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#### **■ Professor Mohamed S. Abdel Wahab**

*Professor of the Cairo University; President Elect of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) (2025); Dean of the Africa Arbitration Academy; Member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law; Member of the Court, Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)*

Professor Abdel Wahab is the Chair of Private International Law and Professor of International Arbitration at Cairo University, Dean of the Africa Arbitration Academy, Member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law, and Member of the Court, PCA. He is recognised as a world-leading arbitrator and arbitration practitioner on international investment and international commercial arbitration, Arab and African Laws, Islamic Shari'a, conflict of laws, and online dispute resolution.

#### **■ Dr Christophe Bernasconi**

*Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH); Member of the Advisory Board of the Hague Project Peace and Justice Foundation; Honorary Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Notaries*

Dr Bernasconi took the office of Secretary General of the HCCH since July 2013. He has been actively involved in numerous initiatives of the HCCH, covering transnational litigation and apostille, international family and child protection law, as well as commercial, digital and finance law. He is a Member of the Advisory Board of the Hague Project Peace and Justice Foundation, and an Honorary Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Notaries.

■ **Professor Nicolás Lozada-Pimiento**

*Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of the Universidad Externado de Colombia; CEO of Redek*

Professor Lozada-Pimiento is the CEO and founder of Creo (a financial inclusion platform empowering women on informal transactions) and Redek (the first Colombian Digital Justice and Online Dispute Resolution startup). He is devoted to promoting the use of technology in justice. Professor Lozada-Pimiento currently lectures on Digital Justice, Legal Tech, Dispute Solution Design, Online Dispute Resolution, Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution at Externado.

■ **Professor Peter Malanczuk**

*Member of the Academic Advisory Council of the University of Heidelberg; Member of the International Commercial Expert Committee of the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China; and Council Member of the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA)*

The former positions of Professor Malanczuk include C.V. Starr Professor of Law at Peking University School of Transnational Law; Dean and Chair Professor of the School of Law at City University of Hong Kong; Professor and Head of Department at Erasmus University Rotterdam and Amsterdam University; Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute, Heidelberg; and Legal Assistant to the President of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague.

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*Secretary-General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO); Member of the Academic and Research Committee of the Thailand Institute of Justice; Member of the Committee on the Executive Course on Thailand and ASEAN in the Global Political Economy of the College of Politics and Governance, King Prajadhipok's Institute*

Dr Pinitpuvadol served as the Secretary-General of the AALCO since January 2022. He also held the positions of Associate judge at the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court in Thailand. He is a member of the Academic and Research Committee of the Thailand Institute of Justice, and the Committee on the Executive Course on Thailand and ASEAN in the Global Political Economy of the College of Politics and Governance, King Prajadhipok's Institute.

■ **Professor Ignacio Tirado**

*Secretary-General of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT); Founding Member of the European Banking Institute; Vice-Chair of the Conference on European Restructuring and Insolvency Law*

Professor Tirado was appointed Secretary-General, and officially took office in August 2018. He has been a Senior Legal Consultant at the World Bank's Legal Vice-Presidency and Financial Sector Practice for more than nine years, having also consulted for the IMF on insolvency related matters as well as for the Asian Development Bank on commercial legal reform. Professor Tirado is Founding Member of the European Banking Institute and Vice-Chair of the Conference on European Restructuring and Insolvency Law.

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■ **Professor Chang Baoguo**

*Former Vice President of the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL); Dean of the School of Discipline, Inspection and Supervision, CUPL; Special Inspector of the National Supervisory Commission*

Professor Chang is the former Vice President of the CUPL. He currently serves as the Dean of the School of Discipline, Inspection and Supervision, CUPL. Professor Chang is in charge of undergraduate training, finance, open education, and continuing education, and works closely with Civil, Commercial and Economic Law School, School of Criminal Justice, School of Continuing Education and Centre for Research and Evaluation of Legal Education.

■ **Professor Du Tao**

*Dean, School of International Law, East China University of Political Science and Law; Associate Member of Académie internationale de droit comparé; Standing Member of the China Society of Private International Law*

Professor Du is the Dean of School of International Law, East China University of Political Science and Law. He is an elected Associate Member of Académie internationale de droit comparé and a Standing Member of the China Society of Private International Law. Professor Du has been engaged in international law teaching and research for a long time, and lectured on private international law and other courses.

■ **Professor Huang Jin**

*Former President of the China University of Political Science and Law; President of the Chinese Society of International Law; President of the China Society of Private International Law; Expert Counselor of the Supreme People's Procuratorate of the People's Republic of China; Vice-President of the China Law Society*

Professor Huang is the former President of China University of Political Science and Law. He also serves as President of the Chinese Society of International Law, President of the China Society of Private International Law, Vice President of the China Law Society, Vice President of China Foundation for Human Rights Development Council, Expert Counselor of the Supreme People's Procuratorate of the People's Republic of China.

■ **Mr Wang Junfeng**

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Mr Wang served as President of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> All China Lawyers Association. He is President of the 1<sup>st</sup> Belt and Road International Lawyers Association and Vice Chairman of CIETAC. Mr Wang is the principal founding partner of King & Wood Mallesons (China) and is currently Global Chairman of the firm. He is one of the first lawyers licensed to practice securities law in mainland China and has advised on numerous private and major state-owned enterprises.

■ **Professor Wang Liming**

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Professor Wang is recognised as the most distinguished scholar of civil law in China. He is the chairman of the Civil Law Research Association of China Law Society. He serves as a deputy to the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> National People's Congress, and is a member of its Legal Affairs Committee. He serves as Vice Chairman of CIETAC and Expert Counselor of the Supreme People's Procuratorate of the People's Republic of China.

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■ **Mr Justin D'Agostino**

*Global CEO of Herbert Smith Freehills; Member of the global Executive Board of the International Chamber of Commerce; Co-Chair of the Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge*

Mr D'Agostino is a thought leader and skilled practitioner in international arbitration and dispute resolution. He has sat as arbitrator and appeared before tribunals all over the world in commercial, investment treaty and state-to-state disputes. Based in Hong Kong, Mr D'Agostino is a member of the global Executive Board of the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris and chairs its Governance Committee; Co-Chair of the 2024 ICCA Congress held in Hong Kong; Visiting Professor of law at Tsinghua University; Co-Chair of the Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge; Global CEO of Herbert Smith Freehills.

■ **Professor Honourable Priscilla Leung Mei-fun, GBS, JP**

*Professor of The City University of Hong Kong; Member of the HKSAR Basic Law Committee of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress; Member of the Hong Kong SAR Legislative Council*

Professor Leung has taught at the Law School of The City University of Hong Kong for more than 30 years. She published different articles and books on Chinese law, Hong Kong Basic Law and conflicts of law and comparative legal research amongst the mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan both in English and Chinese. Professor Leung is currently a Member of the Legislative Council (Election Committee).

■ **Professor Chin Leng Lim**

*Choh-Ming Li Professor of Law of The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Associé of the Institut de droit international; Honorary Senior Fellow of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law; Member of the editorial board of the International and Comparative Law Quarterly*

Professor Lim is the Choh-Ming Li Professor of Law and practises with a London commercial set. He is an associé of the Institut de droit international, an Honorary Senior Fellow of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, and an editorial board member of the International and Comparative Law Quarterly. Professor Lim joined the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2017 following a decade as Professor of Law at the University of Hong Kong.



■ **Mr Edward Liu, MH**

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Mr Liu is widely recognised as a leading expert in commercial dispute resolution, specialising in international arbitration and commercial litigation. As the principal representative of the International Chamber of Shipping (China) Liaison Office, he actively contributes to discussions and the formulation of conventions and regulations within the United Nations International Maritime Organization. Mr Liu holds positions as a visiting professor at Shanghai Maritime University and Tianjin Foreign Studies University.

■ **Dr Anthony Neoh, SC, JP**

*Co-Chairman of the Asian Academy of International Law; Honorary Fellow of the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute; Academician of the International Eurasian Academy of Science*

Dr Neoh is a senior member of the Hong Kong Bar specialising in international litigation, arbitration and financial regulatory matters. He was the Convenor of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority Expert Group on the Finance Academy. Dr Neoh was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute and an Academician of the International Eurasian Academy of Science.

■ **Professor Yun Zhao, JP**

*Associate Dean (Mainland Affairs) of The University of Hong Kong (HKU), Henry Cheng Professor in International Law of the HKU; Representative of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP)*

Professor Zhao is Henry Cheng Professor in International Law and Associate Dean (Mainland Affairs), the Faculty of Law at HKU. He is currently the Representative of HCCH ROAP, and a Standing Council Member of Chinese Society of International Law and Council Member of Chinese Law Society. He is listed as an arbitrator in several international arbitration commissions. He has published widely on various topics including particularly Space Law and Dispute Resolution.