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Chambers and Partners, Greater China 2022

Charlie is a British lawyer with an international commercial and sports law practice. Having qualified as a mechanical and electrical engineer, he worked as an engineer for five years before turning to the law. His legal practice comprises international litigation, arbitration and mediation as advocate or arbitrator, representing and deciding cases involving both commercial and state entities. He has an active sports law practice. He acts as counsel in the High Courts of London and Hong Kong, in international and domestic arbitrations, acts as a mediator and conciliator in cross-border disputes and regularly sits as a sole arbitrator or as part of a three-man tribunal.

He was appointed QC in London in 2009 and SC in Hong Kong in 2012. He was appointed a part-time judge in Hong Kong in 2015.

Areas of expertise

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Professional Negligence

Construction

Sport

Professional Negligence

Cases of note:

- **Party A v Party B** - The case concerned the ability of the trader to enforce the terms of the financing facility, and the losses they occurred as a result of any breach. Also, the question of whether the failure to perform in accordance with the terms of the emergency award gave rise to losses which were unlimited by the limitation of liability clauses contained in the original financing contract.
- **Party A v Party B** - Dispute between a Japanese ATM designer/manufacture and a Chinese OEM ATM factory over whether the Chinese entity had misappropriated the technology and software of the ATMs designed by the Japanese for use in the Chinese entity's own domestic products.

- ***Zhou v SAIF*** - Claim by hedge fund partner seeking payment of partnership profits. Allegations of fraud, breach of duty, breach of trust.
- ***Re China Medical*** - Major litigation project seeking to recover in respect of the theft of US\$500m by directors of a company. The project involves six major pieces of litigation against numerous defendants, with the money being spread through 50 bank accounts across five jurisdictions.
- ***Tianrui v Shanshui Cement*** - Litigation arising out of a hostile takeover of one of China's largest cement manufacturers. The victor in the takeover sued the incumbent directors and shareholders for breach of fiduciary duty, conspiracy and fraud.

Recommendations

- *"Excellent in all respects. He is an excellent cross-examiner and gets straight to the core issues after reviewing complicated and voluminous documentation."*The Legal 500 2022
- *"A wealth of experience dealing with complex fraud and insolvency matters."*The Legal 500 2022
- *"A very practical leading counsel, with the ability to turn complexity to simplicity."*The Legal 500 2022
- *"Manzoni doesn't need any introduction: he's brilliant."*Chambers and Partners 2022
- *"Very experienced in many areas."*Chambers and Partners 2022
- *"Organised, a very good advocate and absolutely exceptional."*Chambers and Partners 2022

Memberships

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR)
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- Hong Kong Bar Association (HKBA)
- Chartered Institute Of Arbitrators (CIARB)
- Hong Kong Mediation Centre (HKMC)
- Beijing Arbitration Centre (BAC)
- International Court of Arbitration (ICC)
- London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA)
- Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)
- Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group (APRAG)
- Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)
- Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

Qualifications

Education

- BSc Mechanical Engineering, Bristol University
- Diploma in Law, City University

Additional Information

Languages

- English

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