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# **Educational/Professional Memberships**

M.A. (Cantab); F.C.I. Arb; Solicitor, admitted in England & Wales (1982), Hong Kong S.A.R (1984); Member of many professional associations and committees in the international arbitration and international legal practice communities.

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### **Current Position**

Independent Arbitrator and Mediator, Arbitration Chambers

## **Professional Experience**

- Member of Arbitration Chambers (2018 present)
- Partner of Herbert Smith Freehills (1991 2018): Global Head of Construction and Infrastructure Disputes (London); Head of Construction and Arbitration (Asia); Managing Partner (Hong Kong)
- Global Head of Construction and Infrastructure Disputes London
- Head of Construction and Arbitration Asia
- Managing Partner, Hong Kong (2001 2006)
- Solicitor, McKenna & Co (London and Hong Kong) (1982 1991)

### **Arbitration Experience**

In over 35 years as a solicitor in private practice, Mark had experience of major projects in the UK, Hong Kong, the PRC, Singapore, Brunei, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Russia, South Africa, Nigeria, Angola, Republic of Congo, Lesotho, and the USA. Mark has recently been appointed as president and sole arbitrator under the rules of several major arbitral institutions including the ICC, HKIAC, LCIA and DIFC-LCIA in arbitrations relating to projects in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

In addition to his work as an arbitrator and mediator, Mark has advised:

- a member of a **consortium of international contractors** in an ICC arbitration against in respect of the termination of an €800 million construction contract for an international rail project
- an **international engineering company** in relation to disputes arising out of the design and construction of a waste to energy project in the UK
- an **international contractor** on claims for defects and delayed completion of a power station in the Philippines
- **international contractors** in pursuing substantial claims arising from a water project in Southern Africa
- a major **UK international civil engineering** company on claims arising out of a power project in the Middle East
- three **International joint venture contractors** in a number of related arbitration, litigation and mediation proceedings arising out of the construction of the two runways, taxiways and airfield tunnels at the Hong Kong International Airport, the vast majority of which is a man-made platform.

The disputes included design changes, delays and responsibility for ground conditions, and in particular the extent to which the contractors were entitled to additional time and payment where the platform had not been constructed in accordance with the underlying site preparation contract;

- two international contractors on separate claims arising out of a major sub-sea tunnelling project;
- a **joint venture contractor** in relation to claims for additional payment and extension of time arising from unforeseen ground conditions in a contract for the construction of a tunnel between the PRC and Hong Kong;
- two **international joint venture contractors** in relation to disputes arising from an expressway project, which required substantial marine reclamation work;
- an **Asian transport operator** in a dispute over the design and construction of a new dedicated airport line;
- an **international joint venture** in relation to disputes arising out of the design and construction of a double cable-stayed bridge;
- **US consulting engineers** in successfully defending claims brought by a Japanese joint venture in relation to the design and construction of a cable-stayed bridge and viaduct;
- an **international joint venture** in relation to substantial claims arising out of the Central reclamation project in Hong Kong;
- an International engineering company in relation to disputes arising out of the design and construction of a waste to energy project in the UK
- a substantial Asian independent power producer on claims arising out of the engineering, procurement and construction of a power station in Indonesia
- an **international contractor** on claims for defects and delayed completion of a power station in the Philippines
- international contractors in pursuing substantial claims arising from a water project in Southern Africa
- a **major UK international civil engineering company** on claims arising out of a power project in the Middle East
- a **member of a consortium of international contractors** in an ICC arbitration against the employer in respect of the early termination of a Euro 800 million construction contract for a high profile international rail project
- international contractors in relation to claims arising from a major pipeline contract in Libya
- **Russian refinery owners** in defending claims by U.S. contractors for additional payment
- a joint venture of six **leading German and Italian contractors** on substantial claims arising out of the construction of a dam in the Middle East
- a **transport operator** in defeating claims for £250 million arising from an extensive upgrade and refurbishment programme to its core assets
- an **Asian Government** in a series of high-value disputes arising out of six major contracts for the construction of a new airport and related infrastructure
- a **leading international air cargo terminal operator** in a dispute relating to the construction of a new cargo handling terminal
- an Oil Major in three substantial disputes on related projects offshore Southern Africa

## **Publications**

- Contributing author Arbitration in Hong Kong: a Practical Guide (2003).
- In the last 30 years, Mark has published numerous papers on construction and engineering law issues and spoken at conferences around the World.

### Languages

- English
- French (conversational)