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Peter Thorp is an independent arbitrator based in Paris.

Peter has conducted arbitrations under a wide range of rules and subject to many different systems of law. He has acted as Chairman, Sole Arbitrator and Co-Arbitrator on a large number of ICC, LCIA, SCC, CIETAC, HKIAC, SIAC and CAA (Taiwan) arbitrations, as well as ad hoc arbitrations under the UNCITRAL Rules. He is on the panel of numerous arbitration institutions, and is regularly selected by those institutions, such as the ICC and HKIAC, for appointments as arbitrator.

Peter has also frequently acted as emergency arbitrator and as sole arbitrator in expedited and fast-track arbitrations.

Peter's experience as arbitrator spans a broad range of sectors, including joint venture and M&A, shareholder disputes, IP and licensing, construction and infrastructure, media and telecoms, banking & finance, insurance, energy, oil & gas and mining, sale of goods, and pharmaceuticals/biotechnology.

Peter 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 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

- Belt and Road Initiative Disputes: How and where will they be resolved?, New York Dispute Resolution Lawyer, Fall 2019, Vol.12, No.2.
- China Chapter of IBA Arbitration Guide, co-author, 2012 and 2018 editions
- 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

Professional memberships

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Asian International Arbitration Centre, Kuala Lumpur (AIAC)
- Panel of Arbitrators, China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Beijing Arbitration Commission (BAC)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Pacific International Arbitration Centre, Vietnam (PIAC)
- List of Arbitrators, Vienna International Arbitration Centre (VIAC)
- Member, International Panel of Distinguished Neutrals of the CPR Institute of Dispute Resolution
- Member, Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- Member, International Arbitration Institute, Paris (IAI)
- New Zealand Member, 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, French