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Practice Areas
Insurance
International Arbitration
Marine and Trade



Practical and creative, Anthony specialises in finding a solution. With over 25 years of experience in the insurance and marine sector, Anthony represents leading global insurers and P&I Clubs in complex disputes and negotiations.

Anthony is regularly retained by leading insurers (global and PRC) to advise on insurance related disputes across all lines of insurance, with a particular focus on marine, property and casualty. He handles a large portfolio of subrogated recovery claims across the world utilising the firm's network.

An expert in international arbitration including CIETAC, HKIAC and SIAC, Anthony is also experienced in managing disputes resolution and enforcement of judgment and awards in foreign jurisdictions. His specialty also includes handling dry shipping disputes, commercial litigation, personal injury, and regulatory.

Anthony is fluent in English, Cantonese and Mandarin.

Qualifications

- Qualified Solicitor of HKSAR (1995)
- Registered Foreign Lawyer in England and Wales
- Registered Foreign Lawyer in Singapore
- CEDR Accredited Mediator
- Hainan International Arbitration Court Arbitrator

Legal Directories

- 2017 – 2021 Chambers (China) Leading Individual in Shipping Litigation
- 2020 Doyles Guide Leading Individual on Admiralty, Maritime and Trading

Mentions

Anthony Woo is a well-established lawyer who offers substantial knowledge in contentious matters in the shipping sector. He is regularly mandated by insurers and ship managers to assist with salvage operations, investigations and disputes arising out of ship casualties, such as fires and explosions. One client compliments his "winning spirit," adding that he is "an excellent lawyer."

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Expertise

Marine and Trade

We represent carriers, logistics providers, traders and liability insurers in complex maritime and trade disputes, as well as regulatory matters:

- Defending carrier and master from criminal prosecution in mis-declaration of prohibited military goods
- Advising carrier on seizure of unlicensed cargo and handling defence by cargo owners
- Assisting hull underwriters following explosion on board a bulk carrier leading to total loss
- Charterparty disputes over a damaged crane before LMAA involving multiple parties in the charter chain
- Defending and discharging a vessel from arrest for unpaid bunkers following successful challenge to in rem jurisdiction
- Handling bodily injury claims from crew members on vessels and workers at terminals and warehouses
- Handling claims arising from losing large number of containers overboard a container ship, including commencing limitation proceedings
- Managing cross claims between owners, charterers and cargo interest following grounding of vessel
- Defending substantial cargo claims on the grounds of inherent vice / pre-shipment condition
- Winding up proceedings following collapse of major shipping lines and bunkers suppliers
- Representing minerals trader in a cargo off-spec claim before SIAC

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Recent Experience

- Recovering against owners of “ONE APUS” in the UK after thousands of containers lost overboard
- Challenging declaration of general average of “NORMANNA” in the US on behalf of a single bulk cargo worth USD10mn
- Advising a ship manager and insurer following an explosion of the vessel in Dubai leading to hull damage and casualty
- Recovery against lift engineer for substantial loss arising from a casualty in Singapore after a lift in a mall “free fall” to the ground
- Recovery against manufacturer of semi-conductors in Taiwan following a major defect and subsequent recall of LEDs with the built-in semi-conductors
- CIETAC arbitration (seated in HK) against Japanese manufacture of glass wall collapsed in a top resort in China
- Tracing proceeds from a fraud committed on a Macau casino
- Advising a Tourism Board following a cyber attack and considering recovery of loss against the network provider

Expertise

International Arbitration

We specialise in handling complex and multi-jurisdictional / cross-border commercial and insurance disputes, including execution and enforcement of awards.

Our team has global reach and experience of the leading arbitration hubs around the world, including:

- China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)
- Hong Kong international Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
- International Chamber of Commerce
- London Maritime Arbitration Association (LMAA)
- Shenzhen International Court of Arbitration (SICA)
- Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)
- United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)
- Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC)

Insurance

We advise insurers across all lines of products, from policy advice to liability defence to recovery:

- Claims handling
- Construction and Engineering
- Cyber
- Fraud
- Marine, Logistics and Trade
- Personal injury and Employee’s compensation
- Policy coverage and interpretation
- Product liability
- Property damage and liability
- Recovery
- Regulatory, Commercial and Corporate Services

Mentions

Anthony Woo is a recommended individual Admiralty, Maritime & Shipping Lawyer. The 2021 listing of leading Hong Kong Shipping Lawyers details lawyers practicing within the areas of Admiralty Law, Maritime Law & Shipping Law matters in Hong Kong legal market who have been identified by their clients and peers for their expertise and abilities in these areas.