



Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration Rebrands as Asian International Arbitration Centre

The Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration ("KLRC") has officially changed its name to the Asian International Arbitration Centre ("AIAC"). The name change was formally announced on February 7, 2018, during a signing ceremony in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The ceremony followed an update to the Malaysian Arbitration Act in January 2018 reflecting the change of the Centre's name.

The rebranding is the latest move in a series of efforts by the newly minted AIAC to establish itself as a leading and independent dispute resolution service provider. In 2012, the Centre introduced a separate set of Islamic Arbitration Rules (also referred to as "i-Arbitration Rules") catering to contractual disputes governed by Sharia law. Last year, the Centre updated its Arbitration Rules, introducing new provisions on joinder of parties and updating provisions on consolidation of arbitral proceedings. The new joinder provisions allow arbitral tribunals (or, before constitution of the tribunal, the Director of the AIAC) to join third parties where all the parties agree or the parties are all *prima facie* parties to the same arbitration agreement. The Arbitration Rules vest authority to consolidate proceedings in the Director of the AIAC, who has broad discretion to order consolidation.

Later last year, the Centre also launched a suite of standard form construction contracts directed to construction projects in Malaysia. The new contracts were released in August 2017, preceding the *Fédération Internationale Des Ingénieurs-Conseils*' ("FIDIC") update of its own suite of standard construction contracts in December 2017. (For more information on the new FIDIC standard contracts, please see "[FIDIC Updates its Rainbow Suite of Contracts](#)").

According to the AIAC, its caseload has swelled from 22 cases in 2010 to 932 cases in 2017. The Centre's panel of arbitrators is composed of experienced lawyers from both common law and civil law jurisdictions.

CONTACTS



Matthew J. Skinner
Singapore



Zachary Sharpe
Singapore



Zara Shafuruddin
Singapore



Jeffrey Jeng
Singapore

SUBSCRIBE

SUBSCRIBE TO RSS



Jones Day is a global law firm with more than 2,500 lawyers on five continents. We are One Firm WorldwideSM.

Disclaimer: Jones Day publications should not be construed as legal advice on any specific facts or circumstances. The contents are intended for general information purposes only and may not be quoted or referred to in any other publication or proceeding without the prior written consent of the Firm, to be given or withheld at our discretion. To request reprint permission for any of our publications, please use our "Contact Us" form, which can be found on our website at www.jonesday.com. The mailing of this publication is not intended to create, and receipt of it does not constitute, an attorney-client relationship. The views set forth herein are the personal views of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the Firm.