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Basic Information

Edward Liu is a partner in Haiwen’s Hong Kong office, qualified in Hong Kong SAR, England and Wales, the British Virgin Islands and the People's Republic of China. He specialises in cross-border commercial dispute resolution, with extensive experience in international arbitration, commercial litigation, and shipping and commodities disputes. Since 2020, he has been consistently recognised by leading legal directories and industry publications, including Chambers and Partners, The Legal 500, China Business Law Journal, Asian Legal Business and Lloyd’s List. In July 2022, he was awarded the Medal of Honour by the Hong Kong SAR Government for his contributions to the development and promotion of legal, arbitration, dispute resolution and transport-related legal services in Hong Kong. In July 2026, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace by the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR.

Edward represents financial institutions, insurers, multinational companies, non-governmental organisations, Chinese state-owned enterprises, and major shipping and trading companies in proceedings before the Hong Kong and English courts and in international arbitration. His experience covers shareholder and equity investment disputes, cross-border financing, international sales of goods and commodities trading, energy and offshore projects, shipping and shipbuilding, construction, commercial fraud, insolvency and restructuring, regulatory investigations, international sanctions, and the enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards. He also handles international investment disputes involving Belt and Road projects and provides non-contentious advice on asset finance, trade finance and shipping finance.

Edward’s cryptocurrency and digital assets practice covers disputes arising from token and non-fungible token (NFT) sales, trading platform contracts, cryptoasset lending and security arrangements, civil fraud, mis-selling and debt recovery. He assists clients with claims, defences and applications for interim relief in arbitration and court proceedings.

Shipping and commodities are core areas of Edward’s practice. He handles disputes concerning charterparties, bills of lading and cargo claims, long-term contracts of affreightment, second-hand vessel sales, shipbuilding and marine insurance, as well as collisions, groundings, salvage, general average, ship arrests and jurisdictional challenges. He has extensive experience in matters involving Chinese shipyards. As Principal Representative of the International Chamber of Shipping’s China office, he participates in discussions on and the development of conventions and rules at the

International Maritime Organization, and liaises with Chinese governmental and shipping industry bodies on related policies and measures.

Arbitration and Mediation Experience

◆ Arbitrator Qualifications

Edward Liu is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) and a member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA). He also served on the Host Committee for the 26th ICCA Congress, held in Hong Kong in 2024.

Edward' s arbitrator listings and related professional affiliations include:

● Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)

● Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)

● Abu Dhabi International Arbitration Centre (arbitrateAD)

● Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA)

● Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)

● Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA)

● Shanghai International Arbitration Centre (SHIAC)

● Beijing International Arbitration Court (BIAC)

● Hainan International Arbitration Court (HIAC), including membership of its Expert Advisory Committee

● Dalian International Arbitration Court (DIAC)

● Tianjin Arbitration Commission (TJAC)

● Nanjing Arbitration Commission (NJAC)

● South China (Hong Kong) International Arbitration Center (SCIAHK)

● China Maritime Arbitration Commission (CMAC)

● Hong Kong Maritime Arbitration Group (HKMAG)

● London Maritime Arbitrators' Association (LMAA)

● Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA)

● AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre (AALCO HKRAC) and its Sports Arbitrators Panel

● eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre (eBRAM)

● Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Arbitrator Panel (GBA Arbitrator Panel)

Since 2018, Edward has served as sole arbitrator or a member of the tribunal in more than 50 arbitrations and has rendered more than 30 awards in international and cross-border disputes. These matters include arbitrations under HKIAC, LMAA, HKMAG, DIAC, SCCA, SIAC, UNCITRAL, SCIA and SCMA rules, as well as other ad hoc arbitrations.

◆ Mediator Qualifications

Edward is an accredited mediator with the Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited (HKMAAL). His mediator and neutral listings also include:

● eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre

● APEC Panel of Neutrals

On 1 May 2026, Edward was designated by the Government of the People's Republic of China and included on the Panel of General Mediators of the International Organization for Mediation (IOMed). He was previously invited to contribute to the drafting and formulation of the Investment and Commercial Mediation Rules for IOMed.

Edward is an editorial board member of Lloyd's Shipping & Trade Law and a special contributor to Arbitration Law Monthly. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at City University of Hong Kong and a Visiting Professor at Shanghai Maritime University and Tianjin Foreign Studies University. He also serves as an expert on Shanghai Maritime University's Strategic Advisory Committee.

Professional History

Edward joined Haiwen in August 2022. Previously, he was a partner in Hill Dickinson's Hong Kong office and practised in the Hong Kong offices of Reed Smith Richards Butler and DLA Piper.

Experience Highlights

International Commercial Arbitration

● HKIAC Arbitration (2026): Representing a state-owned enterprise in a multi layered cross border dispute arising from joint venture agreements for the manufacture of monitors, involving multiple proceedings in Mainland China and Hong Kong.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2026): Representing a special purpose vehicle owned by a financial holding platform in an investment dispute concerning a Cayman Islands limited partnership fund. The claims seek periodic fixed income and investment returns due to the client as a limited partner under the limited partnership agreement, with more than USD

100 million in dispute.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2025): Representing key investors in a global e-commerce company in a share redemption dispute arising from the company's failure to complete the de-SPAC transaction agreed under the shareholders' agreement, including assisting with the redemption process and bringing claims exceeding USD 200 million.

● ICC Singapore Arbitration (2025): Representing two Chinese investment companies in defending a shareholder joint venture dispute brought by a leading American multinational technology company in Singapore. The amount in dispute is nearly USD 20 million.

● ICC Singapore Arbitration (2025): Representing a Middle Eastern engineering and manufacturing company in a payment and performance dispute arising out of a photovoltaic power plant project in Abu Dhabi involving a Chinese company. The amount in dispute exceeds USD 3 million.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2025): Representing three companies in a share repurchase dispute arising from the target company's failure to complete an IPO or de-SPAC transaction, with more than USD 100 million in dispute.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2025): Representing an international travel agency in an arbitration arising from an Investor Rights Agreement and Articles of Association, including jurisdictional objections and substantive defences. The amount in dispute exceeds USD 50 million.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2025): Representing a Hong Kong investment company in an arbitration arising from the counterparty's failure to fulfil a repurchase obligation. The amount in dispute exceeds USD 60 million.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2025): Representing a client in a share repurchase dispute arising from an unfulfilled repurchase obligation. The amount in dispute exceeds USD 36 million. The matter also involved facilitating settlement discussions between the parties.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2025): Representing a client in an arbitration arising from a Share Exchange Agreement and Indemnity Agreement, including jurisdictional and substantive defences. The amount in dispute exceeds USD 20 million.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2025): Representing an investment company in a complex cross-border dispute with a personal guarantor involving USD 60 million senior secured exchangeable notes.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2024): Acting for a world-leading film entertainment studio against a Chinese animation studio in a dispute concerning unpaid film rental investment proceeds, and successfully facilitating early settlement negotiations that led to settlement.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2024): Acting for a leading semiconductor company against a subsidiary of a Singapore-listed technology group in a dispute arising out of a semiconductor chip and prototype manufacturing framework agreement.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2024): Advising the Asian private equity arm of a global financial institution in relation to a failed IPO of a Chinese health and beauty group, related redemption defaults under a share subscription agreement, and parallel cross-border civil and potential criminal proceedings in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2024): Representing a consortium of institutional investors in a high-value dispute arising from their equity investment in a Chinese biopharmaceutical company, including the exercise of redemption rights and

enforceability issues concerning a series of most-favoured-nation clauses.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2024): Advising a borrower on dispute resolution strategy following a Mainland Chinese bank's issuance of a statutory demand concerning debts exceeding USD 93 million, including commencing arbitration under the facility agreement's arbitration clause to support an application for anti-suit injunctive relief in Hong Kong.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2024): Defending a prominent cryptocurrency services platform provider and a cryptocurrency mining services provider in an arbitration and emergency arbitration involving injunctive relief and claims exceeding USD 30 million arising out of cryptocurrency and crypto-machine lending and security agreements.

● ICC Emergency Arbitration, Geneva (2024): Advising a media and video game company in successfully resisting an application for an injunction to prevent the international release of its video game products. The matter was governed by New York law.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2024): Representing a cryptocurrency logistics services provider and its director in defending claims exceeding USD 10 million brought by a cryptocurrency mining company for alleged breach of a transportation contract, and advancing counterclaims. Successfully securing the director's removal from the arbitration.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2024): Acting for a listed contractor against its subcontractor in claims exceeding HKD 10 million arising from termination of a construction contract.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2024): Defending a multinational group of asset companies in a complex commercial arbitration arising from a series of intercompany loans exceeding USD 400 million. The matter was complicated by the parties' former common group ownership and the claimants entering private receivership shortly before the arbitration.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2023): Representing a prominent telecommunications provider in Myanmar and its parent company in a high-value arbitration brought by a consortium of banks concerning a cross-border credit facility used to finance Myanmar's national fibre-optic network.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2023): Defending a prominent Chinese telecommunications company and its subsidiaries in multiple arbitrations brought by various international banks for sums ranging from USD 25 million to USD 100 million, and successfully resisting applications for expedited arbitration and consolidation.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2023): Acting for a listed company and its subsidiary in defending a claim of approximately USD 3 million arising out of an investment agreement.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2022): Acting for a leading Chinese investment management company in a claim exceeding USD 260 million for the counterparty's failure to pay the purchase price for the client's shares in a Cayman Islands fund under a call and put option agreement. The matter also involved applying for interim measures in Mainland China to freeze the counterparty's assets in support of the Hong Kong arbitration, and advising on potential claims against the fund, its directors, and fund managers for negligent management and/or dissipation of fund assets.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2022): Advising and assisting a client in bringing claims concerning a cryptocurrency trading platform's delay in crediting Luna coins to the client's account, allegedly causing losses exceeding USD 5 million. Working with cryptocurrency experts to assess lost profits under different trading scenarios.

● Hong Kong Arbitration (2021): Acting for a Hong Kong main contractor in claims exceeding HKD 70 million for unpaid construction costs following the employer's early termination of a luxury villa construction contract on alleged

delay and defect grounds.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2021): Advising a Chinese company on its challenge to the validity of an arbitration agreement under Hong Kong law and the tribunal's jurisdiction in an arbitration commenced by a German company under an equipment supply contract for more than EUR 1.1 million.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2019): Successfully acting for owners in disputes arising out of a charterparty and subsequent settlement agreement with charterers. The team was the first in Hong Kong to obtain an order from the Shanghai Maritime Court for interim measures in aid of an HKIAC-administered arbitration, immediately after the Mainland China-Hong Kong arrangement on mutual assistance in interim measures for arbitration proceedings came into effect on 1 October 2019.

● LCIA Arbitration (2016): Representing a large state-owned oil and gas company in defending claims exceeding USD 5 million brought by a UAE-based company concerning the supply of high-value, complex machinery.

Commercial Litigation

● Hong Kong High Court, HCA 248/2026: Representing a subsidiary of a Hong Kong-listed company in recovering loans and interest totalling nearly HKD 800 million from a corporate borrower and an individual guarantor following an event of default under a facility agreement.

● Potential Common Law Claim: Advising clients on potential claims against the seller in a proposed transaction involving shares in a Hong Kong-listed company.

● Digital Assets Investment Dispute: Representing a digital assets and fintech investor in a shareholder and post-investment dispute arising from its investment in a Cayman Islands-incorporated cryptoassets and structured-products business, including assessing potential common law claims.

● Hong Kong High Court, HCA 1303/2026: Representing clients in defending claims arising from an alleged default under a loan agreement between the plaintiff and the first defendant.

● Hong Kong High Court, HCCL 3/2019: Representing clients in a cross-border investment dispute involving approximately AUD 22.67 million, two Australian-listed mining companies, constructive trust claims and competing accounts of an early-stage mining investment structure.

● Hong Kong High Court, HCA 445/2026: Representing clients in claims against former receivers and managers appointed over secured assets in a distressed debt enforcement project, seeking recovery of allegedly excessive service fees and related amounts charged in realising those assets under the relevant loan agreement.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCCW 52/2025: Acting for a Chinese education consultancy company in commencing winding-up proceedings in Hong Kong in relation to an outstanding loan owed by a Hong Kong education services company, and assisting with liquidation and creditor-recovery proceedings.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCA 635/2025: Acting for clients in recovering a USD 164 million loan and interest from a personal guarantor, following a BVI judgment against the borrower for default under the relevant loan and interest obligations.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCA 542/2025: Acting for clients in recovering more than RMB 1.3 billion from corporate

guarantors after obtaining a Beijing Financial Court judgment debt against the borrower.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCA 2551/2024: Acting for a wholly owned subsidiary of a state-owned financial institution to recover a loan exceeding HKD 750 million from a high-profile businessman with significant interests across Mainland China, Singapore and Hong Kong, including in hospitality, real estate and vineyards.

● Hong Kong High Court, HCCT 155/2024: Representing a borrower in seeking anti-suit injunctive relief following a Mainland Chinese bank's issuance of a statutory demand for more than USD 93 million. The application was based on the arbitration clause in the facility agreement and arbitration proceedings commenced pursuant to that clause.

● Hong Kong High Court, HCA 1603/2024: Representing companies in defending claims concerning investment losses of approximately USD 2 million arising from a Hollywood film production project, involving issues of force majeure, frustration and unjust enrichment.

● Hong Kong High Court, HCB 3178/2024: Representing a bank in presenting a bankruptcy petition against the chairman of a listed company in relation to debts exceeding HKD 300 million under complex loan and guarantee agreements.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCA 1553/2023: Acting for an investment company against a bank for breach of contract and fiduciary duties arising from the freezing of the client's corporate account and refusal to execute valid payment instructions based on unverified third-party claims, without appropriate due diligence.

● Hong Kong High Court, HCA 1939/2023: Representing a prominent commodities trading company in recovering precious metals worth more than USD 6 million that had been fraudulently redirected to an unauthorised consignee.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCA 2050/2023: Defending a Hong Kong creditor that had obtained a charging order over two vessels against another creditor's allegations of non-compliance with the charging order.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCA 1629/2023: Acting for a prominent Chinese investment company in obtaining an interim injunction against a former employee restraining disclosure of the company's confidential information.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCA 1961/2023: Acting for a former director of a distinguished financial firm in defending claims for alleged breach of fiduciary duty and return of a bonus exceeding HKD 20 million.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCA 1887/2020: Acting for a leading investment firm in recovering debt exceeding HKD 20 million by obtaining a charging order over the debtor's shares in a publicly listed company.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCCW 365/2022: Representing Chinese bank creditors in enforcing creditor rights in a liquidation involving more than HKD 340 million, including commencing actions against collateral and personal guarantees provided by debtors.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCA 1100/2022; HCSD 36/2022: Acting for a state-owned bank as Hong Kong creditor and lender to successfully oppose a default borrower's application for an interim injunction restraining the bank from issuing a winding-up petition, and to oppose a default guarantor's application to set aside a statutory demand. The loan amount exceeded HKD 200 million, and costs were awarded to the client.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCA 681/2020: Acting for a lead creditor bank in Hong Kong in applying for summary judgment against a borrower and guarantor in relation to a loan exceeding USD 45 million.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCA 1171/2022: Acting for a seller in claiming at least HKD 6 million against Christie's

Hong Kong Limited for alleged mishandling of the sale of her painting.

● Hong Kong High Court (2022): Acting for multiple creditors in enforcing arbitral awards and seeking other interim relief against an alleged mastermind of fraud and associated alter egos in claims exceeding RMB 170 million.

● Hong Kong High Court (2022): Acting for a Hong Kong company as mortgagee in foreclosure, redemption and related relief proceedings to secure repayment of an underlying debt exceeding RMB 100 million.

● Re Samwell Spare Parts Limited (in creditors' voluntary liquidation), HCCW 379/2021; [2022] HKCFI 2851: Representing a Hong Kong aviation equipment company and certain shareholder-creditors in opposing a European airline creditor's application to convert the company's creditors' voluntary liquidation into a compulsory winding-up, in a dispute involving more than EUR 10 million.

● Hong Kong High Court, HCA 1711/2021: Assisting PRC clients in enforcing arbitral awards issued by a Shanghai Arbitration Commission tribunal totalling more than RMB 185 million. As part of the enforcement proceedings, bringing an action under section 60 of the Conveyancing and Property Ordinance to set aside the award debtor's transfer to his son of a Hong Kong property worth more than HKD 33 million.

● English High Court – QB-2021-004480: Acting for a Hong Kong company that had been deceived into transferring approximately USD 3 million to a UK virtual bank account in an email fraud, successfully securing an urgent Mareva injunction and disclosure order against the recipient bank, and ultimately obtaining recovery through summary judgment.

● Hong Kong High Court, HCA 1160/2021: Representing an investor in seeking damages exceeding HKD 10 million against an SFC-licensed investment advisory firm for alleged misrepresentations and related tortious conduct inducing investment in a Hong Kong-listed company, and representing the investor as a creditor in that company's liquidation.

● Changfeng Shipping Holdings Limited v Sinoriches Enterprises Co., Limited [2020] HKCFI 2703: Acting for a London arbitral award creditor and successfully obtaining leave to serve oral examination orders made under Order 48 of the Rules of the High Court (Cap. 4A) on officers of the award debtor outside Hong Kong, in a decision that developed Hong Kong law on the oral examination of foreign officers of local judgment debtors.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCA 1964/2020; HCA 2021/2020: Acting for a Mainland Chinese steel manufacturing group in several matters involving its payment default and that of its Hong Kong-listed subsidiary in respect of bonds exceeding HKD 710 million in aggregate, and advising the debtor on enforcement action by creditors against related corporate and personal guarantees.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCA 145/2020; HCA 162/2020: Acting for a PRC state-owned enterprise in defending claims for recovery of mistakenly transferred funds and successfully setting aside a Mareva injunction against the client.

Shipping & Commodities Arbitration & Litigation

● Hong Kong Arbitration (2026): Representing charterers in pursuing a shortloading claim against owners, involving technical and legal issues concerning the determination of cargo weight.

● Hong Kong Arbitration (2026): Representing charterers in defending owners' claims under a multimodal contract of affreightment. The dispute concerned the scope of a limitation of liability clause directed at sea carriage and technical issues concerning the cause of cargo damage. After reviewing the defence, the owners agreed to stay the arbitration.

● Hong Kong Arbitration (2026): Representing owners in pursuing charterers for demurrage and port charges arising from delays while awaiting trucks, involving the interpretation of bespoke laytime provisions in a contract of affreightment.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2025): Representing a cargo owner in pursuing damages following a buyer's refusal to accept goods under an FOB sale contract, and assisting with recovery of the goods at the discharge port, with more than USD 3 million in dispute. The matter involves termination rights, recovery of possession and related expenses, as well as a shipowner's lien arising from demurrage unpaid by the buyer in its capacity as charterer.

● Hong Kong Arbitration (2025): Representing a shipowner in a charterparty dispute against the charterer for demurrage and expenses, including pilotage and port charges. As the charterer is a Hong Kong trading entity with no substantial assets, the matter involves a detailed legal and commercial assessment of whether to pursue arbitration.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2025): Representing a ship management and operations company in a claim against a shipyard for unpaid referral fees exceeding USD 5 million under a cooperation agreement, involving complexities arising from U.S. economic sanctions.

● Hong Kong Arbitration (2025): Representing a shipowner in a charterparty dispute to recover unpaid hire and bunker charges from a charterer that had provided misleading contact information.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2025): Representing a local bunker supplier in a dispute arising from a bunker supply agreement, pursuing cancellation fees and damages from a buyer that unilaterally terminated the agreement. The matter involves technical issues concerning bunker quantity and quality measurement.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCAJ 7/2025: Representing a shipowner in defending a terminal owner's claim following a collision incident. The terminal owner arrested the client's vessel as security for its claim, and the team acted swiftly to secure the vessel's release, minimising operational disruption. The matter required legal assessment of the terminal owner's recoverable loss where the repairs improved the overall condition of the berth.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCCT 34/2025: Representing a charterer in challenging an arbitral award before the Hong Kong court on the ground of an error of law by the tribunal. The matter raises a novel issue concerning the scope of Hong Kong court review of a tribunal's decision on English law treated as a question of fact, with wider implications for arbitration-related appeals in cross-border disputes involving foreign law.

● Criminal and Regulatory Investigations (2025): Representing a warehouse owner in responding to investigations into a fatal warehouse accident and a separate incident involving a customer's suspected breach of import/export regulations, including assessing the legal implications of disclosing documents and information to enforcement authorities.

● Hong Kong High Court, HCCT 58/2025: Representing a shipowner in enforcing an LMAA arbitral award against a charterer in Hong Kong, including identifying and tracing assets within the jurisdiction and coordinating enforcement work across Hong Kong and England and Wales.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCCT 90/2024: Following a successful arbitration, assisting a shipowner in enforcing the award in Hong Kong, including applying for a garnishee order and examining the charterer's directors in court. The team also worked closely with Haiwen's Shanghai office to enforce the award against the charterer's subsidiary in

Mainland China, reflecting strategic cross-office coordination to maximise enforcement outcomes.

● Hong Kong Criminal Proceedings, ESCC 3035/2024: Representing a master in defending a charge of endangering the safety of others, contrary to section 72 of the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance (Cap. 313), arising from a collision in which the master of another vessel fell overboard and died.

● Shanghai Maritime Arbitration (2024): Acting for the owner in a claim against the charterer for unpaid freight and demurrage. The arbitration was conducted bilingually in Chinese and English, seated in Shanghai, governed by English law, and administered under the HKMAG Rules of Arbitration. It was the first overseas ad hoc maritime arbitration conducted in Mainland China and was widely recognised as a landmark in regional maritime arbitration development. The North Bund International Shipping Forum described it as a milestone case, and Xinhua News Agency listed it among the "Top Ten Events of the Shanghai International Shipping Center" for 2024.

● Hong Kong Arbitration (2024): Acting for a shipper in pursuing a claim against a carrier under a bill of lading for damages arising from the carrier's deviation and failure to provide a seaworthy vessel. The dispute involved unsettled legal issues concerning the applicability of the Hague-Visby Rules package limitation to deviation claims.

● Hong Kong Arbitration (2024): Acting for charterers in pursuing a claim of approximately USD 2 million against owners under a voyage charterparty. The dispute involved owners' liability for providing an unseaworthy vessel, improper stowage in contravention of Port State Control regulations, and failure to deliver the cargo to the discharge port within a reasonable time.

● Hong Kong Arbitration (2024): Acting for bareboat charterers in defending a non-payment of hire claim of approximately USD 8 million, involving assessment of the contractual effect of various sanctions regimes.

● Hong Kong Arbitration (2024): Acting for owners to recover demurrage and deadfreight of approximately USD 4.5 million from charterers, a subsidiary of a state-owned enterprise.

● Hong Kong High Court (2024): Representing a Canadian cargo owner in seeking injunctive relief to recover cargo from a vessel detained by the Hong Kong Marine Department in Hong Kong waters.

● LMAA Arbitration (2024): Acting for the seller of a vessel in recovering losses exceeding USD 1 million arising from the buyer's breach of a memorandum of agreement for the sale of the vessel. The case involved issues concerning whether the seller had taken reasonable steps to mitigate loss after the buyer's breach.

● HKMAG Arbitration (2023): Acting for a shipowner in claiming more than USD 1 million in outstanding freight, demurrage, detention and other charges, in a dispute that also involved the scope of expert evidence.

● HKMAG Arbitration (2023): Acting for a shipowner in arranging a letter of undertaking and securing the release of a vessel arrested by the consignee, while defending the charterers' charterparty claim for hire and bunkers.

● HKMAG Arbitration (2023): Representing a shipowner in defending a charterer's claim concerning unclean cargo holds and counterclaiming for premature termination of the charterparty. The matter concerned the interpretation and nature of the clean-hold provision and the legal effect of the shipowner's partial refund of hire without reserving its rights.

● LMAA Arbitration (2023): Assisting a charterer in a misrepresentation dispute arising from owners' incorrect suggestion that the vessel could pass through the New Panama Canal, which was then conveyed to the sub-charterer.

The vessel ultimately failed to meet the canal requirements and was re-routed through the Suez Canal, leading the sub-charterer to deduct hire. The matter involved issues of contractual warranty, misrepresentation and interpretation of canal requirements.

● SIAC Arbitration (2022): Acting for a Singaporean trading company in disputes arising from two sale and purchase contracts for Indonesian coal in the rapidly evolving context of Indonesia's coal export ban, with more than USD 4 million in dispute.

● LMAA Arbitration (2022): Acting for charterers in hire disputes of approximately USD 750,000 concerning whether a particular type of coal cargo was permitted under the charterparties. The matter involved interpretation of the lawful-trades clause and technical issues concerning the characteristics of the coal.

● Hong Kong Arbitration (2021): Successfully representing owners in disputes with charterers concerning off-hire, vessel performance and propeller damage caused by ice floes at the discharge port.

● Hong Kong High Court – HCAJ 57/2020: Acting for the largest shipyard in Hong Kong in defending a claim brought by the Airport Authority for an alleged allision between a barge and a jetty during Super Typhoon Mangkhut, with more than HKD 74 million claimed.

● LMAA Arbitration (2020): Advising owners and cargo buyers on charterparty and sale contract issues arising from Mainland China's restrictions on imports of Australian coal.

● HKMAG Arbitration (2020): Acting for charterers in successfully defending owners' reliance-loss claim arising from an alleged failure to load cargo under a voyage charterparty.

● SIAC Arbitration (2020): Successfully representing owners in claiming damages against charterers for wrongful termination of a voyage charterparty.

● LMAA Arbitration (2020): Acting for charterers in successfully defending an owners' over-performance claim under a voyage charterparty.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2019): Acting for a Singaporean trading company in disputes arising out of a chain of sale contracts for light cycle oil involving claims exceeding USD 2 million, and successfully assisting the client in making a substantial recovery.

● P v Q and others [2018] EWHC 1399 (Comm); [2018] 2 Lloyd's Rep. 452: Acting for one of the parties in a chain of charterparties in proceedings before the English Commercial Court concerning contractual time-bars and an application under section 12 of the Arbitration Act 1996 to extend a contractually agreed limitation period for commencing arbitration.

● LMAA Arbitration (2017): Acting for a major Chinese tanker fleet owner in a claim brought by charterers following cancellation of a charterparty due to failure of the vessel's crane, involving complex factual and legal issues including construction of the cancellation clause, hedging loss and remoteness.

● LMAA and Hong Kong Maritime Arbitrations (2016): Representing a Hong Kong-registered shipping company as time charterer in London maritime arbitration and as disponent owner under a voyage charter in Hong Kong ad hoc arbitration, in charter-chain disputes arising from a fire during loading at Tianjin port. The matters involved multiple parties and claims exceeding USD 10 million concerning causation, seaworthiness and general average.

● LMAA Arbitration (2015): Representing the charterers of MV "Bulk Jupiter" in a USD 40 million dispute concerning alleged liquefaction risks associated with the carriage of bauxite.

● Hong Kong Maritime Arbitration (2015): Successfully acting for owners in defending cargo claims arising from loss of deck cargo and other marine casualties, associated indemnity claims, and general average issues.

● LMAA Arbitration (2014): Acting for buyers in the trial of a dispute concerning a trilateral MOU for the purchase of a fleet of 10 vessels said to be worth USD 75 million. Issues included whether the MOU was unenforceable for uncertainty and/or as an agreement to agree, ostensible authority and ratification, and whether the prima facie measure of damages under section 50(3) of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 applied.

● LMAA Arbitration (2014): Acting for charterers against owners in respect of loss of or damage to a vessel allegedly caused by crew negligence and/or unseaworthiness for which the owners were contractually responsible under the charterparty.

● LMAA Arbitration (2014): Acting for a Chinese shipyard in shipbuilding disputes under two shipbuilding contracts, with buyers claiming more than USD 30 million.

● Hong Kong Maritime Arbitration (2014): Acting for charterers in demurrage disputes under more than 10 voyage charterparties, in which shipowners claimed more than USD 1 million.

● LMAA Arbitration (2013): Acting for a Chinese shipyard in a shipbuilding dispute in which buyers claimed more than USD 20 million.

Acted as Arbitrator

● DIAC Arbitration (2026): Serving as co-arbitrator in an international energy trading dispute concerning demurrage claims at a Ghanaian port under an unleaded petrol sale contract, and issues of contractual performance and liability in the context of UK and US OFAC sanctions. The matter is governed by the law of England and Wales.

● LMAA Arbitration (2026): Serving as sole arbitrator in a maritime dispute concerning unpaid hire following the imposition of UK sanctions on the shipowner.

● SIAC Arbitration (2026): Serving as sole arbitrator in a dispute concerning delivery under a spot diesel supply transaction and a related guarantee.

● LMAA Arbitrations (2026): Serving as co-arbitrator in two parallel disputes under shipbuilding contracts for sister vessels, arising from the seller's refusal to continue construction and delivery after the buyer was designated under US OFAC sanctions. The disputes involve frustration under English law, the effect of sanctions on contractual performance, anticipatory breach, liability under refund guarantees, repayment of advances, market-difference damages and related costs, with aggregate claims exceeding USD 40 million.

● SCCA Arbitration (2026): Serving as co-arbitrator on a three-member tribunal in a dispute concerning non-payment for construction materials supplied to a project in the Middle East.

● SCIA Arbitration (2026): Serving as sole arbitrator in a cross-border warehousing and logistics contract dispute involving English-language contractual terms and more than RMB 5 million. The matter concerned performance of an international warehousing and logistics agreement, changes in contracting parties, continuing storage obligations after termination, detention of goods by customs, commercial liens and mitigation of loss. The award was issued in

August 2026.

● SCIA Arbitration (2026): Serving as sole arbitrator in a dispute arising from non-delivery under an international vehicle purchase transaction and failure to honour refund arrangements under a subsequent settlement agreement. The matter concerned repayment of the purchase price, overdue interest, liquidated damages and related costs. The award was issued in June 2026.

● SCIA Arbitration (2025): Serving as sole arbitrator in 11 related cases arising from disputes over the liquidation of a private equity fund and distribution of shareholdings, with a total amount in dispute of approximately RMB 15 million. The cases concerned implementation of the fund' s liquidation plan following expiry of its term, unit holders' entitlement to specific shares, and the fund manager' s obligations after deregistration. The cases involved similar factual and legal issues, were conducted in parallel and governed by PRC law. The 11 arbitral awards were issued in June 2025.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2024): Serving as sole arbitrator in a purchase contract dispute involving more than USD 8 million. The award was issued in December 2024.

● LMAA Arbitrations (2024): Serving as an arbitrator alongside four other LMAA full members across 12 related arbitrations involving Chinese shipowners and Greek charterers, with more than USD 1 billion in dispute. The matters concerned breaches of bareboat charters, unpaid hire and the validity of vessel arrests. Responsible for drafting the relevant awards, four of which were issued in June 2024.

● SCIA Arbitration (2024): Serving as presiding arbitrator in a dispute under a deadfreight agreement relating to air cargo carriage, where performance was affected by the Russia-Ukraine conflict and changes in the air cargo market. The amount in dispute was HKD 5 million. The award was issued in February 2024.

● SCIA Arbitration (2023): Serving as sole arbitrator in a dispute under an international railway transportation agency contract, concerning the legality and validity of the contract and whether the claimant had fully performed its obligations. The award was issued in September 2023.

● HKMAG Arbitration (2023): Serving as sole arbitrator in a cargo dispute worth approximately USD 5.4 million, concerning discharge against a letter of indemnity, subsequent surrender of original bills of lading and the English law principles governing double recovery. The award was issued in April 2023.

● HKMAG Arbitration (2023): Serving as sole arbitrator in a charterparty dispute concerning the interpretation of a deadfreight clause and the principles governing liquidated damages. The award was issued in March 2023.

● HKIAC Arbitration (2022): Appointed by HKIAC as sole arbitrator in a voyage charterparty dispute concerning cargo losses of approximately USD 600,000 arising from vessel machinery failure. The award was issued in March 2022.

● Hong Kong Arbitration (2022): Appointed by HKIAC as sole arbitrator in disputes under three voyage charterparties concerning unpaid freight and demurrage. The award was issued in January 2022.

● Hong Kong Arbitration (2021): Appointed by HKIAC as sole arbitrator in a hire dispute under a time charterparty. The award was issued in August 2021.

● LMAA Arbitration (2020): Serving as co-arbitrator in a voyage charterparty dispute involving owners' claims for demurrage and charterers' counterclaims for damages. The substantive award was issued in May 2020 and the costs

award in September 2020.

Accolades

In July 2022, Edward was awarded the Medal of Honour by the Hong Kong SAR Government for his contributions to the development and promotion of legal, arbitration, dispute resolution and transport-related legal services in Hong Kong. In July 2026, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace by the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR.

Chambers and Partners' Greater China Region editions (2020–2026) highlight Edward's professional judgment, responsiveness and ability to deliver high-quality advice within demanding timeframes. Client and peer feedback also recognises him as a preferred adviser who is approachable and easy to work with.

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific editions (2020–2026) commend Edward's pragmatism, intelligence, analytical ability, judgment and work ethic. They also recognise his ability to handle complex cross-jurisdictional disputes and his experience assisting Mainland Chinese companies in international arbitration and litigation.

Edward has repeatedly been named among China's elite lawyers by China Business Law Journal. Its commentary recognises his international arbitration and shipping and commodities experience, understanding of the Chinese market, and ability to combine cross-jurisdictional legal knowledge with practical industry insight in resolving complex disputes.

Edward has also received numerous individual awards and recognitions, including:

- 2026: Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer
- 2022-2026: A-List China's elite lawyers, China Business Law Journal
- 2025: ALB Litigators of Asia, Asian Legal Business
- 2025: Stellar Accolade, Dispute Resolution (Arbitration), LegalOne
- 2025: Leading Shipping Lawyer in Hong Kong, Doyle's Guide
- 2018–2025: 100 Chinese People Most Closely Followed in Shipping, Shipping China (航运界网)
- 2023: Asia Super 50 Dispute Lawyers, Asian Legal Business
- 2022: Rising Star, China Business Law Journal
- 2019-2021: Lloyd's List Global Top 10 Maritime Lawyers
- 2020: China Shipping Top 100 Persons, China Shipping Gazette
- 2018: Ten Outstanding Young Persons in Chinese Shipping Industry, China Transport News
- 2017: Lloyd's List Global Top 5 in the Next Generation in Shipping
- 2016–2017: Shortlisted for Lloyd's List Asia-Pacific Next Generation Award
- 2015: The Ten Outstanding New Hong Kong Young Persons

Admissions

Solicitor, Hong Kong SAR

Solicitor, England & Wales

Solicitor, British Virgin Islands

Lawyer, People’ s Republic of China

Other Positions

Hong Kong SAR Public and Advisory Appointments

- Member, Election Committee of the Hong Kong SAR
- Member, The Chief Executive’ s Policy Unit Expert Group
- Member, Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Expert Committee
- Member, Expert Advisory Group on Legal and Dispute Resolution Services
- Member, Advisory Body on Third Party Funding of Arbitration and Mediation
- Member, Working Group on Arbitration Law Reform
- Member, Hong Kong Maritime and Port Development Board
- Member, Appeal Board Panel (Town Planning)
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Appeal Board (2021-2025)
- Member, Aviation Development and Three-Runway Advisory Committee (2019-2025)
- Member, Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board (2024-2025)
- Member, International Legal and Dispute Resolution Services Expert Group (2022-2024)
- Member, Advisory Body on Promotion of Arbitration (2020-2024)
- Member, Steering Committee on Mediation (2020-2023)
- Member, Appeal Board (Housing) (2021-2023)
- Adjudicator, Registration of Persons Tribunal (2020-2022)

Other Professional and Social Appointments in Hong Kong

- Government-appointed Lay Council Member, Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Member, Mainland Business Advisory Committee, the Hong Kong Trade Development Council
- Member, Arbitration Committee, the Law Society of Hong Kong
- Member, Overseas Lawyers Qualification Examination Committee, the Law Society of Hong Kong
- Member, Legal Committee, The Hong Kong Chinese Enterprises Association
- Executive Member, the Hong Kong Maritime Law Association
- Member, the China Sub-Committee, the Hong Kong Shipowners' Association
- Member, the Hong Kong & Macau SAR Committee, China Classification Society
- Member, Membership Affairs Committee, Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China
- Member, Professional Services Advisory Committee, the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (2021-2026)

Mainland China Appointments

- Council Member, China Law Society
- Council Member, China Overseas Friendship Association

- Member, Henan Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Member, Shanghai Hongkou District Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Council Member, Shanghai Overseas Friendship Association
- Standing Council Member, Henan Overseas Friendship Association
- Council Member, Shanxi Overseas Friendship Association

Education

LL.B., Shanghai Maritime University, 2008; LL.M., University of Southampton, 2009; Graduate Diploma in Law, BPP Law School, 2013.

Edward completed the Investment Law and Investor-State Mediator Training Courses in 2018, co-organised by the Hong Kong Department of Justice, the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), and the Asian Academy of International Law (AAIL). He completed the HKIAC Advanced Arbitration Training Programme in 2022 and, in 2023, the Advanced Course in Hong Kong – 1st Edition: "Current Trends on International Commercial and Investment Dispute Settlement", co-organised by the Hong Kong Department of Justice, The Hague Academy of International Law, and the Asian Academy of International Law.

Language

Edward is a native Mandarin speaker and is fluent in English and Cantonese.