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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

Construction

Cases of note:

- ***Hsin Chong v Build King*** - Settlement of a joint venture dispute arising from the insolvency of one of the joint venture parties, including novation of the underlying construction contract.
- ***Queen Cheers Development Limited v Kwong Associates Limited*** - Claim of professional negligence by a developer against an architect for the alleged negligent design of a high-rise building in Hong Kong. Acted for the architect and successfully defended the firm.
- ***Yee Hop Engineering Co. Ltd v Government of the HKSAR*** - The case involved a contract by which the Government of Hong Kong asked the contractor to replace the stainless steelwork in numerous walkways, lifts, stairs, pavements etc. all around Hong Kong.

- ***Hsin Chong – Paul Y Joint Venture v Orient Project Engineering Limited*** - Claim for extra remuneration arising out of the excavation and groundworks of a major Hong Kong landmark.

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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