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**ARBITRATOR, MEDIATOR, EDUCATOR, ACTIVIST**



**Louise Barrington is an international dispute resolver with 30 years of experience. She practiced law in Ontario before moving into international commercial arbitration during graduate studies in Paris. A Canadian, she is a permanent resident of Hong Kong and holds a British passport.**

She has served as arbitrator for the **ICC** many times, appointed by parties and by the ICC National Committees of Canada and Britain - as co-arbitrator, sole arbitrator and chair. Internationally, she has served as sole arbitrator or panel member under **UNCITRAL Rules**, and for **HKIAC, CIArb, AAA-ICDR, SIAC, CIETAC** and **DIAC**.

For many years Ms. Barrington served on Hong Kong's **ICC Arbitration Commission nomination committee** and has taught international arbitration both as a law faculty member (**HK's CityU** and **Chinese U**), directed the Construction Law and Dispute Resolution Programme at **King's College London**, and is or has been an external professor (**Osgoode Hall** in Toronto, **PUC** in Sao Paulo, **Latrobe** in Melbourne, to name a few). She has also taught and/or assessed senior arbitrators for Fellowship of the **Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators** and the **Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society (TCAS)**.

After training with **Global Mediation Services** in 2000 in Hong Kong, she joined the **HKIAC** panel of accredited mediators, co-opted and then elected to the **Hong Kong Mediation Council** to assist with setting up training and accreditation systems between 2001 and 2006. She has practiced and taught mediation to professionals and students for over fifteen years and is a founder of the **Young International Mediation Competition (YIMC)**. She has published articles on arbitration and on mediation, especially from a cross cultural perspective, authored teaching workbooks for **CIArb, the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators** and **ArbitralWomen**.

Ms Barrington is legally qualified in **Ontario** (U of T '76), **New York** and **England & Wales** and holds a Maitrise in European law from the **University of Paris II** (Assas). She is a member arbitrator of Toronto's **Arbitration Place** and an arbitrator door tenant with **Littleton Chambers** in London.

In 2001 Ms. Barrington became one of Asia's first **chartered arbitrators** and has acted as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and as tribunal president, in ad hoc and institutional cases on four continents. In her nearly 100 international and domestic arbitration cases she has resolved disputes involving sales (CISG and shares), banking, franchises, insurance, construction, wrongful dismissal, intellectual property and licensing, agency and procurement. In Canada she has chaired financial services disciplinary hearings, investigated bank/consumer disputes and has acted as sole arbitrator in numerous domestic insurance cases.

Louise has always combined ADR practice with academic pursuits, teaching American Business Law in **Paris** and arbitration, mediation, international and commercial law (including in the French language) around the globe. She directed the LLM Programme in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution at **King's College London** and is creator and director of the Dispute Resolution Module for the **SiLS** on-line LLM in International Commercial Law, now attached to Australia's **Bond University**.

She founded and directs the annual **Vis East Arbitration Moot** ([www.cisgmoot.org](http://www.cisgmoot.org)) now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year and is founder and former co-president of **ArbitralWomen** ([www.arbitralwomen.org](http://www.arbitralwomen.org)). She was for many years a member of the ICC Arbitration and ADR Commission (Paris), the International Law Institute and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She is chief editor of **The Danubia Files: Lessons in Award Writing** from the Vis Moot and established Vis Moot's **Capacity Building Programmes** in Cambodia and Myanmar.

Her years of studying and advocating for arbitrator diversity culminated in the creation of the **ArbitralWomen Diversity Toolkit™**, sponsored by the AAA-ICDR Foundation, to train professionals committed to improving diversity in their own fields. The day-long programme is now available around the world.

As Director of the Vis East Moot Foundation, and in response to the travel bans imposed due to Covid-19, Louise and her colleagues created the first Virtual Vis East Moot, to enable 71 teams to compete on line. Aside from being the first virtual arbitration competition on-line, the VVE also featured the first Vis Moot final tribunal comprising three female arbitrators.

Ms Barrington speaks English and French fluently, plus conversational Spanish, and a little German.

Louise received the **CPR Diversity Award** in 2011.

### **Louise Barrington Selected Publications**

- The ArbitralWomen Diversity Toolkit Training Manual, 2018 revised annually
- Confidentiality in International Arbitration, keynote address in Guadalajara Mexico CISG conference, 2018
- The Hong Kong Institute of Arbitration Entry Course Manual, 2011, revised 2017
- The Danubia Files: Lessons in Award Writing from the Vis Moot, Outskirts Press 2016
- Slowly but Surely... Mediation Goes Mainstream in Hong Kong, Hong Kong Lawyer, March 2007
- Blending Cultures in Mediation, Kobe University Law Review, International Edition No. 40, September 2006
- The Project Manager as Mediator, HK Project Manager, March 2002
- Cultural Do's and Taboos in International Business Transactions: Some Observations out of Asia, Presented at IBA, Amsterdam, 2000
- Dispute Prevention, Management and Resolution: Can We Do it Better? Building Journal Hong Kong China, July 2000