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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

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Areas of Expertise

ADR

Acting as arbitrator, he has in excess of 600 references (UK, USA, Canada, Hong Kong, South America, Middle East, China, Japan) under institutional and ad hoc procedures. These disputes include main contract, subcontract and professional services disputes involving amounts up to EUR 14.5 billion arising under traditional, design / build and concession contracts. No decisions overturned on appeal. Served as sole arbitrator and on tribunals (as party-appointed member and chairman) under ICE, ICC, AAA, UNCITRAL, LCIA and ad hoc arbitration procedures and is familiar with the arbitration rules and procedures of the ICE, ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, CIArb, CIMAR, HKIAC, RICS, and SIAC.

Selected Cases

- £180 Million construction arbitration over engineering issues on the construction of a 40 hectares free-span inter-connected truss design for a production facility in China. This matter involved UK engineers, a Japanese Contractor and German and South African suppliers.
- £335 Million commercial arbitration involving road construction project in China with issues relating to performance and extensions of time.
- £148 Million construction arbitration dealing with the construction of a naval docking facility and issues over delay in construction, and quality of workmanship issues involved claims.
- £679 Million arbitration regarding extensions of time, quality of work, delay claims involving a tunnel project in Asia.
- EUR €545 Million construction arbitration of delay and defects in the construction of a Nuclear Power Plant.

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