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**Educational/Professional Memberships**

**Member:** (i) The Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre Panel of Arbitrators; (ii) The Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators Panel of Arbitrators; (iii) The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch) Panel of Arbitrators; (iv) The HKIAC – Joint Consultative Committee; (v) The Hong Kong Bar Association’s Panel of Arbitrators; (vi) The Singapore International Arbitration Centre Panel of Arbitrators; and (vii) The Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration Panel of Arbitrators.

**Current Position**

Senior Counsel, Head of Bernacchi Chambers, Hong Kong.  
Chartered Arbitrator

**Professional Experience****Career**

1977 Called to the Bar of England and Wales.  
1977 Called to the Hong Kong Bar.  
1977-1978 Pupil to John Laws, Esq. now Lord Justice Laws  
1978-to date In practice as a Barrister in Hong Kong.  
1983 Called to the Bar of NSW Australia.  
1983 Post-graduate studies (including PRC Arbitration Law) University of London.  
1992 Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, England.  
1997 Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators.  
2000 Appointed Chartered Arbitrator (the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, England).  
2000 Appointed to Silk.

**Past President:** The Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators

**Past Vice Chairman:** Hong Kong Bar Association

**Past Chairman:** The Hong Kong Bar Association Committee on Arbitration and Dispute Resolution

**Deputy Judge** of the High Court of Hong Kong

**Arbitration Experience**

Appointed as Arbitrator in numerous international and domestic Arbitrations. Arbitration experience includes commercial, corporate and contractual disputes. Regularly acts as a sole Arbitrator and on panels of three Arbitrators, on occasion as Chairman or Presiding Arbitrator.

**Publications**

Post graduate Dissertation upon Contract Forms and Arbitration in the People's Republic of China (University of London).

**Languages**

English

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