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Qualifications:

Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2016)
Barrister, Hong Kong (2013)
Arbitrator and Mediator, Financial Dispute Resolution Centre - Financial Products & Their Selling Process (2012)
Accredited Adjudicator, HKIAC (2008)
Fellow, Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators (2006)
Accredited Mediator, HKIAC (2002)
Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2000)
Solicitor, Hong Kong (1992)
Solicitor, England & Wales (1991)
Barrister, England & Wales (1983)

Committees & Memberships:

Immediate Past Chair and Founding Member, ARIAS Asia Board member, ArbitralWomen
Dispute Resolution Editorial Board, LexisNexis Hong Kong
Board of Directors Scottish Arbitration Centre
CI Arb East Asia and Scottish Branch
Panel Member LCIA, CIARB, HKIAC, SIAC, ICDR, RAC, SCMA, CIETAC, KCAB, AIAC, CAAI, HKMAG
Panel Member, HKMAAL
Member, HILA & HKMLA & HKMAG
Aspiring Full Member, LMAA

Former Committee Positions

Chair, Executive committee, CI Arb East Asia Branch
Chair, Arbitration Committee of ICC Hong Kong
Chair, Transport & Logistics Committee of ICC Hong Kong
Chair, WISTA Hong Kong
Director, Vis East Moots Foundation
Advisory Committee on Promotion of Arbitration, DOJ
Secretary, ICC Hong Kong
ICC Arbitration Commission
Past Chair Executive committee, CI Arb East Asia Branch
Arbitration Committee, HK Bar Association
Committee Member HKMC. HILA, HKMAG
Editorial Board, Asia Dispute Review
Law Society's Working Party on Civil Justice Review

Career in London (1983 – 1992)

William A. Crump - Solicitor and Employed Barrister
Thomas Miller - Claims Executive & Insurance Underwriter
Zodiac Maritime Agencies - Claims and Insurance
Chambers of GRA Darling QC, (now 36 Stone Chambers) - Pupil Barrister

Career in Hong Kong (1992 – present)

International Arbitrator & Mediator, Pacific Chambers Hong Kong, 36 Stone London & Singapore
Partner, Dispute Resolution & Regional Head of Insurance, Brandt Chan & Partners / SNR Denton (now Dentons)

Partner, Dispute Resolution, Hammonds
Partner & Consultant, Dispute Resolution, Kennedys
Consultant, Denton Wilde Sapte
Partner, Head of Dispute Resolution, Koo & Partners / Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker LLP
Partner, Ng & Partners

Areas of Expertise:

Started career in London. After qualifying as a barrister, worked in the insurance and transport sector before returning to private practice and requalifying as a solicitor. Practiced in solicitors' firms in London and Hong Kong for 25 years, conducted commercial litigation in the High Courts of England and Hong Kong including to the highest appeal courts. Substantial and wide experience of international commercial disputes. In 2013, joined the Hong Kong Bar and rejoined the English Bar to focus full time on arbitrator and mediator practice.

Involved in commercial arbitrations since early years in London, conducting ad hoc as well as institution administered arbitrations including LMAA, ICC, Uncitral, HKIAC, SIAC, SCMA and CIETAC Rules. Appointed arbitrator since 1996 including pursuant to "shipping man" clause. Regularly sits in arbitrations in London, Hong Kong and Singapore on a wide area of commercial disputes including consolidated arbitrations. Also sat as sole arbitrator in an ICC arbitration in Manila involving an energy dispute.

Regularly judges at Vis East international arbitration moots including at the Finals in 2015 and also Vis Vienna.

Mediated large international commercial disputes in London, Hong Kong, Singapore and Shanghai.

As an approved CI Arb RPL, Course Director, Lecturer, Assessor and Tutor, regularly assists with CI Arb training in the APAC region.

Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Hong Kong 2021: *"Pacific Chambers' Mary Thomson – also a member of 36 Stone in London and formerly a partner at Kennedys – is popular as an arbitrator in Hong Kong and across Asia in all manner of disputes concerning shipbuilding, charterparties and sale and purchase of vessels"*

Legal 500 Asia Pacific, The English Bar 2020: *"Based full time in Hong Kong and is also well connected in Singapore."*

Legal 500 Asia Pacific, The English Bar 2019: *"As an arbitrator, she always shows careful and strong judgment."*

Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Commercial: The English Bar 2018 *"A model arbitrator: properly prepared, courteous, clear-headed and balanced"*

Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Shipping: *The English Bar 2018 "Energetic, intelligent, knowledgeable and always willing to pitch in."*

Legal 500 Asia Pacific: The English Bar 2017 *"An arbitrator with experience in London and Hong Kong."*

Nominated in Who's Who Legal: Mediation since 2019