

# Dr Michael Moser

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## Overview

Michael serves as arbitrator in high-value, complex international disputes. His specialties include foreign investments, energy/oil and gas, mergers and acquisitions, shareholder disputes, intellectual property, major projects/construction and investor-state disputes.

He has served as arbitrator in more than 300 cases sited in Asia, Europe and North America under both ad hoc and institutional rules. He is an accredited arbitrator of the major international arbitration institutions worldwide.

Resident in Asia (Beijing/Hong Kong/Japan) for over 40 years, Mr Moser has special expertise in relation to disputes involving Asian sovereigns and commercial parties.

Mr Moser has served as Chairman of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), Board member of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chambers of Commerce (SCC) and Court member of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA). He currently sits as a member of the Board of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) the Vienna International Arbitration Centre (VIAC) and the Governing Board of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration (ICCA).

The Austrian Government has awarded Mr Moser the Grand Decoration of Honour (*Grosses Ehrenzeichen/Grand Insigne d'Honneur*) and the Officer's Cross (*Offizierskreuz/Croix d'Officier*). The Hong Kong Government has awarded him the title Justice of the Peace. Chambers has awarded him a Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to arbitration in Asia.

Mr Moser is sought after for his "very sensible" and "very well

## Publications

- Co-editor of Managing 'Belt and Road' Business Disputes: A Case Study of Legal Problems and Solutions (Kluwer, 2021)
- Co-author of A Guide to the HKIAC Arbitration Rules (Oxford University Press 2017 and 2021)
- Co-editor of The Asia Arbitration Handbook (Oxford University Press 2011) Former General Editor of The Journal of International Arbitration

## Professional memberships / Honors

- Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce: Board Member (2008–2015)
- Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group: Vice President (2007–2011)
- CI Arb, London: Fellow
- CIETAC: Commission Member and Member of the Experts Advisory Group
- Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators: Fellow
- HKIAC: Honorary Chairperson
- Hong Kong SAR: Justice of the Peace

prepared and fair-minded approach” (Chambers and Partners). Legal directories have described him as “arbitrator of choice”, “a star pick”, “really brilliant”, and “highly skilled” (Chambers and Partners; Who’s Who Legal).

- ICCA Governing Board Member
- LCIA: Court Member (2008–2013)
- Seoul IDRC International Advisory Board: Member
- Singapore Institute of Arbitrators: Fellow
- SIAC: Board Member
- VIAC Centre: Board Member

## Education

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- Columbia University: PhD (With Distinction)
- Harvard Law School: Juris Doctor

## Example cases and appointments

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- Chairman in a PCA arbitration involving claims against an Asian State commenced under three different investor-state treaties.
- Chairman in an SCC arbitration in Stockholm involving claims against a European State under the Energy Charter Treaty.
- Chairman in an ICC arbitration in Manila involving private claims against the Philippine Government.
- Chairman in an ad hoc gas pricing arbitration in Zurich between Central Asian and Russian State entities.
- Chairman in a gas pricing dispute between European state entities.
- Chairman in an ICSID arbitration dealing with mining claims against Peru.
- Chairman in a SIAC arbitration in Singapore involving a dispute pertaining to coalbed methane deposits in mainland China.
- Chairman in an ICC arbitration in Seoul involving concession rights granted by the Korean Government.
- Chairman in an ICC arbitration in Singapore involving oil and gas deposits in Indonesia.
- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration at The Hague under a bilateral investment treaty between an Asian government and a European corporation.
- Co-arbitrator in an ICC arbitration in London involving a cross-shareholding dispute between German and Japanese automobile manufacturers.
- Chairman in an ICC arbitration in Hong Kong between a Singapore company and respondents from Taiwan and mainland China in relation to the construction of a semiconductor facility for the Russian Government.
- Chairman in an UNCITRAL arbitration in Hong Kong between a Canadian listed company and a mainland Chinese company in relation to a mining concession in Mongolia.
- Chairman in an UNCITRAL arbitration in Thailand between a European multinational and a Thai company under a license agreement.
- Chairman in a HKIAC arbitration in Hong Kong between a private equity group and a PRC-government body involving alleged expropriation of interests in an infrastructure project.
- Chairman in a SIAC arbitration in Singapore between a Danish multinational and a Philippines company relating to an energy project in the Philippines.

## Recommendations

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An excellent arbitrator...a veteran who's really trusted by all parties [Chambers Global 2021](#)

Approachable, pragmatic, clear-headed – and as popular as ever [Chambers Global 2020](#)

Unusual in his knowledge of the (Singapore) region [Chambers Global 2020](#)

Consistently identified as one of the world's leading arbitrators [Chambers Global 2019](#)

Sought after for his 'very sensible' and 'very well prepared and fair-minded approach'. [Chambers Global 2019](#)

I view him as one of the top arbitrators in the Asian market. [Chambers Global 2018](#)

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The 'excellent' Michael Moser is a firm favourite among market commentators, one of whom notes: 'I would trust him implicitly on the highest-value disputes'. [Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders 2018](#)