



## Joe-han Ho

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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

## Construction

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Joe-han has broad experience in a range of construction and engineering matters from high-value cross-border disputes to residential building disputes. He also has experience in adjudication and sits on the panel of TECBAR adjudicators.

### Cases of note

- ***X v Y*** - Representing a Chinese state-owned corporation in an ICC arbitration against a Spanish company relating to defective photovoltaic trackers in a Middle Eastern solar wind farm, with circa US\$25 million in dispute.
- ***X v Y*** - Advised on an DIFC-LCIA arbitration concerning three major infrastructure projects in the UAE with circa US\$270 million in dispute.
- ***X v Y*** - Advised on a contractual dispute relating to an engineering, procurement, construction, and commissioning project in the Far East (instructed by a leading Malaysian law firm).
- ***X v Y*** - Advised on certain clauses in the JCT standard building contract w/o quantities (2011 edition) and the consequences of the insolvency of a counterparty.
- ***The Sky's the Limit Transformations Ltd v Mirza [2022] EWHC 29 (TCC)*** – Sole counsel for the Defendant in a five-day trial involving five fact witnesses and eight expert witnesses. Claim dismissed with costs. Subsequently pursued the Claimant's directors for a non-party costs order.

## Judicial remarks

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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

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- The Commercial Bar Association
- The Technology & Construction Bar Association
- The Inter-Pacific Bar Association
- The Chartered Institution of Arbitrators (Member)

# Qualifications

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## 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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