



2020 Annual Conference Series

Biographies of speakers

Session 4

Mr John Scott SC Formerly Head of Des Voeux Chambers, Mr. Scott is an accomplished trial advocate with over 30 years' experience in a wide range of commercial disputes. He has a long-standing track record in complex company, commercial, construction and arbitration cases and is active as both a litigator and an international arbitrator.

Mr. Scott is a Master of the Bench of the Middle Temple, and frequently sits as an arbitrator in Hong Kong, Singapore and elsewhere in the region. He has been appointed as arbitrator in substantial construction and infrastructure projects, and has sat as an ICC, SIAC and HKIAC appointed arbitrator in numerous disputes over the last 20 years. He recently co-authored the latest version of Halsbury's Laws Vol 25 on Arbitration (Cap. 609).

Director Quotes:

John Scott QC, SC, JP was recognized by Who's Who Legal 2020 as a Recommended Senior Counsel for Construction Law"

Who's Who Legal (2020)

John Scott QC, SC, JP was singled out by the Doyles Guide 2020 as a Recommended Senior Counsel and recognised as a Leading Construction & Infrastructure Litigation Barrister -Hong Kong

Doyles Guide (2020)

John Scott QC, SC, JP was named Asia Barrister of the Year for 2018 at the Asia Law Awards

Asia Law Awards (2018)



Mr Julian Cohen has more than 30 years of specialist experience of construction disputes, both domestically and also internationally. Sums in dispute in his cases vary from small to in excess of USD 2 billion. He has been involved in disputes throughout Asia Pacific, Middle East, and Europe.

In addition to acting as counsel, he also regularly sits as an arbitrator in both Asia Pacific and the Middle East

He was called to the Bar in England in 1990 and joined the Construction and Engineering Department of Pinsent Masons in 1993. He moved to Hong Kong in 1998 with the firm, eventually leaving as a Partner in 2009. He started his practice at the Hong Kong Bar in 2010.

Julian writes and teaches regularly on construction law issues, arbitration, and advocacy.



Ms Iris Chan With her 20-year career, Iris has been holding senior positions with major insurance brokers in the region, and focus on construction projects in Hong Kong and Macau in the past decade. Iris devotes to seek innovative and the best risk transfer solutions for infrastructure, superstructure, hospitality, power and petrochemical projects. Her core expertise include contentious claims handling, lender advisory, risk analysis, insurance broking, managing self-retention insurance programs and captives.

Iris has particular expertise in designing project specific and annual renewable insurance programs for mega-sized infrastructure and building projects from construction phase to interfacing with operation phase. In the past 8 years with Willis Towers Watson, Iris has led the service team to provide insurance consultancy and broking service for numerous major projects in Hong Kong and Macau.



Mr Michael Campbell-Pitt is a qualified Mechanical Engineer and Chartered Loss Adjuster. Mike started his adjusting career in 1998 as an Engineering Adjuster at McLarens Hong Kong. Prior to that he worked for five years as a Sectional Engineer for Gold Fields of South Africa.

In 2001, Mike moved to another international adjuster in Hong Kong and continued to manage a portfolio of CAR, CPE and TPL claims for major infrastructure projects. In 2005, Mike was promoted to Managing Director of the Hong Kong business but continued to be very involved in the handling of large and complex losses in Hong Kong and throughout the Asia region.

Mike was appointed to the position of General Manager for the Greater China region in 2010 and in 2017 was promoted to the position of President Asia for the same firm, a position he held until 2020 before rejoining McLarens as Regional Director – Asia. In his current role, Mike has responsibility for the McLarens operations in the Asia region.

Throughout his career, Mike has had responsibility for several key account nominations and been involved in the handling and oversight of many complex claims arising from civil works projects, major infrastructure projects and other risks.

Notable assignments:

- Numerous construction losses involving TBMs, diaphragm walls, bored piles, casings, tunnelling failures, precast segments, flooding of works and equipment, equipment collapses and failures, typhoon damage
- Logistics centre fire in Korea PD & BI
- Petrochemical explosion during testing and commissioning CAR
- Industrial fire in Korean chemical plant PD & BI
- Severe typhoon losses at Casinos PD&BI - collectively
- Public disturbance losses Hong Kong protests PD&BI - multiple events U
- Machinery breakdown
- Explosion and fire at Chemical plant in Korea PD & BI
- Industrial Fire in Korean factory PD
- Petrochemical plant turbine failure PD
- Product recall involving consumer electronics
- Train collision PD loss
- Cableway failure during testing PD&BI

