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Joe-han is a specialist commercial barrister who practises across the full spectrum of commercial and construction (including energy and infrastructure) disputes. He has appeared in the Court of Appeal, the High Court (including as sole counsel against King's Counsel), and specialist tribunals. He has a thriving arbitration practice and regularly appears before international arbitral tribunals.

Joe-han is frequently instructed on complex and high-value disputes with an international element. Many of his cases have a connection with the Far East, and he is regularly instructed by law firms in (for example) the PRC, South Korea, Malaysia, and Singapore. His clients range from ultra-high-net-worth individuals to leading public and private financial institutions. Joe-han grew up in the Far East and understands its culture. He also speaks Mandarin Chinese.

Joe-han is ranked in the Legal 500 (2024) as a Leading Individual, with clients commenting "*Fantastic intellectual ability, very responsive. Very much on top of his brief.*"

In addition to his counsel practice, Joe-han has extensive experience in ADR, and accepts appointments as arbitrator, mediator, and adjudicator. He is a CEDR-accredited mediator and is also on TECBAR's panel of accredited adjudicators.

Previously, Joe-han practised as a solicitor at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP where he focused on international arbitration and commercial litigation. He also held teaching positions at King's College London (trusts and equity) and Durham University (contract law). He is regularly published on a range of commercial law matters.



Areas of expertise

Banking and Financial Services

Civil Fraud

Commercial Contracts

Construction

International Arbitration

Banking and Financial Services

Joe-han is experienced in a wide range of banking and financial services disputes, from consumer credit matters to cross-border banking litigation. He has acted both for and against banks and was previously seconded to the Financial Conduct Authority.

He is ranked in the Legal 500 (2024) as Leading Individual in banking and finance.

Cases of note

- ***X v Y*** – Acting for a Barbadian insurer in two ICC arbitrations with a combined value of US\$43.5 million concerning fraud, misrepresentation, and breach of contract.
- ***Bank of Baroda & Ors v GVK Coal Developers (Singapore) Pte Ltd*** - Acted for a consortium of Indian banks in a USD\$2 billion banking dispute concerning various breaches of facility agreements and related guarantees/indemnities.
- ***NPO Promet LLC v Barclays Bank UK Plc & Ors*** - Acted on behalf of a European Claimant in a civil fraud claim raising issues as to Bankers Trust Orders, the Quincecare duty, and Quistclose trusts.
- ***X v Y*** - Advised a claims management company in a test claim relating to the provision of mortgage advice raising issues relating to the Financial Ombudsman Service and the Limitation Act 1980.
- ***Faulkner v Desaur*** - Acted for an individual defending a £1.9m loan dispute raising issues regarding contractual interpretation, penalty clauses, and unfair relationships within the meaning of sections 140A-140C of the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

Judicial remarks

Joe-han has appeared before various courts and tribunals, including the Court of Appeal, the High Court (including as sole counsel against Queen's Counsel in the Commercial Court), the County Court, and international arbitral tribunals. His appearances have been subject to judicial remarks, to which a selection is set out below.

- *"as Mr Jory [QC] and Mr Joe-han Ho point out, in their lucid and concise post-hearing written submission..."* *Townley & Anor v Inter Export LLC* [2018] EWCA Civ 2068 (Lady Justice Arden, as she then was)
- *"This appeal was argued extremely skilfully by [Mr Ho]."* *Dubai First PJSC v Wright* [2019] (unreported) (Mr Justice Barling)
- *"... [Mr Ho's] excellent written closing outline submissions"* *The Sky's The Limit Transformations Ltd v Dr Mohamed Mirza* [2022] EWHC 29 (TCC) (HHJ Stephen Davies)
- *"... excellent submissions."* *Bank of Baroda & Ors v GVK Coal Developers (Singapore) Pte Ltd* [2022] (Mrs Justice Cockerill)

Memberships

- The Commercial Bar Association
- The Technology & Construction Bar Association
- The Inter-Pacific Bar Association

- The Chartered Institution of Arbitrators (Member)

Qualifications

Education

- 2007-2010, Durham University, LL.B. (ranked 1st in year)
- 2011-2012, Harvard Law School, LL.M.
- 2012-2013, University of Oxford, B.C.L.

Scholarships and Prizes

- 2016-17: Jarman Scholar, Inner Temple (ranked 1st in year in advocacy)
- 2023: Inter-Pacific Bar Association Scholar

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