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- Architect Expert Witness
- Chartered Arbitrator
- Registered Town Planner

Overview

David is a Chartered Arbitrator, Registered Architect and Registered Town Planner. He is currently practicing as an architect, interior designer and town planner, in a wide variety of architectural and urban planning work ranging from commercial, residential and retail projects. Other than being appointed as arbitrator in construction arbitrations, he has also been involved in conducting building inspections for owners/purchasers and expert witness work for arbitration/litigation.

He has worked on a wide range of projects in Australia, Middle East and Asia. His project experience includes hospitals and healthcare, universities, hotels, schools, institutions, leisure,

heritage buildings, retail, and residential work, both in refurbishment and new construction. As an accredited building inspector, he has been involved in numerous building inspections concerning workmanship, design and failures and in investigating construction matters. He has testified in court as an expert witness for defective works as well as compliance with standards of construction.

Education

Bachelor of Architectural Studies,
Adelaide

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Master of Urban Planning, Melbourne

Master of Science (Construction Law and Arbitration), NUS & King's College,
University of London

Diploma in Arbitration, CEM-UK

Experience

David has been appointed as sole arbitrator and as Chairman and member of a three-person tribunal in several construction and professional practice disputes by parties, professional

institutions and by the Kuala Lumpur High Court. He has served as arbitrator in disputes relating to breach of building contract, non-payment despite certification by the contract administrator, completion and extension of time, set-off, determination of contract, extras and variation claims, loss and/or expense claims and damages, liquidated damages, non-payment of fees, professional negligence and defective works.

David has been trained as a Mediator by the Australian Disputes Centre and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK. He is on the panel of Mediators of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), KLRCA and Thailand Arbitration Center.

He is past Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) (Malaysia branch) and founder member of the Society of Construction Law (SCL), Malaysia. He has served as Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MI Arb).

He is an approved Course Director, Examiner, Moderator, Tutor and Regional Pathway Leader (RPL) with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) overseeing and managing their training courses in Asia. He is a guest lecturer in arbitration at the Bachelor of Law (LLB) course offered by the International Islamic University (IIU) and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM).

Professional Memberships

David is a registered Architect with the Board of Architects of New South Wales, Australia, the Architects Registration Board of Victoria, Australia and is registered to practice in New Zealand and Malaysia.

David is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.

David holds corporate membership at the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM), Malaysian Institute of Planners (PPM), Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA), New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA), Malaysian Institute of Interior Designers (MIID) and the Planning Institute of Australia (MPIA).

David is a member of the panel at:

Malaysian Institute of Architects/
Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM)

Board of Architects Malaysia/ Lembaga
Arkitek Malaysia

Asian International Arbitration Centre
(AIAC)/ Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre
for Arbitration (KLRCA)

Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb)

Arbitrators for Sports Arbitrations in
Singapore (SI Arb)

Chartered Arbitrators - Chartered
Institute of Arbitrators, UK (CI Arb)

Asian International Arbitration Centre
(AIAC) / Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre
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