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“Organised, a very good advocate and absolutely exceptional.” 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

Alternative Dispute Resolution

He is well recognised in both Asia and the Middle East for his extensive construction dispute experience. Charles has been appointed as an arbitrator in over 80 arbitrations, which involve 20 jurisdictional seats and a similar number of different substantive laws.

Cases of note:

- **Party A v Party B** - Claim by a Canadian software company developing innovative smartphone technology that has been integrated into the Android operating system by a Chinese manufacturer.
- **Party A v Party B** - Claim by a Chinese manufacturer of medical supplies for the price of goods delivered to Italy. The Italian respondent had been persuaded by fraudsters to make payment to a different entity, and so the money had not been received.
- **Party A v Party B** - US\$5m claim by two well-known administrators in the English football industry for breach of consultancy agreements with a Chinese football club.
- **Party A v Party B** - US\$3.5bn claim by a contractor at a liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) facility in northern Australia. Three arbitrations consolidated into one. The claim involved claims under funding deeds, claims for variations, claims for delay.

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 (KLRC)
- 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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