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Alex is a senior associate in the international arbitration and litigation team.

He has advised and represented clients from Asia, Europe and Americas in a variety of contentious matters, with a particular focus on international arbitration and disputes in Hong Kong and Mainland China involving cross-border elements and parallel proceedings. His practice covers general commercial disputes, restructuring and insolvency, regulatory investigations and contentious probate disputes.

Alex has acted in proceedings under various leading arbitral institutional rules and also as tribunal secretary for complex international arbitrations. He is also experienced in court proceedings in Hong Kong and offshore jurisdictions.

Alex has the rare experience of having both a civil law and common law background. He is a Hong Kong qualified solicitor who has also passed the PRC bar exam.

Track record

Artificial intelligence based web marketing and technology services

Represented an artificial intelligence based web marketing and technology services company in a dispute with an Australian headquartered artificial intelligence conglomerate over the company's investments in a Cayman Islands' based fund. The dispute was resolved before commencing any litigation or arbitration proceedings.

Belgian funder

Represented a Belgian funder in a dispute with Chinese counterparties over a financial investment in a Cayman Islands' incorporated company that was meant to go public. All disputes to be resolved by arbitration in Hong Kong is to be administered by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

Mainland Chinese industrial conglomerate

Represented a mainland Chinese industrial conglomerate, Zhongshan Fucheng Industrial Investment Co. Ltd., on a billion-dollar treaty claim against the Federal Republic of Nigeria under the China-Nigeria bilateral investment treaty.

German and Chinese subsidiaries of technology group

Representing German and Chinese subsidiaries of a German technology group in an ICC arbitration seated in Hong Kong against a Chinese automotive company in a dispute arising from several supply agreements.

Republic of Armenia

Representing the Republic of Armenia in ICSID proceedings commenced by U.S. investors concerning a real estate project.

Hong Kong conglomerate

Representing a Hong Kong conglomerate in an expedited ICC arbitration seated in Hong Kong against a Hong Kong technology company in a dispute arising from an agreement on implementation services of an enterprise resources planning system.

Adjudication proceeding

Advising a Singaporean affiliate of a leading Austrian construction company in a statutory adjudication proceeding against a sub-contractor in defending a claim arising from a subcontract of a major public construction project in Singapore.

ICC arbitration seated in Osaka, Japan

Acting as tribunal secretary in an ICC arbitration seated in Osaka, Japan concerning a dispute arising from a distribution agreement between a leading Japanese food company and a Dutch distribution company.

ICC arbitration seated in Seoul, Korea

Acting as tribunal secretary in an ICC arbitration seated in Seoul, Korea concerning a dispute arising from a shareholder agreement between a Korean high-net-worth individual and a U.S. private equity fund.

Dispute with contractor

Advising a sub-contractor in pre-dispute negotiations with its contractor involving a major infrastructure project in Hong Kong and preparing to commence a HKIAC arbitration.

Taiwanese pharmaceutical company

Advising a publicly listed Taiwanese pharmaceutical company in an ICC arbitration seated in Frankfurt, against an Austrian pharmaceutical company in defending a claim arising from several agreements relating to license, supply and manufacture of a newly developed medical product.

HKIAC dispute

Advising a leading German company specializing in air filter technology in a potential HKIAC dispute with a Swedish supplier concerning a price adjustment clause in a sale and purchase contract.

Austrian construction company

Advising a leading Austrian construction company in a major public construction project in Singapore on issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Renewable energy dispute

Advising the U.K. and Hong Kong subsidiaries of a multinational group in the renewable energy sector in a dispute with the purchaser of its products.

Talks

- *'Chasing the Asymmetries in Arbitration Clauses - to be or not to be valid?'* - Generations in Arbitration Conference: Hong Kong Legal Week 2020 Edition, Nov 2020

External publications

'Investment treaties and their role in protecting Chinese businesses abroad: A look at the Zhongshan v Nigeria award', Mar 2022, co-author

'Review of Gustav Flecke-Giammarco et al. (EDS.), The DIS Arbitration Rules: An Article-By-Article Commentary' - Contemporary Asia Arbitration Journal (Vol. 14, No. 2), Nov 2021, co-author

'A radical reform of the PRC Arbitration Law: A summary of the key revisions' - Withers, 23 August 2021, co-author

"Enka v. Chubb Russia: The Law of the Arbitration Agreement - An end to the continuous battle between the law of the seat and the law of the underlying contract?", Contemporary Asia Arbitration Journal - May 2021, co-author

'A new year, a new set of arbitral rules: a summary of the key changes introduced in the 2021 ICC arbitration rules' - March 2021, co-author

'Opening Pandora's Box: Unpacking the principles relating to the law governing the arbitration agreement across various jurisdictions' - March 2021, co-author

'Would Party Autonomy Trump Winding-Up Petitions? An Analysis of Hong Kong's Position', Contemporary Asia Arbitration Journal - Dec 2020, co-author

'Why Hong Kong is the Ideal Place to Resolve Your Commercial Disputes' - 16 July 2020, co-author with Sherlin Tung and Carmen Li

'The Good Faith Principle in the Context of the Enforcement of New York Convention Award: An Analysis of Hong Kong's Position in Light of the Apparently Conflicting Court Decisions', Journal of International Arbitration 36, no.3(2019): 361-384, author

Admissions

Solicitor in Hong Kong, 2017

PRC Legal Professional Qualification Certificate (passed the bar exam), 2010

Education

Master of Laws in International Commercial Arbitration, Stockholm University, 2018

Postgraduate Certificate in Laws, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2014

Juris Doctor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2013

Master of Laws in Common Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2011

Bachelor of Arts in Forensic Linguistics (English) and Bachelor of Laws, Southwest University of Political Science & Law, 2010

Languages

English

Mandarin

Memberships

Hong Kong Law Society

Young ICCA - International Council for Commercial Arbitration

Key dates

Year joined: 2020
