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Peter Thorp is an independent arbitrator based in Paris. He is a former partner of the law firm Allen & Overy LLP and was from 2005 to 2011 Managing Partner of Allen & Overy's Beijing and Shanghai offices before joining the firm's Paris office.

Peter has substantial experience in dispute resolution matters, and has acted for a wide range of corporates and financial institutions in arbitrations seated in Asia, the UK and continental Europe. Peter has also acted on investment treaty arbitration matters related to China.

Now a full-time independent arbitrator, Peter is on the Panel of Arbitrators of a number of arbitration institutions, including the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration and CIETAC, China's largest international arbitration commission. He has acted as Sole Arbitrator, Co-Arbitrator and Chairman on a number of ICC, LCIA, CIETAC, HKIAC and SIAC arbitrations, as well as ad hoc arbitrations under the UNCITRAL Rules.

Peter speaks (and writes) English, Mandarin and French and is qualified in England and Wales, Hong Kong, New Zealand and France.

Career history

- Independent Arbitrator, Paris, since September 2013
- Partner, Allen & Overy LLP, Paris, 2012-August 2013
- Managing Partner, Allen & Overy LLP, Beijing, 2005-2011
- Part-time Lecturer, Université de Paris Dauphine, 2003-2004
- Senior Associate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Paris, 1999-2004
- Solicitor, Freshfields, Hong Kong, 1995-1999
- Barrister & Solicitor, Simpson Grierson, Auckland, 1992-1995
- China Manager, Sandvik International AB, 1986-1989
- Consultant/Administrator, China New Zealand Agricultural Consultants Limited, 1984-1986

Legal qualifications

- Admitted as avocat à la cour, Barreau de Paris, 2014
- Admitted as Solicitor, Hong Kong, 2005
- Admitted as Solicitor, England and Wales, 2003
- Admitted as Barrister and Solicitor, New Zealand, 1992

Academic qualifications

- LLB (First Class Honours), University of Canterbury, New Zealand, 1992
- Bachelor of Arts, University of Auckland, New Zealand, 1981

Publications

- China Chapter of IBA Arbitration Guide, co-author, February 2012
- Transactional Dispute Management Special Issue on China, co-editor, December 2010
- First ICC Award Enforced in China, Issue 6 of the International Law Review, co-author, 2009

- International Arbitration in China, Global Arbitration Review, Special Report, co-author, 2008
- Corruption, Bribery and Criminal Law Aspects of Business Disputes, Managing Business Disputes in Today's China, Duelling with Dragons, Kluwer Law International, co-author, 2007
- PRC Arbitration Law New Interpretation – One Step Forwards, Two Steps Back?, Global Arbitration Review, Volume 1, Issue 4, co-author, 2006

Professional memberships

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the Beijing Arbitration Commission (BAC)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the Pacific International Arbitration Centre, Vietnam (PIAC)
- Member, List of Arbitrators of the Vienna International Arbitration Centre (VIAC)
- Member, Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- Member, International Arbitration Institute, Paris (IAI)
- New Zealand Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
- Member, LCIA Users' Councils
- Member, International Bar Association (IBA)
- Member, International Pacific Bar Association (IPBA)
- Member, International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)

Languages

- English
- Chinese
- French

Nationality

- New Zealander