

New chair at Maxwell Chambers

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Daryl Chew

Shearman & Sterling partner **Daryl Chew** has been appointed as the new chair of Maxwell Chambers in Singapore.

Maxwell Chambers today announced the appointment of Chew, who is Shearman's managing partner in Singapore. He succeeds **Philip Jeyaretnam SC**, who recently left Dentons after being appointed as a judicial commissioner of Singapore's Supreme Court.

Singaporean national Chew says he is honoured to lead an institution that is "not only a lodestar for its counterparts in the region and across the globe, but which also has immense significance to me as a dispute resolution practitioner in Singapore."

He says he is especially grateful to Jeyaretnam for the leadership shown during his tenure, which has seen the organisation “go from strength to strength.”

As Maxwell Chambers attempts to navigate a “more complex, post-pandemic global landscape, where virtual meetings and hearings are more commonplace,” Chew looks forward to building on “solid foundations” with innovative and transformative technologies to help expand the institution’s global footprint.

Chew clerked at the Singaporean Supreme Court before joining Shearman’s Singapore office in 2008. He was promoted to counsel in 2014 and partner the following year. He was part of the team that helped France’s Areva settle a €6 billion ICC dispute over a Finnish nuclear plant.

Maxwell houses 34 legal entities including 12 international institutions. Six of those have case management offices, which Maxwell says is the “highest concentration within such a facility in the world.”

Those six institutions are the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Singapore International Mediation Centre, the International Chamber of Commerce International Court of Arbitration, the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the World Intellectual Property Organisation Arbitration and Mediation Centre, and the American Arbitration Association International Centre for Dispute Resolution.

Last year, Maxwell teamed up with Arbitration Place of Toronto and Ottawa and London’s International Dispute Resolution Centre to launch a new alliance offering “global hybrid hearings” in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Alex Bevan, the newly-appointed head of international arbitration at Shearman & Sterling, says Chew has an “acute sense of business strategy, an intuitive understanding of people and cultures, and often demonstrates deep insight on macro trends and their implications for commerce or even claim psychology.”

“These attributes and his energy make him uniquely positioned to lead an institution like Maxwell Chambers,” says Bevan, who is confident Chew will take the organisation “to the next level.”