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A client based in Asia praised the firm's global network and considerable experience with construction projects, calling Singapore partner Rob Palmer "the best international arbitration lawyer in Asia".

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Rob Palmer "leaves no stone unturned", is "a go-to partner for anything related to infrastructure and construction", and has a 'persuasive nature, sharp wits and a calm demeanour".

**LEGAL 500:
INTERNATIONAL
ARBITRATION, 2019**

He is "very impressive and very good at dealing with the clients," one declaring that at a recent hearing, "he spoke logically, strategically, tactically and cleverly".

**CHAMBERS ASIA PACIFIC,
2017**

Rob Palmer is a Partner in Ashurst's dispute resolution team and Managing Partner of Ashurst's Singapore office. He has a particular focus on dispute resolution in international energy, construction and infrastructure projects.

Rob has been based in Southeast Asia since 2003 and has lived and worked throughout the region, including in Thailand, Indonesia and Singapore. During that time he has conducted numerous arbitrations under the rules of major regional and global arbitral institutions including the SIAC, AAA, ICC, LCIA, AIAC, TAI and BANI.

Rob is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration. He is qualified in New Zealand, New South Wales and England; a member of the panel of arbitrators of (among others) the AIAC, the ACICA, the BANI and the TAC; and a member of the Training Faculty of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Relevant experience

- a **European contractor** in successful LCIA arbitration (London-seated) arising from a bioethanol project in Eastern Europe
- a **Thai fabrication company** in ICC arbitration (Singapore-seated) involving claims for delay and additional costs on construction of an offshore platform
- a **Thai exploration company** on a variety of legal disputes including (i) a contract dispute concerning the operation of an exploration platform offshore Myanmar, (ii) arbitration proceedings in Bangkok (UNCITRAL rules) concerning umbilical replacement works in the Gulf of Thailand, (iii) claims arising from an EPC contract for an offshore platform being constructed in Malaysia, and (iv) arbitration proceedings in Singapore arising from purchase of an Australian asset
- an **Asian energy company** in SIAC arbitration (Singapore-seated) concerning Front-End Engineering Design and subsequent engineering works for an offshore platform and pipeline for a Vietnamese gas field
- a **Japanese contractor** in successful TAI arbitration (Bangkok seated) involving claims for delay and additional cost arising from the Samut Prakarn wastewater project
- a **specialist contractor** in arbitration (UNCITRAL Rules, WA-seated) concerning claims arising from the Gorgon LNG Project
- a **US contractor** in high-value (US\$400m+) TAI arbitration (Bangkok-seated) concerning construction of a nuclear research reactor in Thailand
- a **Japanese contractor** in two ICC arbitrations (Singapore seated) arising from construction of a process plant in Southeast Asia
- a **Japanese contractor** on SIAC arbitration proceedings (Singapore seated) arising from termination of agreements for the construction of a geothermal plant in Indonesia

- a **Korean contractor** on ICC arbitration proceedings (Singapore seated) concerning claims for delay, liquidated damages and time extensions in the construction of a geothermal power plant in Indonesia
- an **international construction company** in BANI arbitration proceedings (Jakarta seated) concerning time and cost issues in an Indonesian pipeline project
- an **international construction company** as co-counsel in SIAC arbitration proceedings (Singapore seated) relating to the termination of a sub-contract in the construction of a major road tunnel in India
- an **Asian energy company** in a SIAC arbitration (Singapore-seated) concerning Front-End Engineering Design and subsequent engineering works for an offshore platform and pipeline for a Vietnamese gas field
- a **US corporation** in complex and high-value (US\$400m+) Bangkok-seated TAI arbitration arising under a contract for design and construction of a nuclear research reactor
- a **German contractor** in successful LCIA arbitration proceedings concerning a bioethanol project in Eastern Europe
- a **Japanese contractor** in successful TAI proceedings (Bangkok-seated) arising from the controversial Samut Prakarn wastewater project
- a **Thai exploration company** on a variety of legal disputes including (i) a contract dispute concerning the operation of an exploration platform offshore Myanmar, (ii) arbitration proceedings in Bangkok (UNCITRAL rules) concerning umbilical replacement works in the Gulf of Thailand, (iii) claims arising from an EPC contract for an offshore platform being constructed in Malaysia, and (iv) arbitration proceedings in Singapore arising from purchase of an Australian asset
- a **Thai/Japanese joint venture** with substantial claims for works carried out on a massive and controversial hydro-electric project in Laos
- an **FSRU provider** on various claims relating to works for an FSRU project in Indonesia
- a **Thai fabrication company** in ICC arbitration (Singapore-seated) involving claims for delay and additional costs on construction of an offshore platform
- an **Australian contractor** in SIAC arbitration (Singapore-seated) concerning construction of a luxury hotel development in Phuket, Thailand
- a **specialist contractor** in arbitration (UNCITRAL Rules, WA-seated) concerning claims arising from the Gorgon LNG Project
- a **European EPCM contractor** on disputes arising from a Thai biomass (rice husk) power project
- a **Korean contractor** on its claims for additional cost and time arising from a Thai pipeline project