



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL  
MEDIATION CENTRE

## Mediator's Curriculum Vitae

### Personal Particulars

First Name  
Michael

Last Name  
Hwang

Designation  
Senior Counsel & Chartered Arbitrator

Organisation  
Michael Hwang Chambers LLC

Nationality  
Singapore

Languages (Native and/or professional working proficiency)  
English

### Mediation Practice Areas

*Please select as many areas as may be applicable.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accountancy                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation & Airports                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Health & Safety                         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Interruption analysis          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Real Estate                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Management                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific Forensics                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sports Disputes (Law & Infrastructure) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime & Shipping Logistics           | <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please specify):                          |

### Educational/Professional Background

Mr Michael Hwang received his legal education at Oxford University (both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels) where he was a College Scholar and Prizewinner. He then took up a teaching appointment at the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney before returning to Singapore to commence private practice in 1968 with Allen & Gledhill, where he served as a partner for more than 30 years.

In 1991 Mr Hwang was appointed a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court (a full time post equivalent to the office of a contract High Court Judge) for a fixed term which expired at the end of 1992. During his term of office, Mr Hwang dealt with a full caseload across the whole range of civil litigation. 15 of his judgments are reported in the Singapore Law Reports, and several of these have been referred to with approval by other courts and academic commentators. He returned to private practice at the beginning of 1993 as Head of Litigation at Allen & Gledhill (currently Singapore's largest law practice).

In 1997 Mr Hwang was appointed one of the first 12 Senior Counsel ("SC") of the Supreme Court of Singapore (an appointment equivalent to that of Queen's Counsel in England).

In 2003, he established an independent boutique practice as a Barrister and Chartered Arbitrator and Mediator.

From 2000 to 2003 Mr Hwang served as a Commissioner of the United Nations Compensation Commission ("UNCC") based in Geneva, a body set up under the Security Council to adjudicate upon claims against Iraq arising from the Gulf War.

Between 2004 and 2013, he served as Singapore's Non-Resident Ambassador to Switzerland.

Since 2015 he served as Non-Resident Ambassador to Argentina.

Between 2008 and 2010, he served as the President of the Law Society of Singapore, having served as its Vice President in 2007.

Between 2010 and 2018, he served as the Chief Justice of the Courts of the Dubai International Financial Centre, having previously served as Deputy Chief Justice since 2005.

In 2014 he was conferred with an Honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD) degree by the University of Sydney.

#### **Mediation Style**

Normally Facilitative, but Evaluative on request

#### **Mediation Experience**

An experienced mediator in both domestic and international disputes, Michael has been involved in mediation since the founding of the Singapore Mediation Centre in 1999 and has conducted more than 30 mediations at the Singapore Mediation Centre and elsewhere both in commercial (international as well as domestic) disputes as well as in disputes involving personal law and professional negligence. He has also successfully mediated a dispute involving a state party. He is the author of several chapters and essays on mediation.

#### **Mediation Education and Training**

Michael has received specialist training in both domestic and international arbitration as well as mediation. In particular, he has been trained in the Harvard method of mediation and the Justice Street method of mediation under the auspices of the Singapore Mediation Centre.

#### **Some Professional Affiliations (Past and present)**

- Vice Chairman of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce ("ICC") in Paris, and Co – Chair of ICC Asia
- Vice Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association
- Vice President of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration
- Court Member of the London Court of International Arbitration
- Council Member of the International Council of Arbitration for Sports
- Trustee of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre

- Chartered Arbitrator
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Accredited Arbitrator of over 29 international and national arbitration centres.
- Accredited Mediator of the Singapore International Mediation Centre
- Accredited Mediator and Evaluator of the Singapore Mediation Centre
- Council Member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Member of the Advisory Councils of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
- Singapore Correspondent for the Kluwer Arbitration website.
- Member of the Editorial Board of "Global Arbitration Review"
- Associate Editor for "Transnational Dispute Management"
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Institute of Transnational Arbitration at Dallas
- Member of IBA Working Party on "Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration" (2001-2004)
- Member of the Editorial Board of "Journal of International Arbitration"
- Member of the Advisory Board of the "Yearbook on International Investment Law and Policy"