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Eva Chan represents clients in complex cross-border commercial and investment disputes. She has acted in arbitrations under the ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL and AAA/ICDR rules and in related enforcement and litigation proceedings across multiple jurisdictions. Her experience spans disputes arising from M&A and joint ventures, energy, technology, telecommunications and other international transactions, including high-stakes, 'bet the company' disputes. She is a former co-chair of Young ICCA and currently serves as a member of the YSIAC Council.

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Q&A WITH EVA CHAN

What do you consider to be your major career achievements to date?

◆ A central achievement of my career has been taking on significant responsibility for complex, high-stakes international disputes spanning multiple industries, jurisdictions and legal regimes. My experience includes multibillion-dollar disputes arising from M&A and joint ventures, as well as matters involving energy, telecommunications and investment-related claims. I have led significant workstreams, managed teams of lawyers and experts, and worked closely with clients on both case strategy and execution. I also regard my two-year term as co-chair of Young ICCA as a significant professional milestone. Elected to represent a global community of more than 26,000 arbitration practitioners and students in 144 countries, I helped expand Young ICCA's substantive programming, scholarships and professional-development initiatives, while fostering greater engagement across the international arbitration community.

Could you provide an insight into how you approach your work? What drives and motivates you?

◆ I approach disputes with a focus on understanding clients' broader commercial objectives and developing a strategy that is both legally rigorous and practically effective. Complex international disputes rarely turn on a single legal issue; they require careful judgment about which issues matter, how they should be presented and how the case should evolve as the factual and procedural record develops. I am motivated by that combination of strategy, advocacy and problem solving, particularly in matters where the stakes are significant and the issues are genuinely complex. I also place considerable importance on building trusted relationships with clients, colleagues, experts and tribunals, and on



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developing lawyers who can exercise sound judgment and take ownership of their work. For me, the most rewarding matters are those in which rigorous preparation translates into clear, persuasive advocacy and meaningful results for clients.

What strengths and characteristics do you, your team and your firm strive to demonstrate to clients?

◆ We strive to provide clients with the combination of sophisticated legal judgment, commercial perspective and execution that complex international disputes demand. Our approach is highly collaborative. We draw on the experience of lawyers across practices and jurisdictions, while maintaining a focused team that understands our clients' objectives and takes ownership of the matter. Clients particularly value our ability to distil complex factual and legal issues into a coherent strategy, anticipate challenges and remain responsive as circumstances evolve. On an individual level, I strive to bring sound judgment, intellectual rigour and a strong sense of responsibility to every matter. More broadly, I value developing teams that are rigorous without being rigid, collaborative without losing accountability and consistently focused on what will matter most to our clients. ■

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REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- A Singapore-based biotechnology company arising out of an asset purchase agreement with a European pharmaceutical company, including parallel court proceedings in multiple jurisdictions.
- A Chinese solar module manufacturer in a dispute against a Japanese electronics company arising out of a purchase agreement.
- A Brazilian aircraft manufacturer in an ICDR arbitration against a US aircraft manufacturer concerning the termination of a multibillion-dollar merger and joint venture agreement.
- A Canadian energy company in a dispute with Occidental Petroleum concerning an ICSID arbitration award arising from Ecuador's 2006 expropriation of an oil project in the Ecuadorian Amazon.
- NTT Docomo, in connection with a $1.2bn award against Tata Sons Limited of India and subsequent enforcement proceedings in India, England and New York, resulting in full recovery of the award.
- A Qatari football official before the FIFA appeal committee, resulting in the first reversal of sanctions imposed by the FIFA ethics committee.

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