

**4<sup>th</sup> AMA Conference**  
**Updates on Developments in**  
**Singapore Mediation Landscape**

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# Updates on Developments in Singapore Mediation Landscape

## State Courts



- Primary Justice Project (PJP) (2014)
  - Encourages parties to explore amicable settlement of disputes before taking legal action in court
  - PJP Lawyers provide basic legal services geared towards resolving the disputes at an early stage, for a fixed fee

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## State Courts



- Establishment of State Courts Centre for Dispute Resolution (2015)
  - All Court Dispute Resolution services for civil, criminal disputes and matters under the Protection from Harassment Act and Community Disputes Resolution Act
- Under Protection from Harassment Act and the Community Disputes Resolution Act 2015, parties may be referred for mediation without consent
- Civil cases filed pursuant to the District Court jurisdiction attract Court ADR fees of S\$250 per party (May 2015)

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## Family Justice Courts (established in Oct 2014)



- Family Mediator Training and Accreditation
- Divorces (with no contested child issues) and where gross assets >\$3m referred for mediation at Singapore Mediation Centre / parties opt for private mediation (Oct 2016)

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## Supreme Court



- ADR Offer implemented. Possible cost sanctions for refusal to mediate without good reason (2014)
- Active referral of Court of Appeal cases for mediation from (2014)
- Amendment No 1 of 2016 of the Supreme Court Practice Directions - professional duty of lawyers to advise on ADR, as well as adverse costs orders for unreasonable refusal to use ADR (2016)

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## Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC)



- Launch of new services - Collaborative Family Practice (2013); Healthcare Mediation Scheme, in partnership with MOH Holdings (2014)
- Specialist mediators with industry expertise (2014)
- Partnering Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration in Arb-Med-Arb protocol, which features SMC (2015)

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## Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC)



- New and improved mediation facilities (2015)
- Global Pound Conference (1st event of 40 events worldwide) (2016)
- Singapore Mediation Lecture – cutting edge topics (ODR - 2016)

# SMC TRACK RECORD

# 70.61%

of matters were  
settled



**SMC maintains a high settlement rate**



More than **90%**  
of matters settled were  
settled within 1 day

**SMC is committed to resolving  
disputes efficiently**

# 2991

Total matters were  
mediated at SMC



Over

# \$3.5 billion

worth of disputes have  
been mediated at SMC

With

# \$209 million

being the highest  
quantum of claim



**SMC has the track record of  
handling large sum in disputes**



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## Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC)



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL  
MEDIATION CENTRE

- Established in 2014
- Focuses on mediating cross-border international cases
- Arb-Med-Arb in collaboration with Singapore International Arbitration Centre

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## Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA)



- Launched 2016
- First regional hub dedicated to thought leadership, training, educational excellence, research in negotiation and dispute resolution
- Provides international platform for exchanging and developing ideas on theory, practice and policy development

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## Singapore International Mediation Institute (SIMI)



- Incorporated in July 2014
- Drives transparency and raises competency standards in mediation practice
- Standards setting body for mediators

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## Mediation Bill

- Staying proceedings pending mediation outcome
- Allowing certain mediated agreements to be enforced as Orders of Court
- Confidentiality of mediation

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