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Education

J.D., University of Wisconsin
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M.A., City University of Hong Kong,
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Bar Admissions

New York

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Languages

English and Mandarin

Chiann Bao focuses on international commercial disputes arising out of Asia. She represents corporates and state-owned enterprises in complex international commercial arbitration and litigation. She also occasionally acts as arbitrator.

Prior to joining Skadden, Ms. Bao served as the secretary-general of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), where she managed hundreds of arbitrations before tribunals in Asia, with a specific focus in China. During her tenure, HKIAC was recognized as the most frequently used arbitral institution outside of Europe, the most improved institution, and ranked as the third-best arbitral institution worldwide by the 2015 International Arbitration Survey, conducted by Queen Mary University of London.

Ms. Bao was instrumental in overseeing key initiatives such as the revision of the HKIAC Administered Arbitration Rules, the establishment of the tribunal secretary accreditation program, and the opening of the HKIAC Seoul and Shanghai offices.

Ms. Bao regularly has been listed in *Chambers Asia Pacific* and *Global Arbitration Review's International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration*. In both 2017 and 2018, *Chambers Asia Pacific* ranked her as one of the most highly regarded individuals in her category. She has been described as a "leading light in the local arbitration community and "one of the superstars of Asian arbitration." Clients are quoted to refer to her as an "an excellent lawyer" and that her tenure at the HKIAC was "marked by relentless focus on innovation and improvement." She also is noted as being "very personable, very flexible and commercially minded." Ms. Bao was named in *Asian Legal Business' 40 Under 40* list in 2016.

As a New York-qualified Mandarin-speaking lawyer, Ms. Bao has worked in several jurisdictions, including New York and London. She was an adjunct professor at Hong Kong University (2014-2016) and is a frequent lecturer and author on international arbitration.

Associations

Vice President, ICC International Court of Arbitration

Panel of Arbitrators (CIETAC, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board, Shanghai International Arbitration Centre)

Founding Member, HK45

Member, ICC Belt and Road Commission

Editorial Board Member, ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin

Member, 2018 ICCA Congress Program Committee

Member, Investment Claims Advisory Board

Vice-Chair, Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Committee, Inter-Pacific Bar Association

Consultation Board Member, Practical Law Company

Supervisory Board Member, Asian Dispute Review

Global Advisory Board Member, New York International Arbitration Center

Publications

“Forum: Dispute Resolution in Asia,” *Financier Worldwide*, October 2017

“Third Party Funding in Singapore and Hong Kong: The Next Chapter,” *Journal of International Arbitration* Issue 34.3, 2017

Author, “*Astro v. Lippo*: Hong Kong Court Clarifies The Discretion Found In Article V Of The New York Convention, But Holds Firm on Time Limits,” *MEALEY’s International Arbitration Report*, January 2017

Co-Author, *A Guide to the HKIAC Arbitration Rules* (Oxford University Press), April 2017

Contributor, *Hong Kong White Book* (Sweet and Maxwell) 2015-present

Contributor, *Arbitration in Hong Kong: A Practical Guide*, Second and Third editions (Sweet and Maxwell) 2011 and 2014