

Career Highlights

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- Scholarship winner and holder of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees from Oxford University, 1962-1966
- Partner, Allen & Gledhill, Singapore for over 30 years.
- Admitted to practice in Singapore, England and Wales, West Malaysia and Victoria, Australia.
- Judicial Commissioner, Supreme Court of Singapore, 1991-1992
- Senior Counsel, Supreme Court of Singapore since 1997
- United Nations Compensation Commissioner (Geneva), 2000 – 2002
- Deputy Chief Justice, Dubai International Financial Centre since 2005-2010.
- Chief Justice, Dubai International Financial Centre since 2010
- President, Law Society of Singapore, 2008-2010.
- Singapore's Non-Resident Ambassador to Switzerland since 2003.
- Vice Chairman, International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (Paris) since 2006-2009
- Vice President, International Council of Commercial Arbitration 2002 - 2010
- Vice Chairman, International Bar Association, Arbitration Committee D, 2001 - 2003
- Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration (The Hague) since 1995 - 2010
- Member, ICSID Panel of Arbitrators (Washington DC) since 2000
- Member, HKIAC Court of Arbitration since 2001
- Council Member, International Council of Arbitration for Sports since 2007
- Trustee, Dubai International Arbitration Centre since 2007
- Council Member, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators 2005-2007
- Member, Executive Committee of the Institute of Transnational Arbitration, (Dallas) 2002 - 2008
- Member, IBA Working Party on "Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration" 2001 - 2004
- Member, HKIAC Advisory Council since 2009
- Member, SIAC Advisory Council since 2009

Qualifications as arbitrator

- Accredited Arbitrator of more than 20 international and national arbitration centres
- Chartered Arbitrator
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators

Qualifications as mediator

- Mediator and Evaluator, Singapore Mediation Centre

Academic and Editorial Appointments

- Adjunct Professor, National University of Singapore since 2005
- Member, Advisory Board of the Faculty of Law, Singapore Management University since 2007
- Member, Advisory Board of the Journal of International Arbitration since 2006

- Editorial Adviser to the Chinese Arbitration Association Journal of Arbitration, Taipei since 2001
- Associate Editor, online arbitration journal "Transnational Dispute Management" since 2005
- Member, Editorial Board of "Global Arbitration Review" since 2005
- Singapore Correspondent, Kluwer Arbitration Website since 2002
- Member, Advisory Committee of the Journal of Arab Arbitration since 2009
- Guest Lecturer for:
 - Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Entry, Fast Track and Diploma courses in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta and Hong Kong (2000 – 2007)
 - National University of Singapore – King's College London MSc in Construction and Arbitration Law (2004 – 2008)
 - Singapore International Arbitration Centre – Panel of Arbitrators Training Course (2005)
 - ICC Course on ICC arbitration, Bangkok (2005)
 - Sophia University, Tokyo (2005)
 - Course Director, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators Fellowship course (2006 – 2007)
 - King's College London-Dubai International Arbitration Centre – Advanced Course in International Arbitration Dubai (2006-2008)
 - International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) Symposium, Singapore (2007)
 - University of Lucerne, Switzerland (2008)

Commendations

- Listed in "The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration (2005)" as "Singapore's leading lawyer for commercial arbitration expertise"
- Listed in Global Arbitration Review (2006) as Asia's top arbitrator
- Named in PLC Which Lawyer? (Yearbook 2008) as "*Sole practitioner Michael Hwang is another pre-eminent expert, especially in arbitration, where he competes with some of the best-known local and international firms for instructions*" and ranks him as one of the four leading dispute resolution practitioners in Singapore
- Named in Who's Who Legal 2008 (Commercial Arbitration) as "*the most highly nominated individual*" in (the Directory's Singapore) research a "*quite outstanding lawyer having received multiple nominations from within Singapore and overseas*" and an "*illustrious figure in the local market*" who "*has a practical sense and a wealth of knowledge*"
- Named in Chambers Asia 2008 as "a world – class arbitrator" who is "*brilliant, popular, prominent, incisive and decisive*" and "*always one of the first names to be mentioned ... in regional arbitration*"
- Named in Who's Who Legal 2008 (Commercial Litigation) as one of 7 recommended litigators for Singapore
- Named in PLC Cross-Border Dispute Resolution Handbook 2008/9 as one of the 3 top dispute resolution practitioners in Singapore
- Described in Asia Pacific Legal 500 2008/9 as "*in terms of diversity of cases and sheer academics prowess, there is no finer Senior Counsel working in Singapore today*"
- Listed in The Best of the Best 2009 as one of the top 38 international commercial arbitration practitioners in the world
- Guide to the World's Leading Commercial Arbitration Experts (8th Ed, 2009) describes him as having received personal nominations for inclusion placing him in the world's top 15 in this field.
- Named in "PLC Which Lawyer? (14th Ed) Yearbook 2009" as one of the 3 top (leading) individual dispute resolution practitioners in Singapore
- Described in "Who's Who Legal – Commercial Arbitration 2010" as "*very meticulous, versatile and a household name*"
- Name in "Guide to the World's Leading Litigation Lawyers (9th Ed)" as one of Singapore's leading litigation lawyers
- Named in "The International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers 2010" as being among 421 of the world's leading construction lawyers
- Named in "Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2010" as one of the most highly acclaimed legal experts in the Asia Pacific region following an extensive survey of senior corporate executives, in-house counsel and private practice lawyers
- Named in "Guide to the World's Leading White Collar Crime Lawyers (5th Ed, 2010)" as one of the recommended lawyers for Singapore