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## **Educational/Professional Memberships**

Mr. Houghton is a member of the panels of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), the Beijing Arbitration Commission, the Philippine Dispute Resolution Centre Inc., the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, the Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group (APRAG) and Dubai International Arbitration Centre.

## **Current Position**

Barrister (Senior Counsel) and Recorder of the High Court in Hong Kong

## **Professional Experience**

Mr. Houghton has practiced as a barrister (now Senior Counsel) in Hong Kong in Des Voeux Chambers since 1989. This practice encompasses general civil and commercial litigation, but with a particular emphasis on construction and engineering litigation, arbitration and other forms of ADR. Appearances as an advocate have been required locally and internationally before arbitrators and in courts in Hong Kong at all levels, and in several specialist lists. Advisory work in relation to standard form construction contract drafting has also been undertaken for a number of clients.

## **Arbitration Experience**

Mr. Houghton has approximately 20 years of experience as a dispute neutral, primarily as arbitrator (sole and tribunal member), with over 130 appointments having been accepted, and many awards rendered in a wide range of disputes.

Matters in issue have included various commercial disputes including insurance disputes, professional negligence, breaches of licence agreements and deeds of trust, international sale of goods as well as a wide range of construction, engineering, dredging and other infrastructure related disputes. In the last three years arbitration appointments have involved several construction and quarrying contracts in Hong Kong, Dubai and Qatar; sales of goods disputes between Thai and Nepali parties and between Australian and Indian parties; construction works in Malaysia; licensing agreements in India; dredging works (also in India); and roadworks in the Philippines.

Procedurally arbitrations have been conducted under a variety of Rules, including those of HKIAC, ICC, CIETAC, DIAC, the Thai Arbitration Institute, UNCITRAL and the KCAB. Several disputes have been "adhoc", without the adoption of sets of rules. Evidence has been taken and various hearings conducted in jurisdictions including (alphabetically) Dubai, England, India, Nepal, Singapore, and Thailand, as well as China and Hong Kong.

Publications
Articles for "Asian Dispute Review," "The Hong Kong Surveyor," and the "Construction Law Journal"; Contributing editor to McInnes, Hong Kong Construction Law
Languages
English