Denis Brock is the managing partner of O'Melveny's Hong Kong office and serves as Chair of the International Disputes and Arbitration Practice. He concentrates his practice on commercial and corporate arbitration, litigation, and regulatory investigations.

Denis is regularly recognised as a leading dispute resolution and insurance practitioner in Asia and the UK. He is currently ranked as “Band 1” by Chambers Asia in dispute resolution and has equivalent ranking with other relevant legal directories. He is a Solicitor Advocate in England & Wales and one of only a handful of Solicitor Advocates in Hong Kong (with full rights of audience before all courts).

Denis acts for the world’s largest clients on their most high-profile and complex cases. He draws on years of experience handling corporate and joint venture disputes, partnership issues, commodities and resources disputes, professional negligence claims (particularly against accountants, brokers and lawyers), banking and finance litigation, insurance matters and regulatory issues.

Denis is a fellow of CIArb and has been appointed as arbitrator on various arbitral panels in Asia and Europe. He appears regularly as counsel in arbitrations including those under the administration of the LCIA, HKIAC, CIETAC and ICC.

**EXPERIENCE**

- Appearing as a Solicitor Advocate in numerous actions before the High Court and Court of Appeal of Hong Kong and the Commercial Court and Court of Appeal of England & Wales
- Representing Hong Kong listed companies and multi-national corporations in regulatory investigations conducted by the Securities and Futures Commission, the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and other regulatory bodies
- Acting for a Hong Kong regulator as investigations and prosecution counsel
- Defending the directors of a Hong Kong listed company against a minority shareholder action
- Defending an international investment bank against claims arising from the alleged mis-selling of financial products
- Defending an international insurance broker against high-value claims for professional negligence arising from the placement of insurance programmes
- Representing a leading accounting firm network in the expulsion of its then Hong Kong member firm and the ensuing arbitration in London and litigation in Hong Kong
- Representing a Hong Kong listed company in a long-running court battle with numerous counter-parties over a very substantial acquisition
- Defending a leading professional services firm and its partners against a claim for negligence relating to their role as trustees in bankruptcy

HONORS & AWARDS

Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2015, Leading Individual
Chambers Asia Pacific 2015, Leading Individuals: Band 1

- “Denis Brock joined [OMM] in October 2014. A ‘terrific practitioner,’ Brock is one of a select number of Hong Kong...advocates. He specializes in commercial, corporate and regulatory work and often acts for significant clients. Interviewees rate him very highly – ‘he’s a good strategic thinker and we send him difficult cases’.”

Asia Pacific Legal 500, 2014, Leading Individual
- “…the ‘mighty’ Denis Brock, who is a ‘very good lawyer’ and is admired for his advocacy, has been awarded higher rights of audience.”
- International Arbitration: “Denis Brock is also an experienced arbitration expert.”
- Financial Services – Regulatory: “Providing ‘a superlative level of service’...[and] ‘a thoughtful approach to analysis...is head of the contentious team Denis Brock.”

Chambers Asia Pacific 2014, Leading Individuals: Band 1
- “Sources point to his very strong reputation in the market.”

Asia Pacific Legal 500 2013, Leading Individual
“Leading figure Denis Brock recently represented China Healthcare in a substantial dispute over a sale and purchase agreement, and acted for a major oil and gas company in connection with a US$6bn case involving the calculation of crude oil prices.”

Chambers Asia Pacific 2013, Leading Individuals: Band 1
- “Denis Brock is ‘a capable and decisive operator who employs clear, laconic communication’, in the opinion of clients. He is an accomplished litigator with particular expertise in arbitration and insurance-related matters. Clients also reserve enthusiastic praise for his ‘good strategic thinking that gives you that extra edge’.”
- Insurance: “Denis Brock impresses clients with his expertise on complicated cases. He has earned a fine reputation among commentators for handling professional negligence claims on behalf of lawyers, brokers and auditors.”

Asia Pacific Legal 500 2012, Leading Individual
- “Denis Brock (‘comes up with solutions that no one else even remotely thinks about’, one of the best litigators I have come across’, ‘practical’, ‘commercial’, ‘remarkable people skills’)”

Chambers Asia Pacific, 2012, Leading Individuals: Band 2
- “Denis Brock is ‘exceptional when it comes to big-ticket litigation. He’s one of the most tenacious litigator around’. One client added ‘he has a magic circle-quality practice without the magic circle fees’.”
- Insurance: “Litigator Denis Brock…is deemed ‘proactive and timely in making good judgments in any given case’.”

Asia Pacific Legal 500 2010/2011
- “… the arrival of Denis Brock from…London promises a bright future.”

Chambers Asia Pacific 2011
- “The addition of Denis Brock…will further strengthen the litigation team.”

Chambers 2010
- “Denis Brock specialises in accountants’ and lawyers’ cases and is highly organised and decisive, as well as being “prepared to express strong, informed opinions.”

Legal 500 2009/2010
- Commercial Litigation: "Other leading practitioners include…Denis Brock."
- Professional Negligence: "…the strength of the expertise of Denis Brock…"
- Insurance & Reinsurance: "…Denis Brock…are leading figures…”
ADMISSIONS

Bar Admissions

- Hong Kong (Solicitor-Advocate)
- England & Wales (Solicitor-Advocate)
- Ireland
- Australia
- New Zealand
- New York

Court Admissions

- Singapore International Commercial Court (Registration of Foreign Lawyers)

EDUCATION

- University of London, LL.B. (Honours)
- University of Hong Kong, LL.M. (Distinction)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member

- Law Society of Hong Kong (Council Member: 2000 to 2006, 2011 to date)
- Law Society of England and Wales
- New York State Bar Association
- Inter-Pacific Bar Association

Appointments

- List of Arbitrators, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
- Panel of Arbitrators, Singapore International Arbitration Centre
- Panel of Arbitrators, Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration

Fellow

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators (FHKIArb)
General Editor

- *Arbitration in Hong Kong: A Practical Guide* (second edition)
- *Commercial Litigation in Hong Kong: A Practical Guide*
- *Arbitration in Singapore: A Practical Guide*

Author (contributing)

- *ADR in Business; Insurance Law and Practice in Hong Kong*
- *Enforcement of Foreign Judgments*
- *The White Book: Hong Kong Civil Procedure; Lexis Nexis’ Litigation Practical Guidance*

Speeches

- *Inter-Pacific Bar Association* annual conferences
- *ADR in Asia* conferences in Hong Kong
- *In-House Congress* conferences in Asia’ HKIAC roadshow to India: *Bridging Asia’s Leading International Arbitration Destination with Asia’s Rising Economic Powerhouse*
- HKIAC’s *Complex Issues in International Arbitration*
- SIAC’s conference in London: *The Marco Polo Effect - The role of Singapore in the Euro-Asian legal eco-system*
- SIAC’s conference in New York: *The Marco Polo Effect - Arbitrations and Contracts with Chinese, Indian and ASEAN Parties*
- Guest Lecture on Insurance Law, *The University of Hong Kong*
- Guest Lecture on Arbitration, *The Chinese University of Hong Kong*