

Withers expands international arbitration practice in Asia

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International law firm Withers has bolstered its international arbitration practice in Asia with the hire of arbitration specialist Sherlin Tung as a Partner in its Hong Kong office.

This appointment is a continuation of Withers' ongoing strategic expansion of its International Arbitration Group, which was established in 2014 and is headed by Hussein Haeri and Eleni Polycarpou in the firm's London office. It follows the hiring of Emma Lindsay in New York and Soo Khim Keoy in Hong Kong, bringing to 11 the number of partners in the International Arbitration Group.

Sherlin, who has over a decade of experience in international arbitration, has advised clients based in Asia, the Americas, and Europe on all aspects of cross-border disputes and is experienced under a number of leading arbitral rules and institutions. As a Taiwanese-American U.S. qualified lawyer and a Registered Lawyer in Hong Kong, Sherlin has worked in various roles in international disputes worldwide in both English and Chinese.

Sherlin has worked for the ICC International Court of Arbitration, in both Hong Kong and New York, where she was a founding member of the New York case management team. Sherlin also worked in-house for a publicly listed international conglomerate based in Europe where she handled the group's international litigation and arbitration disputes before returning to private practice where she worked in the international disputes practice at a leading international law firm in Hong Kong.

Peter Wood, CEO of Withers' Dispute Resolution division, commented on the appointment: "Sherlin is well respected in the field of international arbitration and will be a great addition to our team. As the international arbitration industry continues to evolve and develop, our clients will further benefit from our expanded team experience. We recognize and value Sherlin's international and regional expertise and very much welcome her as a new member of the Withers team."

Sherlin added: "I believe that Withers offers the ideal platform for me to utilize my unique experience to provide helpful advice to Withers' international clients on complex, cross-border, and multi-party transactions. In spite of these difficult times, with the implementation of various measures such as the Belt and Road Initiative, legalization of Third Party Funding for arbitration in Singapore and Hong Kong, and the Mainland China-Hong Kong Interim Measures Arrangement, I believe there will be an increase in demand for international arbitration not only in the region but also worldwide. I am very much looking forward to working with colleagues and clients across Withers' global network."

Withers' international arbitration practice works with clients around the world to resolve major commercial and investor-state disputes over a wide range of sectors and under the auspices of various arbitral institutions and arbitral rules.

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