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OVERVIEW

Peter A. Neumann is a U.S.-qualified lawyer, independent international arbitrator, and cross-border dispute resolution practitioner with more than 25 years of experience advising on complex international business matters across Greater China, the Asia-Pacific region, and the United States. He is admitted to practice in California and serves as a Foreign Legal Consultant (Registered Foreign Lawyer) at Robertsons.

Peter focuses on international arbitration, cross-border disputes, and strategic dispute management involving China-related and Asia-based transactions. He has been appointed as sole, presiding, and co-arbitrator in approximately 50 arbitrations administered under the rules of institutions including the AAA/ICDR, CIETAC, SCIA, FINRA, and ACMAS.

A distinguishing feature of Peter's practice is his deep China and Mandarin Chinese capability. Fluent and literate in Mandarin Chinese at a professional level, he has conducted arbitral proceedings entirely in Chinese, including evidentiary hearings and award drafting. Having lived and worked extensively in Mainland China and Hong Kong for more than two decades, Peter brings substantial practical experience navigating the legal, commercial, and cultural dimensions of cross-border disputes involving Chinese enterprises, multinational corporations, and international investors.

Prior to focusing on his arbitrator and dispute resolution practice, Peter held senior legal and management positions at leading international law firms and multinational corporations in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Chengdu, and Los Angeles. His previous roles include Asia Pacific General Counsel and Vice President of a NYSE-listed multinational corporation, Managing Shareholder of the Shanghai office of an international law firm, Executive Partner of a major international law firm's Shanghai office, and Deputy General Counsel – Asia for a global alternative investment management firm.

Peter is also Adjunct Professor of Law at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine Caruso School of Law, where he teaches international commercial arbitration. He is a frequent speaker and author on international arbitration topics, particularly those involving China, cross-border dispute resolution, and comparative arbitration practice.

PRACTICE AREAS

LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Litigation & Dispute Resolution

PRIVATE EQUITY & COMMERCIAL

CHINA PRACTICE

LANGUAGES

English

Mandarin

QUALIFICATIONS & EDUCATION

- State Bar of California (1989)
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- LL.M., International Commercial Arbitration, Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law
- J.D., UCLA School of Law
- A.B. (High Honors), Dartmouth College

MEMBERSHIPS

- AAA National Commercial Panel of Arbitrators
- ICDR Panel of Arbitrators
- HKIAC List of Arbitrators
- SIAC Reserve Panel of Arbitrators
- CIETAC Panel of Arbitrators
- SCIA Panel of Arbitrators
- BAC/BIAC Panel of Arbitrators
- SHIAC Panel of Arbitrators
- KCAB International Panel of Arbitrators
- FINRA Panel of Arbitrators
- ACMAS Panel of Arbitrators

EXPERIENCE

LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Handled disputes, as arbitrator or legal counsel, involving shareholder and corporate governance issues, post-M&A disputes, software development, cryptocurrency, renewable energy, equipment financing, telecommunications, privacy, and consumer finance.

- Conducted arbitral proceedings entirely in Chinese, including evidentiary hearings and award drafting.

- Listed on the panels of numerous leading arbitral institutions in Asia and internationally, including HKIAC, SIAC, CIETAC, SCIA, BAC/BIAC, SHIAC, KCAB International, AAA/ICDR, and FINRA.

CHINA PRACTICE

- Advised on cross-border M&A, foreign direct investment, manufacturing, technology, licensing, compliance, supply chain, and strategic commercial matters involving Chinese enterprises and multinational corporations.