



## Tim Robbins

### Independent Arbitrator

Tim Robbins is an independent arbitrator with 15 years of experience in commercial disputes, and has acted as arbitrator, tribunal secretary or counsel in over 60 international arbitrations. Tim provides a wide breadth of experience, knowledge and perspective from his work with tribunals, in private practice and at arbitral institutions.

Based in Hong Kong and The Hague, Tim sits as arbitrator and tribunal secretary in matters seated across Asia, the Middle East, Europe and North America. He has worked on matters under the rules of many of the leading commercial arbitral institutions, including the ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, LCIA, KCAB, JCAA, SCC and ICDR, as well as numerous *ad hoc* proceedings under the UNCITRAL Rules.

Please find Tim's full profile online at: [www.robbinsarbitration.com](http://www.robbinsarbitration.com)

### Professional experience

- Independent Arbitrator **Robbins Arbitration**  
Hong Kong / The Hague (2021 – present)
- Chambers Director and Managing Counsel **Arbitration Chambers**  
Hong Kong, London, New York (2017 – 2021)
- Associate (International Arbitration) **Norton Rose Fulbright**  
Singapore (2013 – 2017)
- Deputy Counsel **Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration** – Hong Kong (2011 – 2013)
- Associate / Trainee Solicitor **Torys LLP**  
Toronto / New York (2007 – 2011)

### Admitted

- New York, U.S.A. (2009)
- Ontario, Canada (2009)
- England & Wales (2022)

### Nationalities

- Canada
- Australia

### Languages

- English (native)
- French (fluent)

## Panel Appointments

- AIAC Panel of Arbitrators
- BVI IAC Panel of Arbitrators
- HKIAC List of Arbitrators
- KCAB Panel of Arbitrators
- MIAC Primary Panel of Arbitrators
- SCCA Panel of Arbitrators
- SIAC Reserve Panel of Arbitrators

## Qualifications

- J.D., Queen's University, Ontario, Canada – 2008
- Certificate in International Business Law, Queen's University International Study Centre – 2006
- B.A. Fine Arts, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada – 2004

## Professional Activities

- *Speaking engagements*
  - *Are Stay and Bifurcation Requests Guerilla Tactics*, MAA Generations in Arbitration (Vienna, 2023)
  - *Validity of the Arbitration Agreement: Benefits and Disadvantages of Contracting with SOEs*, HKIAC (Hong Kong 2023)
  - *Navigating International Commercial Disputes in a Sustainable World – ESG Meets ADR*, Withers Worldwide (Singapore 2022)
  - *Law Governing the Arbitration Agreement*, Generations in Arbitration Conference (Hong Kong, 2022)
  - *Career Development and disclosure obligations in the age of digital social media*, HK45 (Hong Kong 2021)
  - *ICC in a World of Covid*, ICC Australia (Sydney, 2020)
  - *Tour d'Horizon*, ICC Canada (Toronto, 2020)
  - *Insights into ICC Australia*, ICC Australia (Brisbane, 2019)
- *Teaching engagements*
  - Guest Lecturer, LLM program, Leiden University (The Hague, 2022)
  - Lecturer and Tutor, LLM program, Hong Kong University (Hong Kong, 2021-2022)
  - Instructor, HKIAC Tribunal Secretary Training Program (Hong Kong, 2021-2022)
  - Instructor, SIAC Tribunal Secretary Training Program (Singapore, 2022)
  - Instructor, BVI IAC Tribunal Secretary Training Program (BVI, 2022)
- *Writing*
  - *The Award in International Investment Arbitration: Compensation*, with Dr. Prof. Kaj Hobér, Oxford University Press (publication pending)
  - *The Efficiency Apex: Reversing the Procedural Presumption*, Indian Journal of Arbitration Law (publication pending)
  - *Digital Hearings – Civil Procedure and Arbitration: The Arbitrators' Perspective*, Norstedts Juridik (2022)
  - *The Case for Asian Dispute Resolution Rules*, Asian Dispute Review (2022)

## Experience in practice

Tim has acted as arbitrator and tribunal secretary in a broad range of international commercial arbitrations, including the following:

### *Arbitrator / Tribunal Secretary (representative matters)*

- Sole Arbitrator in an SIAC arbitration, relating to claims arising from the purchase and shipment of chemical products. The dispute involved parallel proceedings related to banking facilities and allegations of fraud. The arbitration was seated in Singapore and the contract governed by the laws of Singapore.
- Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration, arising from claims under Heads of Terms related to a failed M&A transaction. The arbitration was seated in London and the contract governed by the laws of England & Wales.
- Sole Arbitrator in an SIAC arbitration, arising from a suite of sales and distribution agreements for digital health technology across Europe and the Middle East. The arbitration was seated in Singapore and the contracts governed by Singapore law.
- Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration, arising from a shipping dispute regarding the sale and purchase of goods. The arbitration was seated in Hong Kong, with the CISG and the *Lex Mercatoria* as the applicable laws.
- Sole Arbitrator in an HKIAC arbitration, relating to claims arising from a series of Post-IPO Equity Incentive Plan Agreements. The arbitration was seated in Hong Kong, and the agreements governed by the laws of the Cayman Islands.
- Co-arbitrator in a DIFC-LCIA arbitration, arising from a dispute relating to an expert opinion for a major construction project in Dubai. The arbitration was seated in the DIFC, and the dispute governed by the laws of U.A.E.
- Sole Arbitrator in an SIAC arbitration relating to a call on a guarantee arising from a debt under a settlement agreement. The arbitration was seated in Singapore, and governed by Singapore law.
- Tribunal Secretary in an ICC arbitration arising out of a complex shareholder dispute, involving the acquisition of companies engaged in developing gene-sequencing technology. The amount in dispute was in excess of US\$200 million, the arbitration was seated in New York, NY, and the contract governed by the laws of Delaware.
- Tribunal Secretary in an SIAC arbitration arising out of large dispute relating to the leasing and maintenance of aircraft engines, with an amount in dispute of approximately US\$1 billion. The relevant contracts were governed by the laws of England & Wales, and the arbitration was seated in Singapore.
- Tribunal Secretary in an investor-state claim brought under the UNCITRAL Rules and administered by the PCA. The dispute involved claims of expropriation of digital technologies developed for government services, as well as allegations bribery and government misconduct. The relevant contracts were governed by the laws of Sweden, Delaware and Massachusetts.
- Tribunal Secretary in an HKIAC arbitration arising from non-payments under a suite of agreements relating to the financing of commodities extraction and subsequent trading. The arbitration was seated in Hong Kong and the dispute governed by the laws of Hong Kong.

- Tribunal Secretary in an ICC arbitration arising out of a dispute regarding a mining joint venture in Indonesia. The arbitration was seated in Singapore, and the contract governed by the laws of Indonesia.
- Tribunal Secretary in an SIAC arbitration involving a Singaporean company and a Japanese company. The dispute arises out of the sale and purchase of coal, and relates to maritime and shipping issues. The matter was seated in Singapore and administered under the SIAC Rules 2016, and the dispute governed by the laws of Indonesia.
- Tribunal Secretary in an SIAC arbitration arising from the assignment of proceeds from the sale of commodities between a major bank and a Singapore trading company. The contract was governed by Singapore law and seated in Singapore.
- Tribunal Secretary in an ICDR arbitration arising from disputes under a Shareholder and Option Agreement. The arbitration was seated in Chicago and the dispute governed by the laws of Sweden.
- Tribunal Secretary in an *ad hoc* arbitration under the UNCITRAL Rules and the HKIAC Procedures. The dispute arose from a claim under a personal guarantee in the amount of HK\$500 million, relating to defaults under stock subscription agreements. The arbitration was seated in Hong Kong and the dispute governed by the laws of Hong Kong.
- Tribunal Secretary in an HKIAC arbitration relating to various breaches under a series of sales of good contracts, with the amount in dispute of approximately US\$50 million. The dispute was seated in Hong Kong and governed by the laws of Hong Kong.
- Tribunal Secretary in an ICC arbitration arising out of a technology agreement involving allegations of breach of non-solicitation clauses in a petrochemical technology licensing agreement. The arbitration was seated in Hong Kong, and the dispute governed by the laws of New York.
- Tribunal Secretary in an SCC arbitration relating to disputes under a shareholder agreement involving a complex corporate restructuring. The arbitration was seated in Stockholm, and the dispute is governed by Swedish law.
- Tribunal Secretary in two related HKIAC arbitrations relating to breaches under a suite of Share Options Agreements. The dispute was seated in Hong Kong and governed by the laws of Hong Kong.
- Tribunal Secretary in a JCAA arbitration relating to a joint venture dispute, with sums in dispute in excess of US\$1.2 billion. The arbitration was seated in Tokyo, and the dispute is governed by Korean law.
- Tribunal Secretary in an ICC arbitration arising out of a settlement agreement relating to the development of a large construction project in Sri Lanka. The arbitration was seated in London, and governed by the laws of Sri Lanka.
- Tribunal Secretary in an ICC arbitration regarding disputes arising out of a failed joint venture in Mainland China relating to family entertainment centres. The dispute was seated in Hong Kong and governed by the laws of Hong Kong.
- Tribunal Secretary in an HKIAC arbitration arising out of alleged violations of series of IP agreements between a group of US claimants and Chinese respondents. The matter was seated in Hong Kong and governed by English law.
- Tribunal Secretary in an ICDR arbitration arising out of a shareholder dispute regarding investments in a major travel service, with the amount in dispute in excess of US\$100 million. The arbitration was seated in San Francisco, and the contract governed by Californian law.

- Tribunal Secretary in an ICDR arbitration relating to investments in a major resort project in Korea. The arbitration was seated in New York, and governed by the laws of the State of New York.
- Tribunal Secretary in a shareholder and financing dispute over assets in Russia, involving a complex series of transactions, restructuring and parallel proceedings with an amount in dispute in excess of US\$30 million. The contract was governed by Korean law, and administered by the KCAB.
- Tribunal Secretary in a dispute arising out of a Facility Agreement. The matter was bifurcated to address complex preliminary issues relating to the authority of counsel arising out of alleged incapacity of a party on the basis of court orders of a third jurisdiction in which the party is not domiciled. The matter was governed by Hong Kong law, and administered by the HKIAC.
- Tribunal Secretary in an arbitration with a high value claim by a US company against a Chinese technology company, relating to an alleged failure to deliver a platform for the distribution of electronic books in China. The contract was governed by Delaware law and administered by the HKIAC.