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### **Educational/Professional Memberships**

Cedric obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University with Distinction and Departmental Honors (economics), and his Juris Doctorate degree from Harvard Law School.

Cedric is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London), College of Commercial Arbitrators, American Law Institute (Life Member), and Litigation Counsel of America. He served as a U.S. member of the ICC Arbitration Commission, a member of the USCIB/ICC Arbitrator Nominating Committee, and a member of the AAA/ICDR Council where he co-headed the ICDR International Advisory Committee. Cedric was one of 31 Advisors to the American Law Institute project to draft the Restatement of the U.S. Law of International Commercial and Investor-State Arbitration. He is a former Chair of the U.S. Magistrate Judge Screening Committee of the Northern District of California and is the former Ninth Circuit member on the ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary. He is the former Co-Chair of the International Litigation Committee of the ABA Litigation Section, and the former Chair of the Litigation Section of the State Bar of California.

### **Current Position**

Principal, Chao ADR, PC

### **Professional Experience**

In 2019, Cedric founded Chao ADR, PC where he acts as an arbitrator of international and domestic commercial disputes and advises clients on cross-border dispute strategy. From 2013 to 2019, he served as the U.S. Head of the global international arbitration practice of DLA Piper. From 1983 to 2013, he was a litigation partner of Morrison & Foerster and for 17 years (1996 to 2013) was the Chair of the firm's international litigation and arbitration practice. Before joining Morrison & Foerster, he served as a Law Clerk to a U.S. District Court judge and as a federal prosecutor.

In 2018, California's legal publication, The Daily Journal, named Cedric to its "Top 100 California Lawyers" list. In 2019, he received The Daily Journal's prestigious "California Lawyer of the Year" award for international arbitration. The publication Best Lawyers in America recognizes Cedric for three practice areas, arbitration, mediation and commercial litigation. Best Lawyers named Cedric the "2018 San Francisco Arbitration Lawyer of the Year" and the "2020 San Francisco Mediation Lawyer of the Year," a designation given to a single lawyer per practice and geographic region based on peer review. Global Arbitration Review and WWL: Arbitration rank Cedric as a "U.S. Thought Leader" in arbitration.

## **Arbitration Experience**

Cedric has handled, as arbitrator or advocate, arbitrations involving many industries: biosciences, drugs and pharmaceuticals, computers, semiconductors, telecom, private equity, venture capital, fossil fuel, renewable energy (solar and wind), power plant (construction, finance and operations), risk insurance, apparel, sporting goods, beauty products, agriculture and food, health and nutrition, automobile replacement parts, digital advertising, and shipping. The disputes have arisen from commercial sales contracts, joint ventures, investment contracts, distribution and franchise agreements, research and commercial development contracts, and patent and licensing agreements.

Cedric also has been an advocate in the U.S. courts (as first chair) on large dollar and precedential matters covering a range of commercial and constitutional matters. He has argued 20 cases before the U.S. appellate courts including once to the U.S. Supreme Court and once to an 11-member en banc panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and he second-chaired five additional appellate arguments including a second case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

## **Publications**

Cedric co-authored with Judge Daniel Weinstein (JAMS) the Mediation Chapter in Thomson Reuters' leading treatise Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts (5th ed. 2021). Cedric has written client-focused articles such as "Should Technology Companies Arbitrate?" "Six Trends Will Shape Future International Commercial Disputes;" "Four Considerations for Corporate Counsel in Drafting Arbitration Clauses;" and "Cross Border Litigation." For 16 years, he co-authored an annual review of case law and legislative developments regarding "Pre-trial Motions" for the California Litigation Review. Cedric has spoken many times over the years on a range of topics related to arbitration, cross-border disputes, and risk mitigation.

## **Languages**

English