



PRIVATE PRACTICE POWERLIST 2023
ARBITRATION | HONG KONG

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For over 30 years, *The Legal 500* has been analysing the capabilities of law firms and sets across the world. In the research team, we constantly track which sections are used most by clients, and this often matches up with an increase in that section from submissions, client referees, requests for interviews and feedback – all of which make up the research process. The international arbitration rankings are consistently one of our most used and read editorial sections and one of the most competitive areas for law firms, sets, lawyers and barristers. This very much chimes with what we constantly hear anecdotally in the market, with international arbitration frequently cited as the preferred form of dispute resolution.

The *Arbitration Powerlist: Hong Kong* represents a curated collection of elite arbitration practitioners from across the region. In this guide, you will encounter not only outstanding practitioners from Hong Kong but also international professionals who have brought their expertise to the budding region. Already established as a business and financial hub, Hong Kong's growing stature in the realm of arbitration holds considerable significance, making it a noteworthy development for anyone involved in the legal and corporate industries. As Hong Kong's arbitration institutions manage unprecedented caseloads, we hope the following guide offers insights into the burgeoning disputes market, characterised by a wealth of talent. The guide goes on to truly highlight and emphasise the international nature of arbitration in Hong Kong, with many practitioners possessing a depth of experience as well as qualifications and admissions spanning multiple regions. As is made evident by the upcoming profiles, Hong Kong has emerged as a highly favoured destination for maritime arbitration, thereby increasing

its scope of influence on international commerce. Given its geographical location and the expertise present in the region, it is understandable to see why shipping contracts and cross-border disputes constitute a large percentage of disputes in the region.

A running theme in all interviews held in this *Powerlist* is the vibrancy of Hong Kong's local arbitration scene, offering what has been described as a smorgasbord of cases, ranging from investment treaty to energy and mining disputes. The diversification of practice in this region runs alongside the diverse nature of those offering arbitration services. Hong Kong is definitely making commendable progress in overcoming traditional perceptions of what a typical arbitration practitioner looks like. The region's international culture has played a pivotal role in welcoming and finding a place for all, in terms of gender, ethnic and geographical diversity, equally representing the end users of arbitration.

As with any publication of this nature, we were faced with the dilemma of including as many worthy candidates as possible without diluting the significance of their listing. After lengthy discussions across the editorial team, we decided that a larger selection was necessary to provide sufficient nuance and balance across so many different markets.

To collate the list of leading practitioners we have of course drawn on our research team's expertise. We have also approached leading arbitrators, arbitral institutions and general counsel active in the market to help create a definitive list of the leading arbitration counsel in Hong Kong today. As such, we think the listing reflects those practitioners that are deemed the gold standard by businesses. ■



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Arbitration Powerlist – Hong Kong

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Business message

Arbitration Chambers is the pre-eminent chambers dedicated to independent international arbitrators. Its members count among the most experienced arbitration practitioners in the world and come from a mix of common law and civil law jurisdictions, with complementary specialities. Each of its arbitrators offers the broad array of skills and experience necessary to determine the most complex international disputes. Its members operate entirely independently from one another and do not accept instructions as counsel, which avoids conflicts.

Arbitration Chambers was established in Hong Kong in 2012 by the head of chambers, Gavin Denton. In response to growing demand, and in recognition of the

cities' importance as seats of international arbitration, Chambers expanded to London in 2017 and to New York in 2020.

The members of Arbitration Chambers are located around the globe and include some of the best and most highly respected practitioners in the world. Chambers' arbitrators practise a mix of international commercial arbitration and investor-state arbitration and are much sought after by institutions and parties alike for appointments as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and presiding arbitrator.

Due to their significant arbitration experience and their diverse regional backgrounds, the members of Arbitration Chambers are familiar with seats and governing laws from around the

globe and of all of the major (and some of the lesser known) institutional rules.

Its members also hold significant positions at leading international arbitral bodies – including David Rivkin as chairperson of the HKIAC, Lucy Reed as president of SIAC, Juliet Blanch and Chiann Bao as vice presidents of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, and John Beechey CBE as chairman of the BVI International Arbitration Centre.

The arbitrators at Arbitration Chambers are supported by a capable international team of arbitration lawyers, who provide administrative and legal assistance as required.

Further information about Arbitration Chambers, and its members, can be found at www.arbchambers.com.



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Robert S Pé

Arbitration Chambers

Job title: Independent arbitrator

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 25+

Number of years as an arbitrator: 15+

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Ten

Admissions: England and Wales, Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Commodities, construction, education, finance, hotels, mining, telecoms, technology

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, UK, US

Languages: English

Robert S Pé has been an independent arbitrator and member of Arbitration Chambers since 2017. He was an equity partner of a leading US-based international law firm and focused his practice on international arbitration.

He is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a member of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce. He served as co-chair of the ICC's Belt and Road Commission from 2020 to 2022. Prior to that, he served two full terms on the council of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) from 2014 to 2020.

Robert is a member of numerous panels of arbitrators and has dealt with multiple commercial disputes, in which the governing laws of the underlying transactional documents have included Cayman, Delaware, English, Hong Kong, Indian, Myanmar, New York, PRC and Singapore law. His

clients have included multinationals, private equity funds, sovereign states, government bodies, state-owned enterprises, and individual politicians and businesspeople.

In conversation with...

What are the most important qualities in an international arbitrator?

The most basic function of an international arbitrator is to make a decision based on the evidence and the law. An ability to digest and analyse large volumes of information is essential, as is decisiveness.

The international arbitrator must ensure due process, while not being paranoid about doing so. Strong management skills are essential, as are an ability to communicate clearly and confidently, to read carefully, to listen attentively and to act fairly between the parties. The international arbitrator should have an eye to costs and efficiency; it is important to be organised, methodical and prompt.

Finally, considering the international nature of the role, it is also important to be diplomatic, culturally sensitive, and willing to travel.

Which recent political, economic or regulatory changes have impacted your practice the most?

Given that I am a British national, UK sanctions on certain Russian entities have impacted

my practice. I have had to apply to the UK government's Office for Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) for a licence to chair an HKIAC arbitration between Russian entities and to receive payment of my fees and expenses. This has involved obtaining sufficient information from each of the parties and the HKIAC and providing that information to the OFSI in a digestible form. While the parties, the HKIAC and my co-arbitrators have been helpful, the process has not been as straightforward as I would have hoped.

Other developments, such as the military coup in Myanmar on 1 February 2021, have also impacted my practice. I am half English and half Burmese (Myanmar) in origin and did a lot of work in Myanmar in the past. This included lobbying for the country to accede to the New York Convention, educating Parliamentarians on the importance of enacting an arbitration law based closely on the UNCITRAL Model Law and running training for judges on arbitration-related topics. I was deeply saddened by the coup, which has led many foreign investors to exit the country. This has increased the number of Myanmar-related arbitrations, and I am often considered for appointment in such cases.

What are your views on diversity and inclusion in international arbitration today?

I am a big supporter of greater diversity and inclusion in international arbitration and, when I was still in practice with an international law firm, the majority of lawyers in my team were women. This was not the result of positive discrimination but simply because they were the best qualified individuals for the roles they filled. Similarly,

Arbitration Chambers counts among its members a substantial number of first-class female arbitrators.

Now that I am a full-time arbitrator, I sometimes find that I am the only man on a tribunal of three. This is a striking contrast from the past and a huge step in the right direction. The focus on gender diversity has clearly had a positive impact on international arbitration and I expect the same to be true of the current increased focus on LGBTQ+ diversity. I feel there should be a similar increased focus on ethnic diversity. In some jurisdictions, ethnic diversity among arbitrators and arbitration lawyers is the norm, but in others, it is not.

What are your views on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in international arbitration?

There is no doubt that the use of AI can improve efficiency in international arbitration, both in terms of increasing the speed at which certain work is carried out and reducing the cost of that work by minimising the amount of human time required. However, there is an urgent need for better regulation of and guidance on the use of AI. It is essential to ensure transparency – when is AI being used, by whom and for what purposes – and that the use of AI does not create extreme inequality between parties and, therefore, unfairness.

Importantly, I do not see AI replacing the role of international arbitrators. Human judgement is essential to understand the nuances, cultural issues and complexity inherent in international arbitration. ■





Chiann Bao

Arbitration Chambers

Job title: International arbitrator

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 18

Number of years as an arbitrator: Five

Admissions: New York, Hong Kong, England and Wales

Main sectors covered: Corporate, pharma and life sciences, commercial, energy and natural resources, distribution, construction, infrastructure, investment, technology, IP, crypto assets

Geographical areas of focus: Worldwide

Languages: English, Mandarin Chinese

Chiann Bao is an independent arbitrator with over 20 years of experience working in Singapore, Hong Kong, New York and London. She has been appointed in complex ad-hoc and institutional arbitrations with a total of several US\$bn in dispute. Qualified in New York, Hong Kong, and England and Wales, she is a panel arbitrator of the major arbitral institutions worldwide, a chartered arbitrator and a CEDR-accredited mediator.

Chiann's primary work as arbitrator focuses on complex high-value commercial and investment arbitrations. She regularly sits as chair in proceedings as well as co-arbitrator. Given her background as a US national growing up in America but with deep cultural ties to Asia, she is well placed to handle arbitrations involving multiple jurisdictions. Further, while her legal qualifications are from common law systems, she regularly sits in cases involving civil law jurisdictions and has a keen sensitivity to disputes where the governing law is a civil law jurisdiction.



Neil Kaplan CBE KC SBS

Arbitration Chambers

Job title: International arbitrator

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 58

Number of years as an arbitrator: 36

Admissions: Appointed King's Counsel (1982); barrister, England and Wales; barrister, Hong Kong; barrister and solicitor, State of Victoria, Australia; New York Bar

Main sectors covered: Construction and engineering, corporate and M&A, energy and natural resources, finance and banking, insurance, investor-state arbitration, public and private international law

Geographical areas of focus: Worldwide

Languages: English

Neil Kaplan CBE KC SBS has been a full-time arbitrator since 1995, overseeing numerous commercial, infrastructure and investment disputes under various arbitration bodies, including the ICC, HKIAC, LCIA, PCA, SIAC, SCC, ICSID and CIETAC. Notably, Neil presided over investment treaty cases involving Timor-Leste, Hungary, Croatia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Cambodia, Ecuador, Iran, India, Ukraine, Russia, Korea and Saudi Arabia as both presiding arbitrator and co-arbitrator.

Admitted to the Bar of England and Wales in 1965, Neil has practised as a barrister, held the role of principal crown counsel at the Hong Kong Attorney General's Chambers, and served as a judge of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, overseeing the Construction and Arbitration List. He attained King's Counsel status in 1982 and founded and served as the first head of Des Voeux Chambers in Hong Kong. Notably, he held the position of chairman at the HKIAC from 1991 to 2004 and served as the president of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators during 1999-2000.

Since 1995, Neil has been a council member for the International Council for Commercial Arbitration, now holding a position as a governing board member. Additionally, in 2012, he joined the ICC International Court of Arbitration as a member. Furthermore, Neil is a chartered arbitrator and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.

Since 2017, Neil has been the president of the court of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry Arbitration and Mediation Centre. In 2020, Neil was appointed as the inaugural president of Delos Dispute Resolution's board of advisers, and in 2022 assumed the role of deputy president of the Bahrain Court of Cassation. Besides conducting arbitrations in England and Hong Kong, Neil has conducted arbitrations in numerous countries worldwide, including the US, France, Germany, Croatia, Malaysia, Australia, Denmark, Indonesia and many others.



Jingzhou Tao

Arbitration Chambers

Job title: Independent arbitrator

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 38

Number of years as an arbitrator: 29+

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Nine

Admissions: France, China

Main sectors covered: Commercial disputes

Geographical areas of focus: Asia-Pacific, Europe

Languages: English, French, Mandarin

Jingzhou Tao has sat in over 200 arbitrations, the majority as sole or presiding arbitrator, in both civil and common law disputes. *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* has consistently recognised Jingzhou as a leading dispute resolution lawyer in China, and as one of the most in-demand arbitrators in the Asia-Pacific region. Jingzhou is renowned for being able to bridge the gap between Western and Eastern views, and is regarded as one of the best and most respected arbitrators in the region.



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Desmond Ang

Sidley Austin

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 18

Number of years as an arbitrator: Six

Admissions: Advocate and solicitor (Singapore; 2005), solicitor (England and Wales; 2007), solicitor (Hong Kong; 2009)

Main sectors covered: Commercial litigation, disputes, global arbitration, trade and advocacy, restructuring

Geographical areas of focus: Asia Pacific, Mainland China, Hong Kong, Singapore

Languages: English, Mandarin, Cantonese

Desmond Ang specialises in international commercial litigation and arbitration, with an emphasis on high-stakes disputes involving business relationships and investments with companies in China, Taiwan and Japan. Desmond is also expanding his expertise in the field of restructuring and insolvency, where he represents both debtors and creditors in matters concerning debt restructurings, insolvency proceedings, distressed situations and associated legal disputes.

Desmond has represented clients in proceedings conducted under ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, CIETAC, JCAA, ICDR and UNCITRAL arbitration rules as well as before the Hong Kong courts. Desmond possesses a wealth of experience in handling disputes related to mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and private equity transactions, with cases litigated in locations such as Hong Kong, Singapore, Beijing, Tokyo, California and Switzerland.

Desmond develops practical dispute resolution strategies underpinned by a thorough analysis of the relevant facts. These strategies are tailored to align with the client's overall commercial goals, with the ultimate objective of providing high-quality, responsive and cost-effective legal representation.

Desmond has counselled both individuals and businesses across a broad array of industries, including retail (both luxury and mass market), private equity, pharmaceuticals, real estate, oil and gas, technology, telecommunications, natural resources, mining and sports.



Louise Irene Barrington

Independent arbitrator and mediator

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 35

Number of years as an arbitrator: 25

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Four

Admissions: Ontario, New York, England and Wales (all retired)

Main sectors covered: Commercial, CISG, construction, franchises and licences, shareholder disputes, professional negligence

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, Paris, London, Toronto, New York

Languages: English, French, Spanish

Louise Irene Barrington is the founder and director of Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Hong Kong, the co-founder and director of ArbitralWomen, and a winner of the CPR Diversity award.

Jeremy Bartlett SC

Prince's Chambers

Job title: Barrister (Silk)

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 39

Number of years as an arbitrator: 28

Admissions: Barrister and solicitor, High Court of New Zealand (1984); barrister and solicitor, Victoria, Australia (1986); solicitor, England and Wales (1988); solicitor, Hong Kong (1988); admitted to the Hong Kong Bar (1999); admitted in Hong Kong to Inner Bar as senior counsel (2015)

Main sectors covered: Arbitration, mediation, negotiation, contract, commercial, energy, infrastructure, insurance, investor, state, company, mergers and acquisitions, shareholder disputes, sale of goods and commodities, China-related matters, private equity, family and trust disputes under ad-hoc and institutional rules – HKIAC, CIETAC, LCIA, ICC, UNCITRAL, LPO and AAA

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, China, Southeast Asia, Middle East, Europe

Languages: English

Before becoming a member of the Bar, Jeremy Bartlett had an extensive career in private practice at renowned international law firms, including Herbert Smith and later Coudert Brothers, where he served as co-head of the Asia regional arbitration practice group spanning nine Asian offices.

Jeremy holds several positions, including Fellow of the CI Arb (East Asia Branch), and is an active member of the HKIAC, CIETAC and ICC (Hong Kong). He is also a member of the Hong Kong Maritime Arbitration Group, and the Hong Kong Insurance Law Association. Furthermore, Jeremy holds positions as a faculty member of HKICPA Restructuring and Insolvency, a statutory board member of the Hong Kong Higher Rights of Audience, a member of the Hong Kong Bar Association Arbitration Committee, the vice president of the International Dispute Resolution Academy, and finally as a member of the Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists.



Olga Boltenko

Fangda Partners

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 17

Number of years as an arbitrator: Eight

Current number of arbitrator appointments: One as chair arbitrator, one as sole arbitrator

Admissions: Hong Kong, foreign-registered lawyer at the Singapore International Commercial Court, Primorsky Region of the Russian Federation

Main sectors covered: Public international law, investor-state dispute resolution, commercial disputes in the transportation, construction, supply chains, oil and gas, and shareholders disputes industries

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, Singapore, the People's Republic of China, Central Asia, Eastern Europe

Languages: Russian, Ukrainian, English, French, Norwegian, German, Chinese Mandarin

Olga Boltenko is a partner at Fangda Partners in Hong Kong. She is an investment and trade lawyer with over 15 years' experience in public international law and investor-state dispute resolution. She has acted as counsel in investor-state disputes under the auspices of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, the International Chamber of Commerce, and the London Court of International Arbitration, as well as in commercial disputes in a wide array of industries, including oil and gas, infrastructure, construction, telecommunications and pharmaceuticals across Asia and beyond.

Olga is an adjunct associate professor and a deputy executive director of the LLM in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution at the University of Hong Kong, where she teaches arbitration and investment law. She is admitted to the roll of solicitors in Hong Kong, and is qualified to practise law in the Russian Federation.

Olga is listed as an arbitrator with the CIETAC, the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Asian International Arbitration Centre, the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, and with several other regional and Central Asian institutions, where she is developing an active arbitrator practice.



Keith Brandt
Dentons Hong Kong

Job title: Managing partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 38

Admissions: Solicitor and barrister, Supreme Court of Australian Capital Territory (1990); solicitor, Australia (1990); solicitor, England and Wales (1985); solicitor, Hong Kong (1985)

Main sectors covered: Financial services, manufacturing, retail, energy, mining, technology, construction

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, Mainland China, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Middle East, Indian sub-continent

Languages: English

Keith Brandt is managing partner and head of the litigation and dispute resolution group of Dentons Hong Kong. Keith has more than 38 years' experience in heavyweight dispute resolution, including High Court and Commercial Court litigation, domestic and international arbitration, expert determinations, alternative dispute resolution, and mediations with particular focus on the energy, construction and financial services sectors.

Keith is appointed vice chairman of ICC Hong Kong and was appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee on Promotion of Arbitration by the Department of Justice in March 2021. Keith is also an appointed panel arbitrator of the Guangzhou Arbitration Committee starting from April 2021 and served as an arbitrator in the FDI MOOT Shenzhen 2021.

Keith has also been ranked by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023* as a leading lawyer in Dispute Resolution: Litigation for Hong Kong.



Sean Brannigan KC
4 Pump Court

Job title: Barrister (Silk)

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 29

Number of years as an arbitrator: Ten

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Two

Admissions: England and Wales; Northern Ireland; registered advocate, Dubai International Financial Centre Courts (DIFC); appointed King's Counsel 2009

Main sectors covered: International arbitration, energy, construction and engineering, professional negligence

Geographical areas of focus: UK, Middle East, Asia Pacific



Denis Brock
O'Melveny & Myers

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 40

Number of years as an arbitrator: 20

Admissions: England and Wales (1985), Hong Kong (1987), New South Wales (2000), New York (2006), New Zealand, Ireland

Main sectors covered: Commercial, corporate, regulatory litigation and arbitration, disputes involving investments, joint ventures, construction, projects, commodities, shareholder complaints, professional negligence claims, insurance

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, Hong Kong, Mainland China, Singapore

Languages: English

Denis Brock is the chair of O'Melveny's international disputes and arbitration practice and the regional head of litigation for Asia. Denis is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and one of a very small number of solicitor advocates in Hong Kong who can appear as counsel before the courts as well as in arbitration. Denis' expertise in arbitration is recognised by his ongoing role as the general editor of the seminal textbook *Commercial Arbitration: A Practical Guide*, which is published for both Hong Kong and Singapore and co-edited by the chief justice of each jurisdiction.

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023 ranks Denis Brock as a 'Leading Individual' for Dispute Resolution and he has held that rank for over ten years, including elevation to the 'Hall of Fame'.



Peter Bullock
King & Wood Mallesons

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 34

Number of years as an arbitrator: 22 years (domain names), five years (commercial matters)

Admissions: Hong Kong, England and Wales

Main sectors covered: TMT, Fintech

Geographical areas of focus: Asia

Languages: English

Peter Bullock is a partner in the Hong Kong office of King & Wood Mallesons. Peter acts for major information technology and telecommunications brands and for investors in and users of TMT systems and services. Peter advises on regulatory areas such as cyber risks, data law, FinTech and the digital economy, as well as employment and competition law matters. Peter also has extensive experience in conducting litigation, arbitration, mediation and investigations.



Elizabeth Chan

Tanner De Witt

Job title: Registered foreign lawyer

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: Eight

Admissions: Barrister and solicitor (non-practising), New Zealand (2013); attorney, New York (2016); solicitor-advocate, England and Wales (2020)

Main sectors covered: Commercial; commercial defaults; shareholder disputes; joint venture disputes; pharmaceutical industry; oil, gas and renewable energy; technology

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, PRC, Middle East

Languages: English, Mandarin, Cantonese

Elizabeth Chan brings near a decade of legal expertise to resolving high-stakes, complex disputes. As a registered foreign lawyer (England and Wales) at Tanner De Witt, Elizabeth previously honed her skills in leading international arbitration teams at Allen & Overy in Hong Kong, Three Crowns in London and Herbert Smith Freehills in New York and Hong Kong.

Elizabeth has been instrumental in over a dozen international commercial arbitration cases and several investment treaty arbitrations, representing both investors and states. Elizabeth's extensive experience spans a range of major arbitral rules, including HKIAC, ICC, LCIA, ICDR, ICSID and UNCITRAL, and encompasses diverse seats such as The Hague, Singapore, London, Hong Kong, Geneva, Austria, Hawaii and Washington, DC.

Elizabeth regularly speaks on topics on the intersection of technology and the law and hosted the first-ever arbitration gathering in the metaverse in January 2022.

Elizabeth brings a unique blend of legal acumen and global perspective to navigate the complex arbitration landscape. Since joining Tanner De Witt, her practice has expanded to insolvency and restructuring and Hong Kong litigation. Among other matters, Elizabeth has helped insolvency officeholders in foreign insolvency proceedings to obtain recognition and assistance from the Hong Kong courts.



Geoffrey Chan
Mayer Brown

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 32

Number of years as an arbitrator: Nine

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Four

Admissions: Hong Kong, England and Wales

Main sectors covered: International arbitration, litigation, dispute resolution, construction, engineering, hospitality, leisure, environmental, real estate markets, real estate litigation, corporate real estate services, real estate development and construction, enterprise risk, crisis management

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, China, Macau, Asia, Canada

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Geoffrey Chan is a partner in Mayer Brown's Hong Kong office, where he assumes the role of practice leader for the firm's construction and engineering division, as well as the head of the litigation and dispute resolution practice throughout Asia. Geoffrey has extensive experience in all aspects of contentious construction work including legal proceedings, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution, within the jurisdictions of Hong Kong, China and Macau. Geoffrey provides counsel on matters related to town-planning and building law and is highly experienced in advising on a wide range of construction contract disputes, construction negligence claims, and cases involving environmental issues.



Stephen Chan
Charles Russell Speechlys

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 16

Number of years as an arbitrator: One

Admissions: The Law Society of Hong Kong, The Law Society of New Zealand

Main sectors covered: Corporate and commercial disputes, fintech, cryptocurrency, shareholder disputes, fraud, asset tracing, employment law

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, UK, US

Languages: English, Mandarin, Cantonese

Stephen Chan has conducted international arbitrations involving complex commercial disputes under HKIAC, SIAC, ICC, UNCITRAL and other institutional arbitral rules worldwide. Stephen is a present committee member of the Law Society of Hong Kong's arbitration committee and was part of the working group leading to the promulgation of the Outcome Related Fee Structures (ORFS) legislation enabling contingency fee arrangements for arbitration in Hong Kong.



Simon Chapman KC

Herbert Smith Freehills

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 17

Number of years as an arbitrator: Six+

Admissions: England and Wales, Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: International arbitration, cross-border disputes, investment treaties, commercial arbitration, fraud, breach of warranty, post-M&A, joint ventures, shareholder disputes, energy, private equity, cryptocurrency, finance, hospitality, TMT

Geographical areas of focus: Asia Pacific

Languages: English

Simon Chapman KC is the regional head of dispute resolution in Asia and an international arbitration specialist focusing on cross-border disputes. Simon has acted for governments, state-owned entities, sovereign wealth funds and multinational and domestic companies across the Asia Pacific region and across a range of industries, including in the energy, private equity, cryptocurrency, finance, hospitality and TMT sectors.

Simon has appeared in some of the largest cases before the Hong Kong courts concerning challenges to arbitral awards and has advised on related proceedings before the courts in Singapore and England and Wales. Simon is regularly instructed to obtain urgent, interim measures from courts and emergency arbitrators, including anti-suit relief to restrain litigation proceedings in favour of arbitration.

In addition to his work as counsel, Simon sits regularly as an arbitrator, including as presiding arbitrator, co-arbitrator and sole arbitrator across a range of institutional and ad-hoc cases. Furthermore, Simon has been a member of the ICC Court of Arbitration since 2021.

Simon is dual-qualified in Hong Kong and England and Wales, with higher rights of audience in both jurisdictions. One of a small number of solicitors to have been appointed Queen's Counsel (now King's Counsel) in England and Wales, Simon has appeared as advocate before the High Court, Court of Appeal and Court of Final Appeal in Hong Kong and advises regularly on challenges to arbitral awards in other jurisdictions, notably Singapore and England and Wales.



Simon Cheng

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Job title: Legal director

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 20+

Admissions: Hong Kong (2004), England and Wales (2008)

Main sectors covered: Commercial, corporate, international trade, maritime, logistics, transportation

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Simon Cheng is a seasoned litigator and dispute resolution specialist experienced in dealing with a wide range of complex and multi-jurisdictional commercial disputes involving company and shareholders, banking, investment, debt recovery, commercial fraud, international trade and sale of goods and commodities, insurance, maritime and transportation, and logistics as well as construction-related matters. Simon frequently represents clients in court proceedings, arbitrations – both ad-hoc and institutional including HKIAC, SIAC, CIETAC, LCIA, LMAA, ICC and GAFTA – and mediations both in Hong Kong and abroad, including London, PRC, Australia, India, Singapore and the US. Simon is currently one of the examiners for Head II Civil Procedure of the Overseas Lawyer Qualification Examination (OLQE) of the Law Society of Hong Kong.



Felix Cheung

Hill Dickinson Hong Kong

Job title: Associate

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: Four

Number of years as an arbitrator: Four

Admissions: Member of the Law Society of Hong Kong, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb), accredited mediator of the Hong Kong Mediation and Arbitration Centre, associate of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects (AssocRINA)

Main sectors covered: Commercial disputes, international trade, sale of goods, employment, maritime, insurance, civil fraud

Geographical areas of focus: Asia-Pacific

Languages: Cantonese, Mandarin, English

Felix Cheung specialises in dispute resolution and international arbitration. Felix has extensive experience conducting HKIAC, ICC, SIAC, UNCITRAL, LMAA and ad-hoc arbitration. Felix also handles all aspects of complex commercial and shipping litigation from the Court of First Instance up to the Court of Final Appeal in Hong Kong.

Felix works closely with clients of multinational profiles, including leading banks, conglomerates, insurers and high-net-worth individuals. Felix often advises clients on cross-border asset and debt recovery, shareholders' dispute, liquidation, regulatory, employment and trust issues. Felix also appears as the sole advocate before the court and arbitral tribunal. He is known to be a strategist both as to case planning as well as spontaneous advocacy on the spot.

Felix has published in various authoritative textbooks and journals. He is a co-author of Chapter 17 'Enforcement of Maritime Claim' in *Maritime Law and Practice in Hong Kong* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2nd ed 2019), a contributing author to *Hong Kong Tort Law: Texts, Cases and Ordinances* (LexisNexis 2014), the author of Chapter 9 'Improbable Real Sale of Virtual Goods' in *Commercial Transactions in the Virtual World: Issues and Opportunities* (City University of Hong Kong Press 2014), and a co-author of 'The Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act 2012 – Not a Model for Hong Kong' published in *The Asian Business Lawyer* Vol 18.



Hinson Cheung

Pinsent Masons

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 12

Number of years as an arbitrator: Two

Current number of arbitrator appointments: One

Admissions: Solicitor (2011), solicitor advocate (2021)

Main sectors covered: Construction arbitration, construction law dispute, legal

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong SAR, China

Languages: Mandarin, English, Cantonese

Hinson Cheung is a solicitor advocate specialising in construction arbitration. Hinson started his career in 2004 as a quantity surveyor before being admitted as a solicitor. Hinson has since developed a deep understanding of his clients' commercial interests, who are consistent in their praise of his counsel, intelligence, understanding and professionalism.

Hinson's dual qualification as a construction lawyer and quantity surveyor enable him to be well-versed in complex construction technologies and highly capable of interpreting technical drawings and specifications. Having spent 20 years in administration, management and supervision of construction contracts and disputes in Hong Kong, Hinson has gained a deep understanding of the different types of construction contracts used in Hong Kong as well as the practical difficulties faced by contract administrators. Hinson's first-hand experience has been particularly useful in providing comprehensive and practical considerations in contract development.

Hinson is one of the 40 arbitrators of the Joint Panel of Hong Kong Institute of Architects and the Institute of Surveyors, and one of the 55 professional adjudicators of the adjudicator nominating bodies appointed by the Hong Kong government. Hinson is also one of the handful of solicitor advocates in Hong Kong who possess advocacy rights comparable to barristers in the Hong Kong Court.



Kwok Kit (KK) Cheung

Deacons

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 31

Number of years as an arbitrator: 13

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Four as sole arbitrator

Admissions: Solicitor, Hong Kong, 1994; solicitor, England and Wales (non-practising), 1995

Main sectors covered: International arbitration, construction, construction advisory, construction disputes, litigation and dispute resolution, cross-border dispute resolution, shareholder and partnership disputes

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, Mainland China, Mongolia, Asia

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

KK Cheung is a partner of the litigation and dispute resolution department at Deacons. KK has wide experience in dealing with a variety of private and government building projects in Hong Kong, some of which was gained when practising as a quantity surveyor. KK also acts for developers, contractors and subcontractors in construction projects, appears in litigation, arbitration and mediation and undertakes general advisory work in relation to construction contracts in Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China. KK conducts CIETAC arbitrations in Shenzhen, Shanghai and Beijing and acts as an arbitrator and mediator in construction and commercial disputes. KK handles complex, high-value shareholders' disputes, often involving multiple jurisdictions, and takes on cross-border commercial disputes involving Hong Kong, Mainland China and other countries.



Barbara Chiu
King & Wood Mallesons

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 25

Admissions: Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Commercial litigation, regulatory investigation/litigation, white-collar crimes

Geographical area of focus: Asia

Languages: Mandarin, Cantonese, English

Barbara Chiu is a partner in the Hong Kong office of King & Wood Mallesons. Barbara specialises in commercial litigation, international arbitration, regulatory investigation and litigation, white-collar crimes, insolvency and restructuring, intellectual property related disputes, judicial review and employment law, with over 20 years' experience in Hong Kong.



John Choong
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 22

Number of years as an arbitrator: Ten

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Three as chair

Admissions: England and Wales, Hong Kong, Singapore (non-practising)

Main sectors covered: Consumer healthcare, energy resources, infrastructure, financial institutions, financial sponsors, industrials, real estate, telecommunications, media, technology, ESG

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, Mainland China, Hong Kong SAR, Singapore, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Thailand, Philippines

Languages: English, Mandarin

John Choong is a partner in Freshfields' international arbitration group and the head of Freshfields' China arbitration practice. John specialises in international arbitration and complex cross-border disputes throughout Asia. Over the course of over 20 years, John has represented clients on major billion-dollar arbitrations.



Antony Crockett
Herbert Smith Freehills

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 15

Number of years as an arbitrator: Five

Admissions: Victoria (Australia), England and Wales, Hong Kong SAR

Main sectors covered: Banking, finance, energy, mining, TMT

Geographical areas of focus: Worldwide

Languages: English

Antony Crockett is a public international law and cross-border dispute resolution specialist, based in the Hong Kong office of Herbert Smith Freehills. Antony represents clients in investment treaty arbitration, international commercial arbitration and other complex cross-border disputes before national and international courts and tribunals. Antony leads Herbert Smith Freehills' global business and human rights practice and is a member of the firm's ESG leadership group.



Justin D'Agostino MH
Herbert Smith Freehills

Job title: Global CEO

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 25

Number of years as an arbitrator: 15

Admissions: Solicitor advocate, England and Wales; solicitor, Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Consumer, energy, financial institutions, government, leisure

Geographical area of focus: Asia Pacific

Languages: English



Mariel Dimsey
Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre

Job title: Secretary general

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 17

Number of years as an arbitrator: 15

Admissions: New South Wales Australia, Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: General corporate, commercial, investment arbitration, infrastructure, intellectual property, banking, finance, supply and distribution, real estate

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, China, Australia, Germany, Switzerland

Languages: English, German

Mariel Dimsey is an international commercial and investment arbitration specialist. Before joining the HKIAC, she was a partner at CMS and co-head of the global CMS International Arbitration Group. Mariel has almost 20 years' experience acting as an adviser and advocate in numerous international arbitrations. Mariel has extensive experience in both common law and civil law disputes, including disputes involving Chinese parties, and has full professional fluency in German.

Mariel sits regularly as arbitrator and has experience as arbitrator under the HKIAC, ICC, KCAB and DIS Rules, and in ad-hoc disputes. Mariel is on the arbitrator panels of several institutions.

Mariel was a co-chair of the HK45 Committee, and a member of the advisory board of WILHK. Mariel is consistently ranked in both the regional and global editions of the leading legal directories.



Tony Dymond
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 30

Admissions: England and Wales, Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Complex multi-jurisdictional disputes, litigation, arbitration, energy, infrastructure

Geographical areas of focus: London, Hong Kong, Seoul

Languages: English

Tony Dymond's practice focuses on complex, multi-jurisdictional disputes, in both litigation and arbitration. Tony is co-chair of the firm's Asia arbitration practice and is widely acknowledged as a leading lawyer in high-value disputes arising from large-scale projects, particularly in the energy and infrastructure sectors.



Donovan Ferguson
King & Wood Mallesons

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 17

Admissions: Hong Kong, New South Wales, Queensland

Main sectors covered: Infrastructure, construction, commercial disputes

Geographical area of focus: Asia

Languages: English

Donovan Ferguson is a partner of King & Wood Mallesons in the dispute resolution team. Donovan specialises in infrastructure, construction and commercial disputes. Donovan works closely with clients in the building, energy and projects sectors advising on the full life cycle of their projects in Asia.



Tom Fu
Mayer Brown

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 24

Number of years as an arbitrator: 11

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Three

Admissions: Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Construction, engineering, projects, infrastructure, energy, oil and gas, technology

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, Mainland China

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Tom Fu is a partner of Mayer Brown who has extensive experience advising on issues arising from construction projects. Tom has been named in the China Real Estate and Construction (Foreign Firms) Hall of Fame in *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* (2023) and has been considered a leading individual from 2020 to 2022. Furthermore, in 2019, Tom was appointed by the China Association of International Engineering Consultants (CAIEC) as a member of its expert committee.

Tom has extensive experience handling cross-border disputes and currently holds memberships with both the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) and the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators (HKI Arb). Additionally, he is listed on several arbitration panels. Since 2010, Tom has served as a committee member of the International Legal Affairs Committee of Experts for the China International Council for the Promotion of Multinational Corporations (CICPMC).



Andrew Goddard KC
Atkin Chambers

Job title: Barrister (Silk)

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 38

Number of years as an arbitrator: 18

Admissions: The Bar of England and Wales, admitted on an ad-hoc basis to the Bars of Hong Kong, Trinidad and Tobago, and Tanzania

Main sectors covered: Construction, engineering, infrastructure, energy, natural resources, utilities, transport, professional negligence, shipbuilding repair, conversion, public law, general commercial

Geographical areas of focus: Worldwide

Languages: English

Andrew Goddard KC specialises in the law of commercial obligations, professional negligence and international arbitration, particularly in the context of disputes concerning major construction and engineering contracts and IT projects. Andrew is an accredited civil and commercial mediator, and has been appointed as arbitrator, adjudicator, legal assessor and legal expert in various disputes. Furthermore, Andrew is a member of the Borneo International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation's Panel of Arbitrators.



Ruaridh Guy
Squire Patton Boggs

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 13

Admissions: England and Wales (2012), Hong Kong (2019)

Main sectors covered: Shipping, commodities, international trade

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, Hong Kong, Mainland China, Japan, Singapore, Korea, London, US

Languages: English

As someone whose practice and experience is predominantly in shipping and commodities, arbitration is the norm for Ruaridh Guy in terms of the forum in which disputes are heard. Contracts in these sectors overwhelmingly provide for arbitration, rather than court jurisdiction. These sectors also give rise to a very wide range of arbitration agreements, from detailed clauses providing for institutional arbitration through to very basic one-line agreements which do not apply any institutional rules. Several different seats (predominantly London, Singapore and Hong Kong) are popular in these sectors, so his experience is very broad and varied in that sense.



Menachem Hasofer
Mayer Brown

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 26

Number of years as an arbitrator: Seven

Admissions: Hong Kong, Australia, New South Wales

Main sectors covered: International arbitration, electronic discovery, information governance, litigation, dispute resolution, construction, engineering, hospitality, leisure, environmental, real estate markets, real estate litigation, corporate real estate services, real estate development, cybersecurity, data privacy

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, Southeast Asia, Middle East, Australia

Languages: English, Hebrew

Menachem Hasofer is a partner of Mayer Brown and co-leader of the firm's international arbitration practice. Menachem is experienced in litigation, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution with an emphasis on handling document-intensive disputes arising from building construction and infrastructure projects.

Menachem advises companies on records retention and management, including storage and retrieval of electronically stored information and e-discovery. Menachem is a co-author of chapters on international litigation and arbitration in *Electronic Discovery Deskbook*, published by Practising Law Institute.



Cameron Hassall
Clifford Chance

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 25

Number of years as an arbitrator: Five+

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Six+

Admissions: Australia (1998), Hong Kong (2005)

Main sectors covered: Banks, energy and resources, industrials, infrastructure, private equity, sovereign wealth

Geographical area of focus: APAC

Languages: English

Cameron Hassall is senior disputes partner and possesses a vast wealth of experience in commercial arbitration, including AAA, ICC, UNCITRAL, LCIA, HKIAC, CIETAC, SCC and SIAC, as well as litigation. Cameron is qualified to practise in both Hong Kong and Australia, and he has accrued substantial expertise in both regions. Additionally, Cameron has gained significant experience in China, along with various other jurisdictions within the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region, as well as in England and the US.



Alvin Ho
Pinsent Masons

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 13

Admissions: Hong Kong (2010)

Main sectors covered: Building, construction

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Alvin Ho is a partner specialising in international arbitration, construction and regulatory disputes, and is the head of Pinsent Masons' Hong Kong office. Alvin works closely with clients on many high-profile arbitrations and litigations arising from large-scale infrastructure projects and commercial disputes in Asia. Alvin is praised for resolving major disputes quickly and cost-effectively, avoiding litigation or arbitration where he can and using other methods to achieve his clients' commercial objectives. Alvin has acted for clients in ICC, HKIAC and CIETAC arbitrations concerning projects in Hong Kong, Macao, Mainland China, Japan and Vietnam. He is described as 'an upcoming star in international arbitration' by *The Legal 500* for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration.

Alvin has over 13 years of experience specialising in construction and engineering law. Alvin's practice focuses on the contentious aspects of projects, acting for main contractors, sub-contractors and employers in litigation and international arbitration on building and civil engineering projects. Alvin frequently provides advice on live project issues helping parties avoid and minimise risks and disputes. Alvin has been involved in a wide range of construction dispute related legal work in the region, serving clients primarily from Hong Kong, Japan and Europe.



Matthew Hodgson
Allen & Overy

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 19

Number of years as an arbitrator: Seven

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Two

Admissions: England and Wales, Hong Kong, New York

Main sectors covered: Energy, finance and private equity, telecommunications and technology, mining

Geographical areas of focus: Asia Pacific

Languages: English

Matthew Hodgson has particular expertise in disputes for and against states and SOEs including commercial and investment treaty claims. Matthew's experience includes settling a dispute on behalf of two oil majors against a Southeast Asian state and SOE for US\$800m in 2022, and acting for Nissan against India in the first successful overseas investment claim by a Japanese investor with a settlement of over US\$250m. Matthew has represented the government of Korea in three matters, two currently ongoing, and currently acts for the government of Cambodia. Matthew is also acting for investors in claims against Nigeria and Myanmar.



Kevin Hong

Norton Rose Fulbright

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 14

Admissions: Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Financial services, energy, infrastructure, resources, commodities, commercial

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, Europe, UK

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Kevin Hong is a Hong Kong based dispute resolution lawyer whose practice focuses on commercial litigation, international arbitration and arbitration-related court proceedings. Kevin advises local and multinational corporations across a range of industry sectors on commercial, M&A, technology, joint venture, sales of goods, construction, shipping and insurance disputes, and possesses in-depth experience in the commodities, infrastructure and construction sectors. Kevin has advised and represented clients including government departments, developers, architects, contractors and subcontractors on a wide spectrum of contentious and non-contentious matters arising out of infrastructure and construction projects in several jurisdictions including Hong Kong, Macau, Shanghai, Beijing, Kazakhstan, Bangladesh, Australia and the US.

Kevin is on the panel of arbitrators of the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA), Langfang Arbitration Commission and Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC). Kevin has acted as counsel in arbitral proceedings conducted under various institutional rules including HKIAC, UNCITRAL, LCIA, SIAC, CIETAC and LMAA as well as ad-hoc arbitral proceedings in several jurisdictions.

Kevin has been recognised by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* as a key lawyer in the areas of international arbitration, construction and shipping.



Karah Howard
Pinsent Masons

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 15

Number of years as an arbitrator: One

Current number of arbitrator appointments: One as sole arbitrator

Admissions: Western Australia (2008), England and Wales (2010), Hong Kong SAR (2018)

Main sectors covered: Infrastructure, energy

Geographical areas of focus: Asia Pacific, Middle East

Languages: English, Japanese

Karah Howard is a partner and solicitor with an excellent reputation with clients for efficient, proactive and commercial advice. Karah has extensive experience guiding clients through high-value cross-border disputes in connection with major construction, infrastructure and energy projects. Recent projects include large-scale and highly technical disputes in respect of combined cycle power plants situated in Thailand and Bangladesh, and transport infrastructure projects for civil works situated in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Qatar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Karah has represented clients on arbitrations under HKIAC administered and domestic arbitration rules, SIAC rules and ICC rules, and seated in Doha, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Turkey. Karah's arbitration expertise is recognised in her listing in 2022/23 as arbitrator with the HKIAC, KCAB and Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA) and appointment in 2023 as sole arbitrator on a HKIAC-administered arbitration construction dispute. Karah's extensive experience advising Japanese contractors and trading houses, Japanese fluency and intimate knowledge of Japanese culture has placed her in prime position to lead the firm's initiative in relation to Japanese contractors in Asia Pacific and Middle East.



Gareth Hughes
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 29

Admissions: England and Wales, Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Major commercial litigation, international arbitration, white collar, regulatory defence matters

Geographical area of focus: Asia

Languages: English

With over 25 years' experience in Asia, Gareth Hughes advises major corporates, financial institutions and high-net-worth individuals in connection with complex commercial disputes, often with a cross-border component to them.



Frederick Hui
Zhong Lun Law Firm

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 18

Number of years as an arbitrator: Three

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Arbitrator of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, arbitrator of the Hainan International Arbitration Court, supporting member and arbitrator of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association

Admissions: Hong Kong (solicitor and solicitor advocate); England and Wales; British Virgin Islands (non-practising); notary public, Hong Kong; arbitrator, The People's Republic of China, Hong Kong and London

Main sectors covered: Financial institutions, insurance companies, multinational corporations, non-governmental organisations, Chinese state-owned enterprises, shipping, commercial cross-border, international arbitration tribunals

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, PRC, BVI, Cayman

Languages: Cantonese, English, Putonghua

Frederick Hui is one of the partners in the litigation and dispute resolution department in the Hong Kong office of Zhong Lun Law Firm LLP where he leads a team of 11 lawyers. Frederick attained higher rights of audience in 2017 and was appointed as one of 95 solicitor advocates who can appear in all levels of civil courts in Hong Kong. Frederick was qualified as a notary public by the chief judge of the High Court in 2020, opening a new business scope for the firm. Frederick thinks and works like a trial advocate who is aggressive but with great commercial sense.

Frederick specialises in commercial litigation, international arbitration and white-collar crime. Frederick has particular experience in advising and handling high-value shareholders and equity related disputes, multi-jurisdictional commercial disputes, commercial fraud, worldwide enforcement of judgments and arbitration awards, white-collar crime and departmental summonses, and securities regulatory enforcement and investigation. Additionally, Frederick deals with high-value complex probate and matrimonial disputes.



Jim James
Hill Dickinson Hong Kong

Job title: Consultant

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 46

Number of years as an arbitrator: 18

Admissions: Solicitor, England and Wales and solicitor, Hong Kong; panel arbitrator, CIETAC; panel arbitrator, CMAA; panel arbitrator, Beijing Arbitration Commission; supporting member, LMAA; certified adjudicator, Member Institute of Arbitrators

Main sectors covered: Dispute resolution, commercial, maritime, aviation, banking, construction, commodities, insurance, regulatory

Geographical areas of focus: Asia-Pacific, Africa

Languages: English

Jim James has over 46 years of practice experience, with 40 of those years in Asia, mostly in Hong Kong. Jim has also worked in London, South Korea, Singapore, Beijing and Shanghai. Originally focusing on shipping and shipbuilding disputes, Jim later gained experience in other practice areas including banking, aviation, construction, commodities, energy, insurance and regulatory.



Mark Johnson
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 37

Admissions: England and Wales, Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Commercial litigation, international arbitration, white-collar, regulatory defence matters, financial services, large-scale cross-border, domestic commercial disputes

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Jakarta, Bangkok, Beijing, Seoul, Shanghai, Tokyo

Languages: English

Mark Johnson's practice focuses on commercial litigation, international arbitration, and white-collar and regulatory defence matters, particularly in the financial services sector. Mark has built a successful practice advising on large-scale cross-border and domestic commercial disputes in the courts or before arbitral institutions, advising on internal and regulatory investigations and advising clients in relation to enquiries from a range of regulatory bodies, both in Asia and elsewhere.

Mark has advised clients on a range of dispute resolution and white-collar crime matters in Hong Kong and in most of the major Asian financial centres. In his previous experience, Mark also oversaw the opening of a firm's disputes practices in Singapore, Jakarta, Bangkok, Beijing, Seoul, Shanghai and Tokyo.



Camille Jojo
Norton Rose Fulbright

Job title: Senior legal consultant and partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 41

Admissions: Solicitor, England and Wales (1980); solicitor, Hong Kong (1982); solicitor, Victoria, Australia (1984)

Main sectors covered: Financial institutions

Geographical area of focus: Asia

Languages: English

Camille Jojo handles a wide range of banking disputes, shareholder and general commercial disputes and arbitrations, contentious trust and probate cases, insolvency litigation and restructuring and regulatory investigations. Camille has over 40 years of arbitration and litigation experience in Hong Kong and Asia and has been granted higher rights of audience enabling him to appear before the High Court and Court of Final Appeal in Hong Kong. Camille qualified as an arbitrator in 1997 and is currently a member of the Insolvency Law Reform Committee of the Law Society of Hong Kong. Camille has handled a large number of high-profile dispute resolution cases in Hong Kong and Asia, including the first Singapore arbitration case to be financed through third-party funding.



Richard Keady

Dentons Hong Kong

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 25

Admissions: England and Wales (1997), Hong Kong (2002)

Main sectors covered: Financial services, insurance, telecommunications, energy, aviation, life sciences

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, Mainland China, Singapore, Europe, US

Languages: English

Richard Keady is a partner in Dentons' litigation and dispute resolution group based in Hong Kong. Richard has over 25 years' experience in handling litigation, international arbitration and investigations for clients operating in highly regulated environments.

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023 quoted one client's comment, 'Richard Keady has always impressed me with his first-class skills in dispute resolution, both in respect of court litigation and international arbitration'.

Richard has particular expertise in disputes arising out of equity and debt capital markets, and in the distribution of financial products and investment funds; complex disputes in relation to private equity and major infrastructure investments; advising listed companies, licensed individuals and senior directors and officers of major corporations and financial institutions in relation to investigations by various regulatory bodies including the SFC, HKMA, IA and the FRC; shareholder and boardroom litigation, including in particular cross-border disputes arising out of joint ventures in China; and acting in professional disputes and disciplinary proceedings for a wide range of professionals including solicitors, accountants, brokers and licensed individuals.



Chi Ho Kwan

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Job title: Counsel

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: Ten+

Number of years as an arbitrator: One

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)

Admissions: Solicitor, Hong Kong (2013); solicitor advocate, Hong Kong (2019); FCI Arb (2022)

Main sectors covered: Financial services, automobile, IT, international trade, antitrust/competition, disputes, investigations, complex commercial litigation, international arbitration, regulatory, international disputes, securities enforcement and litigation, shareholder activism

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, India

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Chi Ho Kwan has extensive experience representing clients in international arbitrations with a particular focus on cross-border disputes involving Greater China. Chi Ho has represented companies, equity funds and high-net-worth individuals in cases involving shareholder and contractual disputes particularly in international arbitrations administered under the rules of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), the International Court of Arbitration (ICC), and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).



James Kwan

Hogan Lovells

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 23

Number of years as an arbitrator: 15

Admissions: New South Wales, Australia (1997); Hong Kong (2000); England and Wales (2001)

Main sectors covered: Private equity, manufacturing, industrials, energy, natural resources, life sciences, healthcare, technology, telecoms

Geographical areas of focus: Greater China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Mongolia, Middle East, Europe, US

Languages: English, Cantonese

James Kwan is an international arbitration partner who leads the international arbitration practice in Hong Kong. James is a member of Hogan Lovells' international arbitration global steering committee leadership team. James specialises in technology, private equity, energy and life sciences disputes. James has a range of international experience, having represented clients in arbitrations in Asia, the US, Middle East and Europe under the major institutional and ad-hoc rules, such as ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, CIETAC, LCIA, AAA, DIAC and UNCITRAL. James has also sat as arbitrator and rendered awards in HKIAC, ICC and DIAC arbitrations, and in addition is on the CIETAC, LCIA, SHIAC, KCAB and AIAC panels.

James is a solicitor advocate with higher rights of audience before the Hong Kong courts and will be sitting as a temporary judicial registrar in the High Court of Hong Kong in 2023.

Furthermore, James is the author of a chapter in *The Hong Kong Arbitration Ordinance Commentary and Annotations*, Sweet & Maxwell, 2015 (2nd edition); *Arbitration in China: A Practical Guide*, Sweet & Maxwell, 2004; and co-editor of *Construction Arbitration in Hong Kong: A Practical Guide*, 2015, Wolters Kluwer. James will also be one of the authors of the forthcoming publication *Comparison of Asian International Arbitration Rules*, 2024 (3rd edition), Juris Publishing.



Joseph Kwan

Deacons

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 30

Admissions: Solicitor, Hong Kong; solicitor, Australia (non-practising); solicitor, England and Wales (non-practising)

Main sectors covered: International arbitration, litigation and dispute resolution, administrative and public law, banking litigation, contentious regulatory, fraud and asset tracing, shareholder and partnership disputes, tax investigations, audits and disputes, trust, probate and private wealth disputes, regulatory, bribery, fraud, corruption

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, Mainland China, Asia

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Joseph Kwan is the head of litigation and dispute resolution department of Deacons. Joseph is a very experienced and highly regarded lawyer who regularly helps clients resolve disputes by providing legal advice with strategic insight.

With over 30 years of practice, Joseph has represented clients in many high-profile commercial litigations, SFC-initiated proceedings and commercial fraud and bribery cases. Joseph has considerable experience dealing with complex and high-value cross-border disputes, including for a listed company on a joint venture dispute in China, acting for a Hong Kong party in a High Court litigation in relation to a joint venture dispute over a property project in China, and dealing with CIETAC arbitration, PRC court proceedings and asset preservation orders in the PRC. Recently, Joseph has been involved in advising and acting for a PE investment firm in an arbitration commenced through the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre against a Cayman Islands incorporated company and a BVI incorporated company to recover its US\$20m investment plus interest.



Damien Laracy
Hill Dickinson Hong Kong

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 30+

Number of years as an arbitrator: 20

Admissions: Superior Courts of New Zealand, England and Wales, Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Commercial, maritime, dispute resolution, private client

Geographical areas of focus: Greater China, Asia-Pacific, UK

Languages: English

Damien Laracy is an experienced litigator and arbitrator who has practised law for more than 30 years. Damien is admitted to the Superior Courts of New Zealand, England and Wales, and Hong Kong. Damien's practice involves advising on almost all aspects of domestic and international business, including complex corporate and commercial matters, shareholders and joint venture disputes, insolvency and asset recovery, commercial fraud, international trade, sale of goods and maritime disputes, and urgent interim relief applications.

Damien also serves private clients and high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs), advising in relation to family and probate issues, asset protection and recovery, fraud and defamation.

Damien represents clients and stakeholders in a wide variety of industries and sectors, such as trade and transport, financial and professional services, consumer products and foodstuffs, mining and resources, real estate and retail, leisure and luxury.



Joanne Lau
Allen & Overy

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 11

Number of years as an arbitrator: Three

Admissions: Hong Kong, England and Wales

Main sectors covered: Private equity, banking and finance, telecommunications, media and entertainment, technology, real estate, energy, infrastructure

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong SAR, Mainland China, Taiwan, Singapore, Korea, Japan, India, Myanmar, Thailand

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Joanne Lau is a partner at Allen & Overy's international arbitration group. Joanne has extensive experience acting as counsel and advocate in both international commercial arbitrations and investor-state arbitrations. Joanne also advises on arbitration-related court matters, regularly sits as an arbitrator and has received appointments in both English and Chinese language arbitrations. Joanne is the former co-chair of the HK45 Committee and is a current member of the HKIAC's Proceedings Committee.



Rosita Lau

Ince

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 30

Admissions: England and Wales, Hong Kong, Australia ACT, Singapore

Main sectors covered: Multi-jurisdictional complex commercial disputes, transportation, insurance, re-insurance, international trade of commodities, company and corporation, personal injury law

Geographical areas of focus: Worldwide, with a particular focus on Hong Kong, Mainland China, England and Wales, Japan, Korea, Southeast Asia, Singapore, Indonesia and Taiwan

Languages: English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Taishanese

Rosita Lau specialises in shipping law, encompassing port and terminal operations, logistics, insurance, international commodity trade, corporate law, commerce and personal injury cases. Rosita's expertise spans across various jurisdictions, handling complex cross-border disputes in shipping and port and terminal matters, including agreements, charterparties, cargo carriage, shipbuilding, ship management, agency, insurance claims and coverage.

Rosita's clientele includes prominent international shipowners, charterers, specialised maritime insurers (including major P&I clubs within the International Group of P&I Clubs, China P&I, Hull and Machinery Insurers and Cargo Insurers), ports and terminal owners and operators, freight forwarders, cargo stakeholders and logistics operators, top-tier liability insurers, insurance brokers and global commodities traders.

Rosita regularly advises and represents clients in complex commercial disputes, encompassing litigation across various court levels, international and domestic arbitration, and mediation. Furthermore, Rosita is a seasoned arbitration lawyer with expertise in handling cases across Hong Kong, China, Singapore and international forums such as HKIAC, SAIC, LMAA, FCC, CIETAC and CMAC. Her arbitration practice covers a wide spectrum of cases, including transportation, trade, insurance and commercial disputes, both domestic and international. Additionally, she is a valued support member of LMAA.



Gilbert Leung

Zhong Lun Law Firm

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 26

Admissions: Solicitor; Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Listed companies, developers, local and international banks, financial institutions, accounting firms, multi-jurisdictional corporations, philanthropists

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, PRC, BVI, Cayman

Languages: Cantonese, English, Putonghua

Gilbert Leung is a partner in the litigation and dispute resolution department in Hong Kong, co-leading one of the two teams of the department with Frederick Hui.

Prior to joining Zhong Lun in 2015, Gilbert had been a member of Deacons since 2001. His practice focuses on commercial litigation and encompasses extensive experience in shareholder disputes, insolvency cases, commercial fraud, contentious banking matters and real estate disputes, as well as regulatory and investigatory concerns.

Gilbert advises listed companies, developers, local and international banks, financial institutions, accounting firms, and international and local corporations. In addition to his litigation experience, Gilbert also specialises in antitrust law, and regularly advises international and local clients on issues arising from the Hong Kong Competition Ordinance (Cap 619). Some of Gilbert's notable clients include prominent corporations like Bank of China (Hong Kong), China Minsheng Bank Corp, Bank of Communications, Bank of East Asia and Industrial Bank.

Gilbert serves as the honorary legal adviser to the Hong Kong Red Cross, actively coordinating collaborative efforts across sectors to expand humanitarian services and meet changing societal needs.



Mei Ling Lew
Mayer Brown

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 25

Admissions: Hong Kong, Malaysia

Main sectors covered: International arbitration, litigation, dispute resolution, construction, engineering, environmental

Geographical area of focus: Hong Kong

Languages: English, Cantonese, Hakka, Malay

Mei Ling Lew is a partner at Mayer Brown, experienced in litigation, arbitration, commissions of inquiry, and mediation. Mei Ling's focus lies in handling complex disputes arising from document-intensive and high-profile building construction projects. Furthermore, Mei Ling provides counsel on environmental regulatory and compliance matters and offers expert advice on non-contentious construction issues, including procurement and tender-related issues, as well as the drafting of tender and contract documents. Additionally, Mei Ling possesses experience in public and administrative law cases.



Dean Lewis
Pinsent Masons

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 40

Number of years as an arbitrator: 21

Current number of arbitrator appointments: One

Admissions: England and Wales (1983), Hong Kong (1984), Australian Capital Territory and High Court (1990)

Main sectors covered: Construction litigation, international construction arbitration, construction advisory, disputes, risk management, contract advice

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, Asia-Pacific, Middle East, Africa, Latin America, Europe

Languages: English

Dean Lewis has almost 40 years' experience of construction and engineering disputes in the infrastructure and energy sectors of Hong Kong and the Asia Pacific region as well as the Middle East, Africa, Europe and Latin America. Dean has been involved in over 200 cases, often as advocate, in the courts, mediation, adjudication and arbitration.

Dean has acted as adjudicator in a number of disputes arising out of the construction of the Hong Kong International Airport and has appeared as lead advocate or party representative in ad-hoc arbitrations and under the rules of the ICC, UNCITRAL, HKIAC, SIAC, AIAC and LCIA with clients among the largest contractors globally. Dean also accepts arbitral appointments and is currently presiding arbitrator in a Middle East energy arbitration under the HKIAC Rules.

Dean has also been an adviser to the Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA) for 35 years and as such has been instrumental in the lobbying of law reform in Hong Kong; in particular he was involved in drafting the Hong Kong Arbitration Ordinance that was enacted in 2011 and was involved in helping to redraft the Domestic Arbitration Rules of the HKIAC. Dean has also lobbied the Hong Kong government for many years to enact security of payment legislation and is now involved in helping the government with the drafting of said legislation.



Lianjun Li

Reed Smith Richards Butler LLP

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 21

Number of years as an arbitrator: 11

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Eight

Admissions: Supreme Court (Hong Kong), Supreme Court (England and Wales)

Main sectors covered: Shipping, energy, natural resources, financial institutions

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, China, Singapore, England

Languages: English, Mandarin

Lianjun Li has been a partner of Reed Smith Richards Butler since 2004 and currently is a senior partner and the head of the transportation and commercial litigation practice in Hong Kong. Lianjun qualified as a solicitor in Hong Kong and England and Wales. Lianjun has extensive experience in dealing with legal issues and disputes relating to international trade, commercial transactions, transportation, shipping, cross-border investments, shareholder agreements and bond issuance. His clients include well-known domestic and foreign enterprises and organisations.

Lianjun has been appointed by his clients or arbitration institutions as an arbitrator in institutional arbitration or ad-hoc arbitration. Lianjun has been a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators since 2002 and a panel arbitrator of the Law Society of Hong Kong since 2017. Lianjun is also a panel arbitrator in many well-known arbitration institutions including the Hong Kong International Arbitrator Centre (HKIAC), China International Economic Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), China Maritime Arbitration Commission (CMAC), Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) and Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)



Min Li

Reed Smith Richards Butler LLP

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 18

Admissions: Hong Kong, China (non-practising), Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area of China (GBA lawyer – practising), England and Wales

Main sectors covered: Financial institutions, commodities, shipping

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, China

Languages: English, Mandarin

Min Li is a seasoned commercial disputes lawyer with extensive expertise in advising on cross-border commercial disputes involving China. Min is qualified to practise in Hong Kong and England and Wales, as well as the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area of China. Min regularly conducts arbitrations under various major arbitration institutions, including HKIAC, CIETAC, LCIA, ICC, SIAC, SCMA and LMAA. With a background of living and working in Mainland China, Hong Kong and London, Min combines his international perspective and local experience to craft tailored commercial litigation strategies for his clients.

Min specialises in diverse corporate and commercial disputes, with a strong focus on high-value shareholder and equity-related disputes, complex multi-jurisdictional commercial disputes, fraud and asset recovery cases, cybercrime litigation, contentious insolvencies, bankruptcies, and receiverships, commodities and trading disputes, and global enforcement of judgments and arbitration awards. Min also possesses substantial expertise in handling contentious matters involving allegations of commercial fraud and has successfully applied for Mareva injunctions (asset freezing orders) and Norwich Pharmacal orders (court orders to compel information disclosure by third parties) on numerous occasions.

Min's outstanding practice has received wide recognition and commendable feedback from clients, earning him a recommendation from *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*.



Xin Liu

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 15

Admissions: New York, China (non-practising)

Main sectors covered: Financial sponsors, private equity, energy, natural resources, manufacturing, industrials, mining, pharmaceuticals, hospitality, leisure, TMT

Geographical areas of focus: China, Hong Kong SAR, US, Germany, Belt and Road countries

Languages: Mandarin, English

Xin Liu is a partner in Freshfields' Asia dispute resolution group and specialises in international arbitration and cross-border litigation. Prior to joining Freshfields, Xin worked for four years with a leading Chinese law firm in Beijing and the World Bank in Washington DC. Xin has also been seconded to Freshfields' New York office for a year.

Xin has 15 years of practice experience and has acted in a wide range of cross-border disputes involving governments, state-owned enterprises and multinational corporations. These matters have included arbitration under the ICSID, ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, CIETAC and SHIAC rules, as well as ad-hoc arbitrations under the UNCITRAL rules.



Rory McAlpine

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 40+

Admissions: Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England (holds rights of audience in High Court), Hong Kong (higher rights of audience)

Main sectors covered: International litigation, international arbitration

Geographical areas of focus: Global, Asia Pacific, with experience across all major arbitration hubs

Languages: English

Rory McAlpine is a recognised leader in the field of international dispute resolution and advocacy and is the head of Skadden's Asia Pacific litigation group, based in Hong Kong. With a career spanning over three decades, Rory is a highly seasoned dispute resolution practitioner and is considered among the most senior dispute resolution lawyers in Asia. Rory holds rights of audience in both England and Hong Kong, and notably, he has held these rights in the English courts for a longer period than any solicitor-advocate currently practising.

Rory practised at the English Bar for ten years before going on to spend 21 years as a partner and leader of the litigation and advocacy group at another international law firm, eventually becoming deputy chairman of that firm.

Rory represents corporate entities and financial institutions in complex multi-jurisdictional disputes. His practice encompasses both domestic and international litigation, along with various alternative dispute resolution methods such as mediation and arbitration, including ad-hoc and those conducted under institutions like the LCIA, ICC, LMAA and UNCITRAL. Rory was one of the very first solicitors to appear in the High Court in England and has conducted dozens of hearings under this jurisdiction. Additionally, Rory is currently the chair of the ICC Hong Kong Arbitration Committee.



Christopher Moger KC
4 Pump Court

Job title: Arbitrator

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 40+

Number of years as an arbitrator: 20

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Six party appointed, two presiding

Admissions: England and Wales (now retired from the Bar), ad-hoc Hong Kong in the past

Main sectors covered: International commercial arbitration, M&A and equity investment disputes, joint ventures, licence agreements, misuse of confidential information, IP disputes, construction disputes

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Korea, People's Republic of China, Japan, Cayman Islands

Languages: English

Christopher Moger KC has experience of civil law disputes, in primarily Chinese and Korean law, as well as common law disputes.



Carmen Ng
Deacons

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 16

Admissions: Solicitor, Hong Kong SAR (2007); solicitor, England and Wales (non-practising; 2009); notary public, Hong Kong SAR (2020); lawyer, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (2023)

Main sectors covered: International arbitration, litigation and dispute resolution, professional negligence, reputation management, cyber fraud, real estate disputes, notarial services

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, US, UK, Europe, Asia, Mainland China

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Carmen Ng is a partner of the litigation and dispute resolution department at Deacons. With more than 15 years in practice, Carmen has extensive experience in handling a wide range of civil cases and commercial disputes and has been involved in a number of high-value and complex international arbitration matters. Carmen recently handled a cross-border arbitration involving a final award of over US\$500m and successfully settled a claim at just over 10% of the total claim amount.

Carmen was recently recommended in the area of Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration (Hong Kong) in *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023*, and recommended in the area of Dispute Resolution: Litigation (Hong Kong) in *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* from 2021 to 2023.



Daniel Ng
Norton Rose Fulbright

Job title: Partner
Location: Hong Kong
Number of years in practice: Ten
Admissions: Hong Kong
Main sectors covered: Financial institutions, private wealth, banks, technology
Geographical area of focus: Asia
Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Daniel Ng specialises in commercial litigation, with a particular focus on advising and representing banks, financial institutions and corporations on contentious matters.

Daniel has considerable experience advising on mis-selling cases, fraudulent and unauthorised trading claims, contentious probate disputes, corporate loan recovery, shareholders' disputes, trust disputes, private equity disputes, large and complex contractual claims, cross-border mainland related disputes and breach of confidence claims as well as proceedings involving injunctive relief and interim measures. Daniel has acted for clients on domestic and international arbitrations administered by the HKIAC, SIAC and ICC, and has experience in third-party funded arbitrations as well as arbitration-related court proceedings.



Philip Nunn
Norton Rose Fulbright

Job title: Consultant
Location: Hong Kong
Number of years in practice: 49
Number of years as an arbitrator: 35
Current number of arbitrator appointments: Two
Admissions: UK (1974), Hong Kong (1981)
Main sectors covered: Infrastructure developments, construction, commercial contract, planning, real estate
Geographical area of focus: Hong Kong
Languages: English

Philip Nunn has been appointed as sole arbitrator in approximately 120 cases over the last 30 years and has been appointed as counsel to represent parties in arbitration proceedings in hundreds of cases over the last 45 years.



Colin Ong KC

Colin Ong Legal Services

Job title: Senior partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 31

Number of years as an arbitrator: 25

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Three as chair, one as sole

Admissions: England and Wales, Singapore, Brunei

Main sectors covered: Banking, finance, commercial, company, construction, energy disputes, electricity, oil, information technology, intellectual property, post-M&A, shipping

Geographical areas of focus: Asia-Pacific, Southeast Asia, Middle East, Europe, London

Languages: Chinese, English, Malay, Bahasa

Dr Colin Ong KC is an international arbitrator and lead counsel with broad experience in diverse areas and experience in over 380 arbitrations across the world. Colin is a chartered arbitrator and a bencher of the Inner Temple. Colin holds the following qualifications and certifications – FCIArb, FMIArb, FSIArb, SCIAb, SIME, DiplCarb, LLB, LLM and PhD. Colin is co-chair of the IBA Asia-Pacific arbitration group.

To date, he is the first and only English Silk to be appointed by the chief justice of China to sit on China's International Commercial Court ICEC; he is the president of the arbitration association Brunei Darussalam; international advisory board chairman of both Thailand Arbitration Center and Japan's JIIART; appointments committee, Chinese European arbitration centre (Germany); adviser, Badan Arbitrase Nasional Indonesia; vice-chair, IBA arbitration committee; Appointing Authority Asian-European Arbitration Centre; adviser, China-ASEAN Legal Research Center; council member of Hong Kong Centre of International Commercial Arbitration; Committee of Vienna International Arbitral Centre; and council member of Borneo International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation. Colin has sat as arbitrator and/or acted as counsel in arbitrations under many rules including AAA, BANI, CIETAC, ICC, KCAB, KLRCA, LCIA, LMAA, SIAC, SCMA, TAI, UNCITRAL and WIPO.



Zhao Rong Ooi

Ince

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 18

Number of years as an arbitrator: Five

Admissions: Advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore, solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales, solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong, solicitor of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (British Virgin Islands), Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), CEDR-accredited mediator, Fellow of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)

Main sectors covered: Commercial dispute resolution, private wealth and trusts, international commercial trade, financial services

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, UK, China, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand

Languages: English, Putonghua, Cantonese

Zhao Rong Ooi is a partner in the dispute resolution team. He is a seasoned commercial litigator with a wealth of experience in China and Asia, advising Chinese state-owned enterprises, listed and private companies in complex cross-border litigations and arbitrations in Hong Kong, Singapore and London, as well as in disputes involving BVI laws.

Zhao Rong's diverse practice covers private wealth, financial services, offshore markets, technology and international trade. He advises listed and private companies, SOEs, financial institutions, funds, start-ups, UHNWIs, founders, directors and shareholders on complex, multi-jurisdictional and high-value commercial disputes.

He is qualified to practise law in Hong Kong, Singapore, England and Wales and the British Virgin Islands. He is also a CEDR-accredited mediator, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), a full member (TEP) of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and panel member arbitrator of various arbitral institutions.



Wesley Pang

Eversheds Sutherland

Job title: Partner (registered foreign lawyer, New York, US)

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 15

Number of years as an arbitrator: Three

Admissions: Hong Kong, New York, registered foreign lawyer (New York, US), US District Court for the Southern District of New York, US District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Main sectors covered: Energy, industrials, construction and engineering, consumer, financial, international trade, corporate, M&A, private equity

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, North America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa

Languages: English

Wesley Pang is a member of the international advisory board of the *Journal of International Law of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organisation*, a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, a member of the Nominations Commission of the ICC-HK's Arbitration and ADR Committee, a vice chair of the American Bar Association's Central/East Asia and China Committee and Steering Group member of the International Investment and Development Committee of the American Bar Association. Wesley has also authored publications and spoken widely on a range of topics relating to cross-border dispute resolution and has participated in and conducted training for governments, multinational corporations and chambers of commerce in Asia, Africa, Europe and North America.

Wesley is a member of the SIAC Reserve Panel of Arbitrators and the KCAB Panel of International Arbitrators. Furthermore, Wesley is an adjunct associate professor with the University of Hong Kong where he is the course convenor for the Arbitration Practice, Procedure and Drafting module (LAW6157) for the LLM in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution.



Simon Rainey KC

Quadrant Chambers

Job title: Barrister (Silk)

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 41

Admissions: England

Main sectors covered: Commercial, energy, insurance, shipping, international trade

Geographical areas of focus: England, Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia

Languages: English

Simon Rainey KC is recognised as being in the first flight of arbitration practitioners, with extensive experience of international arbitration as advocate, either as first chair or as co-counsel, in references under all the main international arbitral rules. Simon's speciality is complex and heavy commercial disputes, typically involving energy and natural resources, international construction or infrastructure projects, and commercial joint ventures, and very often with a non-UK seat and the application of foreign law and state immunity aspects. Simon has a long track record in Commercial Court challenges to arbitration awards under sections 67, 68 and 69 of the Arbitration Act 1996. Simon is ranked by *The Legal 500* as a first division international arbitration specialist and has been recognised by multiple *Legal 500* awards. Simon won the 'International Arbitration Silk of the Year' 2020 and has been shortlisted for the same award thrice – 2017, 2019 and 2023.

Simon also sits as arbitrator under all the main international rules and ad-hoc and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a member of the ICC United Kingdom Arbitration & ADR Committee and a member of the ICCA-ASIL Task Force on Damages in International Arbitration.



John Rhie

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP

Job title: Managing partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 21

Number of years as an arbitrator: Ten

Admissions: England and Wales

Main sectors covered: Finance, private equity, infrastructure, construction, commercial, investment treaty

Geographical area of focus: Asia

Languages: English, Korean

John Rhie is Quinn Emanuel's managing partner of Asia and the head of the international arbitration practice in the region. John specialises in both commercial and investment treaty arbitrations and has acted as counsel and arbitrator in arbitrations under most arbitral institutions such as the HKIAC, ICC, ICSID, KCAB, LCIA, SIAC as well as ad-hoc arbitrations around the world.

In regard to litigation, John has led cases in the English High Court for various clients on matters ranging from post-M&A disputes to trade mark infringement. John has also managed complex and high-value litigation matters for Asian clients in jurisdictions ranging from the US and Panama to the British Virgin Islands and South Korea.

As well as practising law, John also regularly sits as an arbitrator and has taught law in various institutions around the world including as an adjunct professor at Seoul National University and at the Korean Supreme Court's Judicial Research and Training Institute.



Robert Rhoda

Dentons Hong Kong

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 18

Number of years as an arbitrator: Seven

Current number of arbitrator appointments: One

Admissions: England and Wales (2005), Hong Kong (2010)

Main sectors covered: Financial services, technology, energy

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, Mainland China, Singapore, UK, US

Languages: English, French

Robert Rhoda is a partner in Dentons' litigation and dispute resolution group and has been based in Hong Kong for more than 15 years having previously practised in London. Robert specialises in international arbitration and cross-border litigation, as well as various forms of alternative dispute resolution, with particular experience in the financial services, technology and energy sectors.

Robert has been involved in a wide range of complex corporate and commercial disputes, including those relating to private equity investments, mergers and acquisitions, shareholder and joint venture agreements, major infrastructure projects, technology licensing agreements and fraud.

In addition to his counsel role, Robert is an arbitrator and sits as a member of the arbitration panels for prominent institutions such as HKIAC, Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration, Guangzhou Arbitration Commission and the Thailand Arbitration Center.

Robert frequently speaks and writes about international dispute resolution, particularly with a focus on the Asia Pacific region, and is highly regarded in both arbitration and litigation. Furthermore, he co-authored the 'Belt and Road Disputes: Hong Kong Arbitration' chapter in the fifth edition of *Arbitration in Hong Kong: A Practical Guide*.

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Business message

RPC is a modern, progressive and commercially focused international law firm, with over 100 partners and 600 employees based in Hong Kong, Singapore, London and Bristol. Over 200 of our lawyers are litigators. It is this exceptional strength that allows us to provide a full spectrum of dispute resolution services, including arbitration.

Our market-leading lawyers provide top-quality legal services to global businesses across a wide range of industry sectors

and practices, with extensive experience in banking and finance, technology and media, retail, construction, insurance and reinsurance, and professional defence. We are also highly experienced in providing regulatory advice and advising on investigations by regulators, across a range of industries.

Working on both contentious and non-contentious matters, we provide a full business law service. We deliver what businesses need, on time, on budget and in an easily accessible manner.





Yi-Shun Teoh

RPC

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 12+

Admissions: Hong Kong, England and Wales, New South Wales (Australia)

Main sectors covered: Private equity, financial institutions, insurers, technology, construction, hospitality, major corporates, high-net-worth individuals

Geographical areas of focus: Greater China, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea, Japan

Yi-Shun Teoh is a partner in the commercial disputes team at RPC. His practice focuses on international arbitration and commercial litigation. He is recognised in legal publications as a rising star, with clients commenting that he is 'very experienced and knowledgeable in international arbitration, he is a persuasive advocate, tactically sharp and extremely diligent, he was always ready to help us at all hours'; he has been praised for his 'superior analytical and drafting skills' and his skill at 'processing a large volume of information'.

Yi-Shun represents private equity firms, financial institutions, insurers, technology, hospitality, major corporates and high-net-worth individual clients in complex Hong Kong court litigation proceedings and international arbitrations under the leading institutional rules, including ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, CIETAC and UNCITRAL, seated in Hong Kong, Singapore, London, Shenzhen, Beijing and Jakarta. He has acted in some of the most high-profile and landmark set aside and enforcement cases in the Hong Kong courts over the past decade.

He is a solicitor advocate with higher rights of audience in civil proceedings before the Hong Kong High Court and Court of Final Appeal. He has extensive experience of applications for interim relief, asset freezing injunctions and emergency arbitrations, and appears as advocate before arbitral tribunals and the Hong Kong courts.

Yi-Shun is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), and a member of the Arbitration Committee of the Law Society of Hong Kong and the Arbitration and ADR Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Hong Kong. He is on the panel of arbitrators of the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA) and the South China International Arbitration Centre in Hong Kong (SCIAHK). Yi-Shun has spoken and published widely on international arbitration and was a visiting lecturer at the Tsinghua University School of Law in Beijing.

He is triple-qualified in Hong Kong, England and Wales, and New South Wales (Australia). Prior to joining RPC, he worked at international firms in London, Singapore and Sydney. He read law at the University of Sydney and clerked for Justice Richard Edmonds of the Federal Court of Australia.



Jonathan Crompton

RPC

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 15+

Admissions: England and Wales, Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: All commercial and banking sectors with particular focus on disputes and investigations involving the finance and technology industries, including traditional finance, virtual assets and cyber incidents

Geographical area of focus: Asia Pacific

Languages: English, French, Swedish

Jonathan Crompton helps companies and individuals across Asia Pacific, and beyond, to resolve their disputes and regulatory investigations relating to their Asia Pacific operations.

He has worked on arbitration matters involving parties across Asia, including Hong Kong, Mainland China, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, among others. Jonathan also advises clients in a wide range of matters involving national courts across Asia, the UK and the US. He appears as advocate wherever possible and in the client's best interest.

In addition to his practice as arbitration and litigation counsel, Jonathan leads RPC's Asia cyber incident response practice, guiding victims in their response to ransomware attacks and other data breaches.

He is a founding committee member of the Hong Kong Chapter of CFAAR, the Crypto Fraud and Asset Recovery network, a member of the Vis East Moot Advisory Council, a board member of the non-governmental organisation Justice Without Borders, and a judicial officer for Hong Kong China Rugby and Asia Rugby.



Sumarsono (Jacky) Darsono

RPC

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 12+

Admissions: Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Energy, banking, commercial and shipping

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, focusing on Southeast Asia, Mainland China and Hong Kong

Languages: English, Bahasa Indonesia, Malay, Mandarin, Cantonese

Jacky Darsono is an accomplished disputes resolution lawyer renowned for his expertise in navigating complex issues arising from multi-jurisdictional disputes with a keen commercial sense. He has a distinguished track record of representing a broad range of clients, including listed multinational corporations, professionals and banks, in contentious matters, particularly where intricate regulatory issues are involved.

His background affords him a distinct advantage in supporting clients whose cases involve Indonesian elements. He advises on a wide spectrum of matters encompassing international trade, joint ventures, energy and shareholder disputes. Jacky's extensive practice has given him the ability to conduct court proceedings, arbitrations and urgent applications for interim relief with ease, while remaining mindful of clients' business needs.

His unique blend of skills and experience, combined with a deep understanding of Indonesian business and regulatory landscapes, positions him as the go-to lawyer for clients seeking to resolve complicated commercial disputes, particularly those with an Indonesian dimension.

Jacky also actively assists clients in an advisory context, managing both local and international regulatory investigations. He is adept at handling regulatory inquiries, disciplinary proceedings and inspections, and frequently liaises with regulators such as the Securities and Futures Commission and the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council.



Charles Allen

RPC

Job title: Partner and head of office, Hong Kong

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 25+

Number of years as an arbitrator: Seven

Admissions: England and Wales, Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: All commercial sectors

Geographical areas of focus: Asia Pacific

Languages: English

Charles Allen FCIArb is a solicitor advocate and a highly experienced commercial disputes lawyer who supports clients in domestic and international arbitrations, and arbitration-related litigation, across numerous jurisdictions.

Over the course of nearly 30 years of practice in Asia, Charles has been involved in a wide range of disputes in Hong Kong and in other jurisdictions around the region, including China, Singapore and India. He has extensive experience under various rules including HKIAC, ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL and LMAA. He has handled numerous institutional and ad hoc arbitrations as counsel, and regularly sits as arbitrator. Among others, Charles is on the arbitrator panels of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre and the Law Society of Hong Kong. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Charles acts for a range of clients, including individuals, private and listed companies, multinationals, conglomerates and financial institutions. He is dual qualified in England and Hong Kong, where he has higher rights of audience in civil matters. In 2022, Charles obtained a virtual diploma in International Maritime Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.



Kathryn Sanger
Herbert Smith Freehills

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 22+

Number of years as an arbitrator: Seven

Admissions: England and Wales (1999), Hong Kong (2003), higher rights of audience in Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Private capital, finance, M&A and shareholder, cryptocurrency, pharmaceuticals, consumer, energy, general commercial, maritime

Geographical areas of focus: Asia Pacific, Hong Kong, China, Korea, Singapore, Japan, Taiwan

Languages: English, Mandarin

Kathryn Sanger is a partner at Herbert Smith Freehills and was recently appointed to co-chair a new sub-committee of the Hong Kong Law Reform Commission on outcome-related (success) fees for arbitration. Kathryn is also a member of the related advisory board where she is responsible for drafting the relevant legislation to bring this new legal regime into force in Hong Kong. Furthermore, Kathryn is a member of the Third-Party Funding Advisory Board.

Kathryn is a recognised arbitrator, holding a place on the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre's (HKIAC) panel of arbitrators, as well as on the users council of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC). Kathryn served as a HKIAC council member from 2008 to 2019, as former chair of the HKIAC appointments committee from 2013 to 2018 and is also a former member of the HKIAC proceedings committee, and finance and administration committee.



Donald Sham
Reed Smith Richards Butler LLP

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 13

Number of years as an arbitrator: Three

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Two as co-arbitrator

Admissions: Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Pharmaceuticals, company, transportation, commodities, consumer goods

Geographical areas of focus: China, Hong Kong, US, Singapore, London

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Donald Sham is a partner in the litigation department of the Hong Kong office of Reed Smith LLP. *The Legal 500* ranks Donald as a 'Rising Star' (2021) and a 'Next Generation Partner' (2022-23) in International Arbitration in Hong Kong. Donald is a Fellow of both the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb) and the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators (FHKI Arb). Donald is on the list of arbitrators of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), Hong Kong Maritime Arbitration Group (HKMAG), China Maritime Arbitration Commission (CMAC), Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) and Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC). Donald is the current secretary of the Hong Kong Maritime Law Association (HKMLA).



Dianna Shao
Clifford Chance

Job title: Senior associate

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: Nine

Admissions: Hong Kong (2014), New South Wales (2017)

Main sectors covered: Financial investors, private equity, M&A-related disputes

Geographical areas of focus: Asia Pacific, Greater China

Languages: English, Mandarin



Asha Sharma
Reed Smith Richards Butler LLP

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 30

Admissions: Hong Kong, England and Wales

Main sectors covered: Banking, financial services, real estate, information technology, consumer markets, fashion, food and beverages, insurance, manufacturing, media, automotive, healthcare, education, communication, energy, utilities, transportation, logistics

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Singapore, Italy, UK, US, Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Belgium, BVI, Australia, Canada

Languages: English, Cantonese, Hindi, Punjabi

Asha Sharma, a partner at Reed Smith Richards Butler since 1999, is a qualified solicitor in Hong Kong (1993) and England and Wales (1994), as well as a legal executive in Hong Kong. She started as a trainee solicitor at Richards Butler in 1991, and prior to that, Asha worked for the company's judge in the Supreme Court of Hong Kong for ten years. During this time, Asha gained extensive experience in bankruptcy, winding-up matters and various company-related issues in the Companies Court. Asha's service at the judiciary has made her highly familiar with court rules and procedures.

Asha specialises in commercial litigation, including company-related and contractual disputes such as shareholder and boardroom disputes, liquidations, debt restructuring, minority shareholder petitions, bankruptcy, employment disputes, debt recovery, property litigation, equal opportunities commission claims, and privacy commissioner complaints. Furthermore, Asha excels in managing complex claims involving various financing instruments and contentious enforcement actions.



Yvonne Shek
Clifford Chance

Job title: Counsel

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 14

Number of years as an arbitrator: Three

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Two as sole

Admissions: Hong Kong (2011), New South Wales, Australia (2010; not practising)

Main sectors covered: Commercial, companies, corporate, private equity, cross-border investments, finance, banking, tech, insolvency

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, Mainland China, Singapore, Vietnam, UK, US

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Yvonne Shek is a counsel in Clifford Chance's litigation and dispute resolution group in Hong Kong. Yvonne specialises in international commercial arbitration and commercial litigation. Yvonne regularly represents leading financial institutions, private equity firms and global corporate clients in multi-jurisdictional matters.

Having practised in the Greater China and Asia Pacific region for more than 12 years, Yvonne has handled numerous arbitrations including under the HKIAC, ICC, CIETAC and UNCITRAL rules. Yvonne acts as counsel and is regularly appointed as arbitrator in ICC and HKIAC cases, as well as being on the HKIAC's List of Arbitrators.

Furthermore, Yvonne is also a guest lecturer at the University of Hong Kong for the LLM Arbitration Practice course. In recent years, Yvonne has served as a committee member of the HKIAC HK45 group and as a regional representative of the LCIA YIAG.



Cameron Sim
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

Job title: International counsel

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 11

Number of years as an arbitrator: Two

Admissions: Australia, England and Wales, Hong Kong, New York

Main sectors covered: Banking, finance, energy, M&A, pharmaceuticals, private equity, technology, telecommunications

Geographical areas of focus: Asia Pacific (Australia, China, Hong Kong SAR, Korea, Japan, Singapore), UK, US

Languages: English, German

Cameron Sim is based in Hong Kong and specialises in commercial and investment treaty arbitration, frequently with parallel proceedings in domestic courts. Cameron has acted in proceedings worldwide, including in Hong Kong, Singapore, New York, London, Paris, Geneva, Stockholm and The Hague. A former clerk to the president of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, Cameron was educated at the University of Melbourne and the University of Oxford. Cameron is the author of *Emergency Arbitration*, Oxford University Press, the first-ever treatise on the procedure. Cameron is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb).



Andrew Skudder
Fangda Partners

Job title: Senior consultant

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 16

Admissions: England and Wales, Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Commercial, antitrust, construction, shipping, technology, transport

Geographical areas of focus: UK, Asia, Africa, Europe

Languages: English

Senior consultant Andrew Skudder focuses on commercial and antitrust arbitration as well as the provision of behavioural and transactional advice to global clients. Andrew has extensive experience of acting for clients in complex, multi-jurisdictional disputes and in a range of commercial disputes in the construction, shipping, technology and transport sectors. Andrew is also a visiting professor teaching and publishing in the arbitration field and co-chair of the arbitration academy in Middlesex Mauritius in cooperation with the PCA, MIAC and MARC. Andrew is also the chair of the International Dispute Resolution Academy (IDRA) based in Hong Kong. Recently, Andrew has represented various clients in arbitration proceedings before the HKIAC, SIAC and ICC, and in the last year he has co-led several substantial international arbitrations before those institutions.



Damon So
Hogan Lovells

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 26

Number of years as an arbitrator: 23

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Two

Admissions: Hong Kong (1999)

Main sectors covered: Aerospace, defence, construction, energy, natural resources, real estate, manufacturing, industrials

Geographical areas of focus: Greater China, Japan, Korea

Languages: Mandarin, Cantonese, English

Damon So, originally a chartered civil and structural engineer, later qualified as a lawyer specialising in the construction and engineering practice. Damon offers comprehensive guidance on all construction-related matters, including arbitration, litigation and alternative dispute resolution, addressing both contentious and non-contentious issues. Damon has been with Hogan Lovells his entire legal career and has done a large volume of both contentious and non-contentious work and understands the needs of both commercial and litigious clients.

In terms of contentious work, Damon has handled a large amount of litigation and arbitration, acting for statutory bodies, employers, contractors, consultants and insurers, in respect of building and civil projects and in commercial disputes. Furthermore, Damon acts as an arbitrator and is a HKMAAL accredited mediator.

His non-contentious work includes advising on, preparing and negotiating construction-related documentation, ranging from consultancy agreements to joint venture agreements, for projects in Hong Kong, Macau, Thailand, Vietnam and the PRC. This entails using various standard contract forms, including HKIA/HKIS, FIDIC, NEC3 and Hong Kong government templates, and forms from significant statutory bodies in Hong Kong.

Damon is a sought-after speaker, frequently invited by professional organisations and engineering firms to discuss construction, arbitration and dispute resolution.



Paul Starr
King & Wood Mallesons

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 37

Number of years as an arbitrator: Ten

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Four

Admissions: Hong Kong, England and Wales

Main sectors covered: Infrastructure disputes, commercial disputes

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, Belt and Road

Languages: English

Paul Starr is the head of King & Wood Mallesons' Hong Kong dispute resolution team and the global joint coordinator of the international arbitration team. Paul's practice focuses on construction, dispute resolution, litigation and international arbitration.



May Tai
Herbert Smith Freehills

Job title: Managing partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 23

Number of years as an arbitrator: Ten

Current number of arbitrator appointments: One as party-appointed arbitrator, three as chair

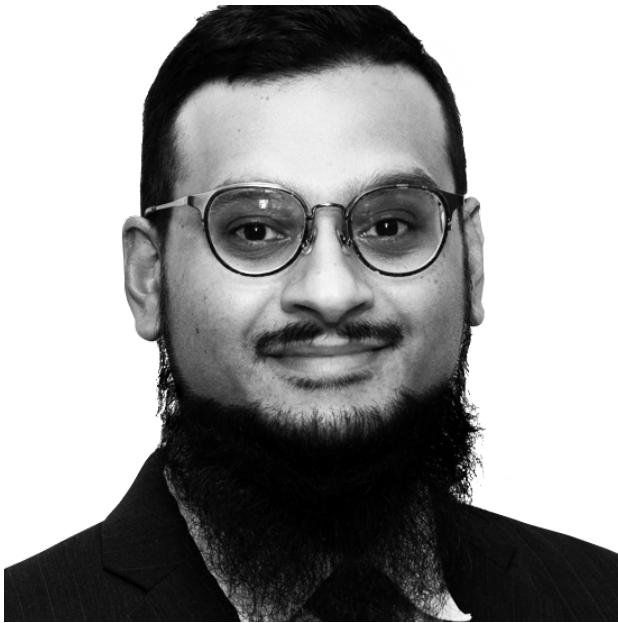
Admissions: England and Wales (2003), Hong Kong (2014)

Main sectors covered: Energy, technology, media and telecommunications, pharmaceutical, financial institutions

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, Europe, US

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Malaysian, Indonesian

May Tai is a CEDR-accredited mediator and a member of the LCIA Court, THAC international advisory board and Delos Board of Advisors.



Mohammed Talib
Pinsent Masons

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 15

Number of years as an arbitrator: Three

Current number of arbitrator appointments: One as sole arbitrator

Admissions: Solicitor, Hong Kong (2011); solicitor advocate, Hong Kong (2018)

Main sectors covered: Construction, infrastructure, commercial

Geographical areas of focus: Asia Pacific (Hong Kong, Singapore, Vietnam), Middle East, North Africa (Qatar, Kuwait, Libya)

Languages: English

Mohammed Talib specialises in international arbitration with a focus on the construction and infrastructure sector as well as commercial disputes. Mohammed is the lead partner on Pinsent Masons' collaboration with the Nepal International ADR Centre to support the development of arbitration in Nepal, and lectures on arbitration practice and procedure for the HKU LLM in arbitration and dispute resolution.

Mohammed is a Fellow of the CIArb and HKIArb, and is on the HKIAC list of arbitrators, the primary panel of arbitrators of the Maldives International Arbitration Center, 7th panel of the Shanghai Arbitration Center and the eBRAM panel of arbitrators.

In 2023, Mohammed was acknowledged by *The Legal 500* as a next generation partner in construction law in Hong Kong.



Steve Tam
Reed Smith Richards Butler LLP

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 17

Admissions: High Court of Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Financial institutions, conglomerates, trading

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, China

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Steve Tam's practice focuses on commercial litigation and arbitration, including shareholders and boardroom disputes, company liquidations and bankruptcy cases, commodities disputes, banking litigation, asset recovery, receivership and other contentious matters. Steve also advises on a wide range of non-contentious matters including employment and privacy, as well as banking and insurance-related concerns. Steve has experience in regulatory and disciplinary matters pertaining to the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Securities and Futures Commission, and intermediaries within the insurance sector. Steve has been involved in cases related to white-collar crime, including matters overseen by the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption and the Commercial Crime Bureau.

Winnie Tam SC

Des Voeux Chambers

Job title: Senior counsel, Hong Kong Bar

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 35

Number of years as an arbitrator: Eight

Current number of arbitrator appointments: 14, four as chair or sole arbitrator

Admissions: Hong Kong Bar, England and Wales, Singapore, Greater Bay Area, China

Main sectors covered: Intellectual property, corporate commercial, shareholders disputes, M&A, private equity, licensing and franchising, manufacturing, technology transfer

Geographical areas of focus: China, Japan, Korea, Europe, Singapore, Malaysia, North America, Japan

Languages: English, Chinese, simplified and traditional

Winnie Tam SC is an independent arbitrator and senior counsel practising from Des Voeux Chambers, Hong Kong. Apart from being a well-established barrister in civil and commercial disputes, she enjoys regional recognition for her experience in intellectual property law.

Winnie has extensive judicial experience acting as a deputy High Court judge before being appointed as a recorder of the Court of First Instance of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2016. She was formerly a member of the Nomination Committee for the Council of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) and a member of the Appointments Committee of the HKIAC.

Winnie is also a member of the Law Reform Commission and the chief executive's Counsel of Advisers. She served as chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association between 2015 to 2017 and is an overseas member of the London patent chambers 8 New Square. She is qualified to practice in both common law and civil law jurisdictions outside Hong Kong, in England



and Wales, Singapore and the Greater Bay Area of the People's Republic of China.

Winnie has been recognised in peer-reviewed publications as a leading senior counsel in intellectual property and an independent arbitrator in commercial dispute resolution. In the past decade, she has been appointed in no less than 30 international commercial arbitrations under UNCITRAL, HKIAC, ICC, AAA, ICDR, CIETAC and SCIA rules. These also include a number of

appointments as president of the tribunal in claims exceeding \$1bn.

Apart from intellectual property and technology licensing disputes, Winnie has accumulated significant experience in disputes including those arising from cross-border investments, shareholders' rights, manufacturing contracts and pharmaceutical distribution. She is a member of several arbitration panels and carries out her duties in English and Mandarin Chinese. ■



Edward Taylor

Shearman & Sterling

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 11

Number of years as an arbitrator: Two

Admissions: Hong Kong, England and Wales

Main sectors covered: Energy, private equity, joint ventures, offshore, TMT, digital assets

Geographical areas of focus: Global, with an emphasis on Asia

Languages: English

Edward Taylor is an international arbitration and disputes lawyer based in Hong Kong. Edward has over a decade of experience representing and advising companies, states and state-owned entities in major commercial and investment treaty arbitrations across Asia, Europe and the Middle East. Edward also represents parties in court proceedings in Hong Kong and England. His practices include energy, private equity, technology and digital asset disputes. Edward is dual-qualified in Hong Kong and England and Wales and a Fellow of both the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators. He also sits as arbitrator, including in HKIAC arbitrations.

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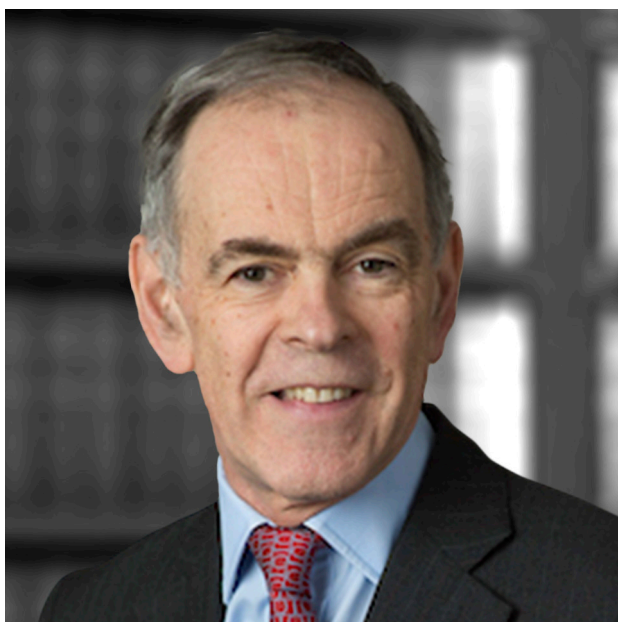
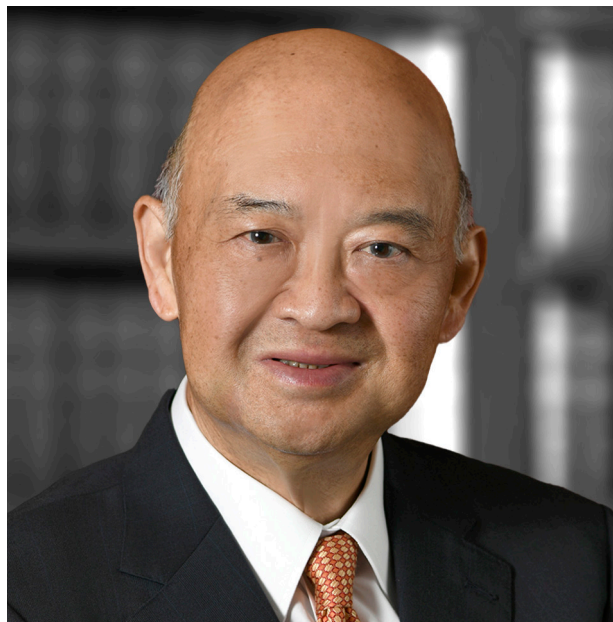
Business message

Temple Chambers is a leading barristers' chambers in Hong Kong, with a tradition of excellence spanning over 45 years, and an unmatched combination of strengths across private and public law.

There are currently close to 30 senior counsel and King's Counsel (England and Wales) in our ranks, including two former Secretaries for Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, a co-chairperson of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, and the incumbent and former chairmen of the Hong Kong Bar Association, together with a former Chief Justice of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal, who joined post-retirement as an arbitration and mediation member.

Our junior members are drawn from top graduates locally and overseas, with about 30 bar scholars in our current lineup.

Members of Temple Chambers are regularly instructed to appear as advocates, or appointed as arbitrators, in domestic and international arbitration proceedings. They are instructed to act in court in ancillary actions and enforcement of, and challenge against, arbitral awards. They provide specialist legal advice and advocacy services in an exceptionally wide range of areas and have featured in many of Hong Kong's landmark cases. Members are also regularly instructed as advocates, or appointed as arbitrators, in arbitrations seated outside of Hong Kong.



Rimsky Yuen SC

Temple Chambers

Job title: Senior counsel

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 35

Number of years as an arbitrator: 20+

Current number of arbitrator appointments:
Four

Admissions: Hong Kong, Singapore

Main sectors covered: Commercial disputes, including a variety of industries

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, Mainland China, and other Asian countries

Languages: Chinese, English

Rimsky Yuen SC is a dispute resolution practitioner with over 30 years of experience. He also practises as arbitrator and mediator with expertise in commercial disputes.

He was the Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong SAR government from 2012 to 2018. This multi-faceted role provided him with ample opportunities to handle legal issues using technical and policy approaches. In addition to handling litigations and arbitrations involving the government, and providing advice on international law issues, Rimsky was heavily involved in reforming the arbitration and mediation law of Hong Kong (including the introduction of or amendments to the Mediation Ordinance, the Arbitration Ordinance and the Apology Ordinance).

After stepping down in 2018, Rimsky remains active in the dispute resolution community and continues to assume public duties relating to commercial practice and dispute resolution. His activities include being the co-chair of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre and a member of the International Commercial Expert Committee of China's International Commercial Court. He is constantly retained by international and state enterprises for both advisory and advocacy works in substantial litigation and arbitration proceedings, is a panel arbitrator of various arbitral institutions and is regularly appointed as arbitrator in different types of arbitrations. Furthermore, Rimsky acts as an expert on Hong Kong law in court and arbitration cases heard in Mainland China and other jurisdictions including Singapore and the US.

In conversation with...

What are the most impressive cases you have worked on as counsel?

While every case has its challenges, some cases are more challenging than others. Yet, the more challenging the case is, the more interesting and attractive it becomes. Over the years, I have been privileged to have opportunities to handle quite a few challenging and intellectually rewarding cases. Some of these most impressive cases I have worked on include an arbitration concerning a

natural gas concession in a developing country, involving allegations of fraud, corruption and enforcement issues in different continents; and a massive bank fraud case, with novel issues in respect of cross-border assets recovery, obtaining evidence from overseas jurisdictions and integrating issues of restitution.

How do you determine the appropriate remedy in complicated cases where technological vulnerabilities may have been exploited?

Determining an appropriate remedy depends on whether I am sitting as an arbitrator or acting as an advocate. As an advocate, I believe what is most important is to identify the core legal issues and the real needs of clients, with the ultimate aim of achieving a remedy that is most viable and best fits clients' overall interests.

As an arbitrator, the touchstone is fair and just resolution of disputes. With the ever-increasing reliance on, and importance of, technology, issues arising from exploitation of technological vulnerabilities must be handled according to the specific circumstances; there is no one-size-fits-all solution.

What distinct advantages do the positions of arbitrator, mediator and advocate afford you in arbitration proceedings?

Having garnered experience in my roles as an arbitrator, advocate and mediator,

I have been able to view issues from various angles and develop a holistic understanding of the different stances people may have on the same issue. The experience gained from working in these capacities has also given me the advantage of being able to manage processes and reach an outcome using strategies that are more readily acceptable by the parties.

What are your views on diversity and inclusion in international arbitration today?

Diversity and inclusion are both important. As co-chair of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, I seek to promote such concepts through various means in different areas, including in areas concerning appointment of arbitrators, nurturing the future generation and composition of committees, among others.

As an expert in international law, what is your approach to addressing jurisdictional differences?

Each jurisdiction has its own cultures and norms and may be at different stages of development in the context of dispute resolution. While fair and just resolution of disputes in accordance with applicable conflict of laws principles remains the paramount objective, it is no less important to appreciate – and, where possible, accommodate – jurisdictional differences without comprising impartiality. ■



Jern-Fei Ng KC

Temple Chambers

Job title: Arbitrator

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 21

Admissions: UK, British Virgin Islands, Singapore

Main sectors covered: Arbitration, civil fraud and property, commercial dispute resolution, commodity disputes, conflict of laws, energy and natural resources, offshore disputes, shipping

Geographical areas of focus: England, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Luxembourg

Languages: English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Malay, Indonesian

Jern-Fei Ng KC is an experienced counsel specialising in commercial litigation and arbitration, with extensive experience appearing before courts and arbitral tribunals and sitting as arbitrator in different jurisdictions, including England, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands and Luxembourg.

He has acted as counsel in about 350 cases and as presiding, sole and co-arbitrator in approximately 30 cases pursuant to, among others, ICC, HKIAC, LCIA, LMAA, SIAC, PCA and UNCITRAL Rules. Jern-Fei is also the fourth English King's Counsel to be admitted to the Singapore Bar and is the only English King's Counsel to have triple affiliation in London, Hong Kong and Singapore.

In August 2022, Jern-Fei was awarded the Singapore Academy of Law's Merit Award by the Honourable Chief Justice of Singapore for his contribution to raising the profile of foreign lawyers in Singapore, as well as his initiatives in promoting access to the English Bar for Singaporean law students and to applicants from under-represented groups in general. In January 2023, he was appointed by the Chief Justice of Singapore to sit on the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee.

In conversation with...

What are the most impressive cases you have worked on as counsel?

Two cases come to mind. In the first case, I was instructed to act for a large financial institution in respect of proceedings which took place in the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. It was a unique opportunity for someone who was relatively junior, which I was at the time, to appear on my own before the ECJ in Luxembourg in circumstances where I was effectively taking a stand that was opposed to the stand that was being taken by about six member states of the EU.

It was certainly a baptism of fire and a highlight of my practice because it was a rare opportunity to appear in the ECJ. As there were very few opportunities for me to appear on my own – even in the domestic courts – a case of such significance heard in the ECJ was a significant moment in my career. It is an experience I remember very distinctly, and it helped to shape my experiences as a young advocate at the time.

The second case is a relatively recent experience. It was an arbitration whereby the merits hearing was due to take place very shortly after the pandemic broke out. Due to the public health situation at the time, we had to change the hearing from an in-person hearing that was taking place in Hong Kong to a virtual hearing. It was my first taste of cross-examining factual witnesses and experts virtually, and there were about seven factual and expert witnesses that I had to cross-examine virtually.

One of the things that stood out to me was the fact that we as dispute resolution lawyers were able to adapt to the changing environment in which we operate. This experience was a testament to our resilience as practitioners; we were able to not just get the show on the road, but also get the hearing completed within the allocated time frame. At the time it was certainly a unique experience, and one I remember fondly because we eventually managed to secure a favourable outcome for our clients; we secured an award of damages worth about \$100m.

How do you handle situations where one party is uncooperative or unresponsive during the arbitration process?

This comes up more frequently when I am sitting as arbitrator as opposed to acting as counsel. If you have an uncooperative or unresponsive opponent, or an uncooperative witness on the other side, the way you would handle such parties as counsel would be vastly different from how you manage them as an arbitrator.

It becomes more complex and multidimensional when acting as arbitrator because your primary objective is to keep the process going: ensure that the hearing – to the extent that there is a hearing – is completed on schedule and covers the array of topics it should cover. In those circumstances, I try to construct a procedural framework that gives the uncooperative or unresponsive party an opportunity to convey their thoughts to ensure that they are heard.

I sat as an arbitrator in a case where one of the parties' respondents was unwilling to participate because they did not want to participate in the oral hearing. I remember constructing a specific mechanism by which the unresponsive respondent would be able to file short memos in response to this rather distinct phase of the arbitration hearing, to ensure that they had an opportunity to weigh in in whatever way they saw fit.

This experience enabled me to ensure that I was able to get some input – albeit in a slightly less conventional form – from the respondent, which I then considered when writing up my award. I would like to think that allowing the respondent the opportunity to comment in this way gives them some buy-in into the process and the feeling that they had an opportunity to have their case heard.

It appears that sometimes adaptability is required in these processes. Would you agree that there should be a higher degree of these allowances in cases where there are uncooperative parties?

It depends. Everything runs on a case-by-case basis. I am in favour of a carefully outlined procedural timetable with specific stages, milestones or deliverables, so parties know exactly where they stand, what they must do, and pending deliverables during the arbitral process. This ensures certainty and generates efficiencies in the course of running the arbitration itself. I am in favour of giving a reluctant

party in the arbitration an opportunity to have their views heard. But it would always need to be anchored back by reference to a proper procedural framework, for example, a procedural timetable.

Do you also have this approach when working with other professionals, such as attorneys and expert witnesses, during the arbitration process?

When working with fellow lawyers – whether on the same side or on the opposing side – you are obviously working with fellow legal professionals and therefore, the approach that I would take would be different. This is the same when working with expert witnesses, who are professionals, albeit from a different discipline. I very much enjoy working with lawyers from different jurisdictions; it is very enjoyable and educational from my perspective because I get to learn more about the different practices of lawyers who are operating in different environments with different legal systems.

As someone who participated in the widely popular *Fiona Trust* case, what aspects of a potential case are more likely to grab your attention and have you eager to be involved?

Cases that involve unique points of law stand out to me. I am especially interested in novel points of law; the ability, or rather, the opportunity, to reshape the law on a particular topic, is something that grabs my attention. As an advocate, being involved in a groundbreaking case, addressing an appellate court in a bid to persuade them either to change the law in a particular area or to distinguish a previously decided case, appeals to me.

Another thing I like very much is cross-examination. The opportunity to cross-examine witnesses – whether factual or expert witnesses – from different backgrounds I have never encountered poses a challenge that I am up for. I deeply enjoy the process or challenge of learning about someone else's discipline and then knowing enough about it to be able to effectively cross-examine that person in a discipline, because again, it really tests your mettle.

As an expert in representing clients in various jurisdictions, what is your approach to addressing jurisdictional differences that may complicate cross-border energy and commercial disputes?

In cross-border disputes, there may be jurisdictional issues arising out of an overlap in two or more

jurisdictions on the same subject matter. One of the things I found very helpful is working with lawyers from the other jurisdiction to try to understand how a particular dispute can and should be properly resolved by reference to which jurisdiction or jurisdictions.

It is a bit like a jurisdictional Rubik's Cube, and what you are trying to do is to work out where a particular dispute belongs, or determine which segments belong to which jurisdiction. Unlike the single-player nature of a Rubik's Cube, the jurisdictional Rubik's Cube game which I play in a cross-border context can be played with other players: lawyers from other jurisdictions.

What do international counsel facing a matter in the jurisdiction need to know about the local arbitration scene?

I would describe the local arbitration scene as vibrant; the smorgasbord of cases which I see spans from share sale and purchase disputes to mining disputes, to commodity disputes to investment treaty disputes. There has been phenomenal growth in the number of cases which are being arbitrated here, and I think it reflects the fact that the epicentre of global economic activity is moving gradually eastward. As a result, there has been an increase both in terms of the number as well as the variety of disputes that are arbitrated in centres such as Singapore and Hong Kong.

What is your philosophy on settling disputes through arbitration versus other dispute resolution methods?

There is an assumption held by many in the dispute resolution sector that arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution are mutually exclusive. I would say that there will be some cases which are suited to be resolved through arbitration, and there are other cases that might be better resolved in court-based litigation.

Similarly, arbitration and mediation are not what you would regard as natural rivals. In fact, they complement one another. There are several disputes out there and there is no one-size-fits-all approach. It is fair to say that there will be room for growth in arbitration cases just as much as there will be room for growth in cases which are adjudicated by the courts. The skill sets that are brought to bear, whether when appearing in a court or appearing before an arbitral tribunal, are by and large the same.



In addition to appearing as counsel and sitting as arbitrator, I also appear as counsel in the Singapore courts, the English courts, and courts in a number of offshore jurisdictions such as the British Virgin Islands and the Cayman Islands. The ability and diversity of practice that I have makes me more versatile.

In line with the vibrancy of the arbitration scene in Hong Kong, what is your perspective on diversity and inclusion in international arbitration today?

I think diversity in different forms is vital. While gender diversity is obviously important, geographical and ethnic diversity are also necessary; what you really need is a body of practitioners, arbitrators and experts that reflect the multicultural and diverse body of end users of dispute resolution services. It is what gives the sphere in which we operate added credibility: that those who participate in the process are broadly reflective – whether from a gender ethnic, cultural or geographic perspective – of the end users of dispute resolution services.

As we see the economic epicentre of the world moving gradually eastward, there is an increased diversification of end users of dispute resolution services, including arbitration. Therefore, it is important that as a community we seek to diversify the members of our community to better reflect the growing needs of the diverse body of end users. ■



Paul Shieh SC
Temple Chambers

Job title: Senior counsel, arbitrator and mediator

Location: Hong Kong

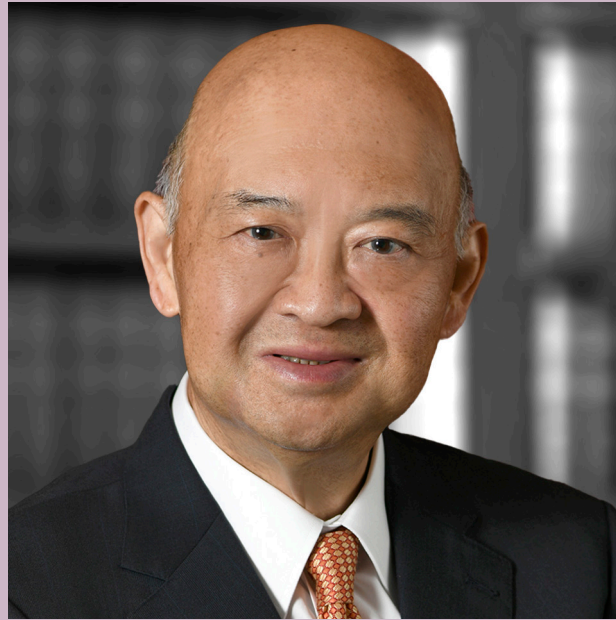
Number of years in practice: 35

Admissions: Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Commercial

Geographical areas of focus: International

Languages: English, Chinese



Geoffrey Ma
Temple Chambers

Job title: Arbitrator and mediator

Number of years in practice: 23

Number of years as an arbitrator: Two

Current number of arbitrator appointments: 11

Admissions: England and Wales, Australia (Victoria), Singapore, Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Commercial

Geographical areas of focus: International

Languages: English

The Honourable Geoffrey Ma is the former chief justice of Hong Kong. He retired from that position in January 2021 and now accepts appointments as arbitrator and mediator. He is the editor-in-chief of *Arbitration in Hong Kong: A Practical Guide*. Geoffrey is also a member of the International Advisory Board of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, on their panels of arbitrators and mediators, and is also on the panel of arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

Geoffrey was in private practice as a barrister at Temple Chambers prior to joining the Hong Kong judiciary in 2001. He was appointed chief judge of the High Court in 2003 and served as the chief justice of the Court of Final Appeal from 2010 to 2021.



Charles Manzoni KC, SC
Temple Chambers

Job title: Senior counsel
Location: Hong Kong
Number of years in practice: 35
Number of years as an arbitrator: 25+
Current number of arbitrator appointments: Two
Admissions: England and Wales, Hong Kong
Main sectors covered: Finance, banking, general commercial, crypto, technology, media and telecommunications, construction and projects, energy, sports
Geographical areas of focus: International
Languages: English

Charles Manzoni worked as a qualified mechanical and electrical engineer before qualifying as a lawyer. He acts as counsel in the High Courts of London and Hong Kong, in international and domestic arbitrations, acts as a mediator and conciliator in cross-border disputes and regularly sits as a sole arbitrator or as part of a three-man tribunal. He has an expanding sports law practice and sits as an arbitrator with the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

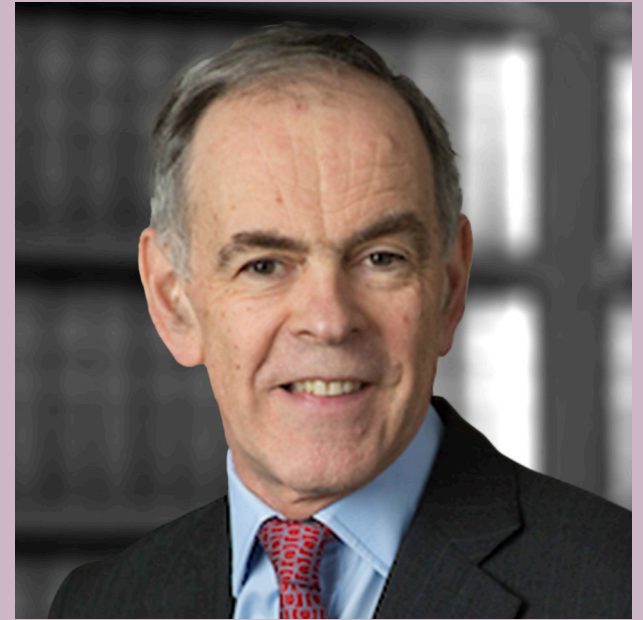


Victor Dawes SC
Temple Chambers

Job title: Senior counsel
Location: Hong Kong
Number of years in practice: 24
Number of years as an arbitrator: Ten
Current number of arbitrator appointments: Six
Admissions: Hong Kong
Main sectors covered: Commercial
Geographical areas of focus: International
Languages: English, Chinese

Victor Dawes regularly appears as counsel in arbitrations and related court applications, and sits as arbitrator in a wide range of commercial disputes. He is on the HKIAC's panel of arbitrators, panel for financial services disputes and the SHIAC panel. He is also a member of the Proceedings Committee of the HKIAC.

Victor is currently the chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association.



Charles Hollander KC
Temple Chambers

Job title: Advocate
Location: Hong Kong
Number of years in practice: 45
Admissions: England and Wales, Hong Kong, British Virgin Islands, Cayman (for specific cases), Gibraltar, Brunei
Main sectors covered: Commercial
Geographical areas of focus: Asia, the UK, Europe, the Commonwealth
Languages: English

Charles Hollander KC became Hong Kong qualified and joined Temple Chambers on his call to the Hong Kong Bar in 2015. He also practises in London from Brick Court Chambers, and splits his time between London and Hong Kong.



James Tennison

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Affiliates

Job title: Associate

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: Five

Admissions: England and Wales, registered foreign lawyer – Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: International litigation, international arbitration

Geographical areas of focus: Global, Asia Pacific, with experience across all major arbitration hubs

Languages: English

James Tennison's practice focuses on international dispute resolution. James regularly handles mediations and arbitration proceedings subject to various institutional rules, including HKIAC, CIETAC, ICC, LCIA and UNCITRAL, and is familiar with expedited and emergency arbitral procedures. James often advises on domestic, international and offshore litigation matters and has experience before the Court of Appeal in England and Wales and Bermuda, as well as the Privy Council.

In recognition of his work, *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023* listed James as a 'key lawyer' in each of its international arbitration and litigation categories. In addition, *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2022* described him as an 'exceptionally talented lawyer' who is 'able to think of clever arguments that others have not, is very meticulous and lays matters out very clearly'. Furthermore, James has been described as a 'star of the future' in *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2021*.

James has represented a broad range of companies, funds and individuals in the financial, corporate, construction and trust sectors, advising on disputes involving complex arrangements and cross-border aspects, as well as regulatory investigations.



Matthew Townsend

Reed Smith Richards Butler LLP

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 13

Number of years as an arbitrator: Two

Admissions: England and Wales

Main sectors covered: Energy, technology, life sciences, commodities

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, China, Singapore

Languages: English, Mandarin

Matthew Townsend is an accomplished international arbitration lawyer who brings substantial expertise across a wide range of sectors. Matthew holds the position of partner at Reed Smith and operates as a foreign lawyer (qualified in England and Wales) in their dispute resolution practice, stationed at their Hong Kong office. Matthew's experience spans the full lifecycle of a dispute, offering clients strategic guidance at the outset of a transaction, creative solutions once a dispute arises and, where necessary, vigorous representation in prosecuting or defending claims.

Matthew serves clients across various industries, such as energy (renewables, oil and gas), corporate and private equity, infrastructure, construction and technology. Matthew's clientele comprises both public and private enterprises, funds, high-net-worth individuals and developers. Matthew possesses extensive international arbitration expertise, encompassing significant jurisdictions, institutions and arbitration regulations. Matthew has been involved in numerous 'industry first' international arbitration cases in Asia and regularly engages in written and oral advocacy.



Nicholas Turner
Pinsent Masons

Job title: Partner

Number of years in practice: 22

Admissions: Hong Kong, England and Wales

Main sectors covered: Infrastructure, construction, energy, oil, gas, industrials

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, Middle East, North Africa, Latin America

Languages: English

Nicholas Turner is a multi-jurisdictional lawyer with extensive experience advising contractors, sub-contractors and consultants in a range of sectors. Nicholas leads teams in advising clients at all stages of the procurement and construction process, and through to acting in international commercial arbitration proceedings. Nicholas has advised clients in international commercial arbitration proceedings and alternative dispute resolution under the HKIAC, DIAC, ICC, SIAC and QICC rules.

Nicholas has extensive practical knowledge of the construction industry gained through working for main contractors and consultants as a quantity surveyor for ten years prior to qualifying as a solicitor. Nicholas' legal and previous construction experience enables him to provide practical legal advice to all stakeholders prior, during and at the conclusion of the construction process as well as in domestic and international commercial arbitration proceedings, litigation and alternative dispute resolution.

Nicholas is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a past chairman of CIArb East Asia branch.



Thomas Walsh
Clifford Chance

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 16

Number of years as an arbitrator: Nine

Admissions: UK, Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: M&A, private equity, technology, aviation

Geographical areas of focus: Greater China, Asia Pacific

Languages: English

Thomas Walsh is the co-head of Clifford Chance's Greater China arbitration practice, together with his fellow partner, Shi Lei, in Shanghai, and heads its Korean disputes practice. Thomas specialises in international arbitration and has leadership roles with the HKIAC and ICC. He is regarded as one of the leading practitioners in the Asia Pacific region.



Edmund Wan
King & Wood Mallesons

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 25

Admissions: Hong Kong, England and Wales

Main sectors covered: Construction, restructuring, insolvency

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, Belt and Road

Languages: Mandarin, Cantonese, English

Edmund Wan is a partner in the Hong Kong office of King & Wood Mallesons. Edmund has a broad disputes practice involving construction, commercial, banking and finance, insolvency and employment, and cross-border issues. Edmund is experienced in conducting litigation, arbitration and mediation in these areas.



Duncan Watson KC
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart
& Sullivan LLP

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 15

Admissions: Australia, England and Wales,
King's Counsel England and Wales (2021)

Main sectors covered: Finance, M&A,
shareholder disputes, energy, resources,
public international law, pharmaceuticals

Geographical areas of focus: Greater China,
Korea, Southeast Asia

Languages: English



Mark West
Reed Smith Richards Butler LLP

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 21

Admissions: Hong Kong, England and Wales

Main sectors covered: Financial institutions, private equity, real estate, hedge funds, technology, pharmaceuticals, energy, natural resources, consumer goods

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, China, UK, India, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Dubai (DIFC), UAE

Languages: English, French

Mark West joined Reed Smith in 2019 as a partner of the Hong Kong office, having qualified as a solicitor in Hong Kong in 2002 and as a solicitor in England and Wales in 2009. Mark possesses extensive expertise in advising and representing Hong Kong-listed corporations, multinational companies and high-net-worth individuals across a diverse range of matters. His experience encompasses regulatory investigations, high-value complex commercial disputes, white-collar crime cases, fraud investigations, and prosecution defence.

Mark's experience also includes advising on and managing complex, large-scale cross-border and multi-jurisdictional commercial litigation and arbitration proceedings, as well as handling criminal and regulatory investigations.

Mark's practice spans a wide array of industry sectors, including technology, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, transportation and logistics, energy, commodities, manufacturing, wholesale/retail distribution, construction, engineering, and servicing the needs of high-net-worth individuals and family offices.

Mark's key strength, as recognised by his clients, lies in his ability to navigate through a diverse array of complex legal and factual issues quickly and effectively and to engineer commercial and novel solutions to circumvent and resolve disputes.



Jonathan Wong
Clifford Chance

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 16

Admissions: Advocate and solicitor, Singapore; solicitor, Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Financial institutions, private equity, retail

Geographical areas of focus: Greater China, Singapore

Languages: English, Mandarin, Cantonese

Jonathan Wong represents financial institutions, large corporations and private equity firms on significant regulatory enforcement matters, litigation and arbitration, with a particular emphasis on international affairs and issues related to Greater China. Jonathan possesses wide-ranging expertise encompassing banking, fintech, funds, investment management, insurance, retail and life sciences. Notably, his regulatory defence practice involves representing clients in various areas, such as securities, banking, listing, competition, insurance, anti-money laundering (AML), and privacy regulation. Additionally, he regularly advises clients on compliance with relevant regulatory requirements.



Alfred Wu
Norton Rose Fulbright

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 25

Number of years as an arbitrator: Ten

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Three as sole arbitrator

Admissions: Solicitor, Hong Kong; solicitor, England and Wales; barrister and solicitor, Ontario, Canada

Main sectors covered: Financial institutions, energy, infrastructure, resources, life sciences, healthcare, technology, transport

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, Middle East

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Alfred Wu is an international arbitration lawyer based in Hong Kong. Alfred advises clients on domestic and international arbitrations arising from corporate finance, M&A, funds, joint venture, shareholders, energy, and commodity trading transactions. Alfred has represented clients including banks; multinational corporations in the oil and gas, transport, drug, technology, telecommunications, manufacturing and commodity trading sectors; and funds, as well as high-net-worth individuals. In addition to his commercial arbitrations, Alfred has a special focus on construction dispute resolution for clients which include government departments, statutory bodies, employers, engineers, architects, contractors and subcontractors.

In addition to arbitration proceedings, Alfred is also involved in a wide range of arbitration-related litigation in the Hong Kong court, such as applications for the stay of proceedings in favour of arbitration, applications for the recognition of arbitration awards and the execution of awards against award debtors, and applications for interim relief and other relief in aid of arbitration.



Jennifer Wu
Pinsent Masons

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 11

Number of years as an arbitrator: One

Current number of arbitrator appointments: Sole arbitrator in HKIAC arbitral proceedings for a trade mark licensing dispute

Admissions: Solicitor, England and Wales (2012); solicitor, Hong Kong SAR (2015)

Main sectors covered: Technology, media and telecommunications, commercial, data

Geographical areas of focus: Asia Pacific, Europe, England, US

Languages: Cantonese, English

Jennifer Wu is a senior technology and data specialist working in the technology, media and telecommunications (TMT) team at Pinsent Masons, Hong Kong. Jennifer leads the contentious TMT practice and manages the Hong Kong TMT and data team.

Job title: Managing partner

Location: Hong Kong, San Francisco

Number of years in practice: 17

Number of years as an arbitrator: 15

Current number of arbitrator appointments: 42

Admissions: Germany

Main sectors covered: Pharma and healthcare, energy (solar and nuclear power), major projects and infrastructure, automotive, technology

Geographical areas of focus: Asia Pacific, North America, Europe

Languages: German, English, Spanish, French

Nicolas Wiegand currently heads the CMS arbitration practice for the Asia Pacific region. He specialises in international commercial and investment arbitration with a focus on corporate, post-M&A, joint venture, IP, sales and distribution and general commercial disputes in the life sciences, energy, technology, construction and infrastructure sectors.

He is highly experienced in arbitration in or in relation to Asia, specifically to Hong Kong, China, Korea, Japan and Singapore as well as numerous South-East Asian jurisdictions. Nicolas's most recent practice has focused on the pharma and renewable energy sectors and included several high-stakes IP-related disputes involving China and other Asian jurisdictions.

Having lived and worked for many years in civil and common law jurisdictions, Nicolas is experienced in handling cases under both legal traditions. So far, he has acted in over 140 international arbitrations under all major arbitration rules and governed by a broad range of different substantive laws.

To date, he has sat in 42 cases covering a wide range of both civil law and common law jurisdictions, including Hong Kong, PRC, Korea, Japan, Germany, Switzerland, New York, Vietnam, UAE, Kuwait, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, and others. His cases are seated at the major arbitration hubs worldwide.

In conversation with...

What are the most impressive cases you have worked on as counsel?

As counsel, one of the most interesting cases I worked on was for a German company active in the automotive industry. It was a very complex arbitration that involved both its Chinese subsidiary and several Chinese counterparties. It also involved several agreements that had different governing law clauses and also slightly conflicting arbitration clauses. This created several procedural issues that we eventually overcame.

We then had a remarkably successful arbitration which literally had everything in the textbook in it, including an anti-suit injunction in the Beijing courts against our arbitration; we had to fight off several interim measure proceedings with interim awards.

Eventually a big hearing was held in Hong Kong with a number of high-profile witnesses, with the final award fully won for our client. We had to go the extra mile to ensure its enforcement in China; a very lengthy and burdensome procedure because it was also challenged.

This was a significant case as it really had just about every element of an arbitration. If you were a professor and wanted to teach students everything that could happen in one arbitration case, this would be a great example, from the complex procedural questions at the beginning to enforcement, and finally, a very happy client in the end because they got fully paid.

There were other large-scale disputes in wastewater treatment for ships. That was a case in Singapore, which also involved very complex questions of cross-border arbitration. It was particularly interesting because two parties from Europe were fighting in Singapore under Singapore law, even though none of the parties had any experience in Singapore, which posed several challenges in explaining to parties how it all works.

The most impressive dispute I have worked on is for a Taiwanese pharmaceutical client, in a dispute against a European licensee, with the total value of claims and counter claims at about \$14bn. In the latest rounds, the value has been reduced slightly, but it is still over \$10bn.

This case has been ongoing for over two years, and we have a large team working on it round the clock. It is a factually and legally complex and voluminous case regarding approvals in the US by the FDA and in Europe by the EMA for a new cancer drug, which is highly interesting, and also shows how much money is at stake in the pharmaceutical industry – even when a drug is delayed from the market by just a few years.

What unique skills should arbitrators advising on cross-border investment disputes possess in order to be effective advocates for their clients?

I think understanding the legal and business cultures of the parties in a dispute is important. For example, if you do not understand how Chinese parties do business, you may completely misunderstand what they mean when they say or write certain things. On the other hand, if you do not know how a Central European or German-speaking company, for instance, would understand these things or act in the business world, you are again missing the point. So, I think that in cross-border disputes, cross-cultural understanding, and actual experience in those regions, is important.

I think one of the things I have been very lucky to be able to enjoy is that I have lived in Europe, and in Asia for many years. I have also lived in Australia and the US. This experience of living and working in different countries on different continents and experiencing different cultures and using different languages helps give you the background to be able to effectively advise your client in any cross-border dispute.

I think that is really the key in this internationalised, globalised business where you have tribunal members, counsel and parties from all over the world. You really need to be able and willing as a young lawyer to get out of your comfort zone and go somewhere else to be able to fully appreciate what cross-border arbitration is.

What advice would you give to international counsel about the local arbitration scene in Hong Kong?

Hong Kong is a big city but also a small place in many ways; people know each other and their community, and they do take care of each other, so the arbitration scene is almost like a big family.

I sometimes speak to lawyers who say they do not know that many people in Hong Kong, which in my view is hard to imagine when you see the sheer number of events that Hong Kong and Hong Kong's arbitration community put on for its members. If you want to be connected to the arbitration community, you need to go out there and for say a young practitioner, make use of the HK45 which is a fantastic networking community that also has great events to improve your skills if you are age 45 and below.

Do use everything the HKIAC offers; go to their events or organise something yourself – people will come. It is a very interested and interesting community and I think everyone will find that it is also an extremely international community. I think it offers many opportunities, especially to young lawyers that come here.

The market is still a growing market. It is a dynamic and diverse place where everybody is given an opportunity – If you seek it.

When arbitrating energy disputes involving sustainability considerations, how do you assess and balance the need for confidentiality in arbitration cases against wider public interests or transparency requirements?

If an arbitration is confidential, it remains confidential, and you cannot use any information that you gain from a confidential arbitration outside of that arbitration, whether that is an energy arbitration related to sustainability or anything else. One of the biggest advantages and values of arbitration is its potential to be as confidential as the parties want it to be.

Confidentiality needs to be valued extremely highly, and it is the duty of the arbitrators and the counsel to ensure that this principle of confidentiality in arbitration is maintained.

Have you seen an increase or a change in arbitration trends due to the greater focus on energy transition or sustainability in the energy sector?

Yes, definitely. Aside from the Ukraine conflict, where a lot of issues have arisen in terms of gas and oil supply or delivery issues, the focus of energy-related disputes has certainly shifted to offshore wind, solar power, construction supply disputes relating to solar panels or parts for an offshore or onshore wind park and nuclear power.

As an arbitrator, I sit a lot in jurisdictions out here in Asia – such as in Korea or Japan – in cases involving nuclear, solar and wind power plants. It is definitely a source of the increase in energy disputes.

How do you handle disputes arising from global events – such as the pandemic – that result in supply chain disruptions and impact the availability of essential materials used in the automotive industry?

The issues that have arisen there are not necessarily specific to the automotive industry but are general to other industries where critical supplies are missing. Initially, the issue of force majeure was brought up in many disputes, including in the automotive industry. If you were representing a client that was affected by delays or by supply chain issues, you would try to invoke the pandemic measures as a reason for certain issues that may have disrupted the supply chain. I think the success of this defence is very much dependent on the wording of the contracts that were used, with force majeure encompassing (or not) the events that happened during the pandemic.

That is why the first thing to do is look at the contract's force majeure clauses. The outcome of the analysis determines what advice to give the client. For example, in the automotive industry, consider why exactly certain parts were missing and could not be supplied, before providing any advice to the client.



What are your views on diversity and inclusion in international arbitration in Hong Kong?

When I first came to Hong Kong, I was positively surprised by the open arms with which I was welcomed here. I feel it is much more diverse and a much more welcoming place than other jurisdictions, especially here in Asia where you do have to overcome traditional values or images that people might have of what an arbitration lawyer should be and look like.

I think that is something that was also prevalent in Hong Kong; the scene was for many years, dominated by mostly elderly white males, but it has diversified over the past years, and there is a lot better mix in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, and sexual orientation.

These are points where Hong Kong has improved a lot over the last couple of years, particularly compared to its competitors in the region. Hong Kong is years ahead when it comes to including and welcoming arbitration practitioners from all diverse backgrounds, and embracing the very open international culture that the city offers. ■



Ing Loong Yang

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 30+

Number of years as an arbitrator: 20

Admissions: Hong Kong, England and Wales, Singapore, New York

Main sectors covered: Technology licensing, M&A, private equity, shareholders disputes, joint ventures, franchise agreements, real estate, energy, oil, gas, international trade, manufacturing, process licensing, investments

Geographical areas of focus: Asia, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, India

Languages: English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Chiu Chow, Fujianese, Malay, Bahasa Indonesia

Ing Loong Yang serves as a partner specialising in dispute resolution at Akin's Hong Kong office. Ing Loong is a highly respected and distinguished lawyer in the fields of international arbitration and cross-border disputes, offering counsel to clients throughout Asia and around the world.

Ing Loong possesses extensive experience representing clients in international arbitration cases, including those conducted under the regulations of the ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, CIETAC and UNCITRAL rules, and the Hong Kong courts. Furthermore, Ing Loong is a solicitor-advocate possessing full rights of audience in the Hong Kong courts. Ing Loong also holds qualifications in England and Wales, Singapore and New York.



Friven Yeoh

Sidley Austin

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 25

Number of years as an arbitrator: 11

Current number of arbitrator appointments: HKIAC Panel of Arbitrators, AIAC Panel of Arbitrators, BAC/BIAC Panel of Arbitrators, JCAA Panel of Arbitrators, eBRAM Panel of Arbitrators, Guangzhou Arbitration Commission Panel of Arbitrators, Hainan International Arbitration Court (HIAC) Panel of Arbitrators, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Admissions: Singapore (registered as foreign lawyer; 2016), Singapore (registered foreign lawyer of the Singapore International Commercial Court; 2015), Hong Kong (solicitor-advocate; 2005), England and Wales (solicitor; 2002), Victoria, Australia (barrister and solicitor; 1998)

Main sectors covered: Commercial litigation, disputes, energy, global arbitration, trade and advocacy

Geographical areas of focus: Asia Pacific, Mainland China, Hong Kong, Singapore

Languages: English, Mandarin, Cantonese

Friven Yeoh serves as a co-leader in the firm's global arbitration, trade and advocacy practice, in addition to being a member of the litigation and regulatory group. Friven possesses extensive expertise in successfully resolving intricate and high-stakes business disputes across various industries. Friven, as a solicitor-advocate, has served as the lead counsel for clients in international arbitrations conducted under various institutional and ad-hoc arbitration regulations, including those established by the ICC, HKIAC, CIETAC, SIAC, JCAA, LCIA, SCC, UNCITRAL and CAS.

Additionally, Friven has represented clients in a broad spectrum of commercial litigation and regulatory investigations involving areas such as product risk and liability, energy, corporate affairs, competition and financial services. Friven also frequently serves as either the tribunal chair or co-arbitrator in international arbitrations held before prominent arbitral institutions.



Vivien Yip
Mayer Brown

Job title: Consultant

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 17

Admissions: Hong Kong, England and Wales, Greater Bay Area of the People's Republic of China

Main sectors covered: Litigation, dispute resolution, international arbitration, banking, finance litigation, trade secrets, private clients, trusts and estates, tax, technology, media and telecommunications

Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, China

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Vivien Yip is a consultant of Mayer Brown, and has extensive experience advising clients on complex and high-value commercial disputes, including court proceedings and arbitrations. Vivien has a particular focus on cross-border disputes with PRC elements and regularly advises clients on shareholders and corporate litigations, technology disputes, financial services disputes, trust and probate litigations, defamation and media-related matters. Vivien's clients include large corporations, property developers, banks and financial institutions, as well as media and technology companies.



Feifei Yu
Clifford Chance

Job title: Counsel

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 11

Admissions: People's Republic of China (2012), New York (2016), Hong Kong (2021)

Main sectors covered: Disputes concerning financial investors, financial institutions, healthcare, technology, international trade, arbitration, litigation, regulatory, compliance investigations

Geographical areas of focus: Greater China, Asia Pacific

Languages: Mandarin, English



Yvette Yu
Hill Dickinson Hong Kong

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 16

Admissions: Solicitor in Hong Kong, solicitor advocate (civil proceedings) in Hong Kong

Main sectors covered: Technology, cryptocurrency, digital assets, retail, private client, financial services

Geographical area of focus: Asia-Pacific

Languages: English, Chinese

Yvette Yu's practice focuses on commercial disputes, corporate compliance, regulatory investigations and enforcement actions. Yvette has extensive experience representing clients across a broad spectrum of sectors including TMT, crypto and digital assets, consumer and retail, private client and financial services. As a solicitor advocate, Yvette has full rights of audience to appear before all levels of Hong Kong courts and tribunals as an advocate in civil proceedings.



Justin Yuen
Deacons

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 19

Admissions: Solicitor, New South Wales (non-practising), 2002; solicitor, Hong Kong, 2004; solicitor, England and Wales (non-practising), 2008; lawyer, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, 2023

Main sectors covered: International arbitration, construction, construction advisory, construction disputes, litigation, dispute resolution, notarial services

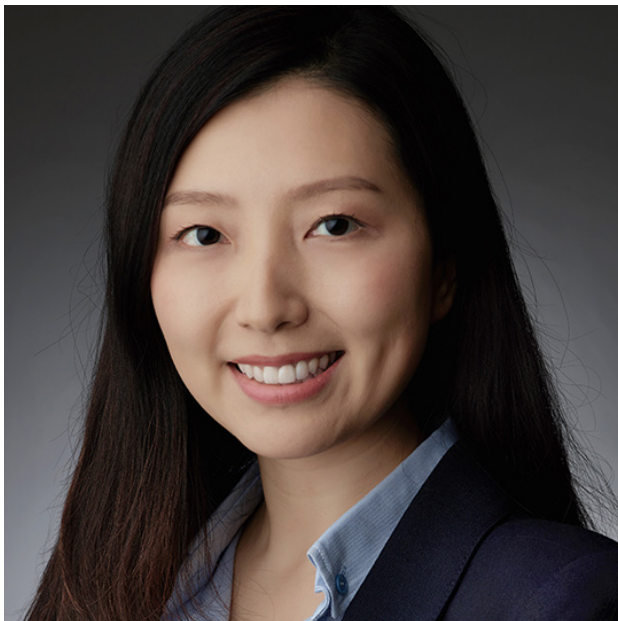
Geographical areas of focus: Hong Kong, Mainland China

Languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Justin Yuen has extensive experience in litigation, arbitration and dispute resolution. Specialising in construction, Justin advises on a wide variety of private and government construction projects in Hong Kong and Macau. Justin's clients include the government, developers and contractors, and he advises on both contentious and non-contentious construction matters.

Justin has substantial experience in handling cross-border arbitration, mainly involving commercial disputes, such as joint venture and shareholders' disputes, and construction disputes. Justin was recently appointed as a member of the HKIAC appointment advisory board. The board aids the HKIAC in fulfilling its role as an appointing authority as stipulated in sections 23(3) and 24 of the Arbitration Ordinance.

Justin has been recognised as a Next Generation Partner for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration (Hong Kong) and as a key lawyer in the area of Construction (Hong Kong) by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* since 2021.



Yan Zhang
Sidley Austin

Job title: Partner

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: 16

Number of years as an arbitrator: Three

Current number of arbitrator appointments: HKIAC's List of Arbitrators, SCIA's List of Arbitrators, SCIA (HK)'s List of Arbitrators

Admissions: New York, 2007; solicitor, Hong Kong, 2013

Main sectors covered: Global arbitration, trade and advocacy, M&A, private equity

Geographical areas of focus: Asia Pacific, Mainland China, Hong Kong, Singapore

Languages: English, Mandarin

Yan Zhang is a partner of Sidley Austin's Hong Kong office, and a member of the firm's global arbitration, trade and advocacy practice group. Yan is experienced in the resolution of Chinese-foreign business disputes and has advised clients in proceedings conducted under several institutional arbitration rules including those of the ICC, HKIAC and CIETAC. Additionally, Yan serves as an arbitrator in commercial arbitration proceedings conducted in both English and Mandarin Chinese.

Prior to joining Sidley's dispute practice in Hong Kong, Yan accumulated approximately a decade of experience as a transactional lawyer, working in New York, Shanghai and Hong Kong. In this time, Yan has advised private equity funds and multinational corporations in areas such as mergers and acquisitions, fund establishment and various other corporate affairs. Yan's diverse practice gives her a unique blend of skills that benefit her clients at all stages of the corporate lifecycle.



Kitty Zheng
Shearman & Sterling

Job title: Senior associate

Location: Hong Kong

Number of years in practice: Six

Admissions: New York

Main sectors covered: Bilateral investment treaties, M&A, joint ventures, energy, private equity, construction, telecommunications, biotechnology

Geographical areas of focus: Mainland China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Europe, Southeast Asia, Africa

Languages: English, Mandarin

Kitty Zheng is a senior associate in the international arbitration practice at Shearman & Sterling based in Hong Kong. Kitty frequently advises and represents companies, state-owned entities and governments in commercial disputes and investment treaty arbitrations. Kitty has acted as counsel in arbitrations conducted under major arbitration rules including the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), and International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), as well as emergency arbitration proceedings.

Kitty's practice includes disputes related to energy, construction, joint ventures, M&A, private equity and TMT. Kitty also represents parties in arbitration-related court proceedings as well as mediation and dispute review board procedures. Furthermore, Kitty has acted as tribunal secretary in HKIAC and ICC arbitration proceedings. Kitty is currently the co-chair of the HK45 Steering Committee, the young practitioners' group of HKIAC, and is also a part-time lecturer at the University of Hong Kong, Department of Law.

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