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Independent Arbitrator

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Tim Robbins is an independent arbitrator with nearly 20 years of experience in commercial and investor state disputes, and has acted as arbitrator, tribunal secretary or counsel in over 90 international arbitrations. Tim provides a wide breadth of experience, knowledge and perspective from his work with tribunals, in private practice and at arbitral institutions.

Based in The Hague and Hong Kong, Tim is qualified as a solicitor in England & Wales, and called to the bars of New York and Ontario. He has acted as presiding, sole and co-arbitrator in arbitrations administered by the ICC, LCIA, HKIAC, SIAC, SCC, DIAC and KCAB, in addition to working on matters under the rules of other leading institutions, including ICSID, ICDR and JCAA, as well as numerous ad hoc proceedings under the UNCITRAL Rules.

Please find Tim's full profile online at: www.robbinsarbitration.com

Professional experience

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| ▪ Independent Arbitrator | Robbins Arbitration
The Hague / Hong Kong (2021 – present) |
| ▪ Chambers Director and Managing Counsel | Arbitration Chambers
Hong Kong, London, New York (2017 – 2021) |
| ▪ Associate (International Arbitration) | Norton Rose Fulbright
Singapore (2013 – 2017) |
| ▪ Deputy Counsel | Secretariat of the ICC International
Court of Arbitration – Hong Kong (2011 – 2013) |
| ▪ Associate / Trainee Solicitor | Torys LLP
Toronto / New York (2007 – 2011) |

Admitted

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| ▪ New York, U.S.A. (2009) | ▪ Ontario, Canada (2009) |
| ▪ England & Wales (2022) | |

Nationalities

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| ▪ Canada | ▪ English (native) |
| ▪ Australia | ▪ French (fluent) |

Languages

Panel Appointments

- AIAC Panel of Arbitrators
- BVI IAC Panel of Arbitrators
- HKIAC List of Arbitrators
- KCAB Panel of Arbitrators
- MIAC Primary Panel of Arbitrators
- SCCA Panel of Arbitrators
- SIAC Panel of Arbitrators
- DIAC List of Arbitrators

Qualifications / Education

- J.D., Queen's University, Ontario, Canada – 2008
- Certificate in International Business Law, Queen's University International Study Centre – 2006
- B.A. Fine Arts, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada – 2004

Experience in practice

Tim has acted as arbitrator in a broad range of international commercial arbitrations, including the following:

- Presiding Arbitrator in a SCC arbitration related to disputes arising from multiple purchase agreements for the supply of military products. The matter was seated in Stockholm, and the contracts governed by the laws of England & Wales.
- Sole Arbitrator in a LCIA arbitration relating to disputes arising from a services agreement relating to award enforcement. The matter was seated in London, and the contract governed by the laws of England & Wales.
- Sole Arbitrator in a HKIAC arbitration relating to disputes arising from a convertible promissory note and related note purchase agreement. The matter was seated in Hong Kong, and the contracts governed by the laws of Delaware.
- Sole Arbitrator in a DIAC arbitration relating to disputes arising from a real estate sale and purchase agreement. The matter was seated in Dubai, and the contract governed by the laws of the U.A.E.
- Sole Arbitrator in a HKIAC arbitration, relating to claims arising from a series of Post-IPO Equity Incentive Plan Agreements. The arbitration was seated in Hong Kong, and the agreements governed by the laws of the Cayman Islands.
- Sole Arbitrator in a KCAB arbitration relating to claims under a trademark license agreement. The arbitration was seated in Seoul, and governed by the laws of the Republic of Korea.
- Sole Arbitrator in a SIAC arbitration relating to a call on a guarantee arising from a debt under a settlement agreement. The arbitration was seated in Singapore, and governed by Singapore law.
- Sole Arbitrator in a ICC arbitration, arising from claims under Heads of Terms related to a failed M&A transaction. The arbitration was seated in London and the contract governed by the laws of England & Wales.
- Sole Arbitrator in a HKIAC arbitration relating to disputes arising from multiple convertible promissory notes. The matter was seated in Hong Kong, and the contracts governed by the laws of Delaware.

- Sole Arbitrator in a SIAC arbitration arising from a dispute relating to a profit-sharing agreement for the sale and distribution of petrochemical products. The arbitration was seated in Singapore and the agreement governed by Singapore law.
- Sole Arbitrator in a DIAC arbitration relating to the purchase and sale of industrial materials for a major construction project. The arbitration was seated in the DIFC, UAE, and the contract governed by the laws of England & Wales.
- Sole Arbitrator in a HKIAC arbitration arising from a settlement agreement entered into relating to disputes arising out of a joint venture agreement for distribution of consumer products across China and Taiwan. The matter was seated in Hong Kong and the contract governed by the laws of Delaware.
- Sole Arbitrator in a SIAC arbitration arising from a dispute relating to a consultancy services agreement for a major construction project in the Philippines. The arbitration was seated in Singapore.
- Sole Arbitrator in a HKIAC arbitration relating to the sale and purchase of aircraft. The arbitration was seated in Hong Kong and the contract governed by the laws of Hong Kong.
- Sole Arbitrator in a SIAC arbitration, relating to claims arising from the purchase and shipment of chemical products. The dispute involved parallel proceedings related to banking facilities and allegations of fraud. The arbitration was seated in Singapore and the contract governed by the laws of Singapore.
- Co-arbitrator in a DIFC-LCIA arbitration, arising from a dispute relating to an expert opinion for a major construction project in Dubai. The arbitration was seated in the DIFC, and the dispute governed by the laws of U.A.E.
- Sole Arbitrator in a SIAC arbitration, arising from a suite of sales and distribution agreements for digital health technology across Europe and the Middle East. The arbitration was seated in Singapore and the contracts governed by Singapore law.
- Sole Arbitrator in a ICC arbitration, arising from a shipping dispute regarding the sale and purchase of goods. The arbitration was seated in Hong Kong, with the CISG and the *Lex Mercatoria* as the applicable laws.
- Sole Arbitrator in a MIAC (Maldives) arbitration relating to disputes arising out of an Investment Agreement. The arbitration was seated in the Maldives, and the dispute governed by the laws of the Maldives.

Professional Activities

- *Speaking engagements*
 - *Reviving Efficiency in Arbitration*, XXVII ICCA Congress (Madrid 2026)
 - *To Med-Arb or Not to Med-Arb? Leveraging Opportunities and Navigating Procedural Pitfalls*, MAA Generations in Arbitration Conference (Hong Kong 2026)
 - *Meeting of Different Minds: How Diversity of Tribunals Shape Proceedings*, Dutch Arbitration Day (Amsterdam 2025)
 - *Investor State Arbitration – Interactive Panel*, ICC Canada Conference (Vancouver 2024)
 - *The Role of the Hong Kong Courts in Arbitration*, ICC Australia (Online, 2024)
 - *Decision Time Panel Discussion*, GAR Live (Hong Kong, 2023)
 - *Norton Rose Fulbright Debate* (Hong Kong, 2023)

- *Are Stay and Bifurcation Requests Guerilla Tactics*, MAA Generations in Arbitration (Vienna, 2023)
- *Validity of the Arbitration Agreement: Benefits and Disadvantages of Contracting with SOEs*, HKIAC (Hong Kong 2023)
- *Navigating International Commercial Disputes in a Sustainable World – ESG Meets ADR*, Withers Worldwide (Singapore 2022)
- *Law Governing the Arbitration Agreement*, Generations in Arbitration Conference (Hong Kong, 2022)
- *Career Development and disclosure obligations in the age of digital social media*, HK45 (Hong Kong 2021)
- *ICC in a World of Covid*, ICC Australia (Sydney, 2020)
- *Tour d'Horizon*, ICC Canada (Toronto, 2020)
- *Insights into ICC Australia*, ICC Australia (Brisbane, 2019)

- *Teaching engagements*
 - Guest Lecturer, LLM program, Erasmus University (Rotterdam, 2023-2025)
 - Guest Lecturer, LLM program, Leiden University (The Hague, 2023, 2025)
 - Lecturer and Tutor, LLM program, Hong Kong University (Hong Kong, 2021-2022)
 - Instructor, HKIAC Tribunal Secretary Training Program (Hong Kong, 2021-2022)
 - Instructor, SIAC Tribunal Secretary Training Program (Singapore, 2022)
 - Instructor, BVI IAC Tribunal Secretary Training Program (BVI, 2022)

- *Writing*
 - *The Efficiency Enigma – a survey of efficiency tools in arbitration*, with Grant Hanessian, XXVII ICCA Congress Madrid 2026 (publication pending)
 - *Mid-Stream Tribunal Engagement – an abuse of process or a much needed panacea?*, with Juliet Blanch, *Festschrift in Honor of John Fellas* (2025)
 - *Hourly Rates and the Risk of Arbitrator Fraud or Negligence*, ICC Institute of World Business Law Newsletter (December 2025)
 - *The Award in International Investment Arbitration: Compensation*, with Dr. Prof. Kaj Hobér, Oxford University Press (2024)
 - *The Efficiency Apex: Reversing the Procedural Presumption*, Indian Journal of Arbitration Law (2023)
 - *Digital Hearings – Civil Procedure and Arbitration: The Arbitrators' Perspective*, Norstedts Juridik (2022)
 - *The Case for Asian Digital Dispute Resolution Rules*, Asian Disputes Review (2022)

- *Professional memberships*
 - Open Arbitration, Co-Founder
 - Stockholm International Hearing Centre, Board Member
 - IBA Arbitration Committee Task Force on the “*Revision of the 2016 Report on the Reception of the IBA Arbitration Soft Law Products*”
 - LCIA Users Council
 - ICC Canada Arbitration Committee
 - ICC Australia Arbitration Committee