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"A first class arbitrator who cuts right through the core of the dispute before him, and is decisive and effective." The Legal 500 2022

David Bateson is a leading international arbitrator who has acted in over 150 arbitrations in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and South America. He has acted as chairman, party-appointed arbitrator or sole arbitrator in arbitrations under the rules of the AA, AIAC, BANI, CIETAC, DIAC HKIAC, KCAB, ICC, LCIA, PCA, SIAC, TAI and VIAC, in ad hoc arbitrations, as a dispute board member or as a mediator.

He has extensive experience in disputes in a variety of industry sectors, including construction, energy, resources, commodities, insurance, joint ventures, shareholder agreements and shipping.

In construction, energy and resources David is involved in many of the largest projects in Asia-Pacific region, and the Middle East, and is a renowned specialist.

In recent editions of Who's Who Legal, Chambers and Partners and The Legal 500, David is named as a leading arbitrator and an expert in commercial arbitration, construction, energy and mediation. He is listed in Chambers Asia Most in Demand Arbitrators (Tier 1 in Singapore).

He has over 40 years of legal experience and is a specialist in all forms of dispute resolution, including arbitration, litigation and alternative dispute resolution.

He has been resident in Asia since 1980 and before that he lived in Africa, Fiji and New Zealand. He is now based in Singapore.

(* Non-Barrister)

Areas of expertise

Mediation

Arbitrator – Construction and Energy

Arbitrator - Commercial

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- Ad hoc – party appointed in dispute over sale of aircraft between a French and Turkish company.
- SCMA – chair in dispute over charter in Indonesia.
- HKIAC – party appointed in shareholders dispute.
- ICC – chair in dispute over licence of well-known food brand in China .
- Ad hoc – sole arbitrator in hotel franchise dispute in Malaysia.
- AIAC – sole arbitrator in a shipping dispute between Malaysian and Chinese companies.

Recommendations

- *"Pre-eminent and widely experienced, one of the top arbitrators in the region, who is excellent at pretty much everything he is doing."* Chambers and Partners
- *"An accomplished arbitrator, who is getting more and more cases in Asia, and worldwide".* Chambers and Partners
- *"Writes a very good award, well able to control an arbitration, and culturally sensitive."* Chambers and Partners
- *"An excellent arbitrator of big infrastructure cases and very user friendly, and has buckets of experience in construction cases."* Chambers and Partners
- *"A big name with a strong reputation for construction –related arbitration."* Who's Who Legal
- *"A standout with an excellent reputation."* Who's Who Legal

Memberships

- Qualified in England, Hong Kong and New South Wales, Australia
- Fellow and ex-Vice President, Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators
- IBA, IPBA, ICCA and CIArb.
- Fellow-Dispute Board Federation
- Panels of Arbitrators: Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC). CIETAC, SHIAC and SCIA (China), Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), FACT CIAC and FIAC (India), APRAG (Asia Pacific), Pacific International Arbitration Centre Vietnam), The Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA), SCMA, BANI and Bali Arbitration Centre.

Qualifications

Education

- 1976: Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and Law, Cambridge University
- 1980: Master of Law (Hons), Cambridge University

Publications

David is the author of the book Commercial Arbitration in Hong Kong; contributed chapters to Arbitration in Hong Kong: A Practical Guide (chapters "emergency arbitration", "jurisdiction", and "ways to resolve a dispute"); Arbitration World (chapter "alternative dispute resolution; and Chitty on Contracts, Hong Kong volume.

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