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Education, Professional Qualifications, and/or Memberships

- Master Degree in International Business Law (Paris Pantheon-Assas, France)
- Master Degree in Japanese Language and Studies (Lille 3, France)
- University Diploma in Chinese mandarin (Lille 3, France)
- Certificates of Chinese mandarin program (Zhejiang University) / Dalian university.

I am a registered arbitrator with institutions such as:

- National Commercial Arbitration Center (NCAC),
- Maldives International Arbitration Centre (MIAC),
- Thailand Arbitration Center (THAC),
- the Borneo International Center for Arbitration and Mediation (BICAM),
- the Vietnam Traders Arbitration Center (VTA).

Additionally, I serve as a mediator on the panels of:

- Asian International Arbitration Center (AIAC),
- WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center,
- AALCO-HKRAC
- Accredited Civil/Commercial Mediator with qualifications from ADR/ODR International, IMI and SIMI
- Listed as a practitioner in International Mediation and ADR with the Vienna International Arbitration Center of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (VIAC).
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch, Malaysia Branch).

Summary of Professional Experience

I am a long-term resident in Asia with extensive expertise in international business law. I have participated in arbitral proceedings as party-representative and co-counsel, and have been appointed as a sole arbitrator in arbitral proceedings.

I possess a strong background in dispute resolution. With a decade of experience in Asia, I have worked as in-house counsel and advisor in business law firms, specializing in energy, infrastructure, corporate, investment, public-private partnerships, tax, and intellectual property rights.

I have been lecturing Law courses for 12 years at the Royal University of Law and Economics, collaborating with Paris Panthéon Assas and Lyon 2.

Experience in arbitration and mediation/ ADR

I have participated in arbitral proceedings as party-representative and co-counsel, and I have been appointed as a sole arbitrator in arbitral proceedings.

I am currently a Steering committee member of the ESG ADR Forum (Malaysia).

I am currently a member of the Education and Training Committee, NCAC (Cambodia)

I have been appointed as the ICC Young Arbitration and ADR Forum (YAAF) Representative for North Asia (2024-2026).

I have contributed to educational programs in arbitration and mediation, such as the Vis Moot, Vis East Moot, CIETAC CUP, AIAC APAC VIS pre-moot, APCAM Metaverse mediation competition, APCMC ICC Mediation Competition, etc.

Areas of Specialisation

- Public-private partnerships (PPP)
- Investment law
- Corporate law
- Commercial law
- Intellectual property law
- Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) related disputes

Key Publications and Presentations

Speaker in 2024

ESG-ADR Forum: Resolving ESG-Related Disputes through ADR

With Law webinar: Navigating Dispute Resolution in Asia, presentation on Cambodia ADR landscape

Asia ADR Summit Roundtable Panel: Cross-Institutional Rules: Hopes, Hurdles, and the Road Ahead

EUROCHAM CAMBODIA, NCAC: Expert insights: Arbitration and mediation in Cambodia

Borneo ADR Week 2024: Sourcing and Appointment of Expert Witness

VISARDS: Webinar on How to draft an Effective Memorandum for Claimant

Publications:

AIADR, Volume 4 Issue 16 Journal of International ADR Forum: “Book Review: Transnational commercial disputes in an age of anti-globalism and pandemic”

Recent Trends and Prospects of Institutional Commercial Mediation Services in Cambodia (May 30, 2023). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4532411> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4532411>

Languages

French, Native

English, Fluent

Chinese mandarin, Advanced

Japanese, Advanced

Notable accolades and accomplishments

My notable recognitions include listings in the Legal 500, the GC Powerlist 2017 Southeast Asia, and being shortlisted as In-House Lawyer of the Year by the Asian Legal Business 2017.