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Educational/Professional Memberships

Fellow

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb)

ICC Commission

Thailand - Commission Member

(<http://www.iccthailand.or.th/home/commission.php?pageid=NQ==&directory=MTM=>)

Fellow

Singapore Institute of Arbitrators

Member of Arbitration Panels:

- **AUSTRIA** – Vienna International Arbitration Center (VIAC)
- **CHINA** - 北京仲裁委员会 Beijing Arbitration Commission (BAC)
- **DUBAI** – Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)
- **HONG KONG** – HK International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- **ICDR** – International Centre for Dispute Resolution, International Panel of Arbitrators
- **KOREA** – Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB)
- **MALAYSIA** – Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)
- **SINGAPORE** – Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb)
Singapore International Arbitration Center (SIAC)
- **TAIWAN** – Chinese Arbitration Association, Taipei
- **THAILAND** – Thai Arbitration Institute (TAI); Thailand Arbitration Center (THAC)
- **VIETNAM**: - Pacific International Arbitration Center (PIAC)

Current Positions

- **Independent Arbitrator**, RF Arbitration, Singapore / Bangkok (www.rf-arbitration.com), 2015 - present
- **Managing Director**, Respondek & Fan, Singapore / Bangkok (www.rflegal.com), 1998 – present
- **Managing Director**, ADWA Pte Ltd (www.adwa-law.com), 2015 – present
- **Managing Director**, Trans Ocean Shipping Management Pte Ltd (www.rantzau.de), 2018 - present

Professional Experience

- **Founder & Managing Director** of **RESPONDEK & FAN**, Singapore / Thailand; **1998 – present**;
- **Regional Managing Director Asia Pacific** Fresenius Kabi Asia Pacific Pte Ltd, Singapore Bangkok / Singapore **1998 – 1999**;
- **Managing Director** Boehringer Mannheim China Ltd. Hong Kong / Beijing **1997 – 1998**;
- **Managing Director** Boehringer Mannheim Thailand Ltd. Bangkok **1996 – 1997**;
- **Director Legal Services and Member of the Board**, Boehringer Mannheim Pte. Ltd./ De Puy Asia Pacific, Singapore **1993 – 1996**
- **Director Legal Services and Member of the Board**, Boehringer Mannheim Overseas, Luxembourg **1991 – 1993**

- **Area Counsel and Secretary of the Executive Committee** Boehringer Mannheim International S.A., Luxembourg **1989 – 1991**;
- **Management Trainee** Commerzbank AG, Frankfurt and Singapore **1988 – 1989**
- **Private Law Practice** with several International Law Firms in Germany **1984 – 1987**

Arbitration Experience

Acted as arbitrator or counsel in more than 80 major international proceedings in institutional (including expedited proceedings) and ad hoc arbitrations, under ICC, SIAC, HKIAC, Swiss Rules, TAI and UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. Recent assignments include:

Aviation Arbitration

- Damage claims resulting from an Aviation Service Agreement between a European and an Asian company, claim for USD 118 mio (SIAC rules – arbitration venue: Singapore; Co-Arbitrator)

Consumer Product Arbitration

- Claim for damages by a German public listed company against an Indonesian conglomerate (fragrance for soap products), USD 23 mio (SIAC Rules – arbitration venue: Singapore; Co-Arbitrator)
- Claim for damages by leading European supermarket chain against a Chinese Manufacturer of certain leisure item products, claim for USD 2 mio (HKIAC rules – arbitration venue: Hong Kong; Counsel)

Financial Services Arbitration

- Claim from a European investor for damages against his Asian co-investors for non-fulfillment of a funding scheme, claim for USD 7 mio (ICC rules – arbitration venue: Singapore; Co-Arbitrator)
- Claims by a Fund Manager of a Fund Company for payment of certain milestone payments, claim for USD 10 mio (SIAC rules – arbitration venue: Singapore; Emergency Arbitrator)

Food Product Arbitration

- Damage claims between two Asian companies resulting from a Franchise Agreement resulting from confectionary products, claim for USD 18 mio (ICC rules – arbitration venue: Singapore; Sole Arbitrator)

General Commercial Claims Arbitration

- Claim by a German development company against a German consortium for non-fulfillment of a development contract USD 2 mio (SIAC rules – arbitration venue: Singapore; Co-Arbitrator)
- Liability dispute between a Chinese buyer and a German manufacturer regarding certain floor panels, quantum USD 4 mio (ICC rules – arbitration venue: Singapore; Co-Arbitrator)

Healthcare Arbitration

- Claim for damages resulting from a License Agreement for injectable contraceptives between a Thai company (licensee) and its Mexican licensor, quantum USD 10 mio (ICC rules – arbitration venue: Austin, Texas, changed to Miami, Florida)
- Claim for damages resulting from a License Agreement for injectable contraceptives between a Thai company (licensee) and its Indonesian licensor, quantum USD 8 mio (ICC rules – arbitration venue: Singapore)
- Claim for damages by a Mexican pharmaceutical company against a Swiss pharmaceutical company for alleged termination of a manufacturing plant contract for vaccines, claim for USD 80 mio (ICC rules – arbitration venue: Zurich; Co-Arbitrator)
- Claims for unfair termination and damages resulting from the termination of a Distribution Agreement for Medical Devices between a Thai and a Singaporean company, claim for USD 2.5 mio (Swiss Rules – arbitration venue: Singapore; Counsel)
- Claims for non-fulfillment of certain conditions under a Supply and Development Agreement between a German and a Korean company for medical devices, claim for USD 16 mio, (ICC Rules – arbitration venue: Singapore)
- Claim for damages for a defective medical device (blood warmer) between a Korean manufacturer and a Dutch distributor, claim for USD 40 mio (ICC Rules – arbitration venue: Singapore)

M&A Arbitration

- Claim for damages from a failed acquisition for a steel plant between two Asian parties, quantum USD 400 mio (ICC rules – arbitration venue: Hong Kong)

Oil Exploration Arbitration

- Claim by a Vietnamese company against a Malaysian company resulting from oil exploration contracts, claim for USD 240 mio (ad hoc proceedings – arbitration venue: London; Co-Arbitrator)

Software Arbitration

- Claim by a UK company against a Malaysian company for damages resulting from a software development contract, claim for USD 8 mio (SIAC rules – arbitration venue: Singapore; Co-Arbitrator)

Publications

BOOKS

- Asia Arbitration Guide, 6th Edition 2019, ISBN 978-981-14-1663-7
- Internationale Schiedsverfahren, 1st edition, PR China, Hong Kong, Malaysia Singapore; pp 766 – 813, ISBN 978-3-406-69185-0

ARBITRATION RELATED ARTICLES

- The troubled waters of Asymmetric Arbitration Clauses – Singapore Law Gazette, January 2020
- New Frontiers in International Arbitration? – The Prague Rules – Singapore Law Gazette – December 2019
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- Five proposals to Further Increase the Efficiency of International Arbitration Proceedings, Journal of International Arbitration (JOIA), Vol 31, Issue 4, 2014
- Minimizing Delays in International Arbitration Proceedings, SI Arb Newsletter, No. 10, June 2014
- Singapur als internationales Schiedsgerichtszentrum, BIZGUIDE, p. 54 – 59, 2014
- Thailand's new arbitration regulations, Business Minds Singapore, pages 15 – 20, October 2003
- Annulment of Arbitral Awards in Austria, RIW, 376, 1996
- Singapore as International Arbitration Center, RIW, 680, 1992
- Rescission of arbitral awards under Austrian and German Law, Doctoral Thesis, Johannes Kepler University, Linz Austria, 1987

Full list of publications:

<https://www.rflegal.com/en/lawyer-thailand-publications>

Languages

English / German / French / Spanish / Chinese (國語)