

ARBITRATOR'S CURRICULUM VITAE

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Languages: Vietnamese, English

Practice Areas

Investment, Arbitration, Alternative Dispute Resolutions (ADRs), Infrastructure, Commerce

Hop Dang is an arbitrator and academic based Australia. Before setting up Hop Dang's Chambers in Hanoi, he was a partner at Allens for many years with a strong practice in cross-border infrastructure projects and international commercial arbitration. He advised the Vietnamese Government in drafting the Law on Commercial Arbitration 2010 and has acted as arbitrator in many cases at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Swedish Chamber of Commerce, the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre, the ICC, the Finland Arbitration Institute and elsewhere. He has taught in law schools in Vietnam, Singapore, Japan, Australia and China. He holds law degrees from both Vietnam and Australia and wrote his doctoral thesis at the University of Oxford on the choice of international law in state contracts.

Education

2008	Brasenose College, University of Oxford, DPhil
2005	The National University of Singapore, Graduate Certificate of International Arbitration
December, 2002	The University of Melbourne, Master of Laws
1999	Bond University, Australia, Bachelor of Laws (first class honours)
1998	Duke Law School, North Carolina, USA, Exchange student from Bond University
1996	Law Faculty, Hanoi National University, Vietnam, Bachelor of Laws
1994	Hanoi University for Foreign Language Teachers, Vietnam, Bachelor of Arts (English)

Professional Experiences

	Solicitor, Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia
09/2008 – 06/2011	Senior Associates, Allens Arthur Robinson
07/2011 – 2018	Partner, Allens Arthur Robinson
2018 – now	Arbitrator, Hop Dang’s Chambers

Professional Appointments

- Alternate Court Member, ICC Court of International Arbitration
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Court Member, the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the Hague
- Member, Arbitrator Panel of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
- Member, Arbitrator Panel of Singapore International Arbitration Centre
- Member, Arbitrator Panel of Vietnam International Arbitration Centre
- Member, Arbitrator Panel of Chinese Arbitration Association, Taipei
- Member, Arbitrator Panel of Shanghai Arbitration Commission
- Member, Arbitrator Panel of Korean Commercial Arbitration Board
- Former Chairman, Vietnam Business Lawyers Club (VBLC)
- Founding Fellow, International Academy of Construction Lawyers (until 2020)
- Solicitor, Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia

Main Arbitration Experiences

Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC)

- Co-arbitrator in a sale of goods dispute (urea) between a Singapore party and a Vietnamese party. Governing law is Singapore law. Place of arbitration is Vietnam. Dispute value is about \$1 million. Award was first set aside by the court at first instance. The Court of Appeal then reversed the decision of the court at first instance.
- Co-arbitrator in a letter of credit dispute between a Singapore party and a Vietnamese party. Governing law is English law. Place of arbitration in Vietnam. Dispute value is about \$ 1 million.
- Presiding arbitrator in a joint venture dispute between a Japanese party and Vietnamese party. Dispute value is about US\$ 300,000.
- Presiding arbitrator in a sale of goods dispute (scrap steel) between a Singapore party and a Vietnamese party. The dispute value is about US\$ 1.5 million.
- Co-arbitrator in a sale of goods dispute between a Malaysian party and a Vietnamese party. Governing law is Vietnamese law and Singapore law. Place of arbitration is Vietnam. Dispute value is about US\$ 1 million.
- Co-arbitrator in a joint venture dispute between 2 Vietnamese parties. Dispute value is about

US\$ 1 million.

- Co-arbitrator in a subcontract dispute between a Malaysian party and a Vietnamese party. The dispute value is about US\$ 50,000.
- Co-arbitrator in a sale of goods dispute (rubber) between a Turkish party and a Vietnamese party. The dispute value is about US\$ 50,000.
- Co-arbitrator in an equipment supply dispute (vehicle manufacturing equipment) between a Chinese party and a Vietnamese party. The dispute value is about US\$ 1 million.
- Co-arbitrator in a joint venture contract dispute (resort development) between 2 Vietnamese parties. Dispute value is about US\$ 1 million.
- Co-arbitrator in a construction dispute between a Korean party and Vietnamese party. Value of dispute is about US\$ 8 million.
- Co-arbitrator in a construction dispute between a Korean party and a Vietnamese party. Value of dispute is about US\$ 5 million.
- Co-arbitrator in a construction dispute between a Korean party and a Vietnamese party. Value of dispute is over US\$ 50 million.

Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)

- Sole arbitrator in a mining joint venture dispute between a Singapore party and a Hong Kong party, under UNCITRAL rules and administered by the SIAC. Place of arbitration is Singapore. Governing law is Singapore law. Dispute value is about US\$ 4 million.
- Co-arbitrator in a hotel joint venture dispute between a Hong Kong party and a Vietnamese party. Governing law is Vietnamese law. Place of arbitration is Singapore. Dispute value is US\$ 50 million.
- Co-arbitrator in an M&A dispute between a Spanish party and a Vietnamese party. Governing law is Singapore law. Place of arbitration is Singapore. Value of dispute is US\$ 5 million.
- Co-arbitrator in a tax dispute between a Japanese party and a Vietnamese party. Governing law is Vietnamese law. Place of arbitration is Singapore. Dispute value is US\$ 10 million.
- Sole arbitrator in a sale of goods dispute between a Chinese party and a Vietnamese party. Governing law is Vietnamese law. Place of arbitration is Singapore. Dispute value is US\$ 2 million.
- Sole arbitrator in a sale of goods dispute between a Chinese party and a Vietnamese party. Governing law is Vietnamese law. Place of arbitration is Singapore. Dispute value is about US\$ 20,000.

Others

- Co-arbitrator in a sale of goods dispute (fertiliser) under the rules of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce (SCC). Governing law is Swedish law. Place of arbitration is Stockholm. Dispute amount is about US\$ 10 million.
- Co-arbitrator in a tax dispute between a Finnish party and a Japanese party under the rules of the Finland Arbitration Institute (FAI). Place of arbitration is Helsinki. Dispute value is about

US\$ 1 million.

- Co-arbitrator in a construction dispute under the rules of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). The dispute value is about over US\$ 10 million.

Consultancy work

- Member of the working committee under the Drafting Committee for the Law on Commercial Arbitration of Vietnam, enacted in 2010.

Academic Activities

Academic Appointment

- Adjunct Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore (2004 – 2018).
- Visiting Senior Fellow, Law Faculty, University of Melbourne ((2003, 2016 – 2018).
- Visiting Lecturer, Law Faculty, Kyushu University, Japan (2015-2017).
- Visiting Senior Fellow, Law Faculty, University of New South Wales (2009 – 2013).
- Visitor, Law Faculty, Nagoya University, Japan (2013-2014).
- Lecturer, Diploma of International Commercial Arbitration, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 2011 – 2013.
- Visiting Lecturer, Hanoi Law University, Vietnam (2008 – 2010).
- Honorary Associate, Centre for Energy, Petroleum, Mineral Law and Policy (CEPMLP), University of Dundee (2008).
- Visiting Lecturer, Judicial Academy, Vietnam (2002 – 2004).
- Tutor in Equity and Trusts, University of Melbourne and Monash University (2002).
- Tutor in Commercial Contracts, La Trobe University (2002).

Other Academic Activities

- Founding and chairing the Globalised Era Scholarship foundation in Vietnam to select the best students and arrange for mentoring/training and jobs at the best law firms in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City (since 2010). For more information, please watch this video clip in Vietnamese or for English download here.
- Founding and managing weekly law student mentoring sessions on <https://www.facebook.com/VietnameseLawStudentChatRoom>
- Founding and managing Youtube Channel posting weekly videos introducing the common law to Vietnamese law students on <https://www.facebook.com/DaddySonAndTheLaw>
- Coaching, judging annual moot competitions.
- Supervising and examining masters and doctoral theses in law subjects.

Publications

2018

The Vietnamese Law on Commercial Arbitration 2010 Compared to the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration 2006 in Bell (Ed), The

	<i>UNCITRAL Model Law and Asian Arbitration Law</i> , Cambridge University Press (forthcoming, 2018).
2018	<i>Arbitration Law and Practice in Vietnam: Fundamental Changes over the Past 20 Years and Potential for the Future in Reyes & Gu</i> (Ed), The Developing World of Arbitration, Hart 2018.
2011	<i>The Vietnamese Legal System, the Past 25 Years, the Present and the Future in Bell & Black</i> (Ed), Law and Legal Institutions in Asia, Cambridge University Press 2011.
2011	<i>Jurisdictional Clauses in State Contracts Subject to Bilateral Investment Treaties</i> , International Arbitration Law Review, 2011.
2011	<i>Legal Issues in Vietnamese FDI Law, in Nottage and Bath</i> (Ed), <i>Foreign Investment and Dispute Resolution Law and Practice in Asia</i> , RouteLedge, 2011.
	<i>Ultra Vires State Contracts under International Law</i> , Hong Kong Law Journal, Vol 42, Part 1.
	<i>Illegality of State Contracts under International Law</i> (2011) Monash University Law Review 37(2) 114.
2011	<i>Applicability of International Law as Governing Law of State Contracts</i> , Australia International Law Journal, 2011.
2009	<i>Practical Problems in the Vietnamese Enterprise Law</i> , Dong A Journal of International Economic Law, Vol 1 2009
2009	<i>Vietnamese draft arbitration law placing more faith in arbitration</i> , The Arbitrator, SIAC, January 2009.
2008	<i>International Law as the Governing Law of State Contracts</i> , DPhil Thesis, University of Oxford, 2008.
2007	<i>Towards a Stronger Arbitration Regime for Vietnam</i> , Asian International Arbitration Journal Vol 3, No. 1, 2007.
2006	<i>Legal Education in Asia</i> (joint authors), Asian Journal of Comparative Law, Vol 1, Issue 1, 2006