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Benjamin Hughes is an independent arbitrator and associate professor of law at Seoul National University. He is an arbitrator and door tenant of Fountain Court Chambers in London and of The Arbitration Chambers in Singapore. Prior to launching his career as an independent arbitrator, Professor Hughes practiced international arbitration with Shearman & Sterling (in the US and Singapore), and was the founding co-chair of the international dispute resolution practice group at Shin & Kim, one of Korea's oldest and largest full service law firms.

Professor Hughes was educated in both the civil law and the common law traditions, having studied first at Seoul National University College of Law (MA Course, all coursework in Korean), and then at NYU School of Law (JD). While at NYU, he spent one semester at the University of Palermo Law School in Buenos Aires, Argentina (all coursework in Spanish). He also studied Chinese (Mandarin) and East Asian history at Harvard University (MA).

Professor Hughes ceased practice as a lawyer in March 2013 to focus on his practice as an independent arbitrator and mediator. Since then, he has been appointed as the sole, chair or co-arbitrator in arbitrations under the rules of the ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, AAA/ICDR, UNCITRAL, KLRCA, JCAA, CIETAC, SCC, ACICA, DIS and KCAB, as well as ad-hoc arbitrations. He has also been appointed as emergency arbitrator and as sole arbitrator in expedited and fast track proceedings.

Professor Hughes is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators, the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration. He taught extensively in the field of international dispute resolution prior to joining the law faculty at SNU, including as visiting professor at the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law and as adjunct professor at Korea University School of Law.

Professor Hughes is a member of the International Arbitration Committee of the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board, the Executive Committee of the Seoul International Dispute Resolution Center, and a Director of the Korean Council for International Arbitration. He was the founding chair of the Korea Chapter of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. In 2011, Mayor Won-Soon Park made Professor Hughes an honorary citizen of Seoul in recognition of his contributions to the legal community.

**Recent Appointments as Arbitrator:**

- Chair in SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore between Indian and Singaporean parties arising under a commodities sale and purchase agreement.
- Sole arbitrator in HKIAC arbitration seated in Hong Kong between Hong Kong and Seychelles parties arising under a share purchase agreement.
- Co-arbitrator in SCC arbitration seated in Stockholm between Russian and Korean parties arising under an agreement for the manufacture and supply of components for the construction of a power plant.
- Co-arbitrator in DIS (German Institution of Arbitration) arbitration seated in Hamburg between Singaporean, Russian and Korean parties arising under a commodities sale and purchase agreement.
- Sole arbitrator in ICC arbitration seated in Manila between a regional development bank and a Chinese party arising under an agreement for the development of financial systems software.

- Co-arbitrator in AAA/ICDR arbitration seated in Guam between two US parties arising under an international airport concession agreement.
- Chair in JCAA arbitration seated in Tokyo between Japanese and Saudi parties arising under multiple automobile distributorship agreements.
- Co-arbitrator in SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore between Chinese and Korean parties arising under a joint venture agreement for construction projects and related technical license agreement.
- Co-arbitrator in ICC arbitration seated in Geneva between Korean and Singaporean parties arising under contracts for the installation of equipment in the construction of an LNG terminal.
- Emergency Arbitrator in SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore between Swiss and Singaporean parties arising under a hotel management agreement and related agreements.
- Sole Arbitrator in KLRCA fast track arbitration seated in Kuala Lumpur between French and Malaysian parties arising under contracts for the construction of a combined cycle power plant.
- Co-arbitrator in HKIAC arbitration seated in Hong Kong between Chinese and German parties arising under a contract for the sale and installation of solar cell manufacturing equipment.
- Co-arbitrator in ICC arbitration seated in Hong Kong between Chinese and Korean parties arising under an agricultural machinery sale and purchase agreement and related technology transfer and cooperation agreements.
- Co-arbitrator in three related ad-hoc arbitrations seated in Stockholm between Russian and Korean parties arising under agreements for the sale and purchase of automobile parts.
- Sole arbitrator in KCAB arbitration seated in Seoul between Korean and Chinese parties arising under a contract for the supply and installation of ship engine components for large oil tankers.
- Sole arbitrator in SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore between Papua New Guinean and Australian parties arising under an agency agreement for port operations and cargo services.
- Sole arbitrator in ICC arbitration seated in Seoul between Korean and Austrian parties arising under an agreement to jointly develop and market automobile air conditioner technology.
- Chair in SIAC-administered UNCITRAL arbitration seated in Singapore between Chinese and Singaporean parties arising under a commodity sales and purchase agreement and related agency agreement.
- Co-arbitrator in ad-hoc reinsurance arbitration seated in Seoul between Malaysian and Korean parties arising under multiple treaty and facultative policies.
- Sole arbitrator in KCAB arbitration seated in Seoul between Chinese and Korean parties arising under a contract for the sale and transport of goods.
- Co-arbitrator in four (consolidated to two) ICC arbitrations seated in Delhi between a Korean party and an Indian government entity arising under contracts for the laying of cables in urban development projects.
- Co-arbitrator in HKIAC arbitration seated in Hong Kong between Chinese and US parties arising under an agreement for the manufacture and supply of telecommunications equipment.
- Sole arbitrator in HKIAC-administered UNCITRAL arbitration seated in Hong Kong between Chinese and US/Hong Kong parties arising under agreements for the sale and purchase of a manufacturing business and related non-compete agreements.
- Co-arbitrator in HKIAC arbitration seated in Hong Kong between a UK party and a Mongolian government entity arising under multiple aviation consulting agreements.
- Co-arbitrator in CIETAC arbitration seated in Beijing between Chinese and German parties arising under multiple purchase and supply contracts.
- Sole arbitrator in six consolidated SIAC arbitrations seated in Singapore between Chinese/Hong Kong and Malaysian/Singaporean parties arising under multiple shipbuilding project management contracts.
- Sole arbitrator in KCAB arbitration seated in Seoul between Korean and Chinese parties arising under a contract for the sale and shipment of industrial equipment.

- Sole arbitrator in SIAC expedited arbitration seated in Singapore between Indonesian and Singaporean parties arising under a contract for the sale and shipment of coal.
- Co-arbitrator in HKIAC arbitration seated in Hong Kong between Hong Kong and Canadian/Cambodian parties arising under contracts for the supply and shipment of food products.
- Sole arbitrator in ACICA arbitration seated in Sydney between Australian and Fijian parties arising under an agreement for the sale and purchase of an ocean vessel.
- Chair in KCAB arbitration seated in Seoul between Korean and German parties arising under joint venture and shareholders' agreements.
- Sole arbitrator in KCAB expedited arbitration seated in Seoul between Chinese and Korean parties arising under multiple sales agreements and purchase orders.

**Professional Career:**

March 2015 – present:	Associate Professor, School of Law, Seoul National University
March 2013 – present:	Independent Arbitrator and Mediator
Nov 2009 – Feb 2013:	Partner and Co-chair, International Dispute Resolution Practice Group, <b>Shin &amp; Kim</b> , Seoul
Sept. 2007 – Nov. 2009:	Senior Associate, <b>Shearman &amp; Sterling LLP</b> , International Arbitration and Litigation, San Francisco and Singapore
Sept. 2005 – Aug. 2007:	Foreign Attorney, <b>Kim &amp; Chang</b> , International Arbitration, Seoul
Aug. 2004 – Aug. 2005:	Associate, <b>Shearman &amp; Sterling LLP</b> , San Francisco
July 2002 – Aug. 2004:	Associate, <b>Latham &amp; Watkins LLP</b> , San Francisco

**Education:**

NYU School of Law JD, 2002	Dean Robert McKay Scholar Global Legal Fellow
Seoul National University College of Law MA course, 1999	Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship SNU Academic Scholarship
Harvard University AM 1997	MA Thesis on Korean Legal History Harvard-Yenching Institute Fellowship Studied Chinese at Beijing Normal University
Trinity University BA 1989	President's Academic Scholarship

**Languages:**

Read, write and speak English, Korean and Spanish; some Mandarin Chinese

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