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Nationality/ Date of Birth	Singaporean / 3 November 1967

Education/Professional Memberships

London School of Economics (LL.B, 1991); Columbia University School of Law (LL.M, 1993)
Barrister, England and Wales, 1992; Advocate and Solicitor, Singapore, 1994; Solicitor, England and Wales, 2008;
Solicitor Advocate, England and Wales, 2018
Panel arbitrator with SIAC, HKIAC, ICDR, KCAB, AIAC, THAC and CAAI
Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, Asian Institute of ADR

Current Position

Independent Arbitrator and Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers

Professional Experience

More than 25 years' experience in international arbitration and dispute resolution. Sits as presiding, sole, co-arbitrator and emergency arbitrator. Also appears as advocate in international arbitrations.

Experienced in broad range of commercial disputes including: private equity investments, mergers and acquisitions, sale and acquisition of businesses, joint ventures, share options, stockbroking, private banking, agency, licensing, hotel management, coal, mineral, agricultural commodities, insolvency, oil and gas (sale and transportation of gas, production sharing contracts), energy (power purchase agreements, long term utilities supply contracts), letters of credit, refund guarantees, performance bonds, offshore engineering, ship and rig building, construction (commercial, residential buildings, hotels, EPC contracts, power, petroleum, petrochemical plants, supply of turbines, road, rail, ports and airports, water management projects). Extensive experience with disputes involving Asia-Pacific jurisdictions including Singapore, India, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, US and Australia.

Recognised as a leading individual in international arbitration and dispute resolution in Chambers, Legal 500 and Benchmark Asia. Noted as a "hugely experienced" "respected arbitrator with extensive experience handling commercial arbitrations" and for his "very extensive arbitration experience, both as counsel and as arbitrator", he "is respected both as arbitration counsel and...arbitrator", "is well known as a high quality individual" and "a pragmatic international arbitration professional who turns out quality work every time", and is "inventive", "respected for his incisive mind" and "peers point out his sharp intellect". Also noted as "a prominent counsel in arbitration" and "very impressive advocate".

Arbitration Experience

66 appointments as arbitrator (as of February 2020) – including as presiding, sole, co-arbitrator and emergency arbitrator – under SIAC, ICC, KCAB, SCMA, LMAA, UNCITRAL rules and in ad hoc cases. Written and issued numerous jurisdiction and merit awards and decisions. Experience as advocate and counsel includes more than 40 arbitrations under SIAC, ICC, LCIA, SCMA and UNCITRAL rules and ad hoc cases. Regularly writes and speaks on international arbitration.

Publications

Selected publications, speeches and presentations:

Singapore chapter, Arbitration World, 6th Edition, Sweet & Maxwell, 2018
Discerning the Fine Line Between Disregard and Misapprehension – Appeals Under the Cloak of Natural Justice, Asia Pacific Arbitration Reporter, SAL, [2017] 1 APAR SG 50
Interim Relief in International Arbitration, SIAC, 2014
Reflections on Costs and Ethics in International Arbitration, SI Arb, 2013
Early / summary disposition in International Arbitration, PI Arb / CI Arb, 2018
The Proactive Arbitrator – Looking Behind, And Past, The Common and Civil Law Divide in Search of Time and Cost Effective Arbitration, Kluwer, 2018

Languages

English, Mandarin (conversational)