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Arbitrator

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Giovanna specializes in dispute resolution and regulatory work. She advises corporates, institutions and individuals in the commercial, financial, logistics, construction and public sectors. With over 30 years of legal experience, Giovanna has practiced as a solicitor and has handled a broad range of complex disputes and reported cases both in Hong Kong and in England. She is an accredited mediator, a Chartered Arbitrator and a panel arbitrator of the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration, the Financial Dispute Resolution Centre and the Law Society of Hong Kong.

Giovanna received her LLM in Corporate and Commercial Law and Master of Science in Construction Law and International Arbitration from the University of London and her Bachelor of Social Sciences from the University of Hong Kong. She speaks Putonghua, Cantonese and English.

Giovanna regularly lectures on arbitration, competition law and re-insurance. She is a contributor of the Insurance Section of Bullen & Leake & Jacob's Precedents of Pleadings Hong Kong.

Giovanna acts both as counsel for the parties and as an arbitrator. Examples of her arbitration related work include:

- Sitting as an arbitrator in commercial, financial and insurance disputes
- Advising the founders of groups of companies in joint venture and investment disputes, involving dealing with freezing injunctions and arbitration proceedings
- Advising a group of regional companies in arbitration proceedings against investors
- Advising a licensee of a global brand in a dispute and arbitration with the licensor over the global license agreement, involving issues of misrepresentation and wrongful termination of the license
- Representing a public body in a high profile arbitration relating to short foundation piles in a public housing estate
- Representing the Hong Kong Government in a high profile arbitration relating to fraudulent concealment of and construction of public housing with defective concrete
- Representing insurers in various arbitration proceedings relating to infrastructure projects, land fill site, water drainage scheme, harbor rehabilitation scheme, and contractors all risks policies
- Advising an international company on an arbitration relating to procurement of equipment and the construction of a project in Russia

- Advising a Hong Kong company in arbitration proceedings on a distribution agreement and a manufacturing agreement with a US company relating to the sale and manufacture of products in Greater China Region
- Advising insurers in relation to a potential arbitration relating to massive claim arising from an explosion in a power plant in Guangdong
- Examiner of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in its international award writing examinations (2004 to 2007)
- Member of the International Practice & Standards Committee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2006 to 2013)
- Acting as a judge of Vis East since its inception in 2003