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Education

LL.M., London School of Economics and Political Science, 2001

B.Comm. LL.B., University of Melbourne, 1997

Bar Admissions

Solicitor Advocate, Hong Kong

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Registered Foreign Lawyer, Singapore

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Languages

English

Cantonese

Mandarin

Friven Yeoh is a leading commercial arbitration practitioner and head of Skadden's International Litigation and Arbitration Group in Asia. He has extensive experience in the resolution of complex, bet-the-company business disputes across industries, as a solicitor advocate and lead counsel in international arbitrations throughout Asia.

Mr. Yeoh has handled arbitrations conducted under various institutional and *ad hoc* rules, including those of the ICC, HKIAC, CIETAC, SIAC, JCAA, LCIA, SCC, UNCITRAL and CAS. He serves on the HKIAC Council and Executive Committee, and chairs the HKIAC's Finance and Administration Committee. He is also frequently appointed as tribunal chair or co-arbitrator in complex arbitrations before major arbitral institutions. In addition, Mr. Yeoh advises clients in commercial litigation and regulatory investigations involving product risk and liability, energy, corporate affairs, competition and financial services matters, as well as life sciences.

In recognition of his work, Mr. Yeoh is ranked as a leading lawyer in numerous legal publications, including:

- *Chambers Global 2026* and *Chambers Greater China Region 2026* in Band 1 for Dispute Resolution: Arbitration. He is described as "a true class act," "unflappable in difficult situations" and "has an excellent ability to understand client needs and to take a strong leading role in managing the case as a whole." Previous editions of *Chambers Global* and *Chambers Greater China Region* also noted that Mr. Yeoh is "sharp as a tack yet gentle, one of the most experienced arbitration practitioners who can provide first-class legal aid to clients" and that he "consistently demonstrates creativity and resourcefulness in finding innovative solutions"
- *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2026* as a Leading Partner for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration. He is described as "a good lawyer [who] has a good feel for the things that matter in a case." In addition, Mr. Yeoh is recognized in *The Legal 500* Arbitration Powerlist
- *Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2026* as a Litigation Star for International Arbitration and Commercial and Transactions. He is described as "excellent with the client and managed the execution of a complex engagement exceptionally well"
- *Lexology Index* (formerly *Who's Who Legal*) as a Thought Leader in Arbitration 2026 (Global and National guides) and a Highly Recommended Leader in Commercial Litigation 2026
- *Lawdragon* as one of its 2026 Global Leaders in Crisis Management and 2026 Leading Global Litigators

Mr. Yeoh writes and speaks frequently on developments in international arbitration in Asia.

His significant representations include advising:*

- a Singapore-based biotechnology company in a New York-seated ICC arbitration governed by New York law arising out of an asset purchase agreement with a European pharmaceutical company, as well as parallel court proceedings in multiple jurisdictions
- a leading private equity fund in a Hong Kong-seated HKIAC arbitration and parallel offshore litigation arising from a dispute concerning the validity of certain share transactions in one of the world's most valuable biopharma companies
- a PRC private equity fund in an HKIAC arbitration against a major Hong Kong-listed transport infrastructure company in relation to the repudiation of a share subscription agreement

- a Hong Kong-based hedge fund in a dispute against a major institutional investor, including in a consolidated UNCITRAL arbitration administered by the HKIAC in Hong Kong and governed by Jersey law. In the arbitration, the institutional investor sought (among other things) findings that the hedge fund should be wound up on a just and equitable basis under Jersey law
- a well-known Chinese real estate developer and its affiliates in an HKIAC arbitration brought by a U.S.-based investment management firm in connection with its intended exit from a joint venture. In parallel, the parties also submitted related disputes under onshore joint venture contracts to CIETAC arbitration in Beijing
- a major PRC-based conglomerate and listed company in an HKIAC arbitration against a U.S.-based commodities trading company in connection with disputes arising from an investment agreement
- a PRC-listed company in a Hong Kong arbitration conducted under the HKIAC rules arising from a joint venture dispute in connection with the setup and management of a luxury department store in Beijing
- two Hong Kong private equity investors in an HKIAC arbitration in connection with a joint venture acquisition of assets previously belonging to a major Chinese distressed-debt management conglomerate
- a multinational life sciences company in a multimillion-dollar Singapore-seated SIAC arbitration against a pharmaceutical group based in Southeast Asia. The dispute arose out of the pharmaceutical group's breaches of various representations and warranties in connection with its sale of a portfolio of generic drugs (including marketing authorizations, customer lists and goodwill) to the client
- a PRC-based pharmaceutical group in an LCIA arbitration against a European specialty pharmaceutical company in connection with a medical distribution agreement governed by English law
- a global biotech company in a New York-seated ICC arbitration governed by New York law against its U.S. clinical research partner. The dispute centered around alleged breaches of two license and collaboration agreements for joint clinical research and development of new immunotherapy treatments for cancer
- a multinational consulting firm in an ICC arbitration seated in Zurich involving a multimillion-dollar claim against a leading European conglomerate in connection with the design and construction of a high-speed rail link in China
- a major European energy company in a claim against a significant Chinese state-owned company in an *ad hoc* arbitration in Singapore in respect of breaches under a share transfer arrangement
- a multinational energy company in a claim in a Stockholm arbitration conducted under SCC rules arising from the breach of a petroleum exploration and production contract
- a U.S. leisure goods conglomerate in its defense against allegations of breach of a worldwide exclusive distribution agreement in an SIAC arbitration
- a high-net-worth individual before the Hong Kong High Court to defend claims for knowing receipt and knowing assistance pursued by liquidators of a listed company in connection with alleged fraud perpetrated by the former directors of the company
- an individual in a Hong Kong Takeovers and Mergers Panel proceeding concerning violation of the Hong Kong Takeovers Code by a Chinese e-commerce group in connection with the grant of a "whitewash waiver" by the Securities and Futures Commission for the acquisition of an online drug platform, of which the individual is a shareholder
- a global private equity fund in a third-party intervention application before the Hong Kong High Court to amend/discharge an interim injunction in support of an arbitration commenced by a Chinese investor against the founder in respect of ownership of the fund. The application before the Hong Kong High Court was one of several contentious proceedings between the parties across multiple jurisdictions

*Includes matters worked on prior to joining Skadden

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Law Society of England and Wales

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