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Chris specialises in maritime and commercial dispute resolution, handling a wide range of disputes in the Hong Kong courts and international arbitrations throughout Asia. He has considerable experience in all types of dry shipping litigation on behalf of owners, charterers and their P&I Clubs. He also has particular expertise handling problems arising from the shipment of coal, iron ore, nickel ore and fluorspar.

Chris has more than 35 years of legal experience. He built the Hong Kong office of Richards Butler and he was Senior Partner and Managing Partner of that office from 1983 to 2011. He has considerable experience in arbitration and he is qualified as an arbitrator in Hong Kong, China (CMAC), Korea, Malaysia and other Southeast Asian jurisdictions. He has represented parties in arbitrations in China (both CIETAC and CMAC), Hong Kong, London, Singapore and Malaysia. In addition, Chris is an accredited mediator.

Chris also provides professional indemnity advice and assistance to a full spectrum of professionals in Hong Kong, including solicitors, accountants, brokers, architects, doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals.

▼ Experience

2012 Howse Williams Bowers
2011 Reed Smith Richards Butler
2008 Richards Butler in Association with Reed Smith LLP
1983 Richards Butler, Hong Kong
1975 Richards Butler, London

▼ Education

1975 College of Law
1973 University of Bristol, BA (Hons)
1970 University of Geneva

▼ Professional Qualifications

1978 England and Wales
1981 Hong Kong
1988 Australia

▼ Professional Affiliations

Arbitration:

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Hong Kong)
Fellow, Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators Ltd
Supporting Member, London Maritime Arbitrators Association
Arbitrator, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
Arbitrator, China Maritime Arbitration Commission
Arbitrator, Hong Kong Maritime Arbitration Group
Arbitrator, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board
Member, Hong Kong Arbitrations Law Review Committee (1996-2000)

Professional Indemnity Insurance:

Chairman, Hong Kong Law Society Professional Indemnity Claims Committee (2004-2007)
Deputy Chairman, Hong Kong Law Society Professional Indemnity Claims Committee (1999-2004)
Member, Hong Kong Law Society Professional Indemnity Insurance Claims Committee (1989-1999)
Member, Hong Kong Law Society Professional Indemnity Advisory Committee (1999-2006)
Member, Hong Kong Law Society Working Party on Professional Indemnity Insurance Scheme (1996-2004)
Chairman, Hong Kong Professional Indemnity Review Committee (2002)