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### Practice

- Arbitration
- Banking, Securities, Derivatives
- Chinese, Hong Kong & South East Asian Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Insolvency and Corporate Recovery
- Insurance and Reinsurance
- Private International Law
- Sale of Goods
- Shipping

Professor Anthony Dicks is primarily engaged in practice as an expert on Chinese law. He is Emeritus Professor of Chinese Law at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. He has been in practice in Hong Kong as a Barrister since 1968 (full-time 1974-1994) and as arbitrator since 1975. Resumed practice in London at the beginning of 1995. He was nominated by the Securities and Futures Commission of the Hong Kong Government as an arbitrator for disputes arising out of the listings of Chinese companies on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange which are referred to arbitration in Peking, 1993.

He also has extensive experience as an advocate in litigation before the High Court and Court of Appeal in Hong Kong between 1974 and 1984 and some experience of Hong Kong and International Chamber of Commerce Arbitrations; since 1994 he has concentrated on advisory work, with occasional involvement in advocacy, usually in disputes over jurisdiction and choice of forum, or conflicts of law; also giving evidence in foreign courts as to the law of Hong Kong.

### Career

1997 Senior Counsel: Hong Kong  
1994 Silk: Hong Kong  
1961 Call: Inner Temple; 1965 Hong Kong; 1971 Brunei

### Education

1963 MA, University of Cambridge  
1960 LLB, University of Cambridge  
1959 BA, University of Cambridge

### Languages

Reasonably fluent reading knowledge of Chinese as used in both traditional and modern legal texts, documents, newspapers, and some spoken Mandarin; French.

### Member

American Arbitration Association  
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators  
Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)  
Hong Kong Bar Association  
London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association

### **Arbitration**

Approximately 50 appointments as arbitrator and one as mediator since 1975 (including 6 appointments by the High Court in Hong Kong, two appointments by the International Chamber of Commerce, one appointment by the London Court of International Arbitration and eight appointments by the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission) resulting in about 12 final awards, the remaining references being discontinued or settled by compromise; most of these arbitrations have been in the fields of shipping, insurance or international sales..

### **Chinese, Hong Kong & South East Asian Law**

Professional experience in Chinese law: advising, furnishing opinions and giving expert evidence both by affidavit and in person to courts in Hong Kong, England, Canada, Australia and the United States on a wide range of questions arising both under the law of the People's Republic of China and under the laws of other regimes in East and South-East Asia in which older forms of Chinese law apply, including various commercial and credit transactions, maritime matters, company law, tax, property rights and foreign claims, inheritance and family matters of all kinds; advising as to the various public and private international law implications of these matters (including advising the Foreign Compensation Commission in relation to the China Claims, 1988–90); advising as to the conduct of arbitration, litigation and marine casualty investigations in or concerning China; and acting as arbitrator in cases involving China and Chinese law. Recent cases involving extensive written and oral evidence include;

*Great Future International & Ors v Sealand Housing Corporation & Ors* (Claim No. HC 2000 00718), Chancery Division, judgment of Lightman J dated 1 November 2001) (law of the PRC)

*Secretary for Justice v To Kan Chi & Ors* [2000] 3 HKLRD 756–776 (traditional Chinese law).

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