

Cindy Ha

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OVERVIEW

Cindy Ha is an international arbitration lawyer with experience across a wide range of rules, jurisdictions, and industries. She has handled disputes under major international arbitration rules such as ICSID, HKIAC, ICC, LCIA, AAA/ICDR, JAMS, and SIAC, and in various jurisdictions, including Los Angeles, Houston, Hong Kong, Taipei, Philippines, PRC, Japan and London.

Cindy has experience in both investment treaty arbitration and international commercial arbitration involving a wide range of sectors and disputes, including technology and licensing disputes (including patent and trademark licensing disputes), oil & gas disputes, M&A disputes, construction disputes, shipping and transportation disputes, manufacturing, renewables, defense contracts, and financing disputes.

Cindy is an advocate with considerable hearing experience. She has second chaired over several international arbitration hearings, prepared and examined witnesses, and presented arguments. She has also appeared in court proceedings and is experienced in advising in award and judgment enforcement matters across the Asia region, including the PRC. She is commercially minded and valued by clients for her efficient and skilled advice.

Cindy is a member at HK45 and Young ICCA.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Cindy served as an associate at an international law firm where she was involved in shipping and technology cases and focused on arbitrations involving PRC clients.

EDUCATION

- P.C.LL., The University of Hong Kong, 2017
- LL.B., The University of Hong Kong, 2016

ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor, Hong Kong

LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Cantonese)
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- English

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- December 2024, Arbitration World
- June 2023, Arbitration World

AREAS OF FOCUS

- International Arbitration
- Commercial Disputes
- Maritime Disputes

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Representing a PRC state-owned technology company against a Korean joint venture partner in disputes governed by Korean law in HKIAC arbitration concerning shareholders disputes and liquidated damages.
- Representing a German oil and gas company against a Japanese-owned US company in disputes governed by New York law in ICDR arbitration concerning the failure to take gas by the purchaser and damages under cover sales.
- Representing an Australian manufacturer of paper-coated and laminated products and related individuals in an ICSID arbitration against the Philippines concerning expropriation and fair and equitable treatment standard under bilateral investment treaty.
- Representing a PRC-owned Hong Kong brand management company against a Swiss-based licensor in disputes governed by California law in JAMS arbitration concerning breaches of contract and purported termination of the licensing agreement in the Greater China region involving US$70 million in claim.
- Representing minority shareholders and sellers against the majority shareholders and buyers in disputes governed by PRC law in HKIAC arbitration arising out of the sale and purchase of the majority shareholding.
- Representing a PRC semiconductor company against a US technology company in a HKIAC arbitration over arising out of a professional service agreement governed by Hong Kong law involving claims over US$41 million.

- Represented a Hong Kong fund management company against a US placement agent in an AAA arbitration arising out of a confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement governed by New York law involving claims over US$42 million.
- Represented an Australian company against a Philippine company in a PDRCI arbitration in relation to disputes arising out of purported termination of a joint venture agreement.
- Represented a subsidiary of a PRC Listco against a fashion house in an UNCITRAL arbitration seated in Hong Kong and the related anti-injunction action in Hong Kong court in relation to disputes concerning breach of contract governed by Hong Kong law.
- Represented an Indian technology company against a Hong Kong telecommunication company in a SIAC arbitration in relation to disputes concerning breach of contract, liquidated damages, and unjust enrichment.
- Represented a shipping company against its voyage charterers in a HKMAG arbitration concerning outstanding demurrage governed by English law.
- Represented a US company and its PRC insurer in a LMAA arbitration in defence of a general average claim.