

Dispute Resolution and Compensation Panel Mediation Panel

Daniel John

Goodwins Law Corporation

Daniel John graduated from the University of Singapore with a LLB (Honours) and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in January 1980. Daniel has had over 30 years experience majoring in Civil and Commercial litigation. He has been involved in a wide variety of matters ranging from trust and estate litigation to medical and professional negligence, personal injury, defamation and shareholder disputes. An experienced litigator, he has appeared as counsel in the High Court as well as the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court, apart from the Subordinates Courts and other domestic tribunals.

In the area of alternate dispute resolution, Daniel has also been called upon to act as arbitrator and mediator in commercial disputes. A Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, he is also on the Panels of Arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, respectively. He is also a member of the Panel of Principal Mediators of the Singapore Mediation Centre.

His other professional involvements include:

- Member of the Inquiry Committee Panel, Law Society of Singapore
- Member of the Mediation Panel, National Electricity Market, Singapore

Daniel is able to converse in Hokkien and also understands some Mandarin and Malay as well.

Daniel has also been an Elder of the Church Council of Yio Chu Kang Chapel Ltd, a Brethren church for several years.

Joel Lee (Associate Professor)

National University of Singapore (Faculty of Law)

Joel Lee is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, the National University of Singapore and runs the faculty's Negotiation and Mediation Workshops. A graduate of Victoria University of Wellington and Harvard Law Schools, Joel is a consultant with CMPartners (USA) and a principal mediator with and a trainer of the Singapore Mediation Centre.

Joel has extensive experience as a consultant and trainer for corporate clients such as Standard Chartered Bank, Freshfields, the Singapore Institute of Management, Service Quality Centre, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, the Government Insurance Corporation of Singapore, SingTel, IE Singapore and EDB.

Joel is an adjudicator with the Financial Industry Disputes Resolution Centre and a member of the ADR Advisory Council of the Subordinate Courts of Singapore. He is also a member of the International Mediation Institute's Independent Standards Commission and Intercultural Taskforce.

Joel has taught overseas at the University of Copenhagen (Denmark), University of Law, Economics and Science of Aix-Marseille (Aix-en-Provence France) and Anglia Law School (UK) and is the co-editor and co-author of the book "An Asian Perspective on Mediation" and the General Editor for the Asian Journal on Mediation. Joel was recently awarded the Outstanding Educator Award which is the National University of Singapore's highest teaching award.

Lim Lei Theng (Associate Professor)

National University of Singapore (Faculty of Law)

Lim Lei Theng was a litigation lawyer at Drew & Napier LLC before joining the NUS Law School. As Deputy Director of the Legal Skills Programme at NUS, she coordinates and teaches in courses on Legal Analysis, Writing and Research, Trial Advocacy, legal transactional work (including drafting and negotiating agreements) and clinical legal education.

Lei Theng has been involved in training and studies in mediation and negotiation since 1993. She was part of the Committee of ADR under the Ministry of Law which assisted in the establishment of community mediation in Singapore. She was also part of the pilot project on commercial mediation at the Singapore Academy of Law and was among the first group of mediators to be appointed by the Singapore Mediation Centre. Lei Theng is now a member of the Subordinate Courts ADR Advisory Council. She also mediates at the Tribunal for the Maintenance of Parents.

As a trainer for SMC, EMCC and other organisations, Lei Theng has run workshops on different aspects of dispute resolution and conflict management for a variety of audiences, including lawyers, social workers, professionals, businessmen, educators and youth. She also coaches NUS teams in international moots and mediation competitions.

Robert Yu

Cornerstone Law LLP

In 1977, **Robert Yu** was awarded a Singapore Armed Forces Scholarship to study Law in the University of Singapore (now known as the National University of Singapore) where he went on to attain an LL.B (Hons 2nd Upper Division) and to clinch the Montrose prize for Jurisprudence awarded by the law faculty as the best student in the subject.

Since graduation in 1981, he had practised law with Legal Services Ministry of Defence (as Head, Prosecution Branch), Messrs Lee & Lee (as Associate), Messrs Low & Robert Yu (as Partner) and with Messrs Colin Ng & Partners (as Partner and Head of the Dispute Resolution Practice Group and later Consultant).

He has litigated at all levels of the Courts in Singapore. His areas of dispute resolution practice include property rights disputes, matrimonial disputes including maintenance, custody of children and asset distribution, criminal prosecution and defence, trust law, construction law, company and partnership issues and disputes, tort law including professional negligence, product liability, employment law, contentious and non-contentious probate matters and contract. He has also represented clients at disciplinary enquiries before professional bodies like the Professional Engineers Board and the Dental Board. In alternative dispute resolution proceedings, he has acted as clients' solicitor and as mediator and in arbitrations he has acted as clients' solicitor.

Finally, Robert Yu also advises on wills and trust, real estate law, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, partnerships, corporate and other matters.

Shirli Kirschner

Resolve Advisors Pty Ltd, Australia

Shirli Kirschner is the principal and founder of Resolve Advisors. She is a Nationally accredited mediator.

Shirli has mediated issues in Australia and Internationally. She was an adviser to the USA Department of Navy on a large commercial dispute and also assisted in building negotiation capacity for them in Okinawa (Japan). She worked as part of an International team in Israel and She is one of 3 Australians on the Singapore panel of mediators for Electricity disputes. She is the Dispute Resolution Adviser for the Wholesale Energy market (electricity and Gas).

Since 1994 she has had a broad mediation practice covering commercial matters, litigated matters as well as workplace disputes. She has mediated a number of high profile disputes in the Telecommunications industry and commercial partnership disputes as well as a range of matters in litigation ranging from the District to Federal court issues. She has been involved in matters for Local Council, Land Rights issues in NSW, WA and Victoria, most recently with Right People for Country.

Shirli is a visiting lecturer in the Masters of Law at UNSW and sits on the National Alternative Dispute Resolution Advisory Council (NADRAC) an independent body charged with providing policy advice to the Australian Attorney-General on the development of ADR. She practiced as a Lawyer at Allen Allen Allen & Hemsley in Sydney and then at Gilbert + Tobin before founding Resolve. She held a position on the ADR committee of the Law Society and was formerly a Board member of the Brain Resource Company which provides brain functional analysis.

Peter S. Adler

Accord3.0 Consultants, United States of America

Peter S. Adler, Ph.D. recently returned to Hawaii after serving as President of The Keystone Center for nearly a decade. Adler's specialty is multi-party negotiation and problem solving. He has worked extensively on water management and resource planning problems and mediates, writes, trains, and teaches in diverse areas of conflict management. He has worked on cases ranging from the siting of a 25-megawatt geothermal energy production facility to the resolution of construction and product liability claims involving a multi-million dollar stadium. He has extensive experience in land planning issues, water problems, marine and coastal affairs, and strategic resource management. Prior to his appointment at Keystone, Adler held executive positions with the Hawaii Justice Foundation, the Hawaii Supreme Court's Center for Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR), and the Neighborhood Justice Center. He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in India, an instructor and Associate Director of the Hawaii Bound School, and President of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution. He has been awarded the Roberston-Cunninghame Scholar in Residence Fellowship at the University of New England, New South Wales, Australia, a Senior Fellowship at the Western Justice Center, and was a consultant to the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution.

Adler has written extensively in the field of mediation and conflict resolution. He is the co-author of *Managing Scientific & Technical Information in Environmental Cases* (1999); *Building Trust: 20 Things You Can Do to Help Environmental Stakeholder Groups Talk More Effectively About Science, Culture, Professional Knowledge, and Community Wisdom* (National Policy Consensus Center, 2002); the author of *Beyond Paradise and Oxtail Soup* (Ox Bow Press, 1993 and 2000) and numerous other articles and monographs. He most recently authored *Eye of the Storm Leadership*.

Ph.D. Interdisciplinary Social Science (Sociology), The Union Institute, 1975

M.S. Community Development, University of Missouri, 1970

B.A. English and History, Roosevelt University, 1966

Served in the Peace Corps, Maharashtra, India, 1966-1968

Additional training and certifications in:

- Inter-Cultural Communication (Stanford University, 1976)
- Principles & Practices of Mediation (Neighborhood Justice Center of Atlanta, 1979)
- Natural Resources Conflict Management (ROMCOE Associates and Minerals Management Service, 1981)
- Environmental Conflict Resolution (Lawrence Susskind, 1981)
- Commercial Arbitration (American Arbitration Association, 1992)

Geoff Sharp

Clifton Chambers, New Zealand

Geoff Sharp is a commercial mediator working in New Zealand, the Asia Pacific region and the Middle East.

He is a member of London's Brick Court Chambers joining full time mediators Tony Willis, Bill Wood QC, Stephen Ruttle QC and John Sturrock QC as a door tenant in one of the leading sets of barristers' chambers in London. While remaining very much in New Zealand, Geoff uses Brick Court as a base for offshore work and is delighted to be associated with some of Europe's busiest and most recognised mediators.

He is honoured to be a past LEADR Fellow and the first Australasian mediator to be elected a Distinguished Fellow of the International Academy of Mediators (USA).

Known as a mediator who can connect with parties in conflict, Geoff is engaged by many law firms dealing with contentious matters as well as many leading commercial and industrial companies together with government agencies and related organisations.

Geoff has a particular connection with Singapore and is on the Advisory Board of Singapore Management University's Centre for Dispute Resolution located in its School of Law in downtown Singapore. He is also a member of the Singapore Mediation Centre's International Panel of Mediators and a member of the Dispute Resolution and Compensation Panel of the National Electricity Market of Singapore.

Geoff is a barrister admitted to the New Zealand Bar having a Bachelor of Laws from Victoria University and a Diploma in Business Studies (Dispute Resolution) from Massey University, and is an accredited mediator in Australia under the Australian National Mediator Standards and in New Zealand he is on the advanced mediation panels of both LEADR (Adv.M.LEADR) and the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand (AAMINZ).

Prior to committing to a full-time mediation practice a decade ago, Geoff was a litigation partner at Bell Gully, one of New Zealand's largest national commercial law firms, where he spent 15 enjoyable years. Before that his early career was at Mallesons (Melbourne) where he is admitted to the Supreme Court of Victoria and the High Court and Federal Court of Australia.

Nadja Alexander (Dr.)

Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy

Dr. Nadja Alexander is Professor of Law (Practice) and Director of the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA) at the Singapore Management University School of Law. She is described as a practical thinker and thinking practitioner.

She is consistently recognised as a global thought leader in the field of mediation by Who's Who Legal. Nadja Alexander is an award-winning author and educator, and a conflict intervention professional. In the course of her career she has been engaged in dispute resolution work in more than 40 countries. Nadja holds honorary professorial appointments in Australia and the United States. Many of her books and articles have been translated into various languages including Chinese, Arabic, Spanish, French, German and Russian. In 2020 her peer reviewed article, '10 Trends in International Mediation' won an award for outstanding professional article (Institution for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, New York).

Nadja's research has been used in the preparation of arguments before the Canadian Supreme Court, international arbitral awards, and in the design and drafting of mediation legislation in more than eight jurisdictions including Singapore, Hong Kong, Mongolia and Vietnam. 2018 she joined the Singapore delegation to the UNCITRAL Working Group II for the drafting of what became the Singapore Convention on Mediation and in 2020 her work has informed parliamentary speeches on the ratification of the Singapore Convention. Also in 2020 Nadja was appointed as a foundation member to the International Advisory Board of the United Nations Global Mediation Panel.

Education

- Doctor Juris (Dr. jur. summa cum laude), The University of Tübingen, Germany (equivalent to Doctor of Philosophy, PhD) 1999.
- Master of Laws (LLM summa cum laude), The University of Tübingen, Germany 1993.
- Diploma in International Studies, The University of Vienna, Austria 1992.
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB Hons), The University of Queensland 1989.
- Bachelor of Arts (BA), The University of Queensland 1986.

Engelin Teh

Engelin Teh Practice LLC

Engelin graduated from the University of Singapore in 1978 with an LLB (Hons) and was admitted to the Singapore bar in 1979. She was appointed Senior Counsel on 10 January 1998.

The appointment of Senior Counsel, Singapore's equivalent of Queen's Counsel in Britain, was made by the Selection Committee which includes the Chief Justice and the Attorney-General. Engelin has also been admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales

A qualified arbitrator, Engelin has worked extensively on international commercial claims as well as construction and building matters.

Engelin is a fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIA), the Singapore Institute of Directors and the Academy of Law and sits on the panels of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the ICC International Court of Arbitration and the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration. She has assisted in the conduct of the Entry Course for the SIA and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIA) and also the conduct of the International Special Fellowship Course organised by the CIA in association with the SIA.

Besides being a mediator on the Singapore Mediation Centre Principal Panel of Mediators, Engelin is also a CEDR accredited mediator.

Engelin is a member of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (Singapore Group) and the Inter-Pacific Bar Association. She was an appointed tutor for the Postgraduate Law Course conducted by the Board of Legal Education of Singapore. Apart from being appointed as member of the Inquiry Panel of the Law Society where she has sat on inquiry committees, both as member and chairman, in relation to complaints against lawyers, Engelin also sits on the Disciplinary Tribunal Panel of Presidents.