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Summary profile

Ronald Sum is a Partner in Hui Doe & Sum Law Firm LLP in association with Beijing Ying Ke (Hong Kong) Law Firm. He concentrates his practice in all areas of dispute resolution, cross border disputes, sports related disputes, complex commercial disputes, regulatory bodies investigations, transportation (maritime, aviation, road and rail), international trade, insurance and reinsurance including export credit insurance, product liability and product recall, including arbitration, litigation, mediation and investigations.

Ronald is qualified as a solicitor in Hong Kong, England and Wales, New South Wales, Australia and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), China. He is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is currently a council member of the Law Society of Hong Kong and vice-chairman of the eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre. He was a council member of the Hong Kong international Arbitration Centre and he was the past chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong: Arbitration and ADR Sub-Committee. Ronald is an arbitrator of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and China Commission of Arbitration for Sport (CCAS). He sits on the panel of arbitrators of various institutions and has acted both as counsel and arbitrator in administered arbitration proceedings including the ICC, HKIAC, LMAA, CIETAC, SCIA, SIAC, BIAC, SHIAC, THAC etc. Ronald has conducted arbitration in Hong Kong, China, London, USA, Australia and Singapore. Ronald is an Investor State Mediator under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA). Ronald is also an accredited mediator of HKMAAL, CEDR, the Law Society of Hong Kong and Guangzhou Intellectual Property Court.

Admissions

1993	New South Wales, Australia
1994	Hong Kong
1994	England and Wales
2022	Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA)

Education

1990	University of New South Wales Australia	Bachelor of Commerce (accounting & finance)
1993	University of Sydney Solicitors Admission Board Australia	Bachelor of Law
1998	University of New South Wales Australia	Master of Law
2000	Southampton University UK	Diploma of Maritime Studies

Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales
- Solicitor of the High Court of Australia
- Solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales
- Accredited Mediator of CEDR
- Member of the Hong Kong Law Society's Panel of Accredited General Mediators
- PCLL (HKU) Mediation Course Assessor
- Panel of the HKMAAL List of Accredited General Mediators
- Ex-Chairman of the Selection Committee of the ICC Hong Kong Arbitration and

ADR

- Panel Arbitrator of HKIAC
- Fellow, Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators
- Panel Arbitrator of Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Panel Arbitrator of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Chairman of the ICC Hong Kong, Arbitration and ADR Committee
- Member of the Hong Kong Institute of Directors
- Panel arbitrator of the South China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (also known as Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration)
- Member of The Small and Medium Law Firms Association of Hong Kong
- Mediator of The Hong Kong Chinese Enterprises Association
- Arbitration and ADR course speaker for Peking University
- Part-time lecturer for the Chinese University
- Arbitration and Mediation course lecturer for the China National Institute for SCO International Exchange and Judicial Cooperation and Shanghai University of Political Science and Law
- Visiting Scholar of the Shanghai University of Political Science and Law
- Visiting lecturer on Arbitration and ADR for Peking University
- Visiting lecturer on Arbitration and ADR for East China University of Political Science and Law
- Mediator of the Mainland – Hong Kong Joint Mediation Center
- Member of the Hong Kong Government Advisory Committee on the Promotion of Arbitration
- Council Member of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre

- Council Member of Hong Kong Mediation Council
- Panel member handling disputes between a Mainland Investor and Hong Kong under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA)
- Member of the Hong Kong Steering Committee on Mediation
- Chairman of the Public Education and Publicity Sub-Committee on Mediation for the Hong Kong Department of Justice
- Executive Committee Member of Hong Kong Logistics Management Staff Association
- Panel Arbitrator of the Hong Kong Maritime Arbitrators Group
- International Accredited Professional Mediator of International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute (IDRRMI)
- Macau International Accredited Mediator of Macao Mediation Association and Macao Mediation Centre
- Vice Chairman, Council for the Promotion of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area) Corporation
- Chairman of ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition - Hong Kong
- Contributor to Chapter 2: "Sale and Purchase of Ships and Ship Building" and Chapter 12: "General Average and the York-Antwerp Rules" of Maritime Law and Practice in Hong Kong, 2nd Edition, Sweet & Maxwell
- Panel Arbitrator of Langfang Arbitration Commission
- Member of the Advisory Committee of Xiamen International Financial Arbitration Center
- Panel Arbitrator of Xiamen International Financial Arbitration Center
- Vice-Chairman of eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre
- Panel Arbitrator of Thailand Arbitration Center
- Mediator of the Intellectual Property Mediation Center of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area
- Chairman of Sports Arbitration and Council Member of Hong Kong Centre of

International Commercial Arbitration

- Mediator of Benchmark Chambers International & Benchmark International Mediation Center
- Chairperson of the West Kowloon Mediation Centre Supervisory Committee
- Arbitrator of Hainan International Arbitration Court
- Member of the Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme (PASS)
- Mediator of The Hainan International Arbitration Court International Mediation Center
- Panel Member (Ordinary Mediator Member) of Hong Kong Mediation Centre
- APCAM (Asia Pacific Centre for Arbitration & Mediation) International Certified Arbitrator
- APCAM (Asia Pacific Centre for Arbitration & Mediation) Certified Mediator
- Member of Hainan International Arbitration Court (HIAC) Expert Advisory Committee
- Arbitrator of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)
- Arbitrator of China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)
- Arbitrator and Mediator of Shanghai International Arbitration Center (SHIAC)
- Council member of the Law Society of Hong Kong
- Passed the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) Legal Professional Examination
- Arbitrator of Hefei Arbitration Committee
- Member, Appeal Panel of Building Rehabilitation Company Registration Scheme (BRCRS), Urban Renewal Authority
- Member of the Higher Rights Assessment Board
- Member of the Legal Aid Services Council

- Mediator of Guangzhou Intellectual Property Court
- Member of Borneo International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (BICAM)'s Panel of Arbitrators

Publications:

- Workshop of the Knowledge Transfer Forum held by the Faculty of Business – Belt and Road Centre of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law of City University of Hong Kong – 24 January 2019
<https://fb.polyu.edu.hk/ktf/about/media/press-release/january-forum-press-release/>
- Interviewed by the Department of Justice (Inclusive Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Office) to share the insight on dispute resolution in the sports sector "Sports Mediation: an essential behind-the-scenes strategy" – April 2020.
- Chapter 2: "Sale and Purchase of Ships and Ship Building" and Chapter 12: "General Average and the York-Antwerp Rules" of Maritime Law and Practice in Hong Kong, 2nd Edition, Sweet & Maxwell
- A Modified Med-Arb: A proposal to reduce the risk of mis-using confidential information obtained in mediation, The Hong Kong Mediation Council, The Rapport, May 2020
- AG Article on "The U.S. Sanctions against Hong Kong – A Threat or a Bluff?", July 2020
- Interviewed by Bloomberg to talk about the national security law imposed by China on Hong Kong, and the implications for banks such as HSBC Holdings Plc and Standard Chartered Plc. Speak with Rishaad Salamat and Haslinda Amin on "Bloomberg Markets: Asia." - 3 August 2020
- Featured in South China Morning Post, discussing Hong Kong's need to position itself as a hub for sports dispute resolution services amid rising demand – 22 November 2020
<https://www.scmp.com/business/companies/article/3110861/hong-kong-should-position-itself-hub-sports-dispute-resolution>
- A New Era of Cross-Border Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards between the Mainland and Hong Kong, Hong Kong Lawyer - February 2021
- Article on "Tokyo Olympics Overseas Fan Ban Adds To Sponsors' Losses And Lawsuits", Forbes – 25 June 2021

- Article on " What move will Hong Kong Lawyers make for themselves? A buffet for the legal profession", The Standard – 30 June 2021

Other achievements include:

- Council and appointment committee member of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
- Council member of the Hong Kong Mediation Council
- Committee member of the “Belt and Road” Committee of the Law Society of Hong Kong
- Visiting Scholar at the Shanghai University of Political Science and Law
- Legal Counsel and Trustee to LaSallian Education Council
- Secretary to St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Association
- Legal Consultant and part-time speaker of the Marine Insurance Club
- Legal Consultant and part-time speaker of the Hong Kong Association of Freight Forwarders
- Legal Consultant and part-time speaker of the Hong Kong Shippers Council
- Part-time speaker of the Hong Kong Federation of Insurers
- Member of the Hong Kong Insurers Club
- Member of the Hong Kong Shipowners Association
- Member and part-time speaker of the Hong Kong Logistics Council
- Visiting Scholar for Peking University on Dispute Resolution
- Part-time lecturer for Master Class at The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Part-time lecturer for the Hong Kong University, PCLL
- Ex-Chairman of the ICC (Hong Kong) Arbitration and ADR
- Ex-Chairman of the Selection Committee of the ICC (Hong Kong) Arbitration and ADR
- Various publications for various journals and academic bodies

Expertise

- Arbitration
- Mediation
- Business Litigation
- Sports
- Regulatory Investigation
- Trade Finance
- General Insurance
- Marine Insurance
- Marine, Transport & Logistics
- Aviation

Ronald is fluent in English, Cantonese and Putonghua.

MAJOR MATTERS INCLUDE:

SPORTS

- Acted for Chinese Football Club player in challenging the decision of the Chinese Football Association in relation to anti-doping.
- Acted for a Chinese football club in the attempted purchase of a European football club.
- Acted for a football club against another football club in relation to different forms used during the initial sign-on.
- Acted for an insurance company in rejecting a claim for the delay in the completion of a sports stadium in Hong Kong.
- Acted for a private equity company in the attempted injection of funds in an English football club.
- Acted for a minority interest football group in Hong Kong in the incorporation of an amateur football club.
- Acted for the amateur football club to turn into a professional football club.
- Providing advice to the Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association in relation to the regulations in hosting the "Division 1 inter-school swimming competition".
- Acted as mediator in relation to contractual disputes between local players and their sports clubs.
- Acted as arbitrator in commercial disputes between sports associations and commercial sponsors.
- Acted as a spokesperson with video shoots for the Hong Kong Government in promoting Hong Kong as a centre for resolving disputes in sports.
- Acted as moderator in a mediation conference in Hong Kong and Thailand where there was a substantial sports focus.
- Acting as chairman of the Public Education and Publicity Sub-Committee of the Steering Committee for Mediation and the Advisory Committee on the Promotion of Arbitration for the Hong Kong Government in organising a Dispute Resolution in Sports conference in November 2020.