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EDUCATION

LL.B (Hons) City University of Hong Kong 1990
LL.M PRC Law & Comparative Laws
City University of Hong Kong 1997

LANGUAGES

Chinese (Cantonese & Putonghua)

English

Experienced in arbitration proceedings in Chinese including drafting & writing in Chinese and conducting oral hearings in Putonghua.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Legal Admitted as solicitor in Hong Kong 1996
Admitted as solicitor in England & Wales 1997
Others Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

PANELS & LISTS OF ARBITRATORS, ADJUDICATORS & MEDIATORS

Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre ('HKIAC')	List of Arbitrators, Panel of Mediators Senior Adjudicator under the Security of Payment Scheme
South China International Arbitration Centre	Panel of Arbitrators
Singapore International Arbitration Centre	Reserved Panel of Arbitrators
Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration	Fellow & Panel of Arbitrators
Asia Pacific International Arbitration Chambers	Panel of Arbitrators
Building Management Mediation Coordinator's Office	Panel of Mediators

PUBLIC SERVICES

Chairman of Appeal Tribunal Panel under the Buildings Ordinance, Cap 123 2024-present

Member of Torture Claims Appeal Board 2017-2023

Member of Long-Term Prison Sentences Review Board 2013-2019

Member of Fishermen Claims Appeal Board (Trawl Ban) 2013-2019

Adjudicator of Immigration Tribunal 2013-2019

Member of Appeal Board Panel (Town Planning) 2012-2018

Observer of Independent Police Complaints Council 2011-2013

Member of Appeal Panel (Housing) 2011-2015

Adjudicator of Registration of Persons Tribunal 2007-2013

Adjudicator of Panel of Adjudicators (Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles) 2007-2010

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHT

As arbitrator

- Since 2019 Served as sole and co-arbitrator in:
- (1) Construction & infrastructure disputes
 - (2) International sale of goods disputes
 - (3) Cross border shareholders' disputes with contested sums ranging from RMB1,000,000 to over RMB2,000,000,000
 - (4) Cross border financial disputes with contested sums over HK\$200,000,000
 - (5) Disputes arising between property owners and residents within residential apartment complexes concerning the utilisation of individual units and shared common areas

As mediator

- Since 2008 Appointed by Hong Kong's Building Management Mediation Coordinator's Office to mediate disputes between property owners and residents over the use of private apartments and common areas.
- Member of the Construction Working Group within the Hong Kong Mediation Council.
- Since 2019 Appointed by HKIAC and parties in construction and infrastructure disputes.

Quasi judicial experience

- Since 2007 Deciding over 200 cases in the Torture Claims Appeal Board, Registration of Persons Tribunal and Obscene Articles Tribunal.

In house experience

- 2015-2019 General Counsel at Hsin Chong Group Holdings Limited, a major Hong Kong listed construction company. Supervised all legal matters across the group's operations in Hong Kong and China. Contributed actively to the planning and execution of both existing and new business initiatives in Hong Kong, China, Australia and Belt & Road projects in African countries.

Private Practice Experience

1994-1996 Articled clerk

Since 1996 Worked at several law firms including Pinsent Masons, Hammonds, Simmons & Simmons, Minter Ellison, and Stephenson Harwood providing advice and representation to clients in over 100 arbitrations and mediations related to construction and engineering disputes in Hong Kong, China, and Russia. Those cases involved different procedural rules, such as HKIAC, CIETAC, and ICC Arbitration Rules.

Also acted as legal representative for parties in numerous civil and commercial matters, covering shareholders' disputes, joint venture conflicts, insurance and performance bond issues, intellectual property infringement and ownership disputes, employment issues, product warranty issues, breach of contract claims, professional negligence actions, and sale of goods disputes.

Duties also involved keeping clients up to date on legal developments, such as anti-competition and security of payment laws, delivering regular presentations at seminars and conferences, and assisting in the creation of corporate policies and internal compliance manuals.

Conference & Seminar Presentations and Teaching

1. Served as referee in the 2025 ICC Mediation Competition, the 22nd Vis East Moot in 2025 and the 23rd Vis East Moot in 2026
2. Lecturing at the Hong Kong Security of Payment Ordinance Adjudicator's Training 2025 organised by CI Arb and HKIAC
3. Presentation on the Security of Payment Ordinance, Cap 652 to project and commercial teams of MTR Corporation Limited
4. Seminars on competition law for the construction industry since 2010
5. Mock mediation in Mediation Week 2014
6. Panel discussion at The Practical Approach to Resolving Disputes in the Construction Industry (PARDCI) Conference 2014
7. Speaking at International Arboriculture Summit 2013
8. HK Corporate Counsel Association's Lunch time seminar on enforcement of judgements in HK and China

9. Pinsent Masons' Golden Rules Series on Construction Projects – from Contract Formation to Contract Administration and Performance – a series breakfast briefings for contractors
10. '*An Introduction to Competition Law*' – customised legal training provided to local and international main contractors in HK
11. Mediation training to different companies and organisations including Dairy Farm, Hongkong Land, and Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
12. Pinsent Masons' quarterly breakfast briefings and in-house training for local contractors on current topics to the construction industry including changes to the Arbitration Ordinance, the introduction of security of payment legislation, a comparison of different security of payment legislation England, different states of Australia, Singapore and Malaysia, legal issues arising from construction joint ventures etc.
13. Regular legal updates presented to professional bodies including The Hong Kong Institute of Engineers, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, and The Hong Kong Institute of Architects.
14. Organising and speaking at the 2008 Competition Law Conference jointly organised by Pinsent Masons and the Hong Kong Government.
15. Organising and speaking at a series of introductory training programmes on the Hong Kong legal system and court procedures for lawyers in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.
16. Speaking about the Hong Kong court practice and management of law firms in the National Lawyers' Forum in Shanghai in 2002.
17. Speaking at the annual conference of the Civil Law Committee of the PRC Lawyers' Association in July 2006.
18. Speaking at the Global Pound Legal Conference 2015 organised by Herbert Smith
19. Guest lectures on Hong Kong civil procedure at City University of Hong Kong

Publications

1. '*Hard Hats & Smart Tech – Modern Technology in Construction Arbitration*' published in the Indian Journal of Arbitration Law December 2025
2. Updates on Hong Kong competition law developments in Hong Kong.

3. "*Chinese Values and Mediation*" – an article featured in the South China Morning Post in 2013.
4. Contributing editor, *The Construction Looseleaf* (construction law textbook)
5. '*Even Idiots and Lunatics can be Arbitrators*' published in Pinsent Masons' legal updates
6. '*Between A Rock and A Hard Place – What should an arbitrator do when stuck between concurrent delays?*' published in Pinsent Masons' legal updates
7. '*Does Non-Payment Constitute Repudiation? The Debate Goes On ...*' – published in HK and the Australian Construction Law Newsletter
9. Drafting Hong Kong Law Reports.
10. Contributing Editor of *The Hong Kong White Book*
11. '*A Reflection of Two Common Themes – Adjudication in the UK and Hong Kong*' - winning paper in the Society of Construction Law's 2000 essay writing competition.
12. '*The Incorporation of Arbitration Agreement*' published in *Asian Dispute Review* in 2005
13. '*Vexatious Litigants*' published in *Hong Kong Lawyer* in March 2005
14. '*The Validity of Incomplete Construction Contracts*' published in *Hong Kong Lawyer* 2006
15. '*Contract or No Contract?*' – an article on contract formation published in 2003
16. Article on professional negligence of construction professionals published in 2003
17. '*Construction Disputes – arbitration or litigation?*' – an article on the pros and cons of resolving disputes by arbitration and court proceedings