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Alastair Henderson heads Herbert Smith Freehills' dispute resolution practice in Southeast Asia. He is also managing partner of the firm's business in Southeast Asia. Currently based in Singapore, he was previously based in Bangkok for nine years as head of the firm's arbitration practice in Thailand.

Alastair 'draws praise as "a top-notch and efficient arbitrator". Market commentators observe, "He has very sound judgement and is very commercially sophisticated"' (Who's Who Legal 2019). "Standout established name ... his "depth of knowledge in the Asian market" is a key strength" (Who's Who Legal 2020).

Alastair is a panel arbitrator of the SIAC, HKIAC, AIAC and THAC, and an arbitrator under ICC and UNCITRAL rules as well as in pure ad hoc cases. He has been appointed to numerous tribunals as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and presiding arbitrator. He is experienced in many sectors and industries, with particular expertise in oil and gas, power, energy and natural resources (upstream, midstream and downstream); construction, engineering and infrastructure (onshore and offshore); transport and other major projects and their financing and investment structures; shareholder and joint venture disputes; and a wide range of domestic and cross-border commercial contract arbitrations.

Alastair qualified as a lawyer in London in 1990 and worked there before moving to Hong Kong in 1993. He relocated to Singapore in 1999 and has been based in the region since then. He ran Herbert Smith Freehills' office in Thailand from 2002 to 2010, returning to Singapore to head the firm's international arbitration practice across Southeast Asia. He has extensive experience of domestic and international arbitration and business culture and practice in all parts of Southeast Asia, as well in international and multinational matters.

Alastair is a fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators; a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and former Singapore and Thailand national committees member; a Singapore national committee member of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre Users Council; and an Expert Panel member of Singapore Management University's Centre for Cross-Border Commercial Law in Asia.



Representative Experience as Arbitrator

- Sole arbitrator (SIAC, Singapore) in a matter concerning a contract for offshore exploration rig design, construction, hire and drilling services
- Presiding arbitrator (ad hoc, Bangkok) in a matter concerning a waste-to-energy project in Thailand
- Co-arbitrator (ICC, Singapore) in a matter concerning a contract for supply and installation of on-board maritime communications systems
- Sole arbitrator (SIAC, Singapore) in a dispute concerning the failure and collapse of an international motor vehicle manufacturing joint venture in Thailand
- Sole arbitrator (ACIA, Kuala Lumpur) in a substantial construction dispute concerning a rail infrastructure project in Malaysia
- Presiding arbitrator (SIAC, Singapore) in a matter concerning a very substantial loan transaction and related security interests in Vietnam
- Sole arbitrator (UNCITRAL rules, Singapore seat) in a matter concerning an offshore pipeline construction project in Africa
- Presiding arbitrator (SIAC, Singapore) in a shareholder dispute relating to an Indonesian mining project
- Sole arbitrator (ICC, Singapore) in a matter concerning post-completion claims for breaches of warranties and representations in a share sale purchase agreement
- Sole arbitrator (ACIA, Kuala Lumpur) in a matter concerning palm oil plantation waste management
- Co-arbitrator (SIAC, Singapore) in a matter concerning the sale and purchase of industrial machinery and equipment in India
- Sole arbitrator (ICC, Manila) in a matter concerning software sales and licensing for a countrywide logistics project
- Presiding arbitrator (SIAC, Singapore) in a joint venture dispute concerning an Indonesian plantation project
- Sole arbitrator (HKIAC, Singapore seat) in a dispute concerning a contract for sale of iron ore
- Sole arbitrator (ICC, Bangkok) in a dispute concerning an agency and distribution agreement for international sales of Thai silk