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Peter Shelford is admitted as a solicitor in England & Wales (1975) and Hong Kong (1996). Based in London from 1975 to 1996, then in Hong Kong from 1996 to 2001 with Clyde and Co, he joined DLA Piper Singapore as a partner in May 2001. He was managing partner of DLA Piper's Bangkok office from 2006 to 2021. From 2021 to April 2024 he was a Senior Consultant to DLA Piper. He is now an independent consultant and arbitrator.

His principal areas of practice have been commercial litigation and arbitration with an emphasis on insurance, reinsurance and construction. He also advised the insurance industry generally on investment into Thailand and on various insurance regulatory issues.

CREDENTIALS

Education

University of Southampton, United Kingdom, LL.B. (Hons)

Guildford College of Law, Law Finals

Professional Qualifications

Solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong

Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Languages

English

He is a member of the Law Society of England & Wales, a fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, a member of the regional panel of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, a panel member of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration, a panel member of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, and a panel member of the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration. He is currently accepting appointments as an arbitrator and has delivered numerous Awards. He has acted as both a sole arbitrator and as a member of a three man panel.

Peter has been involved in various other litigation matters, including construction, product liability, banking, personal injury, shareholder disputes and defamation. He has substantial experience of English, Hong Kong, Singapore and Thai arbitration procedures and is particularly experienced with LMAA, ICC, SIAC and TAI arbitrations.

He has acted for claimants and respondents in numerous arbitrations and attended arbitration hearings, in England, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, PRC, Sweden and Moscow, being both solicitor and counsel of record. He has been involved in arbitrations conducted pursuant to the following Rules/under the auspices of the following Institutions:

LMAA; SIAC; HKIAC; THAC; ICC; GAFTA; SHALTA; Uncitral; TAI; KLRCA and SMA (New York).

Peter has also handled a number of mediations, including in London, Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore.



PUBLICATIONS

Peter has written papers and articles in a number of business magazines such as ALB and Director. He also delivered talks at seminars on a wide variety of topics in the UK, Korea, Canada, the USA, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia, and used to be regularly invited by Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO) to be a guest speaker at seminars in Asia on various shipping related issues.

Most recently Peter has written for:

- "Insurance Sector Trends: Forecast for 2018 and 2017 Year End Review," Insurance Update,
 February 5, 2018
- Thailand: Ease of doing business, Client Alert, 4 May 2017
- Implications of Brexit on ASEAN investors, Client Alert, 30 Jun 2016
- Insurance Review May 2016, Insurance Update, 5 May 2016
- New Thai insurance acts facilitate foreign ownership of insurers, Insurance Update, 17 Mar 2015
- The ASEAN Economic Community, Insurance Update, 26 Aug 2014
- New investment regulations for Thai insurers become effective, Insurance Alert (US), 31 Oct 2013

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Law Society of England & Wales
- Panel of Arbitrators of the Thailand Arbitration Center
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
- Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Singapore International Arbitration Centre
- Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration
- Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration

RECOGNITIONS

- Ranked as Senior Statespeople in Thailand for Insurance practice by Chambers Asia Pacific, 2022 -2024
- Ranked as Senior Statespeople for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration in Thailand by Chambers Asia Pacific, 2023 - 2024
- Ranked as lawyer on Spotlight Table for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration in Thailand by Chambers Asia Pacific, 2021 - 2022
- Ranked as a leading individual in Thailand for Insurance practice by Legal 500 Asia Pacific, 2020 -2023
- Ranked as a leading individual in Thailand for Insurance practice by Chambers Asia Pacific, 2013 -2021
- Ranked as a leading individual in Thailand for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration practice,
 Legal 500 Asia Pacific, 2012 2022



- Ranked as a leading individual in Thailand for Dispute Resolution practice, Legal 500 Asia Pacific, 2012 - 2018
- Recommended lawyer for Insurance & Reinsurance Lawyer by Who's Who Legal Insurance & Reinsurance, 2017
- Recommended lawyer for Litigation by Who's Who Legal Litigation, 2017
- Recommended lawyer for Shipping by Who's Who Legal Transport: Shipping, 2017
- Named as one of the 'Leading Lawyer 100' by the Lawyer Monthly magazine
- Described as a recommended lawyer by Legal Experts 2000