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John Goulios heads the Litigation and Regulatory practice in Singapore which includes international arbitration. He was also the managing partner of the Singapore office 2013-15 and now leads the firms' association with a local firm in Indonesia. He practises all forms of dispute resolution including litigation and international arbitration and is particularly experienced in handling large complex disputes involving financial institutions, directors & officers and commercial professionals. For over 20 years he has defended lawyers, accountants, directors, banks, hedge funds, auditors, stockbrokers, trustees and other commercial professions and their insurers in complex disputes.

### AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

John has acted for financial institutions and directors and officers in large and complex mass litigation against them. His insurer clients include local, Lloyds and other international insurers. Additionally, John has acted for professionals in disciplinary hearings and in investigations brought by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Australian Stock Exchange and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

John's Asia experience includes acting for global clients in international commercial arbitrations concerning regional mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures, litigation in China courts over IT contracts, Directors & Officers, Bankers Bond and Financial Institution insurance cases in Thailand, acting for D&O insurers in China related US reverse merger cases, acting for reinsurers in respect of the 2011 Thai floods, and regional anti-bribery and anti-corruption investigations.

John is a member of the SIAC panel of arbitrators and also been appointed to the panel of arbitrators and mediators for the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration. He is also a member of the Singapore Law Academy Pro Bono/CSR Committee and on the Foreign Lawyers Advisory Panel of the Singapore Law Society.

### CREDENTIALS

#### Education

University of Melbourne, Bachelor of Law, 1987

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#### Professional Qualifications

Solicitor and Barrister of the Supreme Court of Victoria

Solicitor of the High Court of Australia

Solicitor of the Supreme Court of South Australia

Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales



## EXPERIENCE

- Representing global IT company in a SIAC arbitration (India law) concerning the acquisition of an Indian company; and in a number of disputes in the Chinese Courts with China SOE's concerning the provision of IT services.
- Representing PT Tigadaya Semesta in relation to a dispute with its Indian joint venture partner in a mining operation in Indonesia.
- Representing Sampo Japan in regards to reinsurance disputes concerning the Thai floods.
- Representing the D&O insurers XL, AGCS, AWAC in respect of a number of US class actions concerning reverse mergers in the United States.
- Representing ACE in a number of D&O, Bankers Bond and Financial Institution matters in Thailand
- Representing the interests of the Singaporean captive insurer of Tenix Holdings in a profession indemnity claim arising out of the construction by it of ships for the New Zealand Department of Defence (100m+).
- Representing the Singaporean captive insurer of Newmont in a dispute following the failure of plant and equipment in a Ugandan gold mine leading to significant property damage and business interruption losses.
- Representing Ernst & Young in a multi-million dollar dispute following the collapse of the Duke Group (at the time this case was recorded in the Guinness Book of Records as the longest Australian civil trial).
- Representing reinsurers in a 1.6billion dollar claim following the 2008 flooding of the BHP joint venture coal mines in the Queensland Bowen Basin.
- Representing Metals & Minerals Insurance Pte Ltd, the Singaporean captive insurer of a Rio Tinto subsidiary in a dispute following the collapse of a pit wall in a borax mine in California leading to significant property damage and business interruption losses (\$100m+).
- Representing Jeffcott Holdings (stockbrokers) in a multi-million dollar negligence action based on the provision by them of an independent experts report for the purposes of a takeover.
- Representing Permanent Trustee, the trustee of a fund created for the purposes of investment in a Hollywood film. Hundreds of investors joined a class action for the recovery of their investment funds which exceeded \$100m in total.

## RECOGNITIONS

John has been recognised as one of Australia's leading lawyers in the Best Lawyers reports published by the *Australian Financial Review*. John is listed in the 2013 *Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers*; the 2014 and 2015 editions of the *Chambers Asia Pacific Guide* and *Chambers Global Guide*; the 2014 and 2015 *The International Who's Who of Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers*; the 2014 *The Worldwide Who's Who of Executives, Professionals and Entrepreneurs*; the 2015 *International Who's Who Featured Global Expert of Insurance and Reinsurance Singapore*; *Best Lawyers Singapore 2014 and 2015*. Clients rate his skills highly, with one commenting that "he checks all the boxes: he's able to balance strategy and tactical advice with a very detail-oriented approach." John was described as having "very quickly found out the



*salient facts, provided tactical and strategic advice, then rolled up his sleeves and dived into it. It helped set the mood for an amicable settlement." Another client said: " He sees the bigger picture and won't get swamped by the details. This gives us the advice we need to get to the end game".*

In 2016 John was again a ranked lawyer in Chambers Asia Pacific 2016 and clients highlighted his "no-nonsense, pragmatic approach" as a key strength and also appreciate his "thoroughness and efficiency," saying: "There are no surprises or unnecessary detours when working with him. He is experienced in handling D&O and professional indemnity matters arising out of various jurisdictions across the Asia-Pacific region". John was also recognised in 2016 in Singapore Best Lawyers: International Arbitration and Mediation