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Nationality/ Date of Birth	British / 5 September 1958

Educational/Professional Memberships

1980 - BA in Law, Kingston University
1981 - LL.M., Corpus Christi College, Cambridge

Technology and Construction Bar Association (TEC BAR)
Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Panel of Arbitrators
Society of Construction Law (UK and Hong Kong)

Current Position

Senior Counsel (Hong Kong)
Queen's Counsel (UK)

Professional Experience

My practice covers a broad spectrum of advisory and advocacy work related to construction, engineering, energy, technology, mining, process plant and insurance disputes, along with professional negligence claims involving architects, engineers and surveyors. I also advise on alternative dispute resolution, and have been active in adjudication in the UK (as advisor, advocate or adjudicator) and arbitrations in the UK, Hong Kong, Singapore and Korea (as advocate or arbitrator). I have particular experience in claims relating to off-shore oil and gas assets, railway infrastructure, power station construction, environmental and regulatory work and shipbuilding contracts.

I have recently acted for clients in disputes concerning large infrastructure projects in Hong Kong, large scale commercial and residential developments in Hong Kong, a complex power station project in Vietnam, a chemical plant dispute in Indonesia and a mining dispute in Mongolia. I have also recently appeared at a well-publicised public inquiry in Hong Kong concerning the investigation of levels of lead in potable water at Housing Authority developments. I continue to be instructed on a number of other substantial matters in Hong Kong as well as other mainstream construction and engineering work in Hong Kong. My clients include the Government of the Hong Kong SAR, the Hong Kong Housing Authority, MTRC, tertiary educational establishments, numerous listed and privately owned companies (developers, joint ventures, main contractors, sub-contractors and plant hirers), various Incorporated Owners and insurance companies.

Between 1984 and 1989 I practised as a barrister in Hong Kong (from what is now Des Voeux Chambers). From 1990 to 2010 I was in full time practice in London at Keating Chambers, the well-known specialist construction set. I was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2003. In June 2010 I re-joined Des Voeux Chambers on a full-time basis, although I retain my status as an International Tenant at Keating Chambers. I was appointed Senior Counsel in Hong Kong in 2014.

Arbitration Experience

Recent Arbitration and Adjudication Appointments

- Several appointments as adjudicator relating to the construction of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (High Speed 1).
- Party appointed adjudicator on a contractual adjudication relating to the construction of Topsides of an oil rig.
- Disputes relating to construction of a water treatment plant (Arbitrator).
- Professional negligence dispute relating to a large scale residential development (Arbitrator).
- Appointed by HKIAC as Sole Arbitrator in Main Contractor/Sub-Contractor dispute.
- Party appointed arbitrator in SIAC administered international arbitration concerning a development in Mongolia.
- Appointed by HKIAC as Sole Arbitrator (after listing procedure) in a dispute concerning desalination units in the Middle East.
- Party appointed arbitrator in LMAA international arbitration concerning a Semi-Submersible Drilling Unit.
- Ad hoc appointment as Sole Arbitrator in an Employer/Main Contractor dispute.
- Appointed as President of ICC Tribunal in an arbitration concerning a project in Korea.
- Appointed by HKIAC as Sole Arbitrator in a Sub-Contractor/Main Contractor dispute.
- Appointed by HKIAC as Sole Arbitrator in two related arbitrations between a Sub-Contractor and Main Contractor concerning a Macau development.
- Appointed by SIAC as Chairman of a Tribunal in a dispute between a Main Contractor and a Government.

Publications

- Consultant Editor (with Sarah Hannaford QC) of Halsbury's Fuel and Energy Volumes 19 (1) to (3) October 2007 and Consultant Editor (with Gideon Scott Holland) for the Energy and Climate Change titles (published in 2011)
- Consultant Editor of Halsbury's Cross-Country Pipelines Volume 39(1A)(February 2008)
- Contributor, Keating on Construction Contracts - Eighth Edition (2006) and first supplement (2008)
- Editorial team, Keating on Building Contracts (5th, 6th and 7th editions) and First Supplement to the 7th Edition (2003)
- Joint Editor Halsbury's Laws of England, Volume 4(3) Building Contracts (2002) and Consultant Editor of Building and Building Contracts, Volume 6 (2011)

Languages

English