



# HCCH 1970 Evidence Convention and Remote Taking of Evidence by Video-link

Tuesday, 1 June 2021 | 4pm to 5:15pm (SGT) | Zoom Webinar



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## Overview


The unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic have accelerated the need for solutions to allow continued access to justice despite restrictions on mobility and in-person meetings. In turn, this has highlighted the utility of technology-neutral instruments that facilitate cooperation in transnational civil or commercial litigation, such as the *HCCH 1970 Evidence Convention*. Notably, the use of technology under that Convention is encouraged in both the transmission and execution of requests and in the taking of evidence remotely by video-link, where appropriate and subject to domestic law.

This webinar, jointly organised by the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) and the Asian Business Law Institute (ABLI), in the context of the ongoing celebrations of the golden anniversary of the *HCCH 1970 Evidence Convention*, will feature international experts and stakeholders from different legal systems to discuss practical challenges on the cross-border taking of evidence and possible solutions to further facilitate cross-border proceedings in the next 50 years. Discussions will include questions such as:

- How have 50 years of the HCCH 1970 Evidence Convention facilitated cross-border proceedings in civil or commercial matters?
- Is there a set of best practices when taking evidence under Chapter I (Letters of Request) or Chapter II (in particular Commissioners) of the Convention?
- What are the best means of obtaining evidence that can be effectively utilized in proceedings in the state of origin where proceedings are pending?

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 Seminar	1 Public CPD Point
	Practice Area: Civil Procedure Training Level: General



## Programme (1 June 2021)

4 PM	Webinar (log-in from 3:45pm)
5 PM	Question and Answer
5:10 PM	An Introduction to the <i>1965 HCCH Service Convention</i>
5:15 PM	End of Webinar

### Registration

General Admission: **S\$70 (nett)**

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### Register by

Thursday, 28 May 2021

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### Speakers

(in alphabetical order)



#### Alexander Blumrosen (Paris, France)

##### Partner, Polaris Law

Alexander Blumrosen is the founding partner of the Paris law firm Polaris Law, specialising in the litigation of international commercial business disputes (before courts and arbitration tribunals), with particular experience in technology, IP and cross-border privacy.

Alexander is frequently named as arbitrator in institutional and ad hoc arbitrations, is appointed Hague Commissioner and Privacy Monitor by U.S. courts under the Hague Evidence Convention of 1970, and is selected as an expert on French law and procedure in U.S. litigation. He has been appointed by the EU and the US to sit on the Privacy Shield arbitration panel.

A graduate of Dartmouth College, Georgetown Law School and the University of Paris I, he is admitted to the Bars of New York and Paris. He is a member of the "Tech-list" of the Silicon Valley Arbitration and Mediation Center, a past President of the International Technology Law Association, and a former Chair of the International Commercial Arbitration Committee of the International Section of the ABA.

Alexander is also a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations and has been named Chevalier in the French Légion d'Honneur.

#### Edmund J Kronenburg (Singapore)

##### Managing Partner, Braddell Brothers LLP

Edmund Kronenburg is the Managing Partner of Braddell Brothers LLP, Singapore's second-oldest independent law practice, founded in 1883. He is admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor (Singapore) and Solicitor (England & Wales).

Edmund has over 23 years of experience in dispute resolution, litigation and arbitration, regularly appearing as counsel before the Singapore courts as well as in international arbitrations. His diverse practice includes commercial and corporate disputes, breach of confidence, defamation, medical negligence, employment, energy and natural resources, media and telecommunications, as well as pre-emptive relief and injunctions (including Worldwide Mareva / Freezing Injunctions far exceeding US\$ 1 billion in combined value).

In addition to his work as counsel, Edmund actively sits as an arbitrator. He has conducted arbitrations seated in Singapore, Hong Kong SAR, Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam as Sole Arbitrator, Tribunal Chairman / Presiding Arbitrator and Tribunal Member. He is a Fellow of the CI Arb, SI Arb, MI Arb, AMINZ, HKI Arb and PI Arb and has been admitted to the arbitrator panels / lists of 17 international arbitral institutes worldwide.



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### Justice Anselmo Reyes (joining from Kyoto, Japan)

Anselmo Reyes practises as an arbitrator. He was Professor of Legal Practice at Hong Kong University from October 2012 to September 2018. Before that, he was a judge of the Hong Kong High Court from 2003 to 2012 when he was in charge of the Construction and Arbitration List (2004 to 2008) and the Commercial and Admiralty Lists (2008 to 2012). He was Representative of the Hague Conference on Private International Law's Regional Office Asia Pacific from April 2013 to July 2017.

Anselmo became an International Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court in January 2015. He is currently a visiting professor at the law faculty of Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan.



### Professor Yun Zhao (Hong Kong SAR, China)

#### University of Hong Kong

Professor Yun Zhao is Henry Cheng Professor in International Law and Head of Department of Law at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). He obtained his PhD degree from Erasmus University Rotterdam, LL.M degree from Leiden University, and LL.M & LL.B degrees from China University of Political Science and Law.

Professor Zhao is currently the Representative of Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, a Standing Council Member of the Chinese Society of International Law and the Chinese Society of Private International Law, and Chair Professor at Xiamen University (2020-2023). He was Director of the Centre for Chinese Law of HKU from 2013 to 2017.

Professor Zhao is listed as arbitrator in several international arbitration commissions. He is also a founding Council Member of the Hong Kong Internet Forum, a member of the International Institute of Space Law, a member of the Asia Pacific Law Association and the Beijing International Law Society.

**A brief introduction of the 1965 HCCH Service Convention will be given at the end of this webinar.**



### Dr João Ribeiro-Bidaoui

#### First Secretary at the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law

Dr João Ribeiro-Bidaoui is First Secretary at the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH), where he heads the Transnational Litigation Team, with primary responsibility over the Working Group on Jurisdiction, the 2005 Choice of Court and 2019 Judgments Conventions, the HCCH Principles on Choice of Law, the Tourists and Visitors (ODR) Project, as well as the 1965 Service, 1970 Evidence, and 1980 Access to Justice Conventions.

He had charge over the final phases of the Judgments Project, which resulted in the adoption at the 22nd HCCH Diplomatic Session of the Convention of 2 July 2019 on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters.

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