumbai (Imperial)
462, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400013

Speakers



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Senior Minister of State for Law and Transport, Singapore



Hon'ble Justice Bharati Dangre
Judge, High Court of Bombay



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Programme (All timings are in IST / GMT +5.5)

1.00pm - 2.00pm	Registration (with lunch)
2.00pm - 2.05pm	Opening Remarks by Ms Gloria Lim, *CEO, SIAC*
2.05pm - 2.10pm	Welcome Remarks by Mr Davinder Singh SC, *Chairman, SIAC Board of Directors; Executive Chairman, Davinder Singh Chambers LLC*
2.10pm - 2.25pm	Special Remarks by Mr Murali Pillai SC, *Senior Minister of State for Law and Transport, Singapore*
2.25pm - 2.40pm	Special Remarks by Hon'ble Justice Bharati Dangre, *Judge, High Court of Bombay*
2.40pm - 3.55pm	Panel Discussion 1: A View from the Top: How Group GCs Manage Disputes, Risk and Reputation
3.55pm - 4.10pm	Refreshment Break
4.10pm - 5.40pm	Panel Discussion 2: The Discipline of Less: Can Arbitration Become Simpler?
5.40pm - 5.55pm	Refreshment Break
5.55pm - 7.10pm	Inside SIAC: This Award Survives Scrutiny
7.10pm - 7.15pm	Closing Remarks by Ms Sushmita Gandhi, *APAC Lead, YSIAC Council; Partner,Trilegal*
7.15pm onwards	Networking Drinks & Canapés

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