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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:

"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

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Areas of Expertise



Adjudication

Dr Chern's major focus is in the field of dispute boards, which have covered the areas of heavy construction, infrastructure development, and civil engineering. He has also been instructed as counsel in ICC arbitrations and is frequently selected as a Panel Member on ICC Construction Arbitrations arising out of Dispute Board Decisions taken to the ICC. He has specialist knowledge of construction adjudication, acting either as a dispute board member, adjudicator or as counsel and is only one of 45 FIDIC President's List Adjudicators worldwide and only one of three who headed the Assessment Panel for the FIDIC President's List.

His experience in Dispute Boards (in particular, service on Dispute Adjudication Boards, DRB, CDB) on large infrastructure projects, hydroelectric facilities, facility development, roads, bridges, and tunnels – in Central Europe, Africa, the Middle-East, South America and China. He has served as member (19) and chairman (110) on dispute boards for contracts covering traditional, design and construct, and turnkey contracts and is familiar with all relevant Dispute Board Rules and procedures including the World Bank Harmonised, FIDIC, ICE, DBF and ICC Dispute Board Rules. These disputes include main contract, subcontract and claims disputes involving amounts up to EUR 18.5 billion arising under traditional, design/build and concession contracts. No decisions overturned on appeal.

Additionally, he is an instructor in the subject, author of *Chern on Dispute Boards* (1st Edition 2007, 2nd Edition 2011 Wiley-Blackwell Publishing, 3rd Edition Informa Publishing 2015) and is an accreditor of Dispute Board Members for both FIDIC and the DBF and is an instructor in the subject for FIDIC, the ICC, and the DBF.

In addition to his Dispute Board work he has acted as an adjudicator in over 230 decisions given (including 135 decisions given under UK statutory adjudication schemes as well as Hong Kong, China, India, Pakistan, Japan, South America, and elsewhere) he is familiar with ICE, TeCSA, JCT, ACE (CIC), Scheme for Construction Contracts and other Adjudication Rules. No decision overturned at arbitration. He is experienced as to World Bank/FIDIC conditions, Construction Act 1996, statutory schemes and associated amendments to most major standard form contracts. Additionally, he has experience in drafting and interpretation of contractual provisions and procedures for arbitration, adjudication and dispute boards.

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