

Virtual

Seminar

# Sports Arbitration and Resolution of Sports Disputes

## Programme Details

18 May 2021

5.00pm - 6.30pm

Webinar

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## Overview

Arbitration is taking centerfield as the preferred dispute resolution mechanisms in commercial disputes and disputes of a disciplinary nature in the fast growing global sports industry. Our speakers in this webinar, Nick De Marco QC, Peter Koh and Lau Kok Keng will share their experience and discuss some of the prevailing issues in international sports arbitration, the legal framework and the arbitration mechanisms surrounding the resolution of sporting disputes, the challenges that governing bodies face in ensuring equality and uniformity in sports regulations, the importance of ethical issues/boundaries in sports and upholding the regulatory framework, transparency in the selection process, the need for establishing domestic sports arbitration tribunals and what international practices if any that Singapore can draw from.

## Programme

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4.30PM Participants to log in to Webinar

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5.00PM Presentation:

- Mr Nick De Marco QC,  
*Blackstone Chambers, Barrister*
- Mr Peter S K Koh,  
*Senior Consultant*
- Mr Lau Kok Keng,  
*Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP, Head, Intellectual Property, Sports and Gaming*

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6.00PM Panel discussion and Q&A

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6.30PM End

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### Speaker



**Mr Nick De Marco QC**  
**Blackstone Chambers, Barrister**

Nick is one of only two barristers in England with an exclusive sports law practice. His work ranges from commercial and contractual claims to regulatory and disciplinary disputes, issues relating to sponsorship, intellectual property and competition law in sport. He is active in disputes across all sports, but widely recognised for his special expertise in football where he has been involved in most of the high-profile disputes in England, as well as many internationally.

Legal 500 (2021) said Nick: "Has become one of the best (if not the best) sports advocates in the industry." Chambers and Partners (2020) described him as "An outstanding practitioner with a widely held reputation at the Bar for being the foremost expert on football regulatory matters," adding "He just knows football inside out... he is also a superb advocate who can be equally aggressive or charming as the situation requires" and "has formed a fantastic reputation for successfully challenging governing bodies." Nick was listed as one of the 'Hot 100' (recognising lawyers from all fields for their excellence and relevance in 2020) lawyers by The Lawyer in 2021, who said "De Marco will be on speed dial for sporting bodies and individuals wanting the very best representation."

As well as acting for a number of international and national federations, premier league and international football clubs, players, athletes and their unions, Nick sits as an arbitrator across a number of sports: he is a member of the IAAF Disciplinary Commission, Sports Resolutions' independent Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators and the specialist sports list of arbitrators at the Asian International Arbitration Centre.

He is a member of the Editorial Board of Law In Sport and writes and lectures regularly on sports law issues. He is co-Author of "Challenging Sports Governing Bodies" (Bloomsbury, 2016) and is the author and General Editor of "Football and the Law" (Bloomsbury, 2018) the first comprehensive guide to football law on the world. He helped set up and lectures on the Professional Certificate Programme for Sports Agents course at Loughborough University, and lectures on the post graduate sports courses at ISDE in Madrid and DMU in London. He founded and chairs the Law in Sport Mentoring Programme. He is also a director of the British Association for Sport and the Law (BASL).

### Speaker



#### **Mr Peter S K Koh** **Senior Consultant**

He received his legal education in Singapore and the London School of Economics.

Peter has represented clients in arbitral, tribunal and court proceedings in Sports, Civil and Commercial law cases in Singapore, England and British Columbia/Canada.

He is an accredited arbitrator of the Lausanne-based International Court of Arbitration for Sports (“CAS”) and a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal of International Amateur Athletics Associations Federation (now known as World Athletics).

Peter was the Chief Representative of an international law firm for five years in Beijing and is currently an accredited arbitrator with both China Maritime Arbitration Commission (“CMAC”) and China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (“CIETAC”). He is also involved in sports arbitral matters with the Hainan International Arbitration Centre (“HIAC”). He was also a Senior Consultant at one of the largest law firms in Singapore and Vancouver.

Lord Bingham, then Senior Law Lord said of Peter’s latest publication Major Issues in Company Law (with PRC and English Comparative Notes) on 10.3.2010:

An understanding of the rules applicable in another country may be very important where two countries such as the People’s Republic of China and the United Kingdom are important trading partners and are – particularly in the case of China of major economic strength.

For more than 20 years, he has acted mainly as counsel (and occasionally as arbitrator) in sports, commercial arbitrations and mediations in London, Vancouver and Singapore.

#### **Mr Lau Kok Keng** **Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP, Head, Intellectual Property, Sports and Gaming**



Kok Keng is recognized as a leading lawyer in his fields by publications such as *Chambers Asia Pacific*, *Asian Legal Business Asia’s Who’s Who*, *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, *Asialaw Profiles Leading Lawyers*, *Who’s Who Legal Singapore*, *The Best Lawyers in Singapore*, and *Managing Intellectual Property*. In addition, Kok Keng has consistently been featured in The International Who’s Who of Internet, e-Commerce & Data Protection Lawyers, The International Who’s Who of Sports & Entertainment Lawyers, The International Who’s Who of Information Technology Lawyers, The Legal 500 Asia Pacific and Who’s Who Legal: Telecommunications, Media & Technology and Data, placing him amongst the world’s pre-eminent lawyers in these respective fields. Kok Keng is also currently a member of the Singapore Copyright Tribunal and serves as an IP Arbitrator with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

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