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Education:

- BEng (Hons) in Engineering (Manufacturing Systems Engineering with Electronics), Glasgow Caledonian University, United Kingdom.
- Honorary DEng in Engineering, Glasgow Caledonian University, United Kingdom.
- LLB (Hons) in Law, City University of Hong Kong.
- LLM in Commercial Law, Northumbria University, United Kingdom.
- MA in Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution, City University of Hong Kong.
- PCLL, City University of Hong Kong.
- PhD in Law (Mediation), Stirling University, United Kingdom.
- Global Leadership and Public Policy Harvard Kennedy School (2010).
- Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, Yale University (2011).
- Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at National University of Singapore (2012).
- Stanford Center for Professional Development – Strategies for Sustainability at Stanford University (2022).

Present Position:

- Barrister-at-law, Arbitrator, Adjudicator, Conciliator, Mediator and Domain Name Disputes Specialist.
- Adjunct Professor and Programme Director of the Masters in Law in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution at City University of Hong Kong.
- Adjunct Professor and Lecturer in Construction Dispute Resolution at the University of Hong Kong.
- Council Member of the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre.
- Chairman of the Hong Kong Mediation Council, a division of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.
- Chairman of the Hong Kong Mediator Accreditation Association Limited sub-committee on Mediator Accreditation.
- Honorary Secretary and Council Member of the Hong Kong Mediator Accreditation Association Limited.
- Immediate Past Chairman of the Hong Kong Institute of Directors.
- Immediate Past Chairman of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers Construction Dispute Resolution Committee.
- Director of the Joint Mediation Helpline Office.
- Honorary Member of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (Malaysia) Academy Faculty.
- Protem Committee Member of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (Malaysia).

- Member of the Adjudication Committee of the Russian Arbitration Center.
- Committee Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch).
- Court Member of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (Malaysia).
- Director of the Financial Dispute Resolution Centre.

Previous Positions:

Construction Industry Council	Executive Director	2008 to 2016
Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre	Council Member	1998 to 2018
Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre	Secretary General	1998 to 2008
Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre	Secretary General	2002 to 2008
Hong Kong Institution of Engineers	Manager –Training	1997 to 1998
Cathay Pacific Airways Limited	Various Positions	1991 to 1997

Publications: Have published over 50 articles and 6 books on Arbitration Law, Mediation and Dispute Resolution to date.

Panels listed: Listed in over 50 Panels of Arbitrators, Adjudicators, Conciliators, Mediators and Domain Name Disputes Specialist lists globally.

Arbitration Experience:

- Handled a variety of international cases to date involving both ad hoc and institutional arbitrations (such as the AIAC, HKIAC, ICC, KCAB, CIETAC, LMAA, NMAC, SIAC, VIAC) as party-appointed arbitrator, as sole arbitrator, and Chairman.
- Acted as counsel in international arbitrations under the HKIAC, CIETAC, ICC and LCIA arbitration rules.

Court Experience:

- Acted as counsel since 2017 in cases at the Magistrate, District, High Court, Court of Appeal and Commission of Inquiry (Construction Works at and near the Hung Hom Station Extension under the Shatin Central link Project – Mass Transit Railway Corporation) in the jurisdiction of Hong Kong as well as disciplinary proceedings (Stock Exchange and Learned Societies).
- Granted rights of audience before the AIFC Court in Kazakhstan.

Conciliation and Mediation Experience:

- Handled a variety of international and domestic conciliation/mediation cases to date as conciliator/mediator involving Family, Finance, Banking, Building, Construction, Defamation, Engineering, Intellectual Properties, Trademarks, Information Technology, Technology Transfer, Commodities, Property and Land, Company Formation and Structure, Probate, Employment, Aviation, Insolvency, Environmental law, Banking, Personal Injuries, Sports, Trade and Mining and Resources.

Domain Name Management and Dispute Resolution Experience:

- Nominated to be a member of the Nomination Committee of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) in 2008 and the only Asian member of a seven-member international panel currently serving on the Public Interest Commitment Dispute Resolution Procedure of ICANN.
- Was instrumental in creating the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre, an accredited domain name dispute resolution provider of ICANN with offices in Beijing, Hong Kong, Korea, and Malaysia.
- Established the on-line domain name dispute resolution capabilities of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre and drafted their various procedures and rules.
- Elected by the internet community of Hong Kong to serve as the Chairman and Board member of the Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited and Hong Kong Domain Name Registration Company Limited from 2004 to 2008.
- Handled a variety of domain name dispute resolution cases to-date as sole, presiding, co-panelist and 20 domain name dispute resolution cases as Counsel.

Awards and Recognition:

- Awarded Director of the Year 2001 by the Hong Kong Institute of Directors.
- Awarded Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum 2007.
- Awarded Alumni of the Year by Glasgow Caledonian University, United Kingdom, 2014.
- Awarded Honorary Doctorate Degree in Engineering by Glasgow Caledonian University, 2014.
- Listed on the International Who's Who of Arbitrators, Mediators and Construction Professionals (Lexology).
- Ranked as Tier 1 as a Global Elite Thought Leader of Who's Who Legal.
- Outstanding Academic Papers by Students at City University of Hong Kong, 6 March 2006, "*The Principles of Natural Justice in Arbitration*" <http://dspace.cityu.edu.hk/handle/2031/3792>.
- Bali International Arbitration and Mediation Centre Top Ten Mediators in Asia Pacific 2019.
- Appointed as Honorary President of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction Adjudicators on 17 April 2020.
- Appointed as a Panel Member of the Securities and Futures Appeals Tribunal from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2027.
- Appointed as Chairman of Appeal Tribunal Panel (Buildings) from 1 December 2021 to 30 November 2027.
- Appointed to the Advisory Committee of the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2026.
- Appointed to the Expert Advisory Group on Legal and Dispute Resolution Services by the Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China from 4 October 2024 to 3 October 2027.
- Appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Institution of Engineering and Technology as a member of Preliminary Investigation Board from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2026.
- Appointed as a Member of the Professional Services Advisory Committee of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2025.
- Appointed on the list of Mediators of the Court of Arbitration for Sports globally by the International Council of Arbitration for Sports on 7 April 2021.

- Appointed as a Panel Member of the Court of Arbitration for Art within the Arbitration and Mediation Panels.
- Listed on the Financial Dispute Resolution Centre List of Arbitrators and Mediators.
- Listed on the Singapore International Mediation Institute International Panel of Mediators.
- Listed on the Global Arbitrators list of the Office of the Ombudsman for United Nations Funds and Programmes.
- Listed on the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Panel of Mediators and Arbitrators.
- Appointed to the International Mediation Panel of the Korean Commercial Arbitration Centre on 1 March 2024 to now.
- Listed on the Guangdong-Hong Kong- Macao Greater Bay Area Mediator Panel from 2024 to now.
- Listed on the Guangdong-Hong Kong- Macao Greater Bay Area Arbitration Panel from 2025 to now.
- Listed on the Adjudicator, Arbitrator and Mediator Panels and Sports Panels of AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre from 2024 to now.
- Listed as a Senior Adjudicator under the Adjudication Nomination Bodies of the Construction Industry Security of Payment Ordinance from August 2025 to now.
- Appointed as a Professor of Guangxi University from August 2025 to now.