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Professional Qualifications & Experience

- Practising as a solicitor specializing in construction and engineering law since 1999. Ranked as leading individual under construction practice by *Asia Pacific Legal 500* and *Chambers Asia* and received the *Client Choice Award – International 2013* for construction legal work in Hong Kong.
- Qualified as a Chartered Civil and Structural Engineer since 1995/1996. Worked in building, bridge and marine departments as a design engineer and on site as an Assistant Resident Engineer.
- Handled a wide range of construction related disputes and litigation and arbitration cases, acting as legal representative for employers, main contractors, sub-contractors, consultants and insurers in respect of building and civil projects (public, residential and commercial), involving site formation, foundation (in particular piling), geotechnical, superstructure, cladding, electrical and mechanical, fitting-out and finishing works, both in Hong Kong and overseas.
- Typical disputes in those cases include those on scope of works, outstanding payments, variations, valuation, loss and expense, extensions of time, liquidated damages, defects, termination and contractual and statutory interpretation.
- Acted as an arbitrator in construction and engineering cases. Awarded Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 2006. Co-author of leading textbooks on arbitration namely "The Annotated Ordinances of Hong Kong – Arbitration Ordinance (Cap. 609)" and "Butterworths Hong Kong Arbitration Law Handbook" both published in 2012.
- Acted as a party representative in a number of mediations relating to construction and engineering disputes.
- Advised on, drafted and/or negotiated construction contracts using various standard forms such as HKIA/HKIS forms, Hong Kong Government forms, FIDIC forms and forms of major statutory bodies.
- Spoken widely on topics relating to construction law and dispute resolution for a number of professional institutes and other organisations or companies.

Career History

1991 – 1996	Graduate Engineer/Engineer, Maunsell Consultants Asia Limited (now "AECOM")
1997 – 1999	Trainee Solicitor, Lovells
1999 – 2008	Associate/Senior Associate, Lovells
2008 – 2009	Consultant, Lovells
May 2009 - present	Partner, Hogan Lovells (formerly "Lovells")

Area of Expertise

Construction and engineering

Languages

Fluent in English, Cantonese and Mandarin

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