

Samuel Chat Chor WONG



“understands commercial dynamics and business practices. He resolves disputes with first hand knowledge of commercial interest and reality”

Languages: English, Mandarin, Cantonese and Shanghai dialect

Location: Hong Kong

Overview

Samuel Wong is an experienced dispute resolver. He practices as a barrister and adjudicates disputes as an arbitrator. He covers a wide range of commercial disputes in which the governing law of the contract spans from New York law, UK law, Hong Kong law and PRC law. He also practices as an effective mediator.

Professional Background

As a Barrister, a Chartered Arbitrator and an Accredited Mediator, Samuel Wong is a professional in the resolution of disputes whether in Court or by ADR. He has B.A. and M.A. degrees in economics, earned an MBA degree from Harvard in 1978, PCLL from the Hong Kong University and studied dispute resolution at Harvard Negotiation Institute.

Mr. Wong is the Co-head of 18LC Chambers and the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators.

In 2025, Mr Wong has been appointed to sit as Deputy Judge of the District Court of Hong Kong.

He is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a member of International Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong, China (**ICC**) and a member of its Arbitration Committee. He is on the panel of the China International Economic & Trade Arbitration Commission (**CIETAC**), South China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission/Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (**SCIA**), Shanghai International Arbitration Center (**SHIAC**), the Kuala Lumpur Regional Center for Arbitration (**KLRCA re-named AIIC**), the AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Center (**AALCO Hong Kong Center**), the Indian Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators (**IIAM**), the panels of the Arbitration Commissions of Beijing, Guangzhou, Wuhan, Wenzhou, Nanjing, Weizhou (Guangdong) of the Peoples Republic of China and the Panels of Arbitrators of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Center (**HKIAC**) and the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators (**HKI Arb**). He is also on the list of arbitrators of

the Hong Kong Bar Association, the Panel of Experts for Domain Name Disputes of the HKIAC and the Panel of Mediators of CCPIT.

As to mediation, he is CEDR and HKMAAL accredited, on the Panels of Mediators of HKIAC and the Hong Kong Mediation Center, on the List of Mediators of Hong Kong Bar Association and on the Panel of CEDR Asia Pacific Mediation Practice Group. He was on the List of Mediators of the Building Management Mediation Coordinator's Office of the Hong Kong Judiciary, the Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance Pilot Scheme and the Lehman-Brothers related Investment Products Mediation and Arbitration Scheme of the HKIAC. Mr. Wong is trained by UNCITRAL as mediator for Investor State Disputes resolution.

Samuel was involved with various task forces including the working group of the Department of Justice for the drafting of the arbitration bill and the reform of the law of arbitration in Hong Kong and the ICC Taskforce on the Review of the ICC Arbitration Rules in 2009. On Department of Justice's Advisory Committee on Promotion of Arbitration.

He gave lectures widely on arbitration and mediation to professional groups and at Universities. He has also written articles that were published in arbitration reviews, contributed a chapter to Arbitration in China - A Practical Guide by Sweet & Maxwell 2004 and authored Hong Kong Arbitration Ordinance 2011- A Guide and Commentary which was published in September 2011, and the 2nd Edition of July 2024. He was on the Editorial Board of Asian Dispute Resolution.

Expertise

Samuel has extensive litigation experience in civil and commercial matters in the High Court of the Hong Kong SAR. He arbitrates as presiding, sole or co-arbitrator in construction, international sales of goods (commodities and metals), insurance, professional negligence, international trade, shipping and China equity joint venture disputes. He was appointed in numerous ad hoc and institutional arbitrations carried out under the rules of CIETAC, other PRC Arbitration Commissions, ICC, HKIAC and UNCITRAL Arbitration rules and has rendered over 100 arbitral and administrative panel decisions. He has also advocated for parties in Hong Kong in ad hoc and FOSFA, LME and ICC arbitrations.

He has mediated and settled various disputes involving Incorporated Owners and BMO disputes, shareholder disputes, land and right of way disputes, probate disputes, financial product disputes, solicitor and client disputes, charter party and maritime disputes, bank and client disputes and other general contractual disputes.

Dispute Experience

Selected Litigation and Arbitration Cases

Litigation Cases

- HCCT 15/2010 *Pacific China Holdings limited (in liquidation) v Grand Pacific Holdings Limited* : Setting Aside Award
- HCCT 32/2011 *Arima v Flextronics*: Setting Aside Award
- HCCT 45 of 2009 *Shanghai Hongri Chemical v. Petrochina International (Hong Kong) Limited*: Enforcement of Arbitral Award
- HCCT 5 of 2007 *Pacific China Holdings limited v Grand Pacific Holdings Limited*: Removal of Arbitrator
- HCA 321 of 2010: *Fook Lee Holdings Limited v Joy Future International Ltd. and Another* – Investment in China Youth Card project HK\$ 35 million
- HCA 2683 of 2008: *Citibank NA and Leung Ronald* – Bank and client disputes
- HCA 2155/2011 and HCMP 2621/2011: *Removal of Executors: administration of the Estate of Mr. Henry Fok*
- CACV 13,16 & 17 of 2014: Setting aside the judgment of HCA 2155/2011
- HCA 275/2016: Settlement Agreement dispute
- HCA 1428 of 2011 *BYD (Shangluo) Industry Co., Ltd v Solar Power Utility Holdings Ltd*: International sales of goods dispute –supply of polysilicon wafers
- HCA 597/2012 *Skillsoft Asia Pacific Pty Ltd. and Ambow Education Holdings Ltd*: Licensing disputes
- Market Misconduct Tribunal: Defending specified person in allegation of dealing shares in listed company with market sensitive information (2014): Asia Telemedia Limited
- CACV 154/2016 *Securities and Futures Commission and Yiu Hoi Ying & Another* and FACV 5 of 2018
- HCA 1131/2015 *Mega Honour Holdings Limited and 李森田 and Others*

- HCA 197/2015 Dragon Court Limited and IO of Nos. 33&35 Bisney Road – Adverse Possession
- HCA 275/2016 Settlement Agreement disputes – interpretation of the terms of the Settlement Agreement
- HCMP No. 2722/2015 Festival Walk (2011) Limited and Secretary for Justice for Director of Lands
- HCCT 9/ 2018: Enforcement of arbitral award – Limitation Ordinance of Hong Kong – argued against enforcement – enforcement refused.
- HCA 2526/2018: Finance- Transfer of Funds dispute: negligence of bank staff
- HCA 724/2019: Joint venture- shareholders’ Disputes- allegation of poaching staff and business

Arbitration Cases

- International Arbitration as Chair of the Tribunal 2012 Award: Sales of Goods dispute concerning 53,000 tons of Indonesian Coal
- International Arbitration: Cooperation Agreement for trading in Mexican iron ore (2012- 2013)
- International Arbitration: Sales and Purchase Agreement for multi-crystalline silicon wafers – quantum of the claims about USD 100 million (2012-2013)
- International Arbitration (CIETAC Shanghai Arbitration): enforcement of a share purchase agreement in which the Claimant seeks specific performance of the agreement to transfer controlling share of a suite of three company, including a mining company listed on the Peruvian Stock Exchange (2013)
- International Arbitration (CIETAC Beijing) using ICC Rules: Equity interest in a telecommunications company; entitlement of the claimant to dividends – amount of the claim RMB 248 million (2013)
- International Arbitration (KLRCA, Kuala Lumpur): Dispute arising from alleged breach of Shareholders Agreement – Malaysian and Singaporean parties (2013)

- International Arbitration (HKIAC Administered Arbitration): Sale of business – Management Agreement – Alleged breach of the terms of the Management Agreement (2015)
- International Arbitration (Ad Hoc Arbitration under UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules) – Insurance Claim disputes (2016)
- International Arbitration (Ad Hoc Hong Kong Arbitration) – Car Parking licensing and transfer of business disputes (2016)
- International Arbitration (Ad Hoc Arbitration under UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules) – Shareholders’ Agreement disputes – escalator and components business (2017)
- International Arbitration (Ad Hoc Arbitration under UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules) – satellite licensing disputes (2017)
- International Arbitration: HKIAC Administered Arbitration (expedited procedure) – Macau Property development – management contract dispute (2018)
- International arbitration: HKIAC Administered Arbitration – Agreement to invest and loan dispute – intellectual property transfer (2019)
- International Arbitration: HKIAC Administered Arbitration – commodity trading dispute – coal (2019)
- International Arbitration: SHIAC Rules – health products contract (2019)
- International Arbitration: CIETAC (Consolidated Proceedings) Procurement and Installation of machinery (2022)
- International Arbitration: HKIAC (Intended share transaction for the purpose of PRC land/ property acquisition) (2023)
- Sat as Presiding, Sole or Co-Arbitrator in numerous PRC arbitrations under the rules of arbitration of CIETAC, SCIA, SHIAC, Guangzhou, Dalian and other arbitration commissions.

- Recent - dispute between the government of a city and an investor arising from an Investment Agreement- failure to implement the target project within the stipulated time;
- Recent - performance of a license to localize a game developed outside of China for compliance and distribution to PRC customers for gaming on cellphone and computers.
- Recent: disputes between a major PRC property developer and main contractors for various projects as to the final account after practical completion and hand-over.
- Adjudicated more than 60 domain name disputes

Dispute Experience in Mediation

Probate

Probate Administration disputes – Estate of a well-known Hong Kong businessman – Estate in billions – Family Companies on-shore and off-shore –Beddoe Application – Application to remove trustees – distribution of the Estate

Disputes between the executor (mother) and one of her sons as to the how the deceased estate was to be administered

Banking & Finance

Failure of bank to follow client's instruction in a timely manner – accumulators and other equity positions

Mis-selling of structured products – equity linked notes – GBP Twin Callable Daily Accrued Notes – structured products sold to person of advanced age over telephone

Mis-selling – minibonds – Lehman CDS and CDOs – Whether acted in accordance of Code of conduct of the regulatory body – Duty of Care – Client of advanced age

Shares – Sales and Purchase/shareholder disputes

Sales of listed company – undertakings – alleged breaches - quantum of dispute HK\$ 500 million

Building Management

Disputes between owners of a house and the Manager/Incorporated Owners of a development in Hong Kong – Alterations – Whether in contravention of the Deed of Mutual covenant – Claims and Counterclaims

Various building management and Land Tribunal disputes involving past and current Chairpersons of Incorporated Owners, renovation costs contribution, signage on external walls, water leakage, noise, animals

Transportation

On the construction of the Charter party –charter of barges on bare boat basis for use in Indonesian waters – whether the barges seaworthy - whether the charterer breached the terms of the charter party

Contract

Disputes between the publisher and the printer of the magazines – payment of printing charges

Disputes between the advertiser and landlord – entitlement to install television panel on external walls under a license – specific performance

Land

Disputes between owners of adjacent land in New Territory – Right of Way – Right of Access; adverse possession: land in New Territories

Professional Negligence

Solicitor and client's disputes

Recent Talks

- Adjunct Professor of law of the City University of Hong Kong (2022-2024)
- Talk to members of the Hong Kong Construction Arbitration Center on the new Hong Kong Arbitration Ordinance Cap 609 13 March 2012
- Delivered a speech “Some Issues and Recent Development” in a Conference on International Arbitration organized by the Hong Kong Academy of Law and the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators on 22 May 2012

- Delivered a seminar to members of the Hong Kong Institute of Engineers 31 July 2012
- Delivered a talk on International Arbitration at the Nansha Arbitration Cooperation and Development Forum 5 December 2012
- Delivered a talk at APEC Conference in Peru 2016 on Issues in connection with the Commencement of an International Arbitration
- Delivered a talk on International Arbitration in connection with the “Road and Belt Initiative” in the “兩岸四地法律研討” Conference in Ningbo March 2016
- Lectured on Practical Guide to International Arbitration to members of the Jiangsu Lawyers’ Association (2017)
- Lectured on Statutory Adjudication in relation to the Security for Payment Legislation for the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators (2017)
- Lectured IDRA Master Class for International Arbitration conducted under ICC Rules in Hong Kong (2018).
- Delivered a seminar to the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers on “Resolving International Disputes in GBA and Asean (Part II) (29 March 2023)

Publications

- Author, Chapter 23 Real Estate Arbitration in Arbitration in China, A Practical Guide by Sweet & Maxwell 2004
- Author, Hong Kong Arbitration Ordinance Cap 609 of 2011 – A Guide and Commentary (2011)
- Author of Articles published in Asian Dispute Resolution including Soybean Contracts and FOSFA Arbitration
- Contributed to Emden’s Construction Law Hong Kong 2017
- Author, Hong Kong Arbitration – Judgments and Commentaries: Applications of the provisions of UNCITRAL Model Law and the Hong Kong Arbitration Ordinance (Cap 609) (June 2023)
- Author, Hong Kong Arbitration Ordinance Cap 609 of 2011 – A Guide and Commentary 2nd Edition (July 2024)

Others

- On the Departmental Working Group of the Department of Justice on the drafting of the Arbitration Ordinance Cap 609
- Lectured on Conduct of Arbitral Proceedings (International Arbitration) at the School of Law, City University Hong Kong
- Delivered lectures and talks to members of the International Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Law Society, the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators on various arbitral topics including “Ex-parte Communication” and Problems of FOSFA’s Two Tier Arbitration
- Consulted on the implementation of the 最高法院 “四五改革纲要” – 深圳前海人民法院普通程序商事案件庭审規則
- Gave evidence as an expert to the Intermediate Court of Beijing on the enforcement of an arbitral award that was improperly consolidated (July, 2016): enforcement refused.
- Appointed as legal consultant 平潭綜合实验区专家顾问 (2017)
- Adjunct Professor of Arbitration Law and Practice of City University of Hong Kong (2023 - 2024)
- 广州市法学会涉外法律服务专家 (2024)
- Council Member of the Guangzhou Arbitration Commission
- Academic Advisor of the East China University of Political Science and Law Common Law Center (2025 – 2028)

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学业及资历

美国哈佛大学工商管理硕士 (1978) MBA (HARVARD)

美国 Tufts 大学经济硕士(1973) BA, MA (TUFTS)

香港大学法律专业证书 (2002) PCLL

香港大学与英国 Manchester Metropolitan 大学 PgDL (2001)

英国特许仲裁中心资深会员 (FCIArb) (1992 至今)

特许仲裁员 (2002 至今) Chartered Arbitrator

香港仲裁司学会资深会员 FHKI Arb (1997 至今)

香港国际仲裁中心咨询委员会委员 (2002)

香港仲裁司学会会长 (2002 年至 2004 年、2018-2020 及 现届)

香港区域法院暂委法官 (2025)

国际商会(香港)仲裁委员会委员

HKIAC 香港国际仲裁中心仲裁员

AIAC (KLRAC) 仲裁员

中国贸仲委(CIETAC)仲裁员

上海国际仲裁中心仲裁员

深圳国际仲裁院仲裁员

中国广州仲裁委员会仲裁员

南京仲裁委员会仲裁员

惠州仲裁委员会仲裁员

武汉仲裁委员会仲裁员

香港城市大学法律教授 (2023 - 2027)

英国 CEDR 认可调解员

CEDR 亚州太平洋 调解员

香港国际仲裁中心 及 HKMAAL 认可调解员

深圳前海合作区人民法院调解员

福建平潭综合实验区专家顾问（法律）

香港高等法院大律师

语言： 英文及中文（有书写及运用普通话，上海话及粤语的能力）

经验:

1. 香港高等法院民事及商业诉讼
2. 曾参与以下类别合约纠纷的仲裁：建筑，农产品买卖，保险，专业疏忽，国际贸易，海运，中外合资合作等。曾担任仲裁员，首席仲裁员。

其他:

Xinyi Glass Holdings Limited (信仪玻璃控股有限公司)
独立董事(2005 年 至今)

社会活动:

香港区域法院暂委法官 (2025 年)

香港仲裁司学会会长 (2020 年, 2024 至今)

青年交流基金会董事 (1997 年 至今)

香港善导会- 工业委员会主席 (2002 年 至今) 及 执行委员会委员 (2003 年 至今)

香港基本法研究中心执行委员(2004 年 至今)

温州政协常委 (2012 年 至 2017)

温州同乡会前会长(2015-2017)

浙江联合会 常务理事 (2022) 名誉副会长 (2023)

香港温州人爱心基金会主席 (2023)

华东政法大学普通法学术中心学术顾问 (2025 – 2028)