

## Dr. Christopher TO

*BEng(Hons), LLB(Hons), LLM, MA, PhD, DEng (Honorary), PCLL, DipCD, FCIArb, FHKIArb, FAMINZ(Arb/Med), FSIArb, FIET, FHKIoD, FHKIE, RPE, CEng, CITP, MBCS, HKCS, ARAeS, Chartered Arbitrator, Accredited Mediator, Adjudicator, Adjunct Professor, Barrister-at-law and listed in over 33 Panels of Arbitrators, Adjudicators, Conciliators, Mediators and Domain Name Disputes Specialist globally.*

**Languages:** English and Chinese.

### 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.

### 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 on Construction Dispute Resolution at the University of Hong Kong.
- Council Member of the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre.
- Chairman of the Hong Kong Mediator Accreditation Association Limited sub-committee on Mediator Accreditation.
- Deputy Chairman of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers Construction Dispute Resolution Committee.
- Co-Chair of the Steering Committee on the International Chamber of Commerce International Commercial Mediation Competition- Hong Kong.
- Chairman of the Hong Kong Institute of Directors.
- Council Member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (United Kingdom).
- Education and Membership Committee Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (United Kingdom).

### Previous Positions:

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| ▪ 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 |
| ▪ Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia) | Chairman           | 2014 to 2015 |
| ▪ Hong Kong Mediation Council                    | Chairman           | 2018 to 2019 |

**Publications:** Have published over 40 articles and 6 books on Arbitration Law, Mediation and Dispute Resolution to date.

### **Arbitration Experience:**

- Handled a variety of international cases to date involving both ad hoc and institutional arbitrations (such as the HKIAC, ICC, KLRCA, KCAB, CIETAC and NMAC) 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 and Commission of Enquiry in the jurisdiction of Hong Kong as well as disciplinary proceedings.

### **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, Information Technology, Commodities, Property and Land, Company Formation and Structure, Probate, Employment, Aviation, Insolvency, Environmental law, Banking, Personal Injuries, 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 10 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 and Mediators.
- 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.