## Tailand Arbitration Centre (THAC) Curriculum Vitae



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# Educational/Professional Memberships

# Education

- University of Liverpool, *UK*, *LLM* in international business law (2000)
- Fudan University, China, *LLB* in International Business Law (1991)
- Anhui Normal University, China, *B.A* in English language and literature (1987)
- University of Maryland, U.S., Visiting Scholar, interned at Washington D.C Office, Jones Day (2007-2008)
- University of Hamburg, Germany, participated in the Training Program for Lawyers Dealing with Cross-Border M&As, and interned at Hamburg Office, DLA Piper (2013)

# **Professional Memberships**

- Vice President of the UK Sub-Association of Western Returned Scholars Association (Overseas-educated Scholars Association) of China
- Member of Advisory Panel for CCPIT as UNCITRAL Observer on Dispute Settlement
- Member of ICC China Arbitration Committee
- Committee Member of Beihai Asia International Arbitration Centre, Singapore
- Member of Steering Committee of China Academy of Arbitration Law (CAAL)
- Member of Belt and Road Committee of the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific
- (LAWASIA)
- Fellow of Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators (FHKIArb)
- Policy Making Advisory Expert to the Standing Committee of Jiangsu Provincial People's Congress, China
- Member of the Leading Chinese Lawyers Dealing with Cross-Border Legal Affairs of All China Lawyers Association (ACLA), China
- Member of Talent Pool of Lawyers Dealing with Cross-Border Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Justice, China
- Vice President and General Secretary of Jiangsu Industry Overseas Development

- Association, China
- Chair of Taiwan, Macao, Hong Kong, and Foreign Affairs Section of Nanjing Bar Association, China
- Member of All China Lawyers Association

## **Current Position**

- S.C (Senior Counsel), Partner of Grandall Law Firm (Nanjing)
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Center (SIAC)
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- Member of Panel of International Arbitrators of the KCAB INTERNATIONAL
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of the Thailand Arbitration Center (THAC)
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of DIFC-LCIA
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of China Maritime Arbitration Commission (CMAC)
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of the Arbitration Center Across the Straits, China
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of Beijing International Arbitration Center (BIAC)
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of Shanghai Arbitration Commission (SHAC)
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA)
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of Chongqing Arbitration Commission
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of Guangzhou Arbitration Commission
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of Hainan International Arbitration Court
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of Nanjing Arbitration Commission
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of Hefei Arbitration Commission
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of Guiyang Arbitration Commission
- Member of the Database of Arbitrators of London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- Member of the Internal Database of Arbitrators and Mediators of MCCI Arbitration & Mediation Center (MARC)
- Mediator of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT)/China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC)
- Vice President of Jiangsu Yangtze River International Commercial Mediation Center
- Adjunct Professor of Law or Research Fellow for a few universities in China such as Southwest University of Political Science & Law, Southeast University, Nanjing University of Science and Technology and Nanjing Normal University
- Research Fellow of China Arbitration Institute of China University of Political Science and Law

### **Professional Experience/Areas of Expertise**

Walter Chen has over 28 years of experience in advising clients domestic and foreign on litigation and non-litigation matters. His areas of practice include international litigation and arbitration, cross-border investment and M&A, international trade, corporate, maritime, construction, and other foreign-related legal affairs. He is one of the very few leading international dispute resolution practitioners in China who can effectively handle cases in both English and Chinese language as counsel and arbitrator.

Walter Chen has a proven track record for handling complex and high-profile legal matters such as the automobile joint venture project between Jaguar Land Rover and Chery Automobile, which was rated as the "Best Deal of the Year 2012" by China Business Law Journal, Hong Kong; and the civil and commercial cases concerning disputes arising from cross-border investment, mergers & acquisitions, joint venture contracts, international trade, domestic sale & purchase, agency agreement, letter of credit, banking, refund guarantee, shareholder disputes, product liability, as well as real estate projects heard before Chinese courts at various levels, Hong Kong High Court, US Federal District Courts, CIETAC, SHIAC, and a variety of overseas arbitration institutions such as HKIAC, ICC, SIAC and LMAA, *inter alia*, by teaming up with an American law firm, he once successfully represented a well-known Chinese automobile enterprise in allegedly the largest case against Chinese business sued overseas with claimed amount of over USD 15 billion, which was transferred from a US federal district court and heard in HKIAC.

Due to his excellence in legal work, Walter Chen has over the years been awarded with honors such as "Top 10 Lawyers of the Belt and Road in China" (2018), "Top 10 Lawyers Engaged in Cross-Border Legal Affairs in Jiangsu Province" (2018) and "Man of the Year in China's Legal Service" (2016).

### **Arbitration Experience**

Apart from being legal counsel representing clients before a variety of international and domestic arbitration tribunals, Walter Chen has over the years, sat as sole arbitrators, party-appointed arbitrators and presiding arbitrators in more than 60 commercial cases in CIETAC, CMAC, HKIAC, DIFC-LCIA, CIETAC Hong Kong Center, BIAC, etc, applying among others UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, HKIAC Rules, DIFC-LCIA Rules, CIETAC Rules, BIAC Rules.

Walter Chen is a regular speaker and moderator for numerous large legal conferences or seminars that involve CIETAC, HKIAC, ICC, SIAC, SCC, BIAC etc.

# Publications

- One of the three-member Editorial Board (with Stephen Jagusch Q.C, Colin Ong Q.C) and Co-Author for China Chapter of the "CDR Essential Intelligence – Belt and Road Initiative 2021 " launched in London by the Global Legal Group, GLG in Sept. 2021;
- Editor in Chief and contributor of the "Seventh Five-Year-Plan Nationwide Legal Education Campaign" Textbook titled "Laws and Risks Prevention for Non-State-Owned Enterprises" sponsored by National Office of Legal Education, the Ministry of Justice, All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce (Legal Press 2017).
- Editor in Chief and contributor of "Chinese Lawyers in Action" series sponsored by All China Lawyers Association and published by Legal Press, China (2014-2018).
- Author of Cross-Border Mergers & Acquisitions in China: Law and Practice (English, LexisNexis Hong Kong 2009).
- Editor in Chief of the Legal Guidance for Establishing Corporations in 40 Countries and Regions (bilingual, LexisNexis, and China CITIC Press, 2008).
- Executive Editor in Chief of a Practical Handbook of Laws and Regulations on China's Enterprises Cross-Border Investment and Operation (Legal Press, 2007).
- Prolific in publishing Chinese and English legal theses on domestic and foreign professional journals such as the International Lawyer, China Law & Practice, European Law Review, Nankai Management Review, Academia Bimestrie and Chinese Lawyers.

### Languages

- Mandarin Chinese (native)
- English (fluent)