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Timothy Hill

Nationality: British (Hong Kong Resident)
Languages: English

Timothy Hill is a highly esteemed international arbitrator, based in Hong Kong, renowned for his exceptional track record in commercial dispute resolution spanning over thirty-five years. Since 1988, Tim has been a prominent figure in Hong Kong's legal community. He recently transitioned to a full-time neutral role after serving as a partner at Hogan Lovells and as the former Managing Partner of its Hong Kong office. Notably, he led the International Arbitration and Construction and Engineering Practice in Asia, showcasing his expertise in these sectors.

Tim's practice primarily focuses on the construction and engineering industry, handling a wide range of related commercial disputes. He has participated in over 150 mediations and arbitrations across Asia, Australia, Europe, and the Middle East. Tim has served as both a sole arbitrator and as a member of three-person tribunals, demonstrating his versatility and ability to effectively adjudicate cases under various institutional rules such as CIETAC, ICC, HKIAC, KLRCA, LCIA, SIAC, and UNCITRAL.

Tim is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators. His skills as a mediator have also been formally assessed by the Accord Group, qualifying him to act as a sole mediator to facilitate dispute resolutions.

Recognised by leading directories for his dispute resolution proficiency, Tim has been featured in Legal 500 (Asia Pacific), Who's Who Legal (Construction & Arbitration), and Chambers (Asia).

In addition to his prominence in Hong Kong, Tim has worked in a number of other jurisdictions, including Australia, mainland China, PRC, India, Japan, Macau SAR, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, United Kingdom (London), United States (Washington, DC), and Vietnam. This broad geographical experience further enhances his global perspective and ability to navigate diverse legal landscapes. He has advised several parties engaged in CIETAC arbitrations, which involved the application of the laws of the PRC.

Tim's outstanding reputation, extensive experience, and comprehensive understanding of international arbitration make him an invaluable asset to any dispute resolution process. He also sits as mediator and assists parties with bridging the gap in a conciliatory matter.

Sector Expertise

- Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure
- Shipping & Maritime
- Mediation & Dispute Boards
- Joint Venture and Shareholder disputes
- Commercial dispute resolution
- Energy, Oil & Gas
- Insurance & Reinsurance
- Technology & Telecommunications
- Commercial dispute resolution

Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure

Tim has been involved in a wide range of construction disputes relating to issues affecting the successful structuring, award, and delivery of complex projects in a variety of industry sectors including building, construction, energy, information technology, insurance, and joint ventures. His practice is broad and involved all types of parties including employers, main contractors, subcontractors (both domestic and specialist), consultants, and insurers. He has assisted a wide range of parties in respect of final account disputes, addressing valuation and time-related matters. He has also considered most of the issues that arise through the supply chain whilst delivering projects.

Tim has worked with several PRC state-owned enterprises and quasi-SOEs in the construction and engineering sector.

Shipping & Maritime

Tim has experience of several assignments in the shipbuilding area. He has been involved in several cases as counsel relating to the construction and engineering of offshore vessels for use in offshore production, including the design, construction, and delivery of such projects. These disputes have involved the development of vessels, top-side design, procurement, and delivery. Issues considered include contractual scope, delay, change, valuation, and technical matters.

This experience includes acting for parties in respect of the construction of vessels for use in the offshore oil and gas industry. He acted for an EPC contractor in respect of dispute with the subcontractor responsible for the topside modification of an existing hull.

He acted for a Korean yard in respect of a new build of a vessel for deployment as an offshore central processing unit, including both the hull and topside equipment.

Tim has worked with several PRC state-owned enterprises and quasi-SOEs in the construction and engineering sector, and also in disputes involving shipbuilding SOEs.

Joint Ventures, Shareholder, and M&A disputes

Tim has advised and represented parties in a significant number of disputes arising from the management and resolution of disputes arising under contractual joint venture agreements and shareholder agreements.

Commercial Dispute Resolution

Tim has extensive experience of commercial disputes across a number of industry sectors, including construction, energy, employment, information technology, insurance, joint ventures, sale of goods. He has been involved in cases relating to design, supply and distribution of goods and services, contractual disputes across a range of industries, guarantee arrangements and joint venture agreements.

Energy, Oil & Gas

Tim has been involved in several disputes relating to issues in the Energy, Oil and Gas sector. A number of these disputes related to the design, procurement, and construction of capital projects in the sector in respect of both onshore and offshore facilities. He has also acted as counsel in respect of disputes under off take agreements and joint development agreements.

Insurance & Reinsurance

Tim has been involved in a wide range of disputes in the insurance sector, particularly in respect of general liability insurance, contractors all risk, delayed start up and professional indemnity. His practice is broad and involved all key parties, including insured parties, insurers, and re-insurers.

Technology & Telecommunications

Tim has advised and represented parties in several disputes relating to software development and systems integration, relating to telecommunications projects, infrastructure, and transportation.

Experience

Arbitrator

- Appointed as Presiding Arbitrator in a reference under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules for the supply of steel governed by the law of Hong Kong and a related letter of credit.
- Appointed as Presiding Arbitrator in two separate references relating to the provision of aircraft engineering and component overhaul work conducted under the UNCITRAL Model Law and governed by the law of Hong Kong.
- Jointly appointed by parties as the sole arbitrator in respect of an ad hoc reference arising under a sub-contract for the construction of a road, governed by the law of Hong Kong.
- Appointed as sole arbitrator in respect of a dispute between a main contractor and statutory authority, relating to public works, conducted under the HKIAC Domestic Arbitration Rules (subject to amendment) and governed by the law of Hong Kong.
- Appointed as sole arbitrator in respect of a final account dispute between a specialist subcontractor and main contractor under a form of nominated sub-contract, relating to a residential development, conducted under the HKIAC Domestic Arbitration Rules governed by the law of Hong Kong.
- Appointed as sole arbitrator in respect of a dispute arising from a specialist sub-contract on a major building project, an ad hoc reference governed by the law of Hong Kong.
- Appointed as sole arbitrator in respect of a commercial dispute arising from the development and manufacture of a board game, an ad hoc reference governed by the law of Hong Kong.
- Appointed as sole arbitrator in respect of a dispute arising under a policy of insurance, an ad hoc reference governed by the law of Hong Kong.
- Appointed as sole arbitrator in respect of a dispute for the supply of goods, under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules governed by English law.
- Appointed as sole arbitrator in respect of a dispute arising under an Employees' Compensation policy of insurance, an ad hoc reference governed by the law of Hong Kong.
- Appointed as sole arbitrator in respect of a dispute arising under an Employees' Compensation policy of insurance, an ad hoc reference governed by the law of Hong Kong.
- Appointed as joint arbitrator (one of two) in respect of a dispute arising from a Construction Management Agreement, relating to a development near Shanghai, an ad hoc reference governed by the law of Hong Kong.

Dispute Boards

- Counsel in respect of dispute boards, in the infrastructure (rail) and hydrocarbons sectors.

Mediation

Tim is an accredited mediator by the Accord Group.

- Counsel in mediation in respect of a major reclamation project in Hong Kong.
- Counsel in mediation in respect of a tunnelling project in made ground which arose following inundation of the works.
- Counsel in mediation in respect of a tunnel and related excavation works in respect of a rail project.
- Counsel in various mediations arising from major infrastructure projects, including road, rail and airports, as well as various building projects, including in the resolution of disputes between joint venture participants.

Counsel

Tim advised on a wide range of disputes as party counsel. These disputes covered a wider range of sector including building, casino and mixed use developments, construction, energy, engineering, façade engineering, general commercial, government procurement, LNG, information technology, insurance, ship building, specialist construction works and waste and environmental management projects.

Academic & Professional Qualifications

Academic

- LLB, Manchester University

Professional

- 1993-1998 (Masons)
- 1998-2022 (Hogan Lovells (formerly known as Lovells))

Bar Admissions

- 1985 (Solicitor, England & Wales)
- 1988 (Solicitor, Hong Kong)

Professional Associations & Recognitions

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- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) Senior Adjudicator
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators (HKIArb)
- Accord Group Accredited Mediator
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) Panel of Arbitrators
- Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Panel of Arbitrators
- Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) Panel of Arbitrators
- Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB) Panel of Arbitrators
- Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA) Panel of Arbitrators
- Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA) Panel of Arbitrators
- South China International Arbitration Center (SCIA) Panel of Arbitrators
- Member, LCIA

Past Positions

- Member of the Council, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) 2012 - 2020
- Member of the Appointments Committee, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) 2012 - 2020
- Chair of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch), 2009 - 2011
- Former Representative of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) Hong Kong

Publications, Articles & Thought Leadership

Tim has written and spoken widely on topics relating to dispute resolution.

He is the co-author of the chapter on arbitration in *Halsbury's Laws of Hong Kong*.

Tim is also a contributor to *Arbitration in Hong Kong: A Practical Guide*.

Directories & Client Quotes

Tim is acknowledged to be a leading lawyer in the field by leading directories, including:

- ***Legal 500*** *– Asia Pacific*
- ***Asialaw:*** *Leading Lawyers; Dispute Resolution;*
- ***Who's Who Legal*** *of Commercial Arbitrators*
- ***Who's Who Legal*** *Arbitration & Construction*
- ***Chambers*** *Asia*
- ***Lexology*** *- Arbitration*