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# ASIA FORUM: 5<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION, CORPORATE FRAUD & ANTI-TRUST SUMMIT – HONG KONG

Thursday, 21 August 2025, 9:00am - 5:20pm

Venue: HFW Hong Kong office (This conference will be conducted in English)

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9:00 — 9:15	Welcome Message by Chairman Robert Pé, Independent Arbitrator and Mediator,
9:15 - 9:25	Arbitration Chambers Opening Address by HFW
	Peter Murphy, Partner, HFW
9:25 — 9:45	Keynote Session: Recent Developments Affecting Global International Arbitration and the Outlook for 2025 Dr Caroline Kenny KC, Chartered Arbitrator
9:45 — 10:25	<ul> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Grand Panel: Asia – Enforcement &amp; Invalidity of Awards: Understanding Arbitration Clauses &amp; Monetising an Award – Regional Issues to Consider Moderator:</li> <li>Randolph Khoo, Managing Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew &amp; Napier</li> <li>Panellists:</li> <li>Kevin Warburton, Partner, HFW</li> <li>Ben Bury, Director, Group General Counsel, Gammon Construction Limited</li> <li>Leonora Riesenburg, Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator, INTADR DMCC</li> </ul>
10:25 — 11:05	<ul> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Panel: The Need for Speed: Advising GCs on Emergency Arbitration &amp; Expedited Procedures: Dealing with Non Compliance, Efficiency &amp; Regional / Cultural Issues</li> <li>Moderator:         <ul> <li>Jeremy Bartlett, S.C. Barrister, Princes Chambers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
11:05 - 11:30	Networking Break & Morning Refreshment
11:30 - 11:50	M&A Disputes in Hong Kong, China & Asia
11:50 - 12:10	Tech Disputes & Rise of Al
12:10 — 12:50	<ul> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Panel: Art of Negotiation - Tactical Issues in Why Arbitration, Why Mediation and Why Not?</li> <li>Moderator: <ul> <li>Brenda Horrigan, Independent Arbitrator</li> </ul> </li> <li>Panellists: <ul> <li>Gary Gao, Partner, Zhong Lun Law Firm</li> <li>Queenie Lau SC, Barrister, Temple Chambers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12:50 - 14:00	Networking Lunch
14:00 — 14:40	<ul> <li>4<sup>th</sup> Grand Panel: Cross-border Director, Shareholder</li> <li>&amp; Stakeholders Disputes – Best Practices and Tips for Inhouse Counsels</li> <li>Moderator: <ul> <li>Edward Beeley, Partner, HFW</li> </ul> </li> <li>Panellists: <ul> <li>Kevin Hong, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright</li> <li>Winnie Tam SC, Independent Arbitrator</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
14:40 - 15:00	Rise of Crypto & Digital Disputes and Regulations: Asia Overview
15:00 - 15:25	Anti -Trust: Back to the Future: Monopolisation & Dominance and the Long Road Ahead
15:25 — 15:50	<ul> <li>5<sup>th</sup> Grand Panel: Anti-Trust Law – Compliance &amp; Regulatory Issues with Hong Kong &amp; Foreign Companies Moderator:</li> <li>Catrina Lam S.C., Des Voeux Chambers</li> <li>Panellist:</li> <li>Howard Chan, Of Counsel, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer</li> </ul>
15:50 - 16:10	Networking Break & Afternoon Refreshment
16:10 - 16:30	Data Protection & Cyber Crime Issues in Hong Kong
16:30 — 17:15	6 <sup>th</sup> Grand Panel: Corporate Fraud – Antibribery, AML & FCPA in Hong Kong & The region – Advising Companies on Compliance & Regulatory Updates in 2025
17:15 - 17:20	Closing Remarks & Lucky Draw
17.20 - 18.20	Networking Drinks

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#### Robert Pé, Independent Arbitrator and Mediator, Arbitration Chambers

Robert Pé, FCIArb, is an independent arbitrator and CEDR-accredited mediator and has been a member of Arbitration Chambers since 2017. Prior to that, he was a partner of a leading US-origin international law firm for whom he headed up the Asia disputes practice. He served on the HKIAC's Council from 2014 to 2020 and on the ICC Court from 2017 to 2024. He was also Co-Chair of the ICC's Belt and Road Commission.

#### Peter Murphy, Partner, HFW

Peter is a dispute resolution lawyer specialising in shipping, international trade, commodities, energy and resources and general commercial disputes, focusing on international arbitration, litigation, contentious insolvencies, asset recovery and enforcement. Peter acts for and advises trading companies, banks, investment funds, charterers, shipowners, operators, P&I Clubs and other insurers. Shipping experience includes a wide range of charterparty disputes (time charters, voyage charters and contracts of affreightment), bills of lading, carriage of goods by sea and sale and purchase disputes. Trade and commodities experience includes coal, iron ore, metals, oil and petroleum products, cotton, agri and other soft commodities. In contentious insolvencies, he acts for claimants in substantial claims against counterparties in Hong Kong and across the Asia-Pacific region.

Peter is qualified to practice in both English and Hong Kong Courts and has considerable experience of arbitrations in Hong Kong, London and Singapore. He also assists clients in managing arbitrations and court proceedings across Asia, including the PRC, Indonesia, the Philippines, Australia, India, Pakistan, Vietnam and Taiwan. His arbitration experience includes HKIAC, SIAC, CIETAC, LMAA, ICC, FOSFA, GAFTA and LCIA arbitrations.

Peter has an LLM Master of Laws degree in shipping and insurance from London University. Having lived and worked in Hong Kong since 1997, Peter has advised and assisted many clients with issues arising throughout Asia-Pacific, the Middle east and elsewhere. Peter has been with HFW since 1998.

#### Dr Caroline Kenny KC, Chartered Arbitrator

Caroline Kenny is a Chartered Larbitrator specialising in international commercial disputes. She has more than 35 years' experience acting in complex international matters, including over 16 years as King's Counsel. She is admitted to practice in Australia, the United Kingdom and New York. She is currently serving her second term as the elected Trustee for Australasia to the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, headquartered in London. She is highly respected in the international arbitration community for her commitment to the promotion of arbitration as the preferred means for resolving international disputes and for her diligent, responsive and practical approach as an arbitrator.

Caroline has served as presiding arbitrator, sole arbitrator and wing arbitrator in a broad range of complex disputes, including banking, finance, joint ventures, construction, Mergers and Acquisitions, energy, insurance, re-insurance, IT, licensing, sale of business, manufacture, sale of goods, crypto-currency, entertainment and sports. Caroline also has a keen interest in sports arbitration. She is a panel member for the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). She is also a member of Australia's National Sports Tribunal.

Caroline is the Regional Pathway Leader for the Asia Pacific to teach CIArb's Fellowship courses and has been involved in teaching CIArb's Fellowship courses for more than 10 years. She was the Course Director for the pre-eminent Asia Pacific diploma course held in Singapore from 1 to 9 March 2025.

#### Randolph Khoo, Managing Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier

Randolph is the Managing Director of the Dispute Resolution Department of Drew & Napier LLC, Singapore. He also heads the dispute resolution practices of the firm's Greater China Desk, International Trade and Private Client Practice Groups.

Randolph has an active advocacy practice in international arbitration and mediation, cross border and domestic litigation. He is recognised and ranked by various publications including Chambers Asia-Pacific, Chambers Global, Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Asialaw Leading Lawyers, Chambers High Net Worth, Doyle's Guide and is a Benchmark Litigation Disputes Star.

Apart from counsel work, Randolph is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and of arbitration institutes of Singapore, Malaysia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and India. He is also on arbitration panels of arbitral institutions in Singapore, Malaysia, India, China and Russia as well as being a specialist mediator with the Singapore International Mediation Centre and the Mediation & Conciliation Network.

#### Jeremy Bartlett, S.C. Barrister, Princes Chambers

Prior to joining the Hong Kong Bar in 1999 Jeremy was in private practice at Herbert Smith and from 1994 to 1999 an international equity partner with Coudert Brothers where he was Head of the Litigation Department and Co-Head of the firm's Asia Region Arbitration Practice Group (9 regional offices). Following upon his extensive experience as advocate/counsel in arbitrations, Jeremy acts as arbitrator (sole, co-arbitrator or and presiding arbitrator) in international commercial arbitrations and has accepted appointments under the rules of various institutions as well as in ad hoc arbitrations. Jeremy acts in a broad range of commercial litigation, including company and shareholder disputes, insolvency, trusts and estates, international trade and shipping, conflict of laws, defamation, employment/restraint of trade, professional negligence and securities regulatory matters. His practice has involved numerous appearances in the appellate Courts, including in the Court of Final Appeal [1] . He has been a contributing editor to Hong Kong Civil Procedure. Jeremy has received rankings in successive editions of Chambers and Partners, Legal 500 (Commercial Disputes: Tier 1 leading silk; Family and Private Client : Tier 2 leading silk), Legal 500 Arbitration Power List and Who's Who Legal as well as in Euromoney's Guide to Experts in Commercial Arbitration. He regularly speaks at international conferences and gives lectures at Mainland Chinese universities and law firms on arbitration topics.

#### Brenda Horrigan, Independent Arbitrator

Brenda Horrigan is an internationally recognised arbitration practitioner with some 30 years of extensive global experience, having worked from the US, Paris, Moscow, Shanghai, Sydney and now Singapore. She has her own practice as an independent arbitrator.

Brenda is the immediate past president of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA) and remains a member of its executive committee. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is listed on the panels of numerous arbitral institutions.

Brenda has taught international arbitration as a Global Adjunct Professor of Law at New York University's Shanghai campus and as a guest lecturer at the University of New South Wales. She is regularly invited to speak at conferences and seminars on arbitration and is consistently ranked in Chambers and Who's Who: Legal as a leading arbitration practitioner.

#### Edward Beeley, Partner, HFW

Edward specialises in complex and high-value multi-jurisdictional litigation and arbitration involving international trade, commodities and finance, from initial advice to successful enforcement.

Edward's arbitration experience includes acting for market-leading traders, financial institutions and related service providers under all the major institutional regimes (including the HKIAC, SIAC, UNCITRAL, LCIA and LMMA rulebooks) in jurisdictions across Asia and Europe. He also advises clients on asset tracing, preservation and enforcement.

Edward's commercial litigation practice includes contentious insolvency and fraud with a particular emphasis on complex high-value commercial disputes in the international trade and investment spaces. He regularly appears as an advocate before the Hong Kong Courts, and is qualified in England & Wales, Hong Kong, and the British Virgin Islands.

Edward has been based in Asia since 2014. Before joining HFW, Edward gained a Masters degree in Engineering from the University of Durham and worked as a project manager for a Fortune Global 150 multinational in the United Kingdom, France and Holland. In 2023 Edward was ranked as one of Hong Kong's 10 most influential lawyers under 40 by Asian Business Review.

#### Catrina Lam S.C., Des Voeux Chambers

Catrina is an accomplished barrister with a versatile practice encompassing all aspects of commercial disputes, including both domestic and international arbitrations, competition and regulatory matters, and administrative and constitutional law. She is widely recognised for her expertise and has consistently been ranked in the top tier of her field. She holds a "Band 1" ranking for Commercial Dispute Resolution in Chambers & Partners and a "Tier 1" ranking in Commercial Disputes, Competition, and Administrative and Public Law in Legal 500. Her expertise in competition law has also garnered her recognition as a Recommended Global Leader in Who's Who Legal. Catrina commands "particularly high esteem for her accomplished competition law practice" and is "widely identified as Hong Kong's front runner for competition matters". She has been described as "the most experienced and well-rounded competition counsel in Hong Kong" with "second-to-none knowledge of Hong Kong competition law and litigation".

Catrina regularly appears as counsel in arbitrations and related court applications. She also serves as an arbitrator in a wide range of commercial disputes and is a member of the arbitrator panels for the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), the Shanghai International Arbitration Centre, and the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration.

Beyond her practice, Catrina is active in public service. She has served as a Temporary Deputy Registrar of the High Court and as a Deputy District Judge. She has also been appointed by the Hong Kong Government to various statutory appeal boards and tribunals. Since 2009, she has been serving as the Secretary of the Middle Temple Society in Hong Kong and, in recognition of her contributions, was appointed an Honorary Member of The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple in 2018.

Catrina speaks English, Cantonese and Putonghua (conversational), and is a CEDR-accredited mediator.

#### Gary Gao, Partner, Zhong Lun Law Firm

Mr. Gary GAO is the Partner and the Head of Compliance & Regulatory Department of Zhong Lun Law Firm. Gary is a skilled litigator and arbitrator with over 28 years experiences handling complex, cross-border arbitration, litigation as well as sophisticated commercial disputes. He has represented clients in commercial arbitration before the ICC, HKIAC, SHIAC and other arbitral institutions.

He has rich experience in international arbitration, litigation and mediation, familiar with the strategic planning of dispute resolution in multiple jurisdictions, the collection, screening and rules of proof of cross-border evidence production. In particular, Gary is good at dealing with disputes involving corporate equity, partnership private equity investment, procurement contracts, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, insurance claims, etc., and often acts as an expert witness on Chinese law in international litigation or arbitration proceedings. Furthermore, Gary also provide legal advice on Chinese substantive and procedural law to foreign clients or international law firms.

In addition, Gary has served as arbitrator in arbitrations conducted under HKIAC, SHIAC, SHAC and other arbitral institutions, and is included in the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre's List of Arbitrators, the LCIA Database of Arbitrators, the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board's Panel of Arbitrators, the List of WIPO Mediators and Arbitrators, the Shanghai International Arbitrator Center's List of Arbitrators and the Shanghai Arbitration Commission's List of Arbitrators.

#### Kevin Hong, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright

Kevin Hong leads the international arbitration and litigation practice of Norton Rose Fulbright in Hong Kong. He has a particular focus on arbitration and arbitration related court proceedings and has acted as counsel in arbitral proceedings conducted under different institutional rules such as the HKIAC, UNCITRAL, SIAC, LCIA, CIETAC and LMAA rules as well as ad hoc arbitral proceedings in a number of jurisdictions.

Kevin accepts arbitrator appointments and is on the HKIAC's List of Arbitrators, SIAC's Reserve Panel of Arbitrators and the panels of arbitrators of Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration and Langfang Arbitration Commission.

Kevin has been named to Lawdragon's 500 Leading Global Litigators guide, ranked as "Up and Coming" in Dispute Resolution: Litigation (International Firms) by Chambers and Partners, shortlisted for the "Young Lawyer of the Year" award at the 2020 Asian Legal Business Hong Kong Law Awards and recognized by Legal 500 Asia Pacific in the areas of international arbitration, litigation and construction.

#### Kevin Warburton, Partner, HFW

Kevin Warburton is a Partner in HFW's disputes practice, based in the Hong Kong office. Kevin is an arbitration specialist, with a broad practice which also includes commercial litigation, regulatory/internal investigations and privacy/cyber related matters. He is experienced in advising clients in Hong Kong and overseas, including private and listed companies, financial institutions, high net worth individuals, entrepreneurs and multinational organisations. Kevin is admitted to practice in Hong Kong, England & Wales and the British Virgin Islands.

# Leonora Riesenburg, Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator, INTADR DMCC

Leonora Riesenburg is an Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator at INTADR DMCC, Dubai, and an International Tenant at 4-5 Gray's Inn Square in London.

She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), a Fellow of Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR), and stands as a leading figure in international arbitration, mediation and ADR in Middle East, Asia, and the UK. Leonora specialises in complex disputes across key sectors, notably in investment, infrastructure, construction, real estate, joint ventures, banking and finance, and receives routine Chairmanship appointments. Her affiliations with prestigious arbitral institutions-among them the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, DIAC, ADCCAC, SCCA, MIAC, AIADR-further solidify her standing as a leading figure in international arbitration. Leonora's leadership is reflected in her previous roles as Branch Chair of CIArb UAE, as an Elected Member of the Board of Management for CIArb London, and member of DIFC Courts Arbitration Division Working Group. She is a member of LCIA Arabs Users' Council and a member of the Swiss Arbitration Association. Leonora is a highly in demand faculty member for the CIArb globally and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) in the MENA Region and in the UK, playing a pivotal role in shaping the next generation of dispute resolution practitioners. Her global influence extends through her service with leading institutions worldwide, including in Asia, the Governing Council of the Hyderabad Arbitration Centre (HAC) in India as well as the Global Advisory Panel for Musaliha International Centre for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (MICADR) in Pakistan.

#### Howard Chan, Of Counsel, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer

Howard is a member of Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer's Competition, Regulation and Trade team in Asia. He has an in-depth knowledge of competition law regimes across Asia (including Hong Kong, Mainland China, and South East Asian jurisdictions such as Singapore and Indonesia), as well as the EU and UK. His practice also includes FDI regulation and other regulatory regimes in Asia and Europe, such as the EU Foreign Subsidies Regulation.

Howard frequently advises on complex antitrust issues arising in crossborder transactions, joint venture structures, and other forms of cooperation arrangements. He has worked for clients across many different industries, with a particular focus on the automotive, consumer goods, energy, banking, and TMT sectors.

Howard's expertise is widely recognised in a number of legal practitioners guides. He is ranked as a Leading Associate by Legal 500, and a Competition Future Leader (Non Partner) by Who's Who Legal.

#### Winnie Tam SC, Independent Arbitrator

Winnie is a Senior Counsel of the Hong Kong Bar, an independent international arbitrator in commercial disputes, and well-established as a leading barrister and intellectual property specialist practising from Des Voeux Chambers. Winnie was Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association between 2015-2017, and holds qualifications to practise in the Greater Bay Area of China, Singapore and England and Wales. Winnie served as a Recorder of the Court of First Instance of the High Court of Hong Kong between 2015-2023, and continues to sit as a Deputy High Court Judge on an ad hoc basis.

Winnie has repeatedly been recognised by peer-reviewed arbitration publications as one of the most in-demand arbitrators in Hong Kong and in Greater China, and has substantial experience arbitrating in both English and in Chinese (Putonghua), in cases conducted under rules of institutions including HKIAC, ICC, SCC, AAA-ICDR, SIAC, CIETAC and SCIA, and under UNCITRAL rules. She currently serves as a Hong Kong delegate of the ICC Arbitration Commission, and a member of the IBA Taskforce on the use of AI in International Arbitration.

#### Queenie Lau SC, Barrister, Temple Chambers

Queenie Lau SC is a barrister at Temple Chambers, Hong Kong. She commenced practice in 2008, and was appointed Senior Counsel last year.

Prior to becoming a barrister, Queenie qualified as a solicitor with Slaughter and May, Hong Kong. She remains on the roll of solicitors in England & Wales as a non-practising solicitor.

Queenie has a broad, predominantly civil, practice which includes commercial law, securities and regulatory matters, banking, company law, land law, conveyancing, building management, professional negligence, employment law, family law, defamation, probate and commercial fraud. Queenie has sat as a temporary judge on a number of occasions over the years.

Queenie is regularly involved in arbitration and mediation. Queenie frequently acts as Counsel in arbitrations and also sits as arbitrator. Further, she has conducted over 100 mediations as mediator. She has experience conducting both arbitrations and mediations in Putonghua.

#### Ben Bury, Director, Group General Counsel, Gammon Construction Limited

Ben joined Gammon in 2023. For more than 18 years, Ben has worked on the legal aspects of major construction projects in Hong Kong, Singapore and across the globe. He is qualified in Hong Kong, England and Wales and was a Registered Foreign Lawyer in the Singapore International Commercial Court. Prior to joining Gammon, Ben was a Partner in the construction team at a large international sector-focused law firm. He has been based in Asia since 2011 and has been involved in complex assignments across the region. Ben is highly commended in the legal directories and, in 2021, at the age of 38, Ben was named by Asia Legal Business on their list of the 40 best lawyers in Asia under 40. Ben oversees the Legal Department covering governance, legal advice, compliance, insurance, and company secretarial services.



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