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Victor is recognized as one of the leading arbitration practitioners in Thailand. He graduated from Kingston Polytechnic with a BSc in Quantity Surveying and from Northumbria University with an LLM in International Commercial Law (Distinction). He also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Arbitration from the Reading College of Estate Management and a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

He has worked in the construction industry in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, South America and Asia. He regularly sits as an arbitrator in both international and domestic arbitrations and assists parties in arbitration proceedings.

He has particular experience in construction disputes but has also dealt with international trade disputes, shipping disputes, aviation disputes, joint venture disputes and a variety of general commercial disputes. He has accepted 35 appointments to act as an arbitrator where the amounts in dispute have ranged from US\$ 0.5 million to over US\$ 92.0 million. He has been directly appointed as an arbitrator by several arbitration institutions including the ICC, SIAC, KLRCA and CI Arb. He has conducted arbitrations as a Sole Arbitrator under ICC, SIAC and TAI arbitration rules and has conducted arbitrations as a Panel Member under ICC, SIAC, TAI, VIAC and BOTT arbitration rules and for ad-hoc arbitrations. He has conducted arbitrations under English, Indian, Malaysian, Nepalese, Singaporean, Thai and Vietnamese Law. He has accepted over 30 appointments to represent parties or act as a consultant in domestic or international arbitration proceedings.

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators and the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators. He is on the Panel of Arbitrators for numerous arbitral institutions including APRAG, CI Arb, DIAC, HKIAC, ICDR, KCAB, KLRCA, NZDR, PIAC, SCIA, SIAC, TAI and VIAC.

He is the past Chair of the Commission on Arbitration for ICC Thailand (2004 to 2012) and is a former Member of the London Court of International Arbitration (2003 to 2013). He taught arbitration and ADR at Thammasat University in Bangkok for the Master of Laws Program in Business Law (2010 to 2014).

Examples of arbitrations where he has conducted arbitrations as an arbitrator or as a consultant / party representative include:

As an arbitrator:

- Sole arbitrator, SIAC arbitration, Singaporean law. International trade dispute between a Hong Kong party and an Indian party.
- Sole arbitrator, SIAC arbitration, Singaporean law. Shipping dispute between a German party and an Indonesian party.
- Panel member, ICC arbitration, Thai law. Construction dispute between Thai parties.

- Sole Arbitrator, TAI arbitration, Thai law. Property dispute between Thai parties.
- Panel Member, TAI arbitration, Thai law. Property dispute between Thai parties.
- Panel member, ad-hoc arbitration, Thai law. Aviation dispute between Thai parties.
- Panel member, ad-hoc arbitration, Malaysian law. Shipping dispute between a Malaysian party and a Thai party.
- Panel member, TAI arbitration, Thai law. Property dispute between Thai parties.
- Panel member, BOTT arbitration, Thai law. Construction dispute between Thai parties.
- Panel member, ICC arbitration, English law. Construction dispute between a Thai party and Thai/Chinese parties.
- Panel member, VIAC arbitration, Vietnamese law. Construction dispute between Vietnamese parties.
- Panel member, TAI arbitration, Thai law. Shareholder/license dispute between a Thai parties and an Austrian party.
- Panel member, TAI arbitration, Thai law. Construction dispute between Thai parties.
- Panel member, ad-hoc arbitration, Nepalese law. International trade dispute between a Nepalese party and a Thai party.
- Panel member, TAI arbitration, Thai law. Construction dispute between a Thai and a Taiwanese/Thai party.
- Panel member, BOTT arbitration, Thai law. Construction dispute between Thai parties.
- Panel Member, SIAC arbitration, Thai law. Joint venture dispute between a Japanese party and Thai parties.
- Panel Member, ICC Arbitration, Thai law. Construction dispute between Thai parties.
- Sole Arbitrator, ICC Arbitration, Thai law. Lease dispute between a Dutch party and an Indian party.
- Sole Arbitrator, ICC Arbitration, Thai law. Construction dispute between Thai parties.

As a consultant / party representative:

- ICC arbitration, Thai law. Construction dispute between Thai parties.
- TAI arbitration, Thai law. Construction dispute between Thai parties.
- TAI arbitration, Thai law. Property dispute between Thai parties.
- ICC arbitration, Thai law. Construction dispute between Thai parties.
- ICA arbitration, English law. Commodity dispute between a Thai party and a Pakistan party.
- TAI arbitration, Thai law. Construction dispute between Thai parties.
- SIAC arbitration, Singaporean law. International trade dispute between Thai parties.

He has also acted as an expert witness on construction matters in arbitration proceedings and is on the KLRCA Panel of Adjudicators.

He is an accredited mediator with the Thailand Arbitration Center and has been appointed to act as a mediator for two international mediations

He is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Chartered Institute of Building and is the past Chairman of RICS Thailand (1997 and 1998).