

VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators



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4. Current position: Counsel and Arbitrator, Chinn Arbitration

5. Education:

University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, Minnesota

JD, May 2004, Dean's List 2002-2004, Jessup International Moot Court

University of Lyon, Jean Moulin III Law School, Lyon, France

Spring Semester 2003 French Civil Law and European Union Law Courses

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

B.A., History, May 1999, Distinction in History

Punahou School, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Diploma with Honors, June 1995

6. Practiced experience in arbitration

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?

----**30+** international arbitration proceedings since 1999, including under the rules of the ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, CRCICA, SAKIG (Polish Chamber of Commerce), LMAA, AAA, ISCID, QICCA, and under ad hoc rules.

- How often have you acted as Chairman?

----available for first appointment

- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?

----**5** appointments as Sole Arbitrator, including drafting final awards in the French and English languages under common law and civil law systems.

- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?

----**4** appointments as Co-Arbitrator.

- How often have you acted as Counsel?

----**20+** international arbitrations as Counsel

- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?

----**10+** international arbitrations as research assistant, including to ICSIC Tribunal

7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):

Moderator, Paris, 10 February 2023, CIArb European Branch (France Chapter) and London Branch Joint Conference on the Impact and Future of Technology in International Arbitration, “GDPR and cybersecurity: Document Management and Production in the Electronic Age – Is It Different Everywhere Else?”

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8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:

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-Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) qualified arbitrator

-eJust (Arbitrator)

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-KCAB Panel of Arbitrators

-New Zealand International Arbitration Centre Panel Member

-SAKIG List of Recommended Arbitrators of the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw

-SIAC Panel of Arbitrators

-THAC Panel of Arbitrators

-Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Arbitrator)

-Comité français de l'arbitrage (CFA)

9. Languages

Mother tongue: **English**

Working languages (i.e. languages in which you have both a spoken and written command so that you may conduct arbitral proceedings in this language): **French**

Other: **Polish** (co-arbitrator)

10. In which legal systems have you trained?

X Civil Law

X Common Law

Austrian Law

Hungarian Law

Swiss Law

Czech Law

Polish Law

Ukrainian Law

German Law

Slovakian Law

X European Law

Other _____

11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?

France

12. In which jurisdictions are you admitted to the bar?

U.S. (New York), England & Wales, France (Paris)

13. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of five):

Antitrust/Unfair competition

Damages

Insolvency

Natural resources

Aviation

Distribution

Insurance

Power plants

Banking & Finance

Domain name disputes

Intellect. property (IP)

Private Intern. Law

Capital markets

Employment

Investment arbitration

Public Intern. Law

CISG

X Energy

X ISDS/Foreign inves.

Real estate

Civil fraud disputes

Engineering

Joint ventures

Shipping

Commercial disp. / transactions

Entertainment

Licensing

Sports

Commodity market

Healthcare & Pharmac.

Life sciences

State/Public contracts

X Company/Corporate/M&A

X Hotel/Gastro./Tour.

Maritime arbitration

Technology

X Construction (FIDIC)

Inform. technology (IT)

Media

Telecommunication

Contract law

Infrastructure

Mining

Transport

Other _____

14. Date of birth: 15 January 1977

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16 June 2023

Date

CHRISTOPHER CHINN, FCIArb



Nationalities: USA, FRANCE

Residence: Paris, France

Avocat, Paris (2013)

Solicitor, England and Wales (2010)

Attorney at Law, New York (2005)

LANGUAGES

English (native), **French** (fluent), **Polish** (conversational)

INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

Chinn Arbitration, Paris, France (June 2017-present)

Counsel and Arbitrator. Counsel to international corporate clients. Arbitrator under the rules of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), Polish Chamber of Commerce (SAKIG), and Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB) under both common law and civil law legal systems in the French and English languages. Matters as counsel have included on behalf of Claimant in two construction arbitrations seated in the UAE subject to Abu Dhabi and Dubai law, on behalf of Claimant in an ICC arbitration seated in Lebanon (FIDIC Conditions of Subcontract), on behalf of Respondent in a QICCA arbitration seated in Doha (FIDIC Red Book) and on behalf of Respondent in a SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore. Provided legal advice in ICC and other institutional arbitration proceedings in various other jurisdictions and in international construction disputes. Non-contentious matters have included international M&A transactions under English law, rendering New York law advice on breach of contract and collection of debt, and providing French law advice on limitation of liability.

Mayer Brown, Paris, France (July 2014–June 2017; 3 years)

Associate. Counsel in ICC, SIAC, LMAA and Ad Hoc commercial and construction arbitrations conducted in English and French, including for and against MENA and West African state entities. Successfully acted for both Employers and Contractors in FIDIC disputes. Prepared advisory memoranda in relation to investor-state claims in ICSID and NAFTA arbitrations. Obtained significant FIDIC dispute board decision related to landmark project in West African state.

Hafez, Paris, France (November 2011–February 2014; 2 years 4 months)

Associate. Counsel in ICC, CRCICA and Ad Hoc commercial and construction arbitration proceedings, including disputes arising out of shareholder agreements and hotel management agreements. One of lead drafters of largest successful delay and disruption (FIDIC) statement of claim in CRCICA arbitration proceedings.

Baker & McKenzie LLP, New York, New York (2006–2011; 5 years)

CHRISTOPHER CHINN, FCIArb

Associate, Counsel in U.S. state and federal complex litigation and anti-trust proceedings; research and drafting in international commercial and investment arbitration.

Covington & Burling, New York, New York (2005– 2006; 1 year)
Staff Attorney; U.S. Contract, Securities, and Regulatory Disputes.

Rust Consulting, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2004–2005; 6 months)
Law Clerk; U.S. Real Estate Law.

Minnesota Human Rights Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2004; 3 months)
Law Clerk; Public International Law.

Coudert Brothers, Paris, France (1999- 2001, Summer 2003; 2 years)
International Arbitration Trainee.

Shearman and Sterling LLP, Paris, France (Summer 2002; 3 months)
International Arbitration Trainee.

U.S. Embassy, Paris, France (Summer 1998; 3 months)
Economics Section Intern, U.S. Department of State.

Supreme Court of Hawai'i, Honolulu, Hawai'i (Summer 1997; 3 months)
Summer Extern Law Clerk, Justice Steven Levinson.

EDUCATION

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