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Regional Conference in Ho Chi Minh

• **September 28, 2026 8:15 – 16:35** •

Caravelle Saigon Hotel, 19-23 Lam Son Square, Ho Chi Minh City

The IPBA and the American Chamber of Commerce Vietnam invite you to this unique Regional Conference for the IPBA's first time in Ho Chi Minh.

Doing Business in Asia: Opportunities Amid Uncertainty

Asia is changing fast — and so is the legal landscape that governs it. The 2026 IPBA Regional Conference gathers leading lawyers and business professionals from across the Asia-Pacific for a focused day of discussion on the opportunities and challenges reshaping the region. Set in Ho Chi Minh City, one of Southeast Asia's most dynamic commercial centers, the program covers 4 timely themes: investment frameworks, technology and AI regulation, workforce transformation, and dispute resolution. The day concludes with an evening drinks reception — ideal for meaningful networking with regional peers.

Distinguished Speakers



Priti Suri

IPBA President,
Founding Partner, PSA
New Delhi



Diep Hoang

Founding Partner,
Dilinh Legal
Ho Chi Minh



James Jung

Director,
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Morning Session

8:15 – 9:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee

9:00 – 9:05 Opening Remarks & Welcome Note

Hoang Diep, IPBA JCM for Vietnam; Partner, Dilinh Legal, Ho Chi Minh

9:05 – 9:10 IPBA Welcome

Priti Suri, IPBA President; Founding Partner, PSA, New Delhi

9:10 – 9:25 Keynote Address

9:25 – 10:35 Investment in Asia—Navigating Incentives, Restrictions & Regulatory Frameworks

Moderator: Vinh Luu (Richard) — Asia Legal, Hanoi

Speakers: Vu Le Bang — Nishimura & Asahi (Vietnam), Ho Chi Minh
Tina Wang — River Delta Law Firm, Shanghai
Ong Eu Jin — Ong Eu Jin Partnership, Kuala Lumpur
Pavi Jain — Khaitan & Co, Mumbai
Jack Li — Jin Mao Partners, Shanghai

10:35 – 10:50 Coffee Break & Networking

10:50 – 12:00 Technology, AI & Digital Regulation Across Asia

Moderator: Dang The Duc — Indochine Counsel, Ho Chi Minh

Speakers: Junling (Lydia) Feng — Globe-Law Law Firm, Beijing
Papon Charoenpao (Paul) — PDLegal Asia (Thailand), Bangkok
Tong Lai Ling — Raja, Darryl & Loh, Kuala Lumpur
Manas Kumar Chaudhuri — Khaitan & Co, New Delhi
Yumi Ahn — Tokyo International Law Office, Tokyo

12:00 – 13:15 Lunch & Networking



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Afternoon Session

13:15 – 13:25 Introduction: IPBA Annual Conference Sydney 2027

James Jung, IPBA President-Elect; Director, The College of Law, Sydney

13:25 – 14:35 Employment & Workforce Transformation in a Changing Asia

Moderator: Vivek Daswaney — Economic Laws Practice, Mumbai

Speakers: Cathy Qu — River Delta Law Firm, Shanghai
Jonathan Muk — Nusa Chambers, Singapore
Björn Otto — CMS, Cologne
Chuyen Hong Huu Le — Tilleke & Gibbins, Ho Chi Minh

14:35 – 14:50 Coffee Break & Networking

14:50 – 16:00 Dispute Resolution in Asia - Emerging Trends & Strategic Choices

Moderator: Hoang Nguyen Ha Quyen — LNT & Partners, Ho Chi Minh

Speakers: Rebecca Guo (Yiqian Guo) — Globe-Law Law Firm, Beijing
Robert Rhoda — Mishcon de Reya LLP, London
Sara Marchetta — Chiomenti, Milan
Kirindeep Singh — Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP, Singapore
Duong Hoang — Ho Chi Minh City

16:00 – 16:25 Plenary Wrap-Up: Doing Business in Asia—What We Heard

Open Discussion for Attendees

Chaired by Raphael Tay — RDS Partnership, Kuala Lumpur

16:25 – 16:35 Closing Remarks

Hoang Nguyen Ha Quyen, LNT & Partners, Ho Chi Minh

17:30 – 19:00 Drinks Reception Hosted by LNT & Partners

Saigon Marina IFC, 2 Tôn Đức Thắng, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City

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SPEAKERS



Hoang Diep

Partner — Dilinh Legal (Ho Chi Minh)

Diep is the founding partner of Dilinh Legal. She focuses on inbound investment, mergers and acquisitions, employment, international trade, and antitrust, and advises foreign investors, local conglomerates, financial institutions, and venture funds on their investments and operations in Vietnam.

Diep has been recognised as a Leading Individual in Corporate and M&A by Chambers and Partners since 2022, and has appeared on the Asia Business Law Journal A-List of Top 100 Vietnam Lawyers since 2021.



Priti Suri

Founder Partner — PSA (New Delhi)

Priti is the founder-partner of PSA, a full-service law firm in New Delhi, with over 37 years of legal experience across three continents. She focuses on cross-border M&A, strategic investments, joint ventures, private equity deals, and project finance, and advises international and domestic clients on strategic transactions. She is also President of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association.

Priti received the Mayre Rasmussen Award from the American Bar Association in 2017 and was named Managing Partner of the Year at the 2021 IDEX Awards.



James Jung

Partner — H & H Lawyers (Sydney)

James is a corporate and financial services lawyer at H & H Lawyers, with 15 years' experience across the private and public sectors. He focuses on providing legal advice that adds value to clients' businesses, drawing on prior roles at Buddle Findlay, Hesketh Henry, and New Zealand's Financial Markets Authority. He is also Director, International at the College of Law Australia and President-Elect of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association.

James is a regular speaker on financial services and regulatory topics and has contributed to industry events through his roles with the IPBA and the International Association of Korean Lawyers (IAKL).



Raphael Tay

Partner — RDS Partnership (Kuala Lumpur)

Raphael is a Partner at RDS Partnership with almost 40 years of experience in corporate and commercial law, mergers and acquisitions, and information technology law. He advises on domestic and cross-border acquisitions, joint ventures, and corporate restructuring for clients in the power, healthcare, telecommunications, and oil and gas sectors. He is also Programme Director of the LLM (Applied Law) in ASEAN+6 Legal Practice at the College of Law Australia.

Raphael was named one of the Top 15 M&A Lawyers in Asia by ALB Asia and a Key Lawyer for Corporate and M&A in Malaysia by The Legal 500. He has chaired the LAWASIA Moot Standing Committee since 2008.

SPEAKERS

ST-1 | Investment in Asia: Navigating Incentives, Restrictions & Regulatory Frameworks



Vinh Luu (Richard)

Moderator · Founder and Managing Partner — Asia Legal (Hanoi)

Vinh (Richard) is the Founder and Managing Partner of Asia Legal. He focuses on M&A and foreign investment, corporate and commercial matters, cross-border transactions, and dispute resolution, advising clients on foreign investment and restructuring in Vietnam. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and an Accredited Mediator with CEDR (UK). Vinh is a regular speaker on arbitration and investment topics and has contributed to publications and industry events, including as Visiting Lecturer at the Judicial Academy of Vietnam.



Vu Le Bang (FCIArb)

Speaker · Partner & HCMC Office Co-Representative — Branch of Nishimura & Asahi (Vietnam) (Ho Chi Minh)

Vu Le Bang is Partner and HCMC Office Co-Representative at Nishimura & Asahi, with over 20 years of experience heading the firm's Vietnam practice team. He specializes in dispute resolution, M&A, corporate and commercial, banking, real estate, and investment matters. He is also an FCIArb-accredited mediator and listed arbitrator at VIAC and THAC. Bang has been recognised as a leading lawyer by Chambers and Partners, and was named an "Asia Super 50 Disputes Lawyer 2025" by ALB.



Tina Wang

Speaker · Overseas L&E Center · Senior Partner — River Delta Law Firm (Shanghai)

Tina Wang is Senior Partner at the Overseas L&E Center of River Delta Law Firm. She focuses on employment and labor law across the Belt and Road countries and Asian markets, advising multinational companies on overseas employment management, compliance, and termination matters. Tina is a regular speaker on overseas employment and labor law and has contributed to the design of legal training courses on the topic.



Ong Eu Jin

Speaker · Managing Partner — Ong Eu Jin Partnership (Kuala Lumpur)

Eu Jin is the Managing Partner of Ong Eu Jin Partnership, specializing in capital markets, M&A, and banking and finance. He has guided numerous companies through IPOs in Malaysia, Hong Kong, and Singapore, and served as Malaysian counsel for the Government's ¥200 billion Samurai bond issuance in 2019. He is also Chairperson of the LAWASIA Banking & Finance Committee. Eu Jin is a bestselling finance author and a frequent speaker at international law conferences.



Pavi Jain

Speaker · Partner — Khaitan & Co (Mumbai)

Pavi Jain is a Partner at Khaitan & Co, India, with a practice spanning cross-border M&A, private equity, corporate advisory, and ESG and governance. She advises multinational corporations, global strategic investors, and private equity funds—including Blackstone—on India-facing transactions and governance matters. She also co-heads Khaitan & Co's ESG practice and serves as Vice Chair of the IPBA's ESG Committee. Pavi has been recognised as Star Woman Lawyer 2024 by Legal Era, and won the APAC Legal Business Award and Rising Star of 2025 by Ladies Who Lead.



Jack Li

Speaker · Founding Partner — Jin Mao Partners (Shanghai)

Jack Li (Zhiqiang Li) is the Founding Partner of Jin Mao Partners, specializing in dispute resolution, securities listing, and project financing. He has advised over 300 Chinese and foreign enterprises on restructuring, M&A, and IPOs, including major projects such as Shanghai Disney and the 2010 Shanghai World Expo. He is also the 30th President of the IPBA and an arbitrator for more than 50 arbitration institutions. Jack was named among Shanghai's Top Ten Outstanding Youth in 2001 and has served as chief editor for more than 30 legal books.

SPEAKERS

ST-2 | Technology, AI & Digital Regulation Across Asia



Dang The Duc

Moderator · Managing Partner — Indochine Counsel (Ho Chi Minh)

Duc is the founder and managing partner of Indochine Counsel, with over 25 years of experience in cross-border transactions, M&A, private equity, capital markets, and corporate restructuring. He advises leading financial institutions, investment funds, and multinationals on high-profile deals, and maintains extensive expertise in IPR, IT, and technology matters. Duc has been recognised as a top lawyer in Vietnam by Chambers Global, Legal 500, and the ALB Super 50 TMT Lawyers.



Junling (Lydia) Feng

Speaker · Attorney, Partner — Globe-Law Law Firm — Globe-Law Law Firm (Beijing)

Lydia Feng is a Partner at Globe-Law Law Firm, qualified as an attorney in both China and New York State. She specializes in investment and M&A, corporate governance and compliance, and dispute resolution for cross-border business, with particular expertise in the culture, entertainment, and media sectors—advising clients on equity structure, intellectual property, trade secrets, and data compliance. Lydia is a regular speaker on cross-border investment and entertainment industry legal matters and has contributed to industry publications and events.



Papon Charoenpao (Paul)

Speaker · Partner — PDLegal Asia (Thailand) Co., Ltd. (Bangkok)

Papon is a Partner at PDLegal Asia (Thailand) Co., Ltd., specializing in M&A, venture capital, private equity, fintech, and Web3 projects. He advises venture capital funds, startups, and high-net-worth individuals on corporate and tax structuring, regulatory compliance, and cross-border investments for emerging technology companies. Papon was recognised as one of the Top 10 Powerful Asian Business Leaders 2025 by CEO Insights Asia Magazine.



Tong Lai Ling

Speaker · Partner — Raja, Darryl & Loh (Kuala Lumpur)

Tong Lai Ling is a Partner at Raja, Darryl & Loh, heading the firm's TMT Practice Group. She specializes in IT contracts, cybersecurity, data protection, and emerging technologies like AI, and has led major digitalization and security projects, including agreements between a Malaysian statutory body and BlackBerry Inc. Lai Ling has been inducted into The Legal 500 Asia Pacific "Hall of Fame," ranked as a Global Elite Thought Leader by Lexology Index, and named to the ALB Asia Super 50 TMT Lawyers list for 2023 and 2025.



Manas Kumar Chaudhuri

Speaker · Partner — Competition / Antitrust — Khaitan & Co (India)

Manas Kumar Chaudhuri is a Partner at Khaitan & Co, with over 25 years of experience advising Indian and foreign clients on competition law, policy, and merger control. He regularly argues before the Competition Commission of India and the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal, and previously served as a Judge in the West Bengal State Judicial Services. He is also Co-Chair of the IPBA's Competition Law Committee. Manas has been highly ranked by global ranking agencies for several years and is a regular speaker at domestic and international antitrust law events.



Yumi Ahn

Speaker · Counsel — Tokyo International Law Office (Tokyo)

Yumi Ahn is Counsel at Tokyo International Law Office, qualified in California and registered as a foreign lawyer in Japan. She has extensive in-house and secondment experience across the insurance and fintech sectors, including roles at Aon, Willis Towers Watson, and GXS (the Grab and Singtel-owned digital bank) in Singapore, as well as at leading international firms including White & Case, Baker & McKenzie, and King & Spalding. Yumi has contributed to industry publications, including a column on the regulatory landscape in Japan for stablecoins and related payment services.

SPEAKERS

ST-3 | Employment & Workforce Transformation in a Changing Asia



Vivek Daswaney

Moderator · Partner — Economic Laws Practice (Mumbai)

Vivek Daswaney is a Partner at Economic Laws Practice (ELP), where he heads the employment and labor law vertical, with over 25 years of experience. He advises global and domestic organizations on workforce restructuring, social security and compensation structuring, employee transfers, HR policies, industrial relations, investigations, and labor law compliance. He also has substantial experience in litigation, corporate-commercial transactions, and M&A. Vivek is a qualified Solicitor registered with the Bombay Incorporated Law Society and the Law Society of England and Wales, and is a visiting faculty member at law and management colleges.



Cathy Qu

Speaker · Vice President — River Delta Law Firm (Shanghai)

Cathy Qu is Vice President at River Delta Law Firm, with over 20 years of experience in employment law and HR compliance. She specializes in representing employers in arbitration and litigation, advising on layoffs, dismissal negotiations, and internal policy improvement, and has served as legal adviser to many Fortune 500 companies. She is also a consulting expert for the Supreme People's Procuratorate. Cathy has been recommended by leading international rating agencies for years, including Chambers and Partners, Legal 500, Who's Who Legal, Benchmark Litigation, and ALB.



Jonathan Muk

Speaker · Counsel — Nusa Chambers (Singapore)

Jonathan Muk is an independent counsel with Nusa Chambers, specializing in complex commercial disputes and asset recovery. He has acted for employers recovering misappropriated confidential information, including for a technology unicorn, and for employees resisting conspiracy and restrictive covenant claims, including a salary dispute against a leading cryptocurrency exchange. He previously served as a Justices' Law Clerk at the Singapore Supreme Court. Jonathan has been recognised by Legal 500, Benchmark Litigation, and Asialaw, and teaches as an adjunct lecturer at Singapore Management University.



Björn Otto

Speaker · Partner — CMS (Cologne)

Björn Otto is a Partner at CMS, a certified employment lawyer, and member of the CMS Employment & Pensions Board. He advises national and international clients on individual and collective labour and employment law, with a focus on transformation, outsourcing, and restructuring projects, and negotiations with unions and works councils on collective bargaining agreements and social plans. He has particular expertise in corporate codetermination and cross-border reorganisation projects. Björn is regularly recommended in leading industry publications for the competent, effective, and pragmatic advice he provides to clients.



Chuyen Hong Huu Le

Speaker · Partner — Tilleke & Gibbins (Ho Chi Minh)

Chuyen Hong Huu Le is a Partner in the corporate and commercial group of Tilleke & Gibbins in Ho Chi Minh City. She focuses on labor and employment, foreign investment, and M&A, with particular expertise in healthcare, consumer products, and aviation, and has served as in-house counsel to healthcare and medical device companies through secondments. She is also a Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional (CCEP-I), handling anti-corruption and competition matters. Chuyen was named to Asian Legal Business's "Vietnam Rising Stars" list in 2023 and recognised in Euromoney's Rising Stars Awards Asia-Pacific in 2021.

SPEAKERS

ST-4 | Dispute Resolution in Asia: Emerging Trends & Strategic Choices



Hoang Nguyen Ha Quyen

Moderator · Partner — LNT & Partners (Ho Chi Minh)

Quyen Hoang is a Partner and Head of the Corporate practice group at LNT & Partners, with over 27 years of experience in M&A, restructuring, corporate management, and dispute resolution. She has led numerous high-profile foreign-invested projects and is widely recognized as one of Vietnam's few life insurance law experts, drawing on prior roles as Chief Counsel at a U.S. insurance company and in-house counsel for British American Tobacco. Quyen has been ranked as a Corporate/M&A expert by Chambers and highly recommended by asialaw Profiles, and is a regular columnist for the Vietnam Investment Review.



Rebecca Guo (Yiqian Guo)

Speaker · Partner, Attorney — Globe-Law Lawyer (Beijing)

Yiqian Guo is a Partner at Globe-Law Law Firm, specializing in intellectual property, economic law, and corporate governance. She has served as trusted legal counsel for large state-owned enterprises, listed companies, and asset management firms, and has represented multinational clients in commercial litigation and arbitration. She is also a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Beijing Lawyers Association. Yiqian is a tutor at Tsinghua University Law School's internship base and was honored as an "Excellent Communist Party Member" in Beijing's Haidian District legal sector.



Robert Rhoda

Speaker · Partner — Mishcon de Reya LLP (London)

Robert is a Partner at Mishcon de Reya, based in London. He specialises in international arbitration and cross-border litigation, with particular experience in financial services, technology, and energy. He also sits as arbitrator on panels including HKIAC, SCIAC, and the Thailand Arbitration Center. Robert is ranked as a leading individual for Dispute Resolution by Chambers Greater China, and was named International Arbitration Lawyer of the Year at Law.com International's Asia Legal Awards 2025.



Sara Marchetta

Speaker · Partner — Chiomenti (Milan)

Sara is a Partner at Chiomenti, advising Italian and Chinese clients on cross-border M&A transactions with a focus on corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, commercial contracts, and technology licenses. She also advises Chinese investors on outbound investments from China to Italy, guiding them through the legal and regulatory aspects of market entry and business establishment. Sara brings extensive experience in structuring cross-border transactions between the two jurisdictions, helping clients navigate the complexities of Italian and Chinese regulatory frameworks.



Kirindeep Singh

Speaker · Senior Partner — Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP (Singapore)

Kirindeep Singh is a Senior Partner at Dentons Rodyk, Co-Head of the Construction, International Trade and Energy practices. He specializes in construction and engineering, energy, arbitration, and anti-bribery and corruption matters, representing owners, developers, contractors, and MNCs in disputes across Singapore and the region. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Past Chair of the IPBA's International Construction Projects Committee. Kirindeep is ranked as a Leading Individual for Construction by Chambers Asia-Pacific and recognised as a Recommended Lawyer by The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific.



Duong Hoang

Speaker · Disputes Lawyer (Vietnam)

Duong Hoang is a disputes lawyer qualified in Vietnam and as a solicitor of England & Wales, with over nine years in international arbitration. She specializes in construction, infrastructure, and offshore oil and gas disputes, having served as Deputy Counsel at SIAC and Counsel at VIAC, supervising over 400 arbitrations, and practised at YKVN in ICC and UNCITRAL arbitrations exceeding US\$1 billion. Duong co-edited the official Vietnamese edition of the FIDIC Conditions of Contract and teaches arbitration at NUS, SMU, and the Vietnam Judicial Academy.