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Professional Profile:

Dynamic and accomplished independent international arbitrator, mediator, and consultant with a distinguished career in dispute resolution. Recognized for expertise in international commercial arbitration and mediation, with a deep understanding of the rules and procedures of leading arbitration institutions. Proven track record in managing complex cases and providing effective solutions. Committed to upholding fairness, efficiency, and integrity in all aspects of dispute resolution.

Areas of Expertise:

- International Commercial Arbitration
- Mediation and Negotiation
- Dispute Resolution Strategies
- Case Management and Administration
- General International Commercial Law
- Technology Law
- Construction Law
- Energy Law
- Financial Services
- Life Sciences
- Intellectual Property
- Partnership and Joint Ventures
- Securities Law
- Hospitality Law

Professional Experience:

Founder | Michael Lee Chambers | Singapore | 2023 – Present

- Established an independent practice focused on international arbitration, mediation, and consultancy services.
- Provide expert guidance to clients in resolving complex international disputes, drawing on extensive experience and knowledge of diverse legal systems and cultural nuances.
- Act as a trusted neutral and facilitator in negotiations, leveraging strong communication and interpersonal skills to foster productive dialogue and achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.
- Offer consultancy services to assist clients in developing effective dispute resolution strategies and ensuring compliance with international legal frameworks.

Head of AAA/ICDR Asia Office | Singapore | 2009 – 2023

- Led the Asia operations of AAA/ICDR, overseeing the Association's regional activities across multiple countries, including China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, India, Malaysia, and Vietnam.
- Managed the overall operation of the Asia office, driving business development initiatives, and cultivating strategic relationships.
- Conducted educational programs for corporate counsel, the international panel of neutrals, and practicing attorneys, sharing research findings on dispute management, business negotiation, and the comprehensive rules and processes of AAA/ICDR.
- Served as a member of the AAA/ICDR internal committee for Rules Drafting for 15 years, contributing to the development and refinement of arbitration rules.
- Participated in the internal review committee for the International Arbitrator and Mediator Panel applications, ensuring the highest qualifications and standards for panel members.
- Taught at the AAA/ICDR International Symposium in Advanced Case Management Issues for 15 years, sharing insights and expertise on various aspects of arbitration and mediation.
- Keynote speaker, panel speaker, and moderator at over 200 international arbitration and mediation events and conferences, offering valuable insights and thought leadership in the field.
- Provided training in various Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CiArb) programs in the Asia region, promoting excellence in arbitration practices.

- Established and led the AAA/ICDR Asia Advisory Committee, Korea Advisory Committee, and India Advisory Committee, fostering collaboration and sharing best practices in arbitration.

International Case Manager | AAA/ICDR New York Office |

- Managed international arbitration cases, leveraging in-depth knowledge of AAA/ICDR rules and procedures.
- Coordinated with parties, arbitrators, and legal counsel to ensure efficient case administration and adherence to established protocols.
- Provided guidance and support to parties involved in the arbitration process, facilitating effective communication and timely resolution.

By the Numbers: A Glimpse of Accomplishments

- Established Michael Lee Chambers as a leading independent practice in 2023.
- Established Arbitration TIPS and served as the founding Chairman and the First Drafter of the TIPS Protocol #01
- Launched Consilium by MLC, a premier digital knowledge hub, providing practical advocacy and case management strategies to a global community of over 2,800 legal professionals through a library of instructional videos.
- During Mr. Lee's tenure, AAA/ICDR administered approximately 14,000 international arbitration and mediation cases, and out of 14,000, there were approximately 4,000 Asia-related cases.
- Engaged as a keynote speaker, panelist, and moderator at over 200 prestigious international events and conferences, delivering insightful presentations on dispute resolution, arbitration, and mediation.
- Served as a distinguished guest lecturer at numerous esteemed law schools in Asia, imparting knowledge on international arbitration and sharing practical experiences on more than 40 occasions.
- Served as a distinguished guest lecturer at numerous Bar Association lectures in Asia, imparting knowledge on international arbitration and sharing practical experiences on more than 60 occasions.
- Actively participated as a special guest lecturer in the 4 Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CiArb) training programs in Asia, fostering excellence in arbitration practices and imparting industry knowledge.

Establishing Singapore Maxwell Chambers

- Played a pivotal role as the key liaison between AAA/ICDR and the Singapore government in the establishment of Singapore Maxwell Chambers. Collaboratively worked towards promoting Singapore as the premier arbitration venue in Asia, showcasing the city-state's commitment to international arbitration.

Renewing Cooperative Agreement

- Successfully led the negotiations and renewal of the cooperative agreement between AAA/ICDR and the Singapore government multiple times. This achievement underscored the continued partnership and mutually beneficial collaboration between the two entities.

Expansion of AAA/ICDR Office

- Spearheaded the expansion of the AAA/ICDR office into a recognized and fully functional case management centre. Through strategic planning and effective execution, transformed the office into a hub for comprehensive arbitration services, further enhancing AAA/ICDR's presence and capabilities in the region.

Education:

- LL.M. in International Commercial Arbitration, Stockholm University Law School, Sweden (2006-2007)
- J.D. (Juris Doctor), St. Thomas University Law School, Florida, USA (2004)
- Admitted to the New York State Bar

Recognition

- Recipient of the "Man of the Year in Law" award in 2009
- Keynote speaker, panel speaker, and moderator at over 200 international arbitration and mediation events and conferences

Nationality & Jurisdictional Status

- United States: U.S Citizen with full domestic availability and operational capacity across all 50 states.
- Asia Pacific: Singapore Permanent Resident & Korea Permanent Resident