

Ian Pennicott SC, QC

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Year Of Call:

1982 (England & Wales)
1984 (Hong Kong)
2003 (England & Wales - Silk)
2014 (Hong Kong Inner Bar)

Practice Areas: Arbitration, Construction Law, Commercial Law, Administrative and Public Law, Mediation, Professional Negligence, Environmental Law



Practised from DVC between 1984 and 1989. Practised from Keating Chambers, the leading construction set in the UK, from 1989 to date. Returned to full time practice at DVC in 2010. Extensive experience in all aspects of (i) arbitration law and procedure both as advocate and arbitrator, (ii) building, engineering and construction litigation and arbitration, (iii) negligence claims against construction professionals (architects, engineers, project managers and building/quantity surveyors and (iii) the law as it applies to the environment.

Comments from recent editions of Chambers & Partners include: 'hardworking and very approachable'... 'unstuffy and informal'.... 'trusted performer'. Recommended in 'International Arbitration' in Chambers Asia 2010 and 2011, 'Commercial Dispute Resolution' 2016.

Directory Quotes:

Ian Pennicott SC, QC of Des Voeux Chambers is a veteran construction specialist, equally at home in litigation or arbitration proceedings, and active as both counsel and arbitrator in the latter context. A peer describes him as "a true construction lawyer and one of the best in Hong Kong," while an instructing solicitor sums him up "our favourite counsel, always at the top of our list, very hands-on and so detailed and thorough that he doesn't need a junior."

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific (2020)

Ian Pennicott QC, SC of Des Voeux Chambers is described by one source as “one of the most prominent construction silks in Hong Kong and a very good, commercially pragmatic leader who is very thorough and every kind of well prepared.” A view from an instructing solicitor’s perspective is provided by an interviewee who lists a catalogue of desirable qualities: “Practical, pragmatic, very user-friendly, low maintenance and willing to roll up his sleeves - the complete package.” He acted for Bauer Hong Kong in a High Court consideration of its dispute over an arbitral award with a Japanese and a Hong Kong-based construction company.

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific (2019)

Ian Pennicott QC of Des Voeux Chambers is a “specialist construction silk,” renowned for his stamina in “big cases that last a long time” and a “common-sense, extremely user-friendly” approach that “helps turn a complicated matter into a simple one.” He advocates in both the litigation and arbitration of construction issues and is also a prominent arbitrator. He lately represented Chim Kee Machinery in High Court appellate proceedings concerning a dispute with SNE Engineering, arising out of the construction of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link.

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific (2018)

Ian Pennicott QC, SC was recognised by Who’s Who Legal 2019 for construction law as a Global Elite Thought Leader. Ian Pennicott QC, SC of Des Voeux Chambers is “a leading name for counsel work and is one of the best in Hong Kong” according to impressed commentators, and is “highly regarded by lawyers and client’s alike.” He specialises in construction arbitration and litigation, as well as negligence claims and environmental laws.

Who's Who Legal (2019)

“Ian Pennicott QC of Des Voeux Chambers offers long-standing experience as a specialist construction litigator and is also active in the construction arbitration sphere. Described as “succinct, hard-working and easy to work with,” he recently represented China State Construction in inquiry proceedings concerning water contamination at a number of Hong Kong housing estates.”

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific (2017)

Ian Pennicott SC has been recognised as Leading Senior Counsel in Hong Kong's Construction and Barristers list in the 2017 edition of Doyles.

Doyles (2017)

"Ian Pennicott QC of Des Voeux Chambers is considered a "specialist in construction" and draws on many years of practice in both Hong Kong and London. He also handles energy-related matters and is a seasoned arbitration counsel."

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific (2016)

Expertise:

Publications

- Contributor to Keating on 'Building/Construction Contracts' (5th to 8th Editions).
- Contributor to Halsbury's Laws of England 'Building Contracts' (4th Edition).
- Consultant Editor to Halsbury's Laws of England 'Fuel and Energy' (4th Edition).
- Consultant Editor to Halsbury's Laws of England 'Cross Country Pipelines' (4th Edition).
- Consultant Editor to Halsbury's Laws of England 'Building' and 'Building Contracts' (5th Edition).
- Consulting Editor to forthcoming Halsbury's Laws of England 'Energy' (5th Edition).

Memberships and Appointments

- MCI Arb (UK)
- Member of the Technology and Construction Bar Association (UK)
- Member of the Commercial Bar Association (UK)
- Member of the Society of Construction Law (UK & Hong Kong)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
- Bencher of the Middle Temple