

## LITIGATE OR ARBITRATE OR MEDIATE?

### Observations on the 2022 survey by the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy

Some weeks ago, I attended a debate at [Essex Court Chambers](#) - (which was also live streamed via Zoom), convened by the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy ([SIDRA](#)) of Singapore Management University ([SMU](#)). The event also aired key findings from SIDRA's latest [Dispute Resolution Survey](#) run with SMU's School of Law. The survey Report 'sliced and diced' responses from a surprisingly low number of respondents (139) of which 107 were dispute resolution lawyers.

These factors scored HIGH in the survey for **importance and satisfaction**: -

Mediation - preservation of business relationships

Arbitration - confidentiality and flexibility

Litigation - finality and enforceability

[Rachel Tan Xi En](#) summarised some of the survey's findings, and then [Lucas Bastin KC](#), [Ashique Rahman](#) and [Nelson Goh](#) valiantly argued the merits of litigation, arbitration and mediation respectively.

The advantage of mediation in 'avoiding ego-bruising' was I, felt a compelling element of Nelson's argument.



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