

CHARLES MANZONI QC SC

CURRICULUM VITAE



PROFILE

As a qualified Mechanical and Electrical Engineer, Charles worked in the international development department of a multi-national blue chip industrial company for five years before qualifying as a lawyer and entering private practice. Charles's work involves mainly international litigation, arbitration and mediation across a broad spectrum of commercial work and in sport. He acts as counsel in the High Courts of London and Hong Kong, in international and domestic arbitrations, acts as a mediator and conciliator in cross border disputes and regularly sits as a sole arbitrator or as part of a three man tribunal. He sits as an arbitrator with the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

He was appointed QC in London in 2009 and SC in Hong Kong in 2012.

Examples of some of the cases he has been involved with include:

FINANCIAL/CORPORATE

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| <i>In Re China Medical</i> | Cross Boarder insolvency arising out of a significant theft from the Company, believed to have been perpetrated by the incumbent directors. Acted as Counsel for the Cmpany in several major asset recovery actions. |
| <i>Legend International Ltd</i> | Cross border insolvency involving Malaysia, Hong Kong, the Philippines and the UK. |
| <i>Akai v Grande</i> | Recovery claim for approx US\$ 1 billion arising out of a hostile take over bid said to have been fraudulently conducted. |
| <i>CSA v Bank of Bermuda</i> | Recovery following the US\$200 million collapse of a Cayman Island hedge fund. |
| <i>SFC v Hontex</i> | Alleged \$1Billion Securities Fraud during a Public Offering. Claims made by the Securities Commission. Acting for the Company. |
| <i>Creditor Co v Finamur and Natexis</i> | Dispute between creditors and a Mainland China Provincial Government over a US\$4.6 Billion Debt Restructuring Agreement entered into by the insolvent government. |
| <i>ATV V Panfair</i> | Shareholder Dispute over ownership, and dilution of shareholdings in Hong Kong's major free to air TV Station. |
| <i>Pacific Wire and Cable v PCHL & others</i> | Fraud & breach of fiduciary claim to recovery HK\$2 billion assets alleged stripped from Taiwanese Company. Acting for the asset owners. |

TECHNOLOGY

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| <i>ITV Digital v Two Way TV</i> | Compatibility of existing technical infrastructure with the |
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provision of digital television in the UK.

Landmark TV v Ntl

Provision of content for digital TV.

*Channel V v Broadcast
Network Thailand*

Dispute over the anti competition provisions (governed by European Law) in a shareholders Agreement governed by English law, relating to television content in Thailand.

*Office of
Telecommunications
Authority v Hutchison
Telecom*

Various cases about regulatory issues concerning the telecommunication industry.

OIL, GAS, POWER & INFRASTRUCTURE

KBC v Pertamina

US\$500 million Swiss arbitration between the Indonesian Nationalised Oil Company and the concession owner over a 40 year oil concession terminated and expropriated by the Indonesian Government.
(Counsel)

*Hong Kong & China Gas
Company Ltd*

Environmental issues arising from the laying of an LPG pipe line under the South China Sea.
(Counsel)

Rolls Royce v Alsthom

A dispute concerning the safety of a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant in central England.
(Counsel)

*Taisei Corp v Torishima
Pump Mgf Co Ltd*

Dispute about the provision of water pumping facilities in Abu Dhabi. Arbitrated in London.
(Counsel)

JKC v INPEX

US\$4 Billion dispute about LNG Facilities in Western Australia
(Arbitrator)

*Shell Gas Iraq v Iraq Gas
Company
Al Jaber Engineering v*

US\$ 50 million dispute concerning the provision and operation of gas facilities in Iraq. (Arbitrator)
Dispute over the construction of the Umm Al Houl Power Project in Qata. (Arbitrator)

INSURANCE/REINSURANCE

*China Engineering v Ming
An Insurance*

Arbitration concerning coverage in respect of a collapsed sea defence system.

*International Reinsurance
Services Ltd v Taian*

Re-insurance dispute concerning the liability of a London reinsurer in respect of retrocession business emanating from Taiwan.

*Neil Pryde v Federal
Insurance Co.*

Arbitrator on Policy Dispute concerning Employees compensation policy.

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<i>Financial Concepts Ltd v Sun Life</i>	Arbitrator on four separate arbitrations concerning the selling of Insurance products.
<i>In Re Emirates Pilots Group Policy</i>	Advising on liability in a policy dispute under the Emirates Pilots Group Policy.
<i>New World Developments v ACE Insurance</i>	Coverage Dispute concerning Business Interruption arising from SARS. Taken to the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION APPOINTMENTS

Over 77 Arbitration Appointments in the last few years including in India, Hong Kong, China, Macau, Dubai, Qatar, Singapore, Africa and Russia.

13 as Chair

30 as Co-arbitrator

34 as sole arbitrator. For example:

DIAC Case, Dubai –	Appointed as Chairman of three men tribunal. AED 55 million claim based on wrongful termination of construction project in Dubai. Dubai Seat, Dubai Law.
ICC Case, Singapore	Failed public tender process in which one party claims 50% profit of a project as a result of an allegedly inadequate public tender process. Appointed as Sole Arbitrator. Singapore Seat, Singapore law.
Ad Hoc.	US\$24 Million claim for wrongful termination of a commodity supply contract in the Energy Industry. Appointed as member of 3 man tribunal. Hong Kong Seat, Hong Kong law.
LCIA	Panel Member in a 3 man tribunal on a mobile telecoms dispute in Russia. US\$5 million. London Seat, Russian Law
LCIA	Panel Member on pan Trans-Siberian/European Gas pipeline dispute, US\$200 million. London Seat, Estonia Law
Ad Hoc	Panel Member US\$150 million construction dispute in Abu Dhabi. Seat London, Abu Dhabi law.
ICC	Panel Member US\$3.6 billion claim arising out of Liquefied Natural Gas infrastructure in Australia.

SPORTS LAW

<i>2 Parties</i>	Arbitrator over a US\$100 million dispute concerning the supply of official sponsored branded goods for the FIFA World Cup.
<i>2 Parties</i>	Arbitrator in a Sponsorship dispute concerning Formula 1 racing cars, between sponsors and organisers.

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<i>2 Parties</i>	Arbitrator in a sponsorship dispute between an individual driver and a sponsor in formula1.
<i>2 Parties</i>	Advocate for a Professional golf tour in a dispute over tournaments and prizes with an alternative professional tour.
<i>2 Parties</i>	Advocate for a Gold club over the design and provision of a golf course.
<i>2 Parties</i>	Advocate for an insurer arising out of a sportsman's death occurring during a sporting world record attempt.
<i>34th America's Cup</i>	Chairman of the International Sailing Federation Disciplinary Panel investigation of 4 sailors for alleged cheating during the regatta.

WHAT THE DIRECTORIES SAY

“An excellent all rounder with an internationally focused practice”.

“Highly recommended. Exceptionally difficult to catch out”.

“an eloquent and tenacious advocate and devastating cross examiner”

“vast amounts of experience and very sound commercial sense”

“he will always be 120% prepared”

ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION LISTS

CIARB, HKIAC, HKMC, BAC, ICC, LCIA, KLRAC, ICC, DIAC, CEDR, APRAG, SIAC, CAS

PERSONAL

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