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**Educational/Professional Memberships**

LL.B (Hons)(Sheffield); LL.M; Ph.D (Queen Mary, London). FCIArb, FMIArb, FSIArb; DiplCARb; Chartered Arbitrator (CIArb) and Chartered Arbitrator (IDRRMI, HK). First ASEAN practitioner lawyer to be elected Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple (2010). First ASEAN national lawyer appointed English Queen's Counsel. Advocate & Solicitor (Brunei and Singapore); Visiting professor at Civil law jurisdictions. Recognised in all legal directories including *Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders* (Arbitration; Construction and Litigation) and leading 30 global practitioners in *Expert Guides: Best of the Best 2017* and 2019 (Arbitration). Listed as leading 45 arbitration practitioners under 45 years old (GAR 2011). Arbitrator in over 25 national and international arbitration panels (including PRIME and WIPO). ICC Commission on Arbitration 2020 (ADR and Arbitration).

**Current Position**

Queen's Counsel and Chartered Arbitrator at 36 Stone (London); Counsel at Eldan Law LLP (Singapore) and Senior Partner at Dr Colin Ong Legal Services (Brunei). Visiting law professor at universities in civil law jurisdictions including Universitas Indonesia and Padjajaran University (Indonesia). He is or has been professor at City University of Hong Kong; University of Hong Kong; Academy of International Dispute Resolution; National University of Malaysia (UKM); National University of Singapore; University of Malaya; Kings College(London); and Queen Mary College(London). President, Arbitration Association Brunei Darussalam; Chairman, International Advisory Board of Thailand Arbitration Center; Advisory Council, Indonesian National Board of Arbitration (BANI); Appointing Council, Chinese-European Arbitration Centre (CEAC), Germany; Vice Chair, (Arbitration), Inter Pacific Bar Association; Vice-President, APRAG; Advisor, China-ASEAN Legal Research Center; Council Member of Hong Kong Centre of International Commercial Arbitration; Chair of Advisory Board JIIART (Japan); Chairman, Regional Arbitral Institutes Forum (2019-2021)

**Professional Experience**

Extensive arbitration and court experience. Several important reported judgments in Brunei, England and Singapore. Extensive experience as presiding or co-arbitrator in civil law and common law jurisdictions in areas of practice including: construction; insurance disputes; intellectual property; mining and minerals disputes; Considerable experience as counsel in acting against and also for governments; state owned enterprises; multinationals; and major corporations in complex large quantum disputes involving parties from many countries; Former Principal Legal Consultant, ASEAN Centre for Energy; Panel Member (Brunei nominee), ASEAN Protocol on EDSM; Former Vice President, LCIA (Asia-Pacific Users' Committee); Member ICC Commission on Arbitration (Task Force, New York Convention) and ICCA-Queen Mary Task Force (Costs and Third-Party Funding). Former Appointing Council, Cambodian National Commercial Arbitration Centre (NCAC).

**Arbitration Experience**

Acted as counsel or presiding arbitrator or party-appointed arbitrator in over 350 international commercial and investment arbitrations relating to Banking (ISDA, guarantee and swap transactions), Construction (bridges, downstream plants, power stations, malls, pipelines, ports, railways, rigs and highways); distributorship, Energy disputes (carbon credits, coal mining and supply disputes; production sharing contracts; electricity supply; gas contracts and oil exploration joint ventures); mining and minerals disputes; production sharing contracts; oil exploration joint ventures; solar, wind farms); information technology, intellectual property, licensing, shipping (charter party; offshore oil and gas projects; shipbuilding, ship sale), telecoms, technology transfer and general commercial trade related matters. hotel management; insurance, investments, joint ventures, technology transfer and general commercial trade related matters under all major arbitral institutional rules (eg: AAA/BANI/ CIETAC/HKIAC/ICC/ICDR/KCAB/KLRCA/LCIA/LMAA/SIAC/TAI/UNCITRAL and WIPO rules and under many applicable laws including Brunei, English, Indian, Indonesian, Malaysian, Kazakh, Korean, Hong Kong, Philippine, PRC, Singapore, Swiss, Sri Lanka,Thai, Turkish; UAE and Vietnam law. Applications to courts on issues of jurisdiction of arbitral tribunals. Former Vice Chair, IBA Arbitration Committee; Regularly consulted on setting aside of awards in

ASEAN jurisdictions; Advisory Council, China-ASEAN Legal Research Center; Lead counsel in arbitration leading to FIDIC Guidance Memorandum of Standard 1999 FIDIC Form Contracts (April 2013 (<http://fidic.org/node/1615>)); Lead counsel GAR Awards 2016 runner-up case of 'the most important reported decision 2015' category for PGN v CRW [2015] SGCA 30. Recent feedback includes *Who's Who Legal Arbitration 2020*:- "Colin Ong QC is a staple of the international arbitration field, and earns extensive recommendations from peers around the world who are happy to endorse him for his strong work as arbitrator, also winning widespread plaudits for his work as lead counsel in both civil and common law matters. "He is always on top of the detail as well as the big-picture issues." *Who's Who Legal Construction 2020*:- "undoubtedly one of the star advocates and arbitrators in the construction market. He impresses clients with his mastery of the detail." *Who's Who Legal Banking 2020*:- "wins widespread praise from market commentators for his outstanding work on high-value banking disputes.". *Legal 500*(London Bar International Arbitrators 2021):- "on top of material and the law, and experienced in both common and civil law".

## **Publications**

Author of arbitration and legal texts including chapters in leading books on the subject of advocacy and cross-examination including: Brunei; Indonesia and Malaysia chapters in Attachment of Assets (Juris); Chapter in Foreign Judgments, Garb & Lew (Kluwer); Leading Asian Arbitrators Handbook (Juris); ASEAN chapter, World Arbitration Reporter (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Juris); LCIA Chapter in Arbitration (GTDT); Trade Mark Laws, Brunei (Oceana); Take the Witness Chapter: Cross-Examination in International Arbitration (co-author, Hwang (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed (2019) Juris); Brunei chapter in Asia Arbitration Handbook (OUP) (Moser); Costs in International Arbitration (Co-Author, O'Reilly, Lexis Nexis); Interim Measures in International Arbitration (co-editor, Newman (Juris); ASEAN Overview chapter in International Arbitration Review (6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Ed Carter); Bifurcation in Investment Treaty Arbitration Review; and Case Strategy for Effective Advocacy, GAR Guide to Advocacy (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed). Challenges of Arbitrators chapter (Law Reviews 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed 2018). Res Judicata chapter, Investment Treaty Arbitration Review (2019). Advisory/Editorial Board Member of International Legal Journals including: Amicus Curiae; Arbitration(CI Arb); Butterworths Journal of International Banking & Financial Law; Badan Arbitrase Nasional Indonesia Journal; CDR Essential Intelligence – Belt and Road Initiative; China-ASEAN Law Review Dispute Resolution International; APRAG E-Journal (Chief Editor); and Maritime Risk International.

## **Languages**

Chinese (Putonghua; Hokkien, Teochew, and some Cantonese); English(award drafting); Malay/Bahasa Indonesia (award drafting).