

Raja Bose

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OVERVIEW

Raja Bose leads the firm's commercial disputes and international arbitration practice in Asia and has more than 30 years of experience in international dispute resolution and has worked in both London and Singapore. He is qualified both as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore as well as admitted as a Solicitor of England and Wales.

He is also a qualified arbitrator and is a fellow of both the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators of the UK as well as of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. Raja is on the panel of arbitrators of a number of arbitration institutions in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, India, China, Vietnam, Dubai, Paris and London. He was also a former Director of the UK Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – Singapore Branch.

Raja has experience conducting international arbitrations with seats in Singapore, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Vietnam, China, India, Dubai, Malaysia, London, Paris, Geneva, and New York under a variety of trade association and international arbitration centre rules including UNCITRAL, LCIA, LMAA, GAFTA, CIETAC, BANI, HKIAC, KLRCA, SIAC, ICC, AAA, VIAC, and ICSID.

Whilst his practice focuses on international commercial dispute resolution with an emphasis on international arbitration, he also has considerable experience supervising, coordinating, and managing complex court-based litigation in a wide number of countries in the Middle East, Africa, and the Asia-Pacific region including South Asia, Indo-China, and South-East Asia.

In addition to his experience in cross-border multi-jurisdictional disputes in infrastructure, construction, shipping, marine insurance, oil and gas, international sale of goods, trade finance, and mortgage enforcement, Raja has also been involved in a number of high profile investor/state disputes and investment treaty arbitrations including defending the Governments of India and Bangladesh as well as pursuing actions on behalf of foreign investors against the Governments of Thailand, Egypt, and Sri Lanka.

Raja also spends a considerable amount of his time providing strategic and structuring advice to clients involved in difficult and complex problems in Asia which do not necessarily involve formal legal proceedings.

Industry Focus

- Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure with an emphasis on oil and gas, offshore drilling contracts, MOPU/FPSO construction and design, construction, ship building and engineering claims, technical equipment failures, and design defects
- International Trade, Commodities & Resources with an emphasis on international sale of goods and services, shipping and maritime claims, and vessel mortgage enforcement
- Investment Funds & Financial Services with an emphasis on investment fund disputes
- General Corporate Commercial claims with an emphasis on shareholder and M&A disputes, distributor agreements, joint ventures, licensing disputes
- Bilateral & Multilateral Investment Treaties with an emphasis on defending host governments in Asia
- Anti-Corruption/ Trust Investigations & Compliance with an emphasis on FCPA and UK Bribery Act

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* as a Recommended Lawyer in Singapore
  - Dispute Resolution, 2026
  - International Arbitration, 2024-2026
  - Shipping: Foreign Firms, 2026
- Recognized as one of the top 100 foreign lawyers advising clients on India-related matters by India Business Law Journal's (IBLJ) International A-List, 2019-2026
- Recognized by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* as a Leading Individual for International Arbitration in Singapore, 2015-2019
- Recognized as a leading lawyer in *Chambers Asia Pacific* since 2014 for Arbitration (International) in Singapore
- Recognized as one of Singapore's leading Arbitration and Mediation, as well as International Arbitration lawyers in the *Best Lawyers* list published since 2013.
- Awarded the 2012 Commercial Arbitration Law Firm of the Year – Singapore by Finance Monthly Global Awards in association with Standard Chartered Bank.
- *K&L gates offers "good responsiveness and quality service" and Raja Bose is "client and results oriented". The firm's core strengths in arbitration cover construction, infrastructure, energy and transport. – Asia Pacific Legal 500, 2013.*
- *Singapore-based Raja Bose has nearly two decades of experience. He is described as a "highly rated lawyer with integrity and a very busy practice" and of late has been handling a large number of oil and gas matters in Asia. – Chambers Asia-Pacific, 2012.*

- *Raja Bose has more than 18 years of experience in international arbitration and cross-border commercial litigation, working in both London and Singapore. According to clients, "he has a sound commercial mind, incredible capacity for hard work and a single-mindedness about achieving the desired outcome for the client." – Chambers Asia Pacific, 2012.*
- *"The former practice head at Watson, Farley & Williams LLP who brings clarity and focus to difficult cases". – Asia Pacific Legal 500, 2011.*
- *Previously head of Watson, Farley & Williams' Singapore dispute resolution practice, Raja Bose has moved to K&L Gates, where he continues to handle disputes arising out of construction, drilling, pipelines and subsea exploration contracts as well as dry shipping work. "He is switched on and sensible as well as knowledgeable on oil and gas matters and familiar with dispute resolution structures all over Asia". – Chambers Asia, 2010*
- Named by Asia Legal Business as one of ALB's Hot 100 lawyers in 2009/10 and described as 'astute'.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2010)
- Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (2009)
- Committee Member, Practice Development Committee, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Singapore Branch) (2010)
- Panel Arbitrator: SIAC, SIAC-DC; Futures Contracts, Indian Council of Arbitration, KLRCA, PIAC
- Solicitor of England & Wales (1995)
- Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore (1993)
- International Bar Association
- Inter-Pacific Bar Association
- Maritime Law Association of Singapore
- London Shipping Law Centre
- Society of Construction Law, Singapore
- Chinese European Arbitration Centre
- International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Current Climate for Investments – Concerns for Investment Structuring & Disputes in Southeast Asia" webinar, 28 June 2022, K&L Gates Straits Law and Tilleke & Gibbins

- IQPC Annual FPSO Congress, Singapore 2010 – *International Arbitration of FPSO Construction & Engineering Disputes*
- SIAC/PIAC Conference in International Commercial Arbitration, Ho Chi Minh City 2010 – *The New SIAC 2010 Rules*
- PetroVietnam, Hanoi 2010 – *The New SIAC 2010 Rules with a focus on energy/construction engineering disputes*
- Red Carpet World FPSO Conversion & Floating LNG Conference, Kuala Lumpur 2010 – *International arbitration/dispute resolution of issues arising from FPSO conversion disputes*
- IBA Conference on Arbitration in the 21st Century: Making it Work, New Delhi 2009
- HKIAC Conference on Arbitration & the Financial Crisis, Hong Kong 2009 – *Invoking Investment Treaty Arbitrations – Financial Instruments and Case Updates*
- ABF Conference on Oil & Gas Legal & Regulatory Challenges, Kuala Lumpur 2009 – *International Arbitration of Oil & Gas Construction Disputes*
- IBC Conference on Cross border Arbitration & Dispute Resolution, London 2009 – *Are the main recent legislative and case law developments improving arbitration?*
- ICMA, Singapore 2006 – *Enforcement of International Arbitration Awards in Asia – Paying Lip service to the New York Convention*

EDUCATION

- LL.M., University College London, 1997 *(With Merit; international trade law)*
- LL.B., National University of Singapore, 1992 *(Hons.)*

ADMISSIONS

- Advocate and Solicitor, Singapore
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

LANGUAGES

- Bahasa (Indonesian)
- English
- French
- Hindi
- Malay

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 24 August 2026, A New Cadence for ICC Arbitration Under the 2026 Rules
- January 2026, Arbitration World
- 23 January 2025, 7th Edition of the SIAC Rules: Defining the Future of SIAC Arbitration
- December 2024, Arbitration World
- June 2023, Arbitration World
- 17 April 2023, The Decision of the International Court of Justice in Certain Iranian Assets
- 26 January 2023, Singapore International Commercial Court Issues: Model Clause for International Arbitration-Related Litigation
- 7 June 2022, International Arbitration and the Singapore International Arbitration Centre
- 20 April 2022, Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Claims Against Russia in Investment Treaty Arbitration - Part II of II
- 21 January 2022, Pandemic-Related Investor-State Dispute Settlement - Part Three of a Three-Part Series
- 9 December 2021, Pandemic-Related Investor-State Dispute Settlement - Part Two of a Three-Part Series
- 2 December 2021, Pandemic-Related Investor-State Dispute Settlement - Part One of a Three-Part Series
- November 2021, Arbitration World
- April 2021, April 2021 Accolades
- 20 April 2021, Solar, Energy Storage and EVs: An Update on the Opportunities and Challenges of Indonesia's Energy Transition
- 17 February 2021, Evaluating Foreign Investment in RCEP Member States from a Dispute Resolution Perspective
- 9 December 2020, Asia-Pacific Signals Strong Commitment to Economic Integration and Cooperation with RCEP Signing
- 15 September 2020, Trends in Upstream Oil and Gas Disputes
- December 2016, Arbitration World
- 7 July 2016, The Choice of Court Agreements Act 2016: Implications for Dispute Resolution in Singapore

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Singapore: International Arbitration,” *The In-House Lawyer*, 4th edition, Autumn 2019

- "Taking on the State – Enforcement of judgment and awards against Sovereign States," *Asia MENA Counsel Magazine*, December 2011
- "The Challenges Facing International Arbitration in 2010 & Beyond – Part II – What is happening in Asia?," *Singapore Law Gazette*, 2010
- "The Challenges facing International Arbitration in 2010 and beyond – Part I," *Singapore Law Gazette*, 2010
- "Interim Measures: Amendments to the UNCITRAL Model Law & the International Arbitration Act," *SIAC, Singapore*, 2010
- "Enforcement of International Arbitration Awards in Asia – Paying Lip service to the New York Convention," *ICMA, Singapore*, 2006

NEWS & EVENTS

- 17 April 2026, Two K&L Gates Partners Again Named to India Business Law Journal's International A-List 2026
- 16 April 2026, More Than 80 K&L Gates Lawyers Across Asia-Pacific Recognised in 2027 Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch Editions
- 25 July 2025, India Business Law Journal Names K&L Gates Among Top Firms for India-Related Work in 2025 Report
- 22 November 2024, K&L Gates Honored as a Pro Bono Innovator by *Bloomberg Law*
- 17 May 2023, K&L Gates Receives TrustLaw Impact Award for Role in Pre-Trial Detention Survey
- 16 February 2023, K&L Gates Recognized in 2023 *Chambers Global* Guide
- 28 September 2022, World Arbitration Update 2022 –The Actions of Russia, Countermeasures and Resulting International Disputes, Including Investor-State and Commercial Arbitration
- 28 June 2022, K&L Gates Assists Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative in Coordinating Legal Framework Survey of Pre-Trial Detention Across 46 Commonwealth Jurisdictions
- 17 February 2022, K&L Gates Recognized in 2022 Chambers Global Guide
- 16 December 2021, Chambers Asia-Pacific 2022 Guide Recognises K&L Gates
- 23 November 2021, Investor-State Disputes Arising from the Pandemic: Strategic Responses for Representatives of Investors and Host States, including Developing Countries, hosted by Union Internationale des Avocats / International Association of Lawyers
- 16 November 2021, International Investment Law & Investor-State Dispute Settlement 2021, hosted by Practising Law Institute
- 13 April 2021, Two K&L Gates Partners Again Included on India Business Law Journal's A-List 2021

- 4 March 2021, K&L Gates Lawyers Assist The Gambia in Building Capacity in International Investment Law & Arbitration Through IDLO's Investment Support Programme for Least Developed Countries
- 24 February 2021, K&L Gates Recognized in 2021 Chambers Global Guide
- 16 December 2020, K&L Gates Recognized in Chambers 2021 Asia Pacific and FinTech Guides
- 22 June 2016, Legal 500 Recognizes K&L Gates Among Leading Law Firms
- 26 May 2016, K&L Gates, Lawyers Earn Honors in Chambers Global, Regional Guides
- 6 May 2015, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized as Leaders in Chambers Global Guides

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 16 June 2026, *Marine & Industrial Report* | Insurers tighten control over Hormuz shipping routes
- 9 June 2026, *Insurance Asia* | Insurers tighten control over Hormuz shipping routes

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Listed among “The 2022 International A-List” in the *India Business Law Journal*, April 2022

AREAS OF FOCUS

- International Arbitration
- Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption
- Commercial Disputes
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Construction and Infrastructure Dispute Resolution
- Energy Disputes
- Insurance Recovery and Counseling
- Investor-State Arbitration
- Maritime Compliance
- Maritime Regulatory
- Maritime Transactions and Finance
- White Collar Defense and Investigations

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Liquefied Natural Gas
- Maritime
- Offshore Construction
- Oil and Gas
- Transportation and Logistics