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Linos Choo focuses on general commercial litigation and arbitration with particular emphasis on shipping, commodities and international trade finance.

He has concluded many successful arbitrations under the auspices of the ICC, UNCITRAL, LCIA, LMAA, FOSFA, GAFTA, CIETAC and SCMA amongst others. Linos' experience includes complex charterparty, bills of lading, ship sale and purchase, shipbuilding, ship finance, marine insurance, international sale of goods and maritime cross-border insolvency litigation and arbitration. Linos also has experience in the areas off-shore floating production and storage, logistics, ports and infrastructure.

In the sphere of international trade, Linos frequently advises banks involved in the finance of international trade on complex issues concerning payment obligations and bank to bank reimbursements under letters of credit, demand guarantees, performance bonds, standby credits and forfaiting.

Linos' is also regularly instructed in the fields of commodities, banking and financial services litigation and regulation, civil fraud, asset tracing and professional negligence.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French
- Greek
- Spanish

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Banking and Finance Litigation
- White Collar and Corporate Crime
- International Arbitration
- Cross-Border Litigation
- Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Disputes
- Investigations
- Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes

- Financial Services
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Insurance

English French Greek
Spanish

- *DCD Factors plc v Habib Bank AG Zurich* [2008] Bus LR 654 (Letter of Credit - Injunction)
- *Antiparos ENE v SK Shipping Co Ltd* [2008] 2 Lloyd's Rep 237 (The 'Antiparos') (Asbatankvoy)
- *GMAC Commercial Finance Ltd v Mint Apparel Ltd* [2010] All ER (D) 58 (Oct) (Bills of Exchange)

- *Fortis Bank S.A/N.V -v- Indian Overseas Bank* [2010] 1 Lloyd's Rep 227, [2010] 2 Lloyd's Rep 641, [2011] 2 Lloyd's Rep 33 (Letter of Credit – Preclusion UCP 600)
- *Glory Wealth Shipping Pte Ltd v Korea Line Corporation* [2011] 2 Lloyd's Rep 370 (The 'Wren') (Measure of Damages)
- *In the matter of Armada Shipping SA sub nom Cosco Bulk Carrier Co Ltd v (1) Armada Shipping SA (2) STX Pan Ocean Co Ltd* [2011] 2 All ER (Comm) 481 (Maritime Cross Border Insolvency)
- *Stemcor UK Ltd v Indian Overseas Bank* [2011] 2 Lloyd's Rep 190 (Bills of Lading)
- *AB Bank Ltd v Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank PJSC* [2016] WLR (D) 490 (Norwich Pharmacal Jurisdiction)
- *DTEK Trading SA v (1) Sergey Morozov (2) Incolab Services Ukraine LLC* [2017] 1 Lloyd's Rep 126 (Section 44 Arbitration Act 1996)
- *National Joint Stock Company Naftogaz of Ukraine v Public Joint Stock Company Gazprom* [2019] 2 Lloyd's Rep 20 (Section 103 Arbitration Act 1996)
- *Shapoorji Pallonji & Co Pvt Ltd v Yumn Ltd* [2021] 2 Lloyd's Rep 59 (Performance Bonds)

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in the Republic of Ireland

Recognitions

- " Quick, professional and efficient"
Legal 500 UK, 2022
- "A great lawyer very commercially and practically minded. Unflappable under pressure."
Chambers UK, 2022
- "Has clear strategic vision and is very impressive"
Chambers UK, 2021
- "A very practical, extremely well connected, efficient team with an outstanding focus on client value."
Legal 500 UK, 2021
- "Extremely practical, well connected, personable and very no-nonsense"
Chambers UK 2020
- "Wide ranging experience of overseas litigation and crisis management"
Legal 500 UK 2020
- "extremely knowledgeable about marine law and an extremely capable strategist"
Chambers UK 2019
- "quick to respond to requests and always comprehensive in consideration of the relevant factors"
Legal 500 UK 2019
- "Really enthusiastic and supportive of clients"
Chambers UK 2017
- "Swift, practical, to the point and always commercially sensible"
Legal 500 UK 2016
- "He is praised for his 'strategic and tactical judgment"
Chambers UK 2016

Education

- Queen Mary, University of London, LL.B
- University College London, University of London, LL.M

- College of Law London

Memberships

- Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA)

INSIGHTS

Publications

Coronavirus COVID-19 and the extension of the Consortia Block Exemption Regulation

30 March 2020

Antitrust and Competition: Novel Issues in a Post-Coronavirus World

The European Commission has decided to prolong the block exemption for liner shipping consortia.

In line with its proposal, the Commission announced on Tuesday 24 March a second extension of Regulation 906/2009, known as the Consortia Block Exemption Regulation (CBER),¹ until 25 April 2024.²

We have provided further details and some hints as to how this will play out in the current coronavirus COVID-19 crisis.

- "Fraud and illegality exception to banks' obligations to pay under letters of credit," *Butterworth's Journal of International Banking and Financial Law*, December 2014
- "Preclusion under the UCP 600," *Butterworth's Journal of International Banking and Financial Law*, April 2010

Events

Linos is a frequent speaker at the Lloyd's Maritime Academy Training Programme in London. He has recently presented talks on 'Maritime Insolvency' at the 2nd Annual Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration Conference and "The Law of Shipbuilding Contracts" at the 3rd Executive Development Programme hosted by the prestigious Shanghai Jiao Tong University and the Shanghai Arbitration Commission.