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"He is in his element in complex international construction arbitrations."

- Chambers & Partners

Dr Cyril Chern as a Barrister, Structural Engineer, and Chartered Architect specialises in complex engineering and construction projects.

With over 40 years' experience in construction at all levels including designer, project manager, Barrister, and adjudicator/arbitrator he has been involved in some of the world's largest construction projects which include public buildings, hospitals, port facilities, hydroelectric and nuclear power plants, road and rail projects, bridges, dams, airports, and tunnels.

In addition, he is the author of some of the construction industry's leading publications dealing with both the law, claims and delay, dispute resolution and major project construction.

Recent quotes from the Directories include:

"Possesses a razor-sharp intellect and encyclopaedic knowledge of international law along with a deep knowledge of construction and engineering." "Impressive both in his approach to complex construction matters but also with his astute commercial advice." - Legal 500, 2021

"He understands the nuances of international arbitration work, especially on complicated large-value cases and uses his perfect diplomatic skills to run efficient and flawless proceedings." - Chambers & Partners UK Bar, 2021

"Unparalleled advocacy and cross-examination skills, extensive knowledge of engineering all coupled with a very sound business judgement and tactical skill." - Legal 500, 2019

"Pre-eminent in arbitration both as counsel and as an arbitrator." - Legal 500, 2019

"He possesses the highest abilities and is a real master of the international construction arbitration circuit." - Chambers & Partners UK Bar, 2019

"Highly regarded in adjudication boards." - Chambers & Partners UK Bar, 2018

"Absolutely superb in complex international high-value matters... His superb depth of knowledge and cross-examination skills put him in the upper echelon of barristers." - Legal 500, 2017

Privacy Policy

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Areas of Expertise

Construction & Engineering

“Possesses a razor-sharp intellect and encyclopaedic knowledge of international law along with a deep knowledge of construction and engineering.” “Impressive both in his approach to complex construction matters but also with his astute commercial advice.” – *Legal 500, 2021*

“His scalpel like cross-examination and advocacy have often won the day” – *Legal 500, 2020*

“Very experienced, persuasive and an absolutely excellent strategist.” “He has specific talents in complex construction and heavy engineering.” – *Chambers & Partners UK Bar, 2020*

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His expertise is in construction matters with complex infrastructure and construction issues. His principal field of work is in complex claims arising out of major nuclear and infrastructure projects such as in PPP development, dispute prevention, as well as related financing and in delay analysis.

In addition, he is an arbitrator of mega-construction, and engineering claims, chairs dispute boards, and acts as mediator and/or dispute resolver, specifically on complex construction/engineering projects. He currently chairs the Dispute Boards for the resolution of all disputes on the building of the Marmaray Rail Project in Istanbul Turkey which is currently the world’s largest light rail project, serves on the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant Clean-up and Decommissioning Dispute Board; is the Chair of the South Africa’s Medupi Power Station Project’s DAB and is considered an expert on infrastructure development and PPP projects by the World Bank and its International Finance Corporation. In addition, he is frequently selected by the ICC as an Expert Reviewer of construction disputes involving complex delay and construction claims.

The basis for Dr Chern’s specialisms comes from his actual construction experience where he has been involved in the design, project management, and claims on various international projects including hospitals in Iran, China, the USA; the Guangzhou Wharf facility in China, and the Shanghai Convention Complex as well as several transportation facilities.

Dr Chern is author of construction related books:

- The Law of Construction Disputes (1st Edition 2010 Informa Publishing London, 2nd Edition Informa – Taylor & Francis, London 2016, and 3rd Edition Autumn 2018)
- Chern on Dispute Boards (Wiley, 1st Edition 2007, 2nd Edition 2011, 3rd Edition, Informa – Taylor & Francis, London 2015, and 4th Edition Spring 2019)
- The Commercial Mediator’s Handbook (Informa – Taylor & Francis, London 2014)
- Emden’s Construction Law – Co Author and ADR Editor (Butterworths LexisNexis, London 2011-2016)
- International Commercial Mediation (Informa, London 2009)
- The Issue of Time in Construction Claims (Autumn 2019)

Selected Cases

- EUR 1.6 Billion roads project in South America for the construction of a hydroelectric facility and transformer housing facility including the upgrading of the existing Bridges, Overpasses and Lighting systems.
- EUR 1.3 Billion roads project in Serbia including the construction of highway of 68.7 km and including construction of

roads, bridges, tunnels and interchanges.

- EUR 560 Million Research and Development facility construction in Germany involving new processes for the computer industry.
- EUR 12 Billion light-rail project Turkey including an undersea rail tunnel as well as the modernization of suburban rail lines connecting the European side to the Asian side.
- EUR 4.5 Billion Port and wharf development project in Asia.
- EUR 1.2 Billion Hospital Development Project in China.
- EUR 25 Billion river diversion and hydro project China with total generating capacity of 25,150 MW and encompassing dams on 3 rivers.
- EUR 15.5 Billion de-commissioning and re-building of nuclear facility and related works in Central Europe.
- EUR 15 Billion Light rail and Harbour Project in the Middle East.

Qualifications & Memberships

- Juris Doctor, Law
- BArch, Architecture & Engineering

Memberships

- Association of Consultancy & Engineering
- Civil Mediation Council
- FIDIC President's List Assessment Panel – Assessor
- FIDIC President's List of Approved Dispute Adjudicators
- Freeman City of London
- Institution of Civil Engineers – Dispute Board Panel
- International Chamber of Commerce, DBF & FIDIC – Dispute Board Trainer
- The Bar of England & Wales
- The Bar of the United States Supreme Court
- The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – Fellow
- The Dispute Board Federation (Geneva) – Fellow
- Royal Institute of British Architects – Chartered Architect
- Society of Construction Arbitrators UK