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Practice

- Arbitration
- Banking, Securities, Derivatives
- Building Law & Construction Disputes
- Coal mining and supply disputes
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction & Engineering
- Corporate & International Finance
- Cross-Border Litigation
- Financial Services
- Insurance & Reinsurance
- Intellectual Property
- International Joint Ventures
- International Law
- International Trade & Transport
- Oil & Gas (upstream and downstream)
- Private Funds / Placements
- Professional Negligence
- Sale of Goods & Product Liability
- Shipping
- Trusts

Dr Colin Ong is a broad-based commercial arbitrator and lawyer with extensive court, advisory practice and major commercial deals experience. He maintains a Commercial practice in line with chambers profile. He is also a managing partner of Dr Colin Ong Legal Services, Advocates & Solicitors (Brunei). He has acted as lead counsel, co-counsel and arbitrator in international commercial arbitrations in over 15 jurisdictions. Ranked as one of 45 leading arbitration figures worldwide under the age of 45 by GAR (2011).

He has extensive experience in all aspects of commercial litigation and arbitration in many countries from 1991 to date: construction; infrastructure projects; insurance disputes; banking (ISDA, foreign exchange, guarantee and swap transactions); mining and minerals disputes; energy disputes (coal mining and supply disputes; production sharing contracts; electricity supply; gas contracts and oil exploration joint ventures); information technology, intellectual property, shipping, telecoms, technology transfer and general commercial trade related matters. Has extensive experience in acting against and also for governments; state owned enterprises; multinationals and foreign corporations in resolving complex and international disputes. Conducted arbitrations as arbitrator or acted as counsel in arbitrations under ICC, UNCITRAL, LCIA, LMAA, BANI, CIETAC, KLRCA, SIAC and WIPO rules involving parties from many countries; Former Principal Legal Consultant,

ASEAN Centre for Energy (2002-2003); and Panel Member (nominee of Brunei Darussalam) of the ASEAN Protocol on Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism (till 2009). Provided expert opinions in commercial law matters for arbitrations pertaining to English law and Brunei, Malaysian and Indian law (Contracts Act and Specific Relief Act).

He is a Chartered Arbitrator and is or has been a Visiting Professor of Law at various universities including the University of Malaya; National University of Malaysia (UKM); Kings College (London); National University of Singapore and Visiting Fellow at Queen Mary College (London). Dr Ong is President of the Arbitration Association Brunei Darussalam (Statutory Appointing Authority); Former Panel Member of the ASEAN Enhanced Dispute-Settlement Mechanism; Vice President of the LCIA (Asia-Pacific Users' Committee) (2010-2012); Vice Chair, Arbitration Committee, International Bar Association (2009 - 2011); Vice President, Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group (2009 – 2011); Advisory Councillor to the Indonesian National Board of Arbitration (BANI) and former Principal Legal Consultant to the ASEAN Centre for Energy.

He has published extensively and is editorial board member to many journals including Asian International Arbitration Journal; Butterworths Journal of International Banking & Financial Law and Maritime Risk International.

Career

2010 Advisory Committee Member, China-ASEAN Legal Research Center (2010)
2010 Bencher (Inner Temple)
2009 President of the Arbitration Association of Brunei Darussalam
Panel Member of the ASEAN Protocol on Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism, ASEAN
2004 Adjunct Assoc. Professor (Arbitration & Construction), National University Singapore
2003 Registered Foreign Law Consultant and Independent Arbitrator, Singapore
2002 Former Principal Legal Consultant, ASEAN Centre for Energy, ASEAN
1998 Managing Partner of Dr Colin Ong Legal Services, Advocates & Solicitors, Brunei
1996 Visiting Fellow, Queen Mary, University of London
Accredited Examiner and Tutor, Professional qualifications for Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
1996 Door Tenant of 3 Verulam Buildings, London
1992 Barrister (Practising) of Essex Court Chambers
1991 Call (Inner Temple)

Education

2005 Chartered Arbitrator
2005 Fellow, AMINZ (Arb)
2005 Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
2004 Fellow, Chartered Institute Arbitrators
2004 Fellow, Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators
2003 Diploma Intl. Com Arbitration
1995 Ph.D (University of London)
1993 ACIArb
1992 LLM (University of London)
1991 Barrister at Law of Inner Temple
1990 LLB (Hons) (University of Sheffield)

Languages

Chinese: Fluent/Mother tongue. Hokkien, Teochew, Mandarin and some Cantonese. Malay (award writing) English (award writing)

Member

Arbitration Association of Brunei (President)
Arbitrators and Mediators Institute of New Zealand (Fellow)
ASEAN Intellectual Property Association
ASEAN Law Association
ASEAN Protocol on Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism (Panel)
Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group
Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration
Badan Arbitrase Nasional Indonesia (National Board)
British Institute of International and Comparative Law
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Fellow and Chartered Arbitrator)
China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission
Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
Commercial Initiative For Dispute Resolution (London)
International Bar Association
Korean Commercial Arbitration Board
Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration
Malaysian Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Fellow)
Philippine Dispute Resolution Center
Singapore Academy of Law

Practice Areas

Commercial work and also experienced in numerous arbitration and court matters as counsel and as arbitrator. Focus subject areas include banking and finance law, including drafting of banking and project financing documentation; International Commercial Arbitration, Aviation law; Business law, Building Law & Construction Disputes; Corporate & International Finance; Cross-Border Litigation; energy law (oil and gas joint venture disputes); intellectual property (copyright and trademarks), international trade, insurance, private and public international law. Colin is listed annually as a leading lawyer in The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration; The International Who's Who of International Commercial Litigation; Expert Guide to the World's Leading Litigation Lawyers; The International Who's Who of Banking Lawyers; Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration; Legal 500; Asia-Pacific Legal 500; Asia Law Profiles and International Financial Law Review 1000.

International Legal Directories

Dr. Colin Ong has been described as "*Tactically brilliant' and a 'feared*

opponent"[Asia Pacific Legal 500 (2006)];

"a reputation for strong banking capabilities.is regularly consulted on high-profile disputes and arbitrations [IFLR (2006)];

"satisfied clients, singled out his "in-depth knowledge of commercial matters." and "frequently involved in high-profile arbitrations relating to Brunei, Singapore and Malaysia." [Chambers & Partners Global 2006];

"Dr Colin Ong has been described by the market as possessing a "complete mastery of the law" and "a brilliant commercial understanding of deals," which allows him to "absorb information quickly and to draft complex corporate documents with ease." [IFLR (2007)];

"Most respected local banking law expert...and...active throughout the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) region" [AsiaLaw Profiles 2007];

"mastery of detail in commercial deals...and 'an outstanding and tactically lethal advocate"[Asia Pacific Legal 500 (2008/9)] ”.

"Colin Ong, receives exceptional praise from clients as being "very decisive, brutally frank" and "providing a fast response and clear opinions." [IFLR (2010)];

Asialaw Profiles (2010) *"He is my recommended lawyer for arbitration," ... "His abilities transcend Brunei, and there is no one of his standing in Southeast Asia."*

**Accredited/
nominated Arbitrator
of:**

Arbitration Association Brunei; ACICA (Australia); BANI (Indonesia); CAM (Mexico); CARICI (Switzerland); CIETAC (China); Dubai International Arbitration Centre; HKIAC (Hong Kong); ICSID; KCAB (Korea); KLRCA (Malaysia); LCIA (London); AAA/ICDR (Ireland); Commercial Initiative For Dispute Resolution (London); Indian Council for National & International Commercial Arbitration; ICADR (India); Japan Commercial Arbitration Association; Philippine Dispute Resolution Centre; Malaysian Institute Arbitrators; Monaco Chamber of Maritime Arbitration; PAM (Malaysia); SIAC (Singapore); Singapore Institute of Arbitrators; Tehran Regional Centre for Arbitration; World Intellectual Property Organization (Geneva); VENCA (Italy) Neutral Panelist for WIPO Domain Names (Geneva).

Qualifications

Appointments as arbitrator, lead counsel, counsel, mediator, conciliator and expert witness in both ad hoc and institutional commercial arbitrations around the world. Accredited Arbitrator and panellist of over 15 international and national institutions. Author of several legal books and numerous articles. Advisory/Editorial board member of several international arbitration and law journals.

Publications

Correspondent Editor/Author of Journals

Asia Business Law Review (Singapore); Asian In-House Handbook (Hong Kong); Ex-Consultant Editor of Amicus Curiae (IALS, London 1997-2000); Advisory Board of Asian International Arbitration Journal; Editorial Board of Maritime Risk International/P&I International (London); Indonesia National Board of Arbitration (BANI) Journal; Business Law International; Butterworths Journal of International Banking & Financial Law; Dispute Resolution International; Maritime Risk International and other international legal journals (Euromoney (US), Journal

Business Law etc)

Books and International Loose Leafs (Excluding Articles)

Cross Border Litigation within ASEAN (Kluwer, 1996); Chapter in OFC Publication (Euromoney,1999); Trade Mark Laws of Brunei Darussalam (Oceana, 2002); Getting the Deal Through: Dispute Resolution (contributing author, 2003); Brunei chapter; Indonesia chapter (Co-author, Professor Dr Priyatna Abdurrasyid) and Malaysia chapter (Co-Author, Dato' Noorashikin Binte TS Abdul Rahim) in Attachment of Assets, (Juris, 2006); The International Comparative Legal Guide to International Arbitration (contributing author, Global Legal Group, 2005); Malaysia chapter (Co-author, Dato Syed Ahmad Idd) & Brunei chapter (co-author, Datin Hayati Salleh) in Enforcement of Money Judgments, (Juris, 2005); Chapter in Foreign Judgments (Garb & Lew, 2005); Leading Asian Arbitrators Handbook (Cross-Examination chapter, Juris 2007); Regional Overview:Asia Pacific International Arbitration (GLG 2008 to 2010); ASEAN chapter in World Arbitration Reporter (2nd Ed.) (Juris 2010); LCIA Chapter in Arbitration 2010 (GTDT); Take the Witness Chapter: Cross-Examination in International Arbitration (co-author, Juris 2010);UNCITRAL Arbitration Law: Malaysian Practice (Forthcoming - Sweet & Maxwell July 2011; Chapter in Asia Arbitration Handbook (OUP) (Moser) Forthcoming Aug 2011).

Other Interests

First practicing lawyer (non-head of State or Chief Justice) from South East Asia to be made a Bencher of the Inner Temple, England.

Founding Chartered Secretary of the Brunei Toastmasters/ Speaker's Club. Founding Chartered Secretary of the British Alumni Association (Brunei). Secretary of Britain Brunei Business Forum (2005 to 2011). Chancellor National (Brunei) of the Chaine des Rotisseurs (2010-2012)

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