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Peter Shelford is admitted as a solicitor in England & Wales (1975) and Hong Kong (1996). Based in London from 1975 to 1996, then in Hong Kong from 1996 to 2001, he joined DLA Piper Singapore as a partner in May 2001. He became Managing Partner of the firm's Bangkok office in January 2006 but remains a Partner in the firm's Singapore office. His principal areas of practice are commercial litigation and arbitration with an emphasis on insurance, reinsurance and construction. He also advises the insurance industry generally on investment into Thailand and on various insurance regulatory issues.

He is a member of the Law Society of England & Wales and the Maritime Law Association, Singapore, a fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, a member of the regional panel of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, a panel member of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration, a panel member of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, and a panel member of the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration. He is currently accepting appointments as an arbitrator and has delivered numerous Awards. He has acted as both a sole arbitrator and as a member of a three man panel.

Peter has been involved in various other litigation matters, including construction, product liability, banking, personal injury, shareholder disputes and defamation. He has substantial experience of English, Hong Kong, Singapore and Thai arbitration procedures and is particularly experienced with LMAA, ICC, SIAC and TAI arbitrations.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

EXPERIENCE

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Tax
- International Arbitration
- Product Liability, Mass Torts and Product Stewardship

RELATED SECTORS

- Insurance

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

- Advising a major Korean construction company in relation to piling problems at an office building in Singapore. The dispute was subject to arbitration in Singapore
- Advising insurers and reinsurers in relation to a substantial dispute arising from construction of a power plant in Thailand
- Advising construction liability insurers of a major French power company in relation to issues arising from a black out during construction work of a power plant in Thailand
- Advising insurers and reinsurers under a CAR policy in relation to a major fire which occurred during construction of the Thai Airways catering building at the new Airport in Bangkok
- Advising manufacturers and their insurers in relation to a product liability claim arising from the crash of a passenger aircraft in Thailand, killing all on board
- Advising designers of the runway and aprons at Suvarnabhumi International Airport in relation to an arbitration claim for approx US\$ 100million
- Advising owners and insurers of the "HYUNDAI 105" which sank following a collision in the Singapore Straits in June 2004, with the loss of 4,191 cars, including dealing with wreck removal issues. Claim amount exceeded US\$ 140million
- Advising Thai insurance market in relation to various hotel Tsunami claims, including handling the claims through to arbitration in Thailand, and acting as Counsel in those arbitrations
- Advising the Asian reinsurance market in relation to an explosion and fire at a power plant in Thailand, the claim amount exceeding US\$ 70million

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Prior Experience

Based in London from 1975 to 1996, then in Hong Kong from 1996 to 2001, he joined DLA Piper Singapore as a partner in May 2001. He became Managing Partner of the firm's Bangkok office in January 2006 but remains a Partner in the firm's Singapore office.

Recognitions

- Ranked as a leading individual (Band 1) in Thailand for Insurance practice, *Chambers Asia Pacific* 2013 – 2021.
- Ranked as lawyer on Spotlight Table for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration in Thailand, *Chambers Asia Pacific* 2021
- Ranked as a leading individual (Band 2) in Thailand for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration practice, *Chambers Asia Pacific* 2012 – 2020.
- Ranked as a leading individual in Thailand for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration practice, *Legal 500 Asia Pacific* 2019.
- Ranked as a leading individual in Thailand for Dispute Resolution practice, *Legal 500 Asia Pacific* 2012 - 2018.
- Recommended lawyer for Insurance & Reinsurance Lawyer by *Who's Who Legal Insurance & Reinsurance*, 2017.
- Recommended lawyer for Litigation by *Who's Who Legal Litigation*, 2017.
- Recommended lawyer for Shipping by *Who's Who Legal Transport: Shipping*, 2017.
- Named as one of the 'Leading Lawyer 100' by the *Lawyer Monthly magazine*.
- Described as a recommended lawyer by *Legal Experts 2000*.

Memberships

- Law Society of England & Wales

- Maritime Law Association, Singapore
- Panel of Arbitrators of the Thailand Arbitration Center
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
- Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Singapore International Arbitration Centre
- Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration
- Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration
- European ASEAN Business Centre
- British Chamber of Commerce, Thailand
- International Chamber of Commerce
- American Chamber of Commerce in Thailand
- Australian -Thai Chamber of Commerce

INSIGHTS

Peter has written papers and articles in a number of business magazines such as ALB and Director. He also delivered talks at seminars on a wide variety of topics in the UK, Korea, Canada, the USA, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia, and is regularly invited by Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO) to be a guest speaker at seminars in Asia on various shipping related issues.

Publications

COVID-19 Outbreak: Guideline to Business Operators for HR management

23 March 2020

Employers are making decisions about adapting the way their workforces operate in the context of the Coronavirus (Covid-19). In this note we offer some practical guidance for employers to consider during the Covid-19 outbreak.

Insurance Review May 2016

5 MAY 2016

Welcome to *Insurance Review May 2016*. DLA Piper's annual publication dedicated to the insurance industry. In this issue we look at the following topics:

- "Insurance Sector Trends: Forecast for 2018 and 2017 Year End Review," Insurance Update, February 5, 2018