

Professional Profile

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Education

LLB (Hons), University of Central England
PCLL, University of Hong Kong

Admission

Barrister, Hong Kong, 1994 - 2000
Solicitor, Hong Kong, 2001
Solicitor, England & Wales (Practising), 2009
Solicitor Advocate, Hong Kong, 2018
Registered Foreign Lawyer, Singapore International Commercial Court, 2019

Principal Practices

Construction
Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Energy and Resources

Experience

Joseph, a Solicitor Advocate, advises employers, contractors and consultants on a wide range of construction related disputes. Highlights include the following:-

- Acting in a major commercial and construction litigation concerning the merger and acquisition of a well-known construction company in Hong Kong which was one of the parties to the Ting Kau Bridge Joint Venture.
- Advising the employer in its dispute with one of its consultants regarding the construction of the Tsing Ma Bridge.
- Acting for the employer in relation to a number of developments affected by the "short piling" incident. The employer was entirely successful. This was widely reported in the press in 1998.
- Acting for a sub-contractor in its claim against the main contractor in relation to one of the main building services contract in the airport core project. This was a complex arbitration involving disputes on quantity of work done and claims for extensions of time.
- Acting for the main contractor in its dispute with its formwork sub-contractor regarding the construction of the Tiu Keng Leng MTR station.
- Acting for the employer in its dispute with its piling contractor regarding defective piling work carried out for a major development in Fanling.
- Acting for a well-known fire services contractor in relation to its dispute with its principal contractor regarding the fire services installation for the DHL Central Asia Hub at the Hong Kong International Airport.
- Advising the main contractor in relation to the construction of a major commercial complex in Shanghai. This construction dispute involved issues on PRC arbitration and negotiation of supplemental agreement.
- Acting for the employer in an arbitration with its main contractor regarding the construction of a footbridge for a major development in Olympic Station.
- Acting for the employer in an arbitration with its main contractor regarding a major development in Lai Chi Kok.

- Representing a major architect firm in defending a professional negligence suit lodged by the developer. The architect was entirely successful and obtained an indemnity costs order against the developer.
- Acting for the developer in an arbitration with the main contractor regarding a major residential development in Tung Chung.
- Advising the developer on a high profile dispute regarding a development project in Mei Foo Sun Chuen. The dispute had been widely reported in the press due to wide spread protest by the Mei Foo residents and involvement of political parties. Joseph was quoted in newspapers and weekly magazines on a number of occasions. The case was also reported in law reports - Billion Star Development Limited v Wong Tak Chuen & Ors [2012] 2 HKLRD 85 and Re Ho Mei Ling [2012] 6 HKC 1.
- Acting for a hotel group in an arbitration regarding the development of a hotel in Beijing.
- Acting for the owner of a mine in Mongolia in respect of its dispute with its contractor for mining works.
- Acting for a purchaser of a mine in Mongolia over a dispute on a mining licence.
- Advising a contractor in an arbitration against the employer in respect of a development project in Macau. The dispute has been widely reported in the press.
- Advising contractor on Express Rail Link project.
- Representing one of the contractors in the high profile Commission of Inquiry into Excess Lead found in Drinking Water in public housing estates. Given the public interests involved, this 67 day inquiry was widely reported in the press on a daily basis.
- Advising on a multi-party dispute involving the construction of a major casino in Macau.
- Advising LPG supplier in relation to underwater LPG pipeline works in South China Sea.
- Advising contractor in relation to dispute arising out of the construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge.
- Advising contractor in relation to dispute arising out of the construction of the Heung Yuen Wai Control Point.
- Joseph also has experience in advising on energy and resources related disputes.
- Joseph also has experience in advising on partnering arrangements and NEC.
- Joseph also speaks regularly at seminars on construction related topics.
- Joseph is the co-author of "Bullen and Leake and Jacob's Hong Kong Precedents of Pleadings" and co-author of "The International Arbitration Review" (Fourth Edition).
- Joseph is also the co-author of the Hong Kong version of one of the leading UK construction text "Emden's Construction Law in Hong Kong".

Recognition

Personal

- Awarded a Client Choice award for excellence in Hong Kong Construction by Lexology (2018 and 2021)
- Recognised in Chambers Asia Pacific (2021) that *"He is easy to deal with and has knowledgeable staff, remarks one impressed client."*
- Recognised in Chambers Asia Pacific (2020) that *"Joseph Chung is at the forefront of the industry and has handled a lot of complicated construction issues."*
- Recognised in Chambers Asia Pacific (2019) - One client has *"nothing but praise"* for him, saying: *"He turns what we're offering to him in technical terms into material that can be brought into the case, understanding the legal procedures that go with that very well."*
- Recognised as a leading lawyer in Construction by Chambers Asia Pacific (2015 – 2021)
- Recognised as Recommended Lawyer for Construction (Hong Kong) in Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2021)
- Recognised as Recommended Lawyer for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration (Hong Kong) in Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2021)
- Recognised as a Leading Construction & Infrastructure Litigation Lawyer (2020 – 2021) and a Leading Front End Construction, Infrastructure & Projects Lawyer (2020) by Doyle's Guide Hong Kong
- Recognised as the Commended External Counsel of the Year in Construction by the In-House Community (2017)

Firm

- Recognised as a leading law firm in both the areas of Construction and Dispute Resolution by Chambers Asia Pacific (2007 – 2021)

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- Awarded Construction & Infrastructure Firm of the Year by China Business Law Awards (2014-2016, 2019 - 2020)
- Awarded Real Estate/Construction Firm of the Year by In-House Community (2015 – 2018)
- Recognised as a Highly Recommended Firm in Construction by asialaw Profiles (2020)
- Recommended as a Leading Construction & Infrastructure Litigation, and Construction & Infrastructure Project firm by Doyle's Guide (2016 and 2020)
- The firm has been ranked highly recommended in the area of Construction in Hong Kong and China by *PLC Which Lawyer?* (2007, 2008 and 2009)
- The firm has been named as a highly recommended law firm in the area of Dispute Resolution by the same publication (2007, 2008 and 2009)

Membership/Appointments

- Listed on the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre's List of Arbitrators
- Listed on the Asian International Arbitration Centre's Panel of Arbitrators
- Listed on the Shanghai Arbitration Commission's Panel of Arbitrators (Overseas)
- Listed on Panel of Adjudicators of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction Adjudicators
- Member of the NEC Users' Group
- Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Associate Member since 1995 and Member since 2000)
- Member of Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators (since 2007)
- Fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction Adjudicators
- Fellow member of the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors
- Sat for a period in 2012 as Deputy District Court Judge

Languages

English, Cantonese and Mandarin