

CURRICULUM VITAE

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DATE OF BIRTH: 17th September 1952

PRESENT POSITION: Senior Partner, Howse Williams

QUALIFICATIONS:

Legal:	<u>1978</u>	-	Admitted as a solicitor of England and Wales with Richards Butler, London
	<u>1981</u>	-	Admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong
	<u>1982</u>	-	Partner - Richards Butler London
	<u>1989</u>	-	Admitted as a solicitor in Australia (ACT)
	<u>1983 - 2011</u>	-	Senior Partner, Richards Butler, Hong Kong
	<u>2012 -</u>	-	Senior Partner Howse Williams

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION:

1. Insurance

Insurance and Professional Indemnity Insurance disputes involving insurance contracts, claims involving insurance policies.

Acting for a wide range for professionals in respect of professional indemnity disputes including solicitors, barristers, architects, estate agents, doctors, dentists and healthcare professionals through their professional indemnity insurers.

In respect of the Hong Kong professional indemnity insurance arrangements:

- (1) Member of the Claims Committee from 1997 to 1999; Deputy Chairman 1999 to 2004; Chairman of the Professional Indemnity Claims Committee 2004 to 2007.
- (2) Chairman of the Professional Indemnity Review Committee 2002 to 2004.
- (3) Director of the Hong Kong Solicitors' Indemnity Fund Ltd.
- (4) Working with Peter Lo and Patrick Moss and with the assistance of Fiona Stewart of ESSAR and the professional advice of Andrew Fryer of Willis undertaking a review of the Professional Indemnity arrangements in Hong Kong following the problems which arose with the Hong Kong Scheme arising from the collapse of HIH and FAI. Looking at the alternative possibilities for professional indemnity insurance in Hong Kong; attending a number of meetings with the membership at which these options were discussed. Ultimately, putting in place arrangements which have significantly improved the professional indemnity arrangements for the profession in Hong Kong. These arrangements with the expertise provided by ESSAR and the work of the claims committee have resulted in much improved professional indemnity arrangements for the profession in Hong Kong.

2. Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

Commercial litigation disputes involving issues of fraudulent trading and fraudulent misrepresentation. International trade and insurance disputes; extensive experience of trade disputes in China; represented numerous international trade and commodity companies in disputes in London, Hong Kong and before CIETAC arbitrators in Beijing.

3. Shipping

Maritime litigation and arbitration including charterparty and bill of lading disputes; MOA disputes; shipbuilding disputes; oil shortage and contamination claims; marine insurance disputes; all types of P&I Club and Defence Club work; extensive experience of maritime disputes in the PRC both in the maritime courts of the PRC and in CMAC and CIETAC arbitrations.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Arbitration:

Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Hong Kong)

Fellow of The Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators Ltd.

Supporting Member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association

Hong Kong Arbitration Law Review Committee 1996 – 2000

Listed on the panel of arbitrators of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

Listed on Panel of Arbitrators of China Maritime Arbitration Commission

Listed on Panel of Arbitrators of Hong Kong Maritime Arbitration Group

Listed on the panel of Korean Commercial Arbitration Board

Listed on the panel of Arbitrators for CIETAC

Listed on the panel of Arbitrators for Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration

Chairman of the LMAA SMLC (Asia Pacific)

Secretary of Hong Kong Maritime Arbitration Group

2. Insurance

Hong Kong Law Society Working Party on Professional Indemnity Insurance Scheme 1996 - 2004

Hong Kong Law Society Professional Indemnity Advisory Committee 1999 - 2006

Member of the Hong Kong Law Society Professional Indemnity Insurance Claims Committee 1997 – 1999

Deputy Chairman of Law Society Professional Indemnity Claims Committee - 1999 - 2004

Professional Indemnity Review Committee 2002 - 2004

Chairman of Law Society Professional Indemnity Claims Committee 2004 - 2007

Director Hong Kong Solicitors Indemnity Fund Limited

3. Maritime

Admiralty Court Users Committee
(1985 - 2000)

Hong Kong Maritime Law Association Founding Member/Member 1997/8 – about 2000

LECTURES:

Numerous lectures on:

1. Insurance and Professional Indemnity Insurance.
2. Sale of goods, international trade and commercial litigation disputes.
3. English and Hong Kong arbitration; CIETAC and CMAC arbitration in China.
4. Maritime litigation.
5. Medico-legal issues.