

# Virtual Open Day 2021

**Date** : Monday, 13 December 2021  
**Time** : 14:00 – 16:30 (Hong Kong time, GMT+8)  
**Language** : English  
**Format** : Zoom webinar  
**Registration: Free of charge**

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The first-ever Virtual Open Day organised by eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited ("eBRAM") comprises a half-day webinar with two panel discussions for the theme "Building Agility in the Digital New Normal", featuring the "LawTech adoption in post-COVID era" and "The APEC Collaborative Framework for ODR: Opportunities and Challenges". World-renowned legal practitioners and academics will share their insights on the development of LawTech and cross-border online dispute resolution and deal making services in the post pandemic era.

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Time(HKT)	Programme
14:00 - 14:05	Introduction by MC
14:05 - 14:25	<p><i>Opening</i> <b>Welcome Remarks</b> <b>Dr Thomas S.T. So, JP</b> Chairman, eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited</p> <p><b>Keynote Speech</b> <b>The Hon Ms Teresa Cheng Yeuk-wah, GBM, GBS, SC, JP</b> Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region</p>
<b>Webinar</b> <b>Theme: Building Agility in the Digital New Normal</b>	
14:25 - 15:25	<p><b>Panel Discussion 1 – LawTech Adoption in post-COVID era</b></p> <p><i>Moderator</i> <b>Mr Nick Chan, MH, JP</b> Vice-Chairman, eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited</p> <p><i>Speakers</i> <b>Ms Stephanie Barrett</b> Head of eDiscovery &amp; Legal Technology, UK, US &amp; EMEA Herbert Smith Freehills, London</p> <p><b>Ms Kim M. Rooney</b> Independent Arbitrator &amp; Barrister Gilt Chambers, Hong Kong</p> <p><b>Professor Tan Cheng-Han S.C.</b> Dean &amp; Chair Professor of Commercial Law, City University of Hong Kong</p> <p><i>(Speakers are listed in alphabetical order of family name)</i></p>

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15:25 - 15:35	Demonstration of eBRAM's e-Signing platform
15:35 - 16:25	<p><b>Panel Discussion 2 – The APEC Collaborative Framework for ODR: Opportunities and Challenges</b></p> <p><i>Moderator</i> <b>Ms Pui-ki Emmanuelle Ta</b> Chief Executive Officer, eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited</p> <p><i>Speakers</i> <b>Dr James Ding Kwok-wing</b> Commissioner of Inclusive Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Office, Department of Justice, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region</p> <p><b>Prof. Zhao Yun</b> Representative, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the Hague Conference on Private International Law; and Head of Department of Law, The University of Hong Kong</p> <p><i>(Speakers are listed in alphabetical order of family name)</i></p>
16:30	End of Programme

\* Trial portal and virtual tour open at 16:00

## Keynote Speech



### **The Hon Ms Teresa Cheng Yeuk-wah, GBM, GBS, SC, JP**

Secretary for Justice of the  
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Ms. Teresa Cheng, SC, was appointed Secretary for Justice on January 6, 2018. She was a Senior Counsel in private practice before joining the Government. She is also a chartered engineer and chartered arbitrator. She was frequently engaged as arbitrator or counsel in complex international commercial or investment disputes.

Ms. Cheng was one of the founders and Chairman of the Asian Academy of International Law. She is a Past Vice President of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration, Past Vice President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and Past Chairperson of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. In 2008, she became the first Asian woman elected through a global election as President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She served as Deputy Judge / Recorder in the Court of First Instance of the High Court of Hong Kong from 2011 to 2017. She is a member of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes Panel of Arbitrators, and was a member of the World Bank's Sanctions Board.

Ms. Cheng is a Fellow of King's College in London, and was the Course Director of the International Arbitration and Dispute Settlement Course at the Law School of Tsinghua University in Beijing.

## Welcome Remarks



### **Dr Thomas S.T. So, JP**

Chairman  
eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited

Dr Thomas So is a partner of Mayer Brown with experience in advising on shareholders and equity-related disputes, property-related, libel and media-related litigation work, as well as litigation and arbitration in the PRC.

Dr So was one of the founder members of eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre (eBRAM) and was appointed Chairman of eBRAM in 2020. Dr So is the past president of The Law Society of Hong Kong, and has been committed to promoting and improving the standard of legal and dispute resolution services in Hong Kong. He is also a member of multiple arbitration and mediation committees in Asia.

In January 2018, Dr So was appointed as a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He was also commissioned as a mediator of Guangdong Court for Cross-border Commercial Dispute Resolution in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area by The High People's Court of Guangdong Province for 3 years. He obtained his Doctor of Laws from Tsing Hua University, and has been frequently invited to be the lecturer by various universities in the Mainland.

Dr So also acted as Deputy Judge at the District Court and Temporary Deputy Registrar at the High Court between 2002 to 2004.

## Panel Discussion 1 – LawTech Adoption in post-COVID era



*Moderator*

**Mr Nick Chan, MH, JP**

Vice Chairman

eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited

Mr Nick Chan MH JP LLB BSc (Computer Science) MCI Arb is an experienced and multi-awards winning lawyer with a computer science degree who is passionate about combining legal knowledge and technology to improve access to justice, advance the legal profession, and serve the wider community. Mr Chan understands the needs of the business community, having served in-house at two Fortune 100 technology companies where he had regional responsibilities, and being the Honorary Legal Advisor for many trade associations, and as Vice Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Chan is a Partner with regional responsibilities for a practice group at a top ten most global law firm with 45 offices in 20 countries. Mr Chan served on the Council of The Law Society of Hong Kong, and he serves on the Legal Aid Services Council, the Council of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and as chairman and committee member for several appeal boards and in various other academic and non-academic related roles supporting the advancement of education, innovation and technology. Mr Chan serves as a member of the National People's Congress.

## Speakers



**Ms Stephanie Barrett**

Head of eDiscovery & Legal Technology, UK, US & EMEA

Herbert Smith Freehills, London

Stephanie joined Herbert Smith Freehills in 2018 and leads the eDiscovery teams across London, Belfast and New York. She is responsible for the strategic direction of eDiscovery services and application of legal technology across UK, US and EMEA and pivotal to creating a continuous relationship with high profile multinational clients.

As Head of eDiscovery she creates opportunities for legal specialists to obtain a full understanding of their hybrid legal/digital roles, allowing them to develop and advance their knowledge of current technological developments. She recently leads a project to design and implement a new global cloud platform to support the firm's legal teams wherever they are located and provide "follow the sun" digital solutions.

Her wealth of experience is focused around eDiscovery consultancy and project planning. This includes data mapping and early data assessment strategies, search term analysis and the effective use of predictive coding and conceptual analytics to drive accuracy and efficiency. These have all aided the innovation and growth of the firm within a competitive and fluid market.

Stephanie has 17 years' experience in the eDiscovery industry. Prior to joining Herbert Smith Freehills, she worked at both global law firms and eDiscovery specialist providers, working with executive teams to create strategic solutions and change to accommodate new digital directions.

She has worked across a broad spectrum of legal sectors, facilitating their adoption of digital thinking and processes, while building knowledge and know-how for partners and fee earners to develop alongside digital change.



**Ms Kim M. Rooney**  
Independent Arbitrator & Barrister  
Gilt Chambers, Hong Kong

Kim M Rooney serves as an arbitrator in international arbitrations including of banking and finance, commercial, infrastructure, investment and trade, ITC and shareholder disputes, and also as counsel and mediator. She is a member of the ICC's International Court of Arbitration, the ICC's Belt & Road Commission, eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre's Board, and a Chair of the Appeal Tribunal (Buildings Ordinance (Cap 123)). Kim chaired the Hong Kong Law Reform Commission's Subcommittee on Third Party Funding for Arbitration; its 2016 recommendations (with draft legislation) were implemented by Part 10A of the Arbitration Ordinance (Cap 609). She is the editor of the IBA's "Dispute Resolution International" (DRI) and ADR Contributing Editor to "Hong Kong Civil Procedure". Previously a partner of White & Case LLP, heading its Asian dispute resolution practice, she regularly lectures in arbitration including at the Peking University Law School and the Shanghai University of Politics and Law, Law School.

Kim is admitted as a Hong Kong barrister, an English solicitor and a Western Australian barrister and solicitor. She was a senior ADR Expert in an EU Funded ADR capacity building project in the Indonesian public sector (2013-2016). She chairs the Arbitration Committee of the Hong Kong Bar Association. Her works include: "The Global Impact of the COVID 19 Pandemic on Commercial Dispute Resolution in the First Year" DRI, June 2021; "ICCA'S Guide to the Interpretation of the 1958 New York Convention: A Handbook For Judges" (co-author) ; and "ICSID and BIT Arbitrations and China, Journal of International Arbitration, Kluwer, 2007 (referred to in paragraph 145 of the judgment of the Singapore Court of Appeal in Sanum Investments Ltd v Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic [2016] SGCA 57).



**Professor Tan Cheng-Han S.C.**  
Dean & Chair Professor of Commercial Law,  
City University of Hong Kong

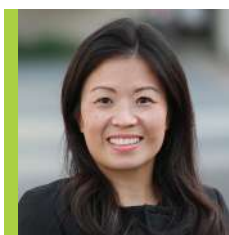
Professor Tan Cheng Han S.C. is Dean and Chair Professor of Commercial Law at the City University of Hong Kong's School of Law and Co-Director of the Centre for Public Affairs and Law. He is also a Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (NUS). Until July 2019 he was the Chairman of the E W Barker Centre for Law and Business, and was Dean of the NUS law school from 1 May 2001 – 31 December 2011. He is also Chairman of Singapore Exchange Regulation Ltd, Chairman of Caritas Singapore, President of the Asian Law Schools Association, and practices as an advocate and arbitrator. Some of his previous appointments include being a Director of the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority, Chairman of the Public Accountants Oversight Committee, and Commissioner of the Competition Commission of Singapore. He has represented the Competition Commission of Singapore in several appeals against decisions of the Commission.

His representative publications include: "Agency, Artificial Intelligence and Algorithmic Agreements" (forthcoming, Paul Davies and Tan Cheng Han (eds), Hart Publishing); "Implied Terms in Undisclosed Agency" (2021) 84 Modern Law Review 532; "Mixed Ownership Reform and Corporate Governance in China's State-owned Enterprises", 53 Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law 1055 (2020) (with Wang Jiangyu); "Piercing the Corporate Veil: Historical, Theoretical and Comparative Perspectives", 16 Berkeley Business L.J. 140 (2019) (with Wang Jiangyu and Christian Hofmann); and "Contract Formation in Singapore" (Chen-Wishart (ed), Oxford University Press, 2018).



## Panel Discussion 2

### The APEC Collaborative Framework for ODR: Opportunities and Challenges



*Moderator*

**Ms Pui-ki Emmanuelle Ta**

Chief Executive Officer

eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited

Ms Ta is currently the Chief Executive Officer of eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited.

With over 15 years of experience in international arbitration and case management, she has supervised hundreds of international arbitration cases in a wide range of jurisdictions and economic sectors.

As Counsel of the Secretariat of the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC, Asia Office in Hong Kong (2016-2021), she was responsible for managing the Hong Kong team, including administration of Asia-related arbitration cases. She was appointed as Vice-President of the Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group (APRAG) from 2016 to 2019.

Prior to that, she worked as Deputy Counsel of the Secretariat of the ICC Court in Paris and was one of the founding members of the ICC Court Secretariat's first overseas case management team based in Hong Kong (2008).

She holds a Masters degree in International Business Law from the University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, and a postgraduate degree in International Relations from the University of Marne-la-Vallee (France). She is qualified to practice at the Paris bar.

## Speakers



**Dr James Ding Kwok-wing**

Commissioner, Inclusive Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Office,  
Department of Justice, Hong Kong SAR;

Chair, APEC Economic Committee

Dr. James Ding is the Commissioner of Inclusive Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Office, Department of Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. He has been awarded the Chief Executive Commendation for Government/Public Service in 2021.

He coordinates and promotes various policy initiatives for dispute avoidance and resolution as well as on advancing the rule of law. He has published on different subjects of international law and international cooperation, and has given various presentations at international and regional conferences, including more recently, a workshop during 2020 Hong Kong Arbitration Week, events at the Hong Kong Legal Week 2020, Mediate First Pledge Event 2021 as well as various APEC workshops on online dispute resolution. He is also currently the Chair of the APEC Economic Committee.

He obtained LL.B.(Hons) and a Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (Distinction) from the University of Hong Kong, LL.M. from Kyushu University, Japan (under the Monbusho scholarship) and Ph.D. from the University of Queensland, Australia. He became a barrister in Hong Kong in 1997 and joined the Department of Justice in 1999. He also taught on a part-time basis at the Faculty of Law of the University of Hong Kong and the Open University of Hong Kong during the academic years of 1998 and 1999.



### **Prof. Zhao Yun**

Representative, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the Hague Conference on Private International Law;  
and Head of Department of Law, The University of Hong Kong

Prof. Yun ZHAO is Henry Cheng Professor in International Law and Head of Department of Law at the University of Hong Kong (HKU); PhD (Erasmus University Rotterdam); LLM (Leiden University); LLM & LLB (China University of Political Science and Law).

Prof. Zhao is currently the Representative of Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP) of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH); Standing Council Member of Chinese Society of International Law and Council Member of Chinese Law Society; Chair Professor at Xiamen University (2020-2023). He is listed as arbitrator in several international arbitration commissions. He has published widely on various topics including particularly Dispute Resolution and Space Law.