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Nationality: British **Date of Birth:** (05/02/1965)

Educational / Professional Memberships

Admissions	2006	Barrister, Hong Kong
	1994	Solicitor, Hong Kong, England & Wales
	1992	Solicitor, New South Wales (Australia)
Academic	1988	Master of Arts (Law), University of Cambridge
	1986	Bachelor of Science (Mathematics), University of Auckland Final Year Senior University Prize

Current Position

Barrister and arbitrator, Hong Kong

Professional Experience

Edward Alder is regularly instructed in international arbitrations as counsel and arbitrator. His High Court practice involves commercial trials, injunctions, asset freezing and arbitration-related applications, jurisdictional challenges and ship arrests, often in the international trade and transport sector.

Edward is also regularly instructed in international insolvency, financial services, shareholder, directorship and employment disputes.

In the IT / IP space, Edward acts in software / IT project, confidential information, departing officer, and trade mark and copyright disputes. He has been instructed in three IT project disputes in the past 12 months. He appeared in several telecom related competition cases both as sole advocate and led by London competition silk.

From 2000 to 2006 he was a partner of Bird & Bird Hong Kong and from 1997 to 2000 a partner of Holman Fenwick Willan Hong Kong. The first five years of his career as a solicitor were at (what is now) Allens Linklaters in Sydney, Australia.

- Fellow, HKI Arb (former Fellow CI Arb until discontinued in favour of HKI Arb)
- CMAA Panel Arbitrator, HKIAC Panel Arbitrator, LMAA Supporting Member, SCMA Panel Arbitrator
- Founding Full Member, Hong Kong Maritime Arbitrators Group (HKMAG)
- Committee Member, Hong Kong Maritime Law Association
- Lecturer, HK Bar Association Arbitration Course, Peking University
- Rated as counsel in 2023 Chambers & Partners and 2023 Legal 500

Arbitration/Mediation Experience

Many commercial arbitrations as counsel or arbitrator involving:

- **Corporate / commercial:** China M&A/JV, Vietnam M&A/JV, Hong Kong share sale, share pledge, telecommunications, agency & distribution, co-marketing, employee fraud, CO₂ emissions trading, company warranties (tax, Series A funding), cryptocurrency investment, settlement agreement disputes, professional and other insurance and horseracing
- **Trade & transport:** international sale of goods (steel, scrap metal, iron ore, concrete pipes, oil, coal, coke, chemicals, timber, nickel ore), charterparties, carriage of goods by sea, ship management, mining (technical), mining (finance), shipbuilding (technical, delay, finance, offshore), mining and ships cranes, heavy equipment carriage
- **Currently sitting** as sole arbitrator in US\$600m claim regarding crypto trading joint venture, currently sitting in various shipping arbitrations

Arbitration-related judgments in the Hong Kong Courts as counsel:

- *Haller AG v China Meheco Corp* [2022] HKCFI 652 (stay resisted, Model Law approach where arbitration agreement said to be forged)
- *Changfeng Shipping Hldgs Ltd v Sinoriches Enterprises Co Ltd* [2021] HKLRD 117 (establishes HK law on examination of officers of award debtors out of the jurisdiction)
- *Noor Maritime Ltd v Calandra Shipping Co Ltd* [2018] 2 HKLRD 328 (Arbitration Ordinance s.20(6) power confined to stays of *in rem* Admiralty proceedings)
- *Dana Shipping & Trading SA v Sino Channel Asia Ltd* [2017] 1 HKC 329 (CA) (no security for costs in enforcement appeals)

- *Dana Shipping & Trading SA v Sino Channel Asia Ltd* [2017] 1 HKC 281 (enforcement of LMAA award, condition as to security) and [2016] 4 HKLRD 345 (effect of setting aside in court of seat)
- *Chimbusco Int'l Petroleum (Singapore) Pte Ltd v Fully Best Trading Ltd* [2016] 1 HKLRD 582 (establishes HK law on indemnity costs on stay to arbitration)
- “ALAS” [2014] 4 HKLRD 160, [2015] 1 Lloyd’s Rep 211 and [2015] 6 HKC 557 (CA) (establishes HK law on Admiralty jurisdiction following arbitral award)
- *Parakou Shipping Pte Ltd v Jinhui Shipping & Transportation Ltd* [2010] HKCA 330 (*res judicata* from arbitral award in court, adjustment of security)

Publications

- Author, 120,000-word commentary to Chapter 11 of *Hong Kong Civil Procedure 2023* which is the main procedural work for Hong Kong litigation procedure (chapter on service out of the jurisdiction, forum non conveniens, anti-suit injunctions)
- Author, 200-page chapter on IT and software contracts law, *Chitty on Contracts, Hong Kong Specific Contracts* (revised November 2022)
- Chapter Author, *Maritime Law and Practice in Hong Kong, 2nd Ed* (pollution)

Languages

English