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## BACKGROUND

Having spent a number of years based in London and Paris, Simon relocated to Asia in 2011 and has acted on some of the largest and most complex cases in the region. Simon is dual-qualified in Hong Kong and England and Wales, with higher rights of audience in both jurisdictions.

## LATEST INSIGHTS

## KEY SERVICES

Global Advocacy  
International Arbitration

## KEY SECTORS

Banks  
Energy

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## EXPERIENCE

Simon leads the disputes practice in Greater China and focuses on international arbitration and arbitration-related litigation. A specialist advocate, he appears regularly as lead counsel before tribunals in the world's foremost arbitration centres, including Hong Kong, Singapore and London.

Simon's practice covers investment treaty and commercial arbitration under all of the major arbitral rules, including ICC, SIAC, HKIAC, LCIA, ICSID and UNCITRAL. He has particular expertise in complex and high-value disputes, notably claims in fraud and breach of warranty, as well as post-M&A, joint venture and shareholder disputes. He has acted for governments, state-owned entities, sovereign wealth funds and corporations across a range of industries, including the energy, private equity, finance, hospitality and TMT sectors.

Simon is ranked as a leading individual in all of the key directories and is recommended as a global leader in international arbitration by Who's Who Legal. In addition to his work as counsel, Simon also sits as arbitrator and has experience as presiding arbitrator, co-arbitrator and sole arbitrator across a range of institutional and ad hoc cases.

Simon's recent experience includes:

- appearing as advocate for a **global energy company** in a US\$5.5 billion claim in fraud and breach of warranty arising from the purchase of oil and gas assets under the SIAC Rules seated in Singapore (English law)
- defending an **Asian private equity firm** against a US\$1 billion claim in fraud, negligent misstatement and breach of warranty connected to the sale of an insurance company under the ICC Rules in Hong Kong (Hong Kong and English law)
- appearing as advocate for the **Government of Malaysia** in a US\$1.2 billion ad hoc arbitration against the Republic of Singapore concerning the interpretation of a bilateral treaty
- appearing as advocate for a **major private equity firm** in HKIAC proceedings seated in Hong Kong under a suite of Hong Kong and Korean law agreements arising from a secondary sale in the private equity market
- appearing as advocate for a **renewable energy company** in consolidated proceedings under the ICC Rules in Hong Kong arising from the breakdown of a joint venture in the solar energy sector, including defending subsequent set-aside proceedings before the Hong Kong court
- appearing as advocate for a **Chinese energy company** in a US\$1 billion claim under the UNCITRAL rules in Hong Kong arising from an investment in offshore oil and gas blocks