



**Australasia Legal – Mediation & Arbitration  
(ALMA 2012) Conference**

**- Capturing Opportunities in an Expanding Market -**

**Wednesday 11 January – Friday 13 January, 2012 – Hong Kong**

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Website & Registration Available: Monday 4 July

#### THE EVENT

ALMA 2012 is an educational and networking opportunity for Australian, South East Asian and International legal professionals interested in capturing opportunities in the Asian mediation and arbitration business. The event will include conference sessions delivered by local and international experts and opportunities to develop relationships with members of the Australian, Hong Kong, Singaporean and UK legal fraternity, solicitors and corporate professionals.

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Australian and International Members of the

- Judiciary
- Senior & Junior Counsel
- In-House Counsel
- Solicitors
- Barrister's Clerks
- Mediators & Arbitrators

#### THE DELEGATES

ALMA 2012 is anticipated to attract over a hundred senior delegates from Australia and across the Asia-Pacific. Invitations will be extended to functions and keynote sessions to interested members of the Hong Kong legal fraternity and business community.

#### THE VENUE

The proposed venue for ALMA 2012 is The Conrad Hotel Hong Kong, which is centrally located to the Legal community and a 5-star hotel. Venue to be confirmed by September 2011.

#### PARTNERS

Partner participation in social functions is welcomed and tickets can be purchased at registration.

#### SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

Limited Sponsor opportunities are available.  
Please contact the organisers for further information.

#### FULL DETAILS & CONFERENCE BROCHURE

Full details of ALMA 2012, confirmed speakers and full conference program will be released in the short term.

For further information in the meantime,  
don't hesitate to contact the organisers.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

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#### EVENT OVERVIEW

##### Day One

Conference Sessions are delivered by expert local and international speakers and will include an overview to the Legal Fraternity and systems in Hong Kong and an outline of the opportunities available in the overall region, information regarding local practice and working with local Counsel and Solicitors will also be addressed. The day includes registration and welcome coffee, morning and afternoon tea and working lunch.

Topics Include:

- The Hong Kong System of Government
- The Hong Kong Legal System
- Australia as a Source of Hong Kong Law
- The Hong Kong Court of Arbitration
- Mediation & Arbitration in the Region – An Australian Perspective
- Mediation & Arbitration in the Region
- Mediation & Arbitration in the Region – Focus SE Asia
- The Role of the International Business Lawyer in HK
- The Long Reach of the US Securities Legislation
- The Practice of International Mediation – An Australian Perspective
- The Need for ADR in Developing Countries

Day One will conclude with a Welcome Function for delegates and invited guests. Tickets to this function may also be purchased for partners.

##### Day Two

Upon registering to attend the event, delegates will be able to choose two Specialist Meeting Sessions for this morning. Meeting sessions will be held in the offices of local host Firms.

Proposed topics and specialties include:

- Session 1: Mediation & Arbitration 1 / Financial Services – Cooperation Between HKSCF & ASIC / Company Law / Criminal Law / Family Law.
- Session 2: Mediation & Arbitration 2 / Banking & Financial Services / Shipping & Maritime / Construction / Commercial Law

It is anticipated further titles and host Firms will be announced. Delegates will lunch with the Firm hosting their second session, then return to the main conference venue. Afternoon Tea will be provided before delegates and local invited guests will participate in the afternoon keynote conference session. This will be followed by Cocktails and conclude with the Conference Dinner for delegates and invited guests, including a keynote speaker. Tickets for this dinner may be purchased for partners.

##### Day Three

The final Conference Sessions will include Speakers addressing International Mediation & Arbitration – The Issues Affecting Australian Counsel; The SE Asian Region and The Australian Perspective, and include topics:

- Challenges to the Appointment of Arbitrators – The Impact of Recent International Decisions
- The In-House Counsel Perspective – Mediations
- Australia, Hong Kong & Singapore ADR Resources
- The Australian Perspective
- The Australian and SE Asian Lawyer in Hong Kong

This will be followed by a formal farewell lunch with keynote address.