

STEPHENSON HARWOOD

(SINGAPORE) ALLIANCE



International arbitration

An overview of our practice in Singapore

Stephenson Harwood is a law firm with over 1300 people worldwide, including more than 190 partners. Our people are committed to achieving the goals of our clients – listed and private companies, institutions and individuals.

We assemble teams of bright thinkers to match our clients' needs and give the right advice from the right person at the right time. Dedicating the highest calibre of legal talent to overcome the most complex issues, we deliver pragmatic, expert advice that is set squarely in the real world.

Our headquarters are in London, with eight offices across Asia, Europe and the Middle East. In addition we have forged close ties with other high quality law firms. This diverse mix of expertise and culture results in a combination of deep local insight and the capability to provide a seamless international service.

"It's a fantastic firm with an extraordinary team of strong, seasoned performers in the area."

Chambers Global 2021, international arbitration

"They are our go-to team for dispute resolution. They leverage technology to connect across jurisdictions and time zones to provide us with advice and support on a 24 hour basis. Their work ethic and commitment to supporting their clients is a class act."

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2022, Singapore international arbitration



The Legal 500
Asia Pacific and UK 2023
– International
arbitration



Who's Who Legal 2023
– Arbitration



Global Arbitration
Review 2022
– Top 100 firms



Chambers Asia Pacific,
UK and Global 2023
– Dispute
resolution

International arbitration group

Our market-leading international arbitration team is known for its expertise in managing complex and substantial arbitrations worldwide.

Our team is able to advise and represent you at any stage of the arbitration process, from drafting a valid and effective arbitration agreement, representing you in arbitration proceedings, to enforcement (or resisting enforcement) of an arbitration award in courts around the world.

We are known for our expertise in managing complex and substantial arbitrations worldwide across a wide range of sectors and geographies. For example, we are frequently engaged on disputes concerning energy, international trade, shipping, construction, infrastructure projects, shareholders' disputes, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and financial services. Our expertise is global, led from our offices in London, Paris, Dubai, Hong Kong, Seoul, Singapore and Shanghai. We have market-leading experience of international arbitrations relating to Africa, mainland China, Hong Kong, India, CIS and Southeast Asia.

We have represented clients in arbitration proceedings under the rules of all the major institutions and trade associations, such as LCIA, ICC, CIETAC, HKIAC, SCIA, SIAC, LMAA, SCMA, GAFTA, HKMAG, UNCITRAL and ICSID. Members of our team are established thought leaders in the field, being board and committee members of the leading arbitration institutions, having written leading texts and other award-winning treatises on international arbitration.

We are also particularly well known for acting in arbitration-related court proceedings, such as arguing jurisdictional challenges, obtaining freezing orders and have unparalleled expertise in the enforcement of arbitration awards. Many of the cases where our team has acted are leading judgments on international arbitration in courts around the world.

Our expertise is reflected in the wide variety of clients for whom we act including governments and government entities, national oil companies, private and public energy companies, banks, airlines, shipping companies, insurers, traders and entrepreneurs.

Stephenson Harwood's arbitration hub

Stephenson Harwood's global international arbitration team has recently launched a dedicated arbitration hub showcasing the team's experience, thought leadership and commentary on market development. It provides a handy one-stop shop for guidance on arbitral institutions, sector development and the latest case updates. Please click here to access the hub.

<https://www.arbitrationhub.com>

Guide to international arbitration

Stephenson Harwood's international arbitration team has created a guide that provides an overview of the arbitration process, preliminary considerations such as the comparison of arbitration, key arbitration centres and model clauses, expected costs and fees, enforcement of arbitration awards and the future of international arbitration. The guide can be found on the arbitration hub.

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"The arbitration team at Stephenson Harwood is unique. They not only combine great talent, but are also dedicated professionals, diligent and very smart."

The Legal 500 UK 2021, international arbitration

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The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2022, Singapore international arbitration





Construction, projects and infrastructure

Our dedicated team of specialists match extensive industry knowledge with highly regarded technical expertise and a reputation for commercial and practical problem solving. We advise on a broad range of projects including commercial, industrial, retail, hotel and leisure, energy, utilities and other major projects such as IWarge engineering schemes and infrastructure projects. We have extensive experience of the principal standard form contracts including FIDIC, JCT, NEC, RIBA, ACE, IChemE and IEE as well as many forms of bespoke contract.

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Gas processing plant

Acting for the contractor on a series of disputes with the main employer and subcontractor relating to a gas processing plant in Abu Dhabi leading to a mediation and ICC arbitration.

Jaguar Energy

Acting for Jaguar Energy in claims arising out of delay to the construction of a power plant in Central America, including claims for delay/extensions of time, and breaches of the construction contract and vendor financing agreements.

UAE government employer

Acting for a UAE government employer in connection with a claim against its main contractor for failing to deliver a critical infrastructure project on schedule (subject to UAE law).

Process plant projects

Advising a South African subsidiary of a European multi-national company in relation to a series of adjudications and an ICC arbitration arising out of various significant process plant projects.

Chinese state-owned general contractor

Advising a Chinese state-owned general contractor on third party funding for its claim of HKD161+ million in an arbitration seated in Hong Kong; and successfully obtained funding terms (£1.5+ million) offered by a London-based Third Party funder.

Hong Kong insurers

Acting for Hong Kong insurers and reinsurers on arbitration proceedings relating to infrastructure projects, landfill site, water drainage scheme, harbour rehabilitation scheme and contractors.

Financial disputes

In any high-stakes financial dispute you want to be certain that you have legal specialists on your side with decades of experience in the field. We advise clients on private and retail banking disputes; investment banking and structured finance disputes; trade finance disputes; recovery strategies; asset finance disputes; and fraud and asset recovery matters. We act for, and against, banks and other financial institutions; hedge funds, closed end funds, and other funds; corporates; insolvency practitioners; and individuals.

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ISDA Master Agreement

Acting for a central bank in ICC arbitration proceedings under the ISDA Master Agreement arising from non-payment of alleged Termination Payment obligation and connected High Court proceedings under the Arbitration Act 1996.

Business co-operation agreement

Representing an international bank against another bank in dispute concerning fees due under a business co-operation agreement to establish and develop a proprietary trading derivatives business in North Asia.

Reps and warranties

Advising an international bank in a reps and warranties UNCITRAL dispute with a state agency following the sale of the bank by the agency.

Currency swaps

Acting for an Indian conglomerate in an LCIA arbitration against a major US bank regarding a dispute about the closing out of a number of currency swaps.

Multi-national bank against its insurers

Representing a French multinational bank against its insurers on fraud cover (bankers blanket bond) disputes in relation to two major events for losses in excess of €500 million.

ICC Hong Kong arbitration

Acting for a Chinese financial institution on an ICC Hong Kong arbitration in excess of US\$80 million.

Hong Kong chapter in The Legal 500's country comparative guide to international arbitration

Partner Andrew Rigden Green has contributed the Hong Kong chapter to The Legal 500's country comparative guide to international arbitration. This country-specific Q&A provides an overview of international arbitration laws and regulations applicable in Hong Kong.



Expropriation of debts and unfair inequitable treatment

Advising a central European bank on ICSID claims on the expropriation of debts and unfair and inequitable treatment against a Middle Eastern state.

Margin calls and closing out of trading

Acting for a financial institution in ICC arbitration proceedings seated in Singapore against clients of financial institution arising out of margin calls and closing out of trading account as a consequence of volatile market trading.

"The arbitration team is: experienced, attentive to details, response timing is superb to all queries (even on holidays), sound judgement and advice, competitive pricing, can provide the best external expert support needed to have a successful winning arbitration."

The Legal 500 EMEA 2022, UAE dispute resolution



Government and state entities

We regularly work for government and state-owned enterprises internationally and are able to assist in legislative reforms and dispute resolution in the public law area. We have worked in a number of sectors including banking, construction, infrastructure, natural resources, power, telecoms, transportation and utilities, where the application of our market-leading expertise gives us a strong advantage.

Federal Republic of Nigeria

Advising the Federal Republic of Nigeria in respect of the enforcement of a US\$20 million arbitral award against it.

Republic of Iraq

Advising co-counsel for the Republic of Iraq in an ICSID claim filed against the Republic by a Kuwaiti contractor under the Iraq/Kuwait Bilateral Investment Treaty. The claim is an important landmark for Iraq as it is the first ICSID claim against the Republic in its history.

PDVSA

Successfully discharging a US\$12 billion freezing order in England on behalf of PDVSA, the Venezuelan state oil company, in connection with ICSID and ICC arbitrations brought by a subsidiary of Exxon Mobil, with related proceedings in several jurisdictions including New York.

Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation

Advising Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on defending the enforcement of a US\$400 million plus Nigerian arbitral award in England. The ground-breaking 14-year dispute with projects company, IPCO (Nigeria) Ltd, concluded following referral to the Supreme Court. This is a leading case in England and indeed worldwide on the enforcement of New York Convention arbitration awards.

Government of India

Advising the government of India in a US\$4 billion energy arbitration.

Government of Venezuela

Advising the Government of Venezuela in the enforcement in England of a US\$700 million plus arbitration award made against it. There are multiple enforcement proceedings afoot in France, US and England.

Government of CIS state

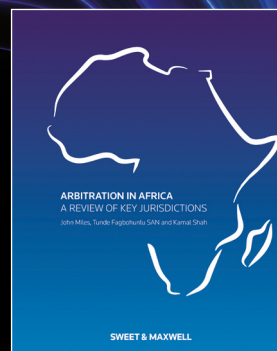
Representing the government of a CIS state in arbitration proceedings arising from the termination of a joint venture agreement with a CIS state enterprise.

Southeast Asian sovereign state

Acting for Southeast Asian sovereign state in a US\$4 billion ad hoc arbitration under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

Arbitration in Africa

Partner Kamal Shah co-authored *Arbitration in Africa: A Review of Key Jurisdictions* with other members of the Stephenson Harwood Africa group, and prominent practitioners. This valuable text provides a thorough and comprehensive account of the market.



“Personal approach to the client and attentiveness to client’s needs. Always professional in their communications and conduct. High-quality work product.”

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2022, Hong Kong

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The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2022, Singapore international arbitration





International trade

In addition to representing clients in commercial arbitrations, we are well-versed in trade-specific arbitration rules, including the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) as well as commodity specific institutions such as the London Metal Exchange (LME), The Federation of Oils, Seeds and Fats Associations Ltd (FOSFA) and the Grain and Feed Trade Association (GAFTA).

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Commodity trader

Representing a commodity trader in defence of claims in SIAC arbitration arising out of the sale of a cargo of Indonesian steam coal. The case involved disputes over delay in payment, quality of the cargo at load port, and delays at the discharge port due to exercise of lien over cargo.

Food production company

Advising a Mozambique-based food production company in a FOSFA arbitration in Durban, South Africa, against a leading Indian flour trading company.

Major trading houses

Advising 3 major trading houses in around 100 GAFTA/FOSFA arbitrations (both first tier and Board of Appeal) arising out of detention/demurrage and time-bar disputes in Paranagua.

European commodity trading group

Acting for a European commodity trading group in bringing claims against a buyer under two contracts for the supply of coal and in relation to subsequent enforcement proceedings (including worldwide freezing orders).

Oil trader

Acting for a Geneva-based oil trader in LCIA arbitration proceedings in successfully defending claims by an oil major in relation to the alleged non-delivery of a shipment of base oils on grounds of force majeure.

Middle Eastern trading house

Acting for a Middle Eastern trading house in 3GAFTA/FOSFA arbitrations totalling c.US\$40 million and in related High Court proceedings in London.

African logistics company

Advising an African logistics company on a US\$1.5 million LCIA arbitration whilst the underlying contract continued to run and the parties' relationship was continuing.

"International firm, direct access to partners; extremely well-trained associates; ability to clearly identify the problems and focus only on the essentials."

The Legal 500 EMEA 2022, France dispute resolution

Marine

Our long-established, market-leading marine law practice offers comprehensive, specialist advice on resolving a wide range of disputes in the shipping industry. Our client base includes many of the world's largest shipowners, shipyards, major ship finance banks, marine insurers charterers and IG P&I clubs. We frequently advise and represent our international clientele in all types of disputes, from the most straightforward claims to matters involving complex legal and commercial issues, arising under all procedural rules and particularly the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA), Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA), International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Hong Kong Maritime Arbitration Group (HKMAG) and Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC).

30 shipowners

Advising over 30 shipowners in disputes arising in respect of the collapse of OW Bunkers and dealing with arrests, security arrangements, conflicts of laws, receivables financing and on-going arbitrations.

Drilling contractor

Successfully defending a drilling contractor from the largest ever claim brought before the London Maritime Arbitration Association.

Shipyard – major overruns and delay

Acting for shipyard in US\$300 million+ arbitration in respect of major cost overruns and delay following defective design for a series of four bespoke semi-submersible drilling rigs, including working closely with technical experts on design issues.

FPSO vessel construction contract

Representing a client in two LCIA arbitrations arising out of a construction contract of a Floating Production Storage Offloading (FPSO) Vessel including warranty matters (i.e. post-construction defects). The disputes were against one of the world's largest shipbuilders, the contract price being over US\$700 million.

Defective LNG carriers

Advising one of Korea's largest shipping companies on a US\$400 million LMAA arbitration concerning defective LNG carriers.

Shipowners fraud claim

Representing shipowners in US\$160 million fraud claims brought by charterer for breach of charterparty on grounds of delivery of nonconforming vessel.

LNG carriers – boil-off performance

Advising on the defence of an arbitration claim in excess of \$60 million relating to boil-off performance of two LNG carriers; the first dispute of its kind in London arbitration. The firm was appointed due to its specialist expertise in LNG chartering.

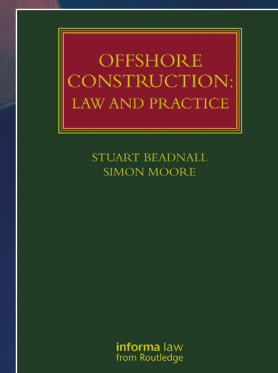
LMAA arbitration

Advising a significant Chinese ship operator versus a Chinese ship owner in an LMAA arbitration in relation to a series of disputes under a long term charter.



Offshore Construction, Law and Practice

Partners Stuart Beadnall and Simon Moore authored this ground-breaking title, which provides practical guidance on avoiding and resolving disputes in the construction of on avoiding and resolving disputes in the construction of offshore units and vessels, including FPSOs, drilling units, OSVs and fixed platforms.





Global Arbitration Review – India and Maldives know-how

Our team authored the India chapter and associates Afolarin Awosika and Salah Malas wrote the Maldives chapter in Global Arbitration Review's Investment Treaty Arbitration Know-How guide.

Mining and metals

Our team advises international clients on mining projects, physical commodities, insurance, shipping, sanctions and regulatory related disputes. We have an enviable track record in complex (often cross-jurisdictional) disputes and our lawyers have represented clients in arbitrations under all the major international rules, as well as before commodity trade tribunals. We are also honorary legal advisers to the Myanmar Federation of Mining whom we assisted in the drafting of the mining law.

Indian conglomerate

Defending a FTSE 100-listed Indian conglomerate against a US\$400 million LCIA arbitration and English High Court proceedings in claims of misrepresentation, non-performance and breach of contract regarding the largest mining and metals company in Zambia.

Lehram Capital

Acting for Lehram Capital, a UK-based private equity firm, in an investment treaty arbitration claim against the Russian Federation in relation to an expropriated mine.

Fox Marble

Acting for Fox Marble in connection with an investment arbitration arising from the unfair treatment and expropriation of an investment (marble quarry) in Kosovo.

Leading steel supplier

Advising a leading steel supplier in its claims against the buyer of metals for the purchase price in a series of UNCITRAL arbitrations valued around US\$20 million.

Expropriation of a mining project

Acting for a British investor in a dispute under a Bilateral Investment Treaty against a CIS State arising from the expropriation of a mining project.

Commodity trader

Representing a Middle Eastern commodity trader in a US\$66 million Geneva-seated SCIA (Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration) arbitration in relation to the sale of LPG.

Mining licences

Representing the investor in connection with an Investment Treaty (ICSID) claim against a former Yugoslav state following the failure to grant a full mining licence as required under national.



"The team provides commercially savvy advice. The advice leverages off really deep legal expertise, applies a commercial rationale to the strategy which means efficient solutions to highly complex issues."

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2020, Singapore international arbitration

Oil and gas

Our oil and gas disputes lawyers have acted in some of the most complex disputes of recent years and are keenly aware of the contractual, economic and technical issues affecting the industry. We represent a broad mix of oil and gas companies including independents, IOCs, and NOCs in connection with disputes relating to production sharing contracts (PSCs), joint operating agreements (JOAs), farm-in and farm-out agreements, oilfield service contracts, international investment treaty claims and international border disputes and unitisation agreements.

West African sovereign state

Acting for a West African sovereign state in English High Court proceedings to challenge a US\$8.6 billion arbitration award concerning the supply of gas.

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Instructed by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators to act in CI Arb's intervention as an interested party in the appeal brought by the oilfield services giant, Halliburton, in the UK Supreme Court, following a highly controversial Court of Appeal decision holding that, although the arbitrator should have made disclosure at the time of his appointments, it cannot be concluded that there was a real possibility of bias.

Debt claim

Advising an Omani company (as claimant) in respect of a debt claim arising from a contract for the sale of fuel oil.

Offshore oil blocks

Acting in a major LCIA arbitration (with claims and counterclaims valued at over US\$750 million) concerning the management of two deep offshore oil blocks in West Africa.

Major oil and gas producer

Representing a major oil and gas producer in a JOA dispute concerning the rights of use, construction and engineering of a subsea gas pipeline.

On-and offshore pipeline

Representing the Southeast Asian employer/owner of on- and offshore pipeline in proceedings worth US\$250 million concerning tariff payments due under gas transportation agreements.

Confidentiality agreement

Representing a listed Singapore company in proceedings arising out of a confidentiality agreement concerning an oil and gas concession granted by a Southeast Asian state.

Investment Treaty claim

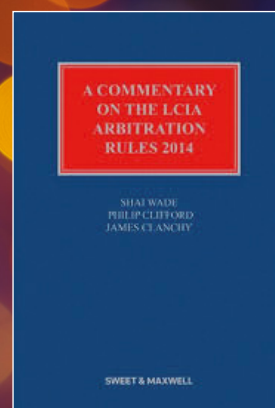
Acting for the investor in a Bilateral Investment Treaty (ICSID) claim against a Caribbean State concerning the redevelopment of an offshore oil field.

Non-delivery

Acting for a Geneva-based oil trader in LCIA arbitration proceedings in successfully defending claims by an oil major in relation to the alleged non-delivery of a shipment of base oils on grounds of force majeure.

A Commentary on the LCIA Arbitration Rules

Partner Shai Wade co-authored one of the pre-eminent texts on the LCIA Rules 2014. The second edition, which covers the LCIA Rules 2020, will be released later this year. It provides a thorough assessment of the Rules and their legal and historical context, as well as advice on areas for consideration when choosing the LCIA Rules or conducting an arbitration under them.



"The firm has scored many wins when it comes to arbitration-related litigation and enforcement proceedings, for which it is considered a 'go-to' firm."



Power and renewables

The lawyers you choose to work with on your renewable energy projects need to have a deep understanding of renewables. They must also have an appreciation of the impact of de-carbonisation incentives, and the wider political landscape in which renewable energy operates. Our specialist power and renewables team advises on the full spectrum of renewables including wind farms, biomass, energy-from-waste, anaerobic digestion, biofuels, solar, marine power, energy storage, cleantech projects and hydrogen.

Energy conversion agreements

Advising a Saudi Arabian based client (as main contractor and claimant) in ICC arbitration proceedings concerning disputes arising from a series of energy conversion agreements relating to the construction of three electrical power and steam cogeneration plants valued at US\$200 million.

Enforcement of an ICC award

Advising Dowans Holdings SA and Dowans Tanzania Ltd in relation to the enforcement in England of a US\$80 million ICC award against the State Electricity Company of Tanzania.

Hydroelectric power project

Acting for an Indian state-owned engineering corporation in a dispute against a Middle Eastern state-owned power corporation regarding the refurbishment of a prominent hydroelectric power project in the Middle-East.

Long term supply agreement

Acting for a European power generator and trading group in an expedited arbitration tribunal appointment to address whether or not a long term supply agreement made with JP Morgan Commodities had been varied by agreement and whether specific terms of performance could be implied.

Nuclear power plant project

Advising and representing a consortium in a multi-hundred million US dollar arbitration relating to a nuclear power plant project in the Middle East.

Share sale and purchase agreement

Acting for a Greek energy company in an UNCITRAL arbitration in relation to the exercise of its rights under an indemnity clause pursuant to a share sale and purchase agreement.

Supply of electricity

Representing a European energy company in a Zurich-seated ICC arbitration in relation to an agreement for the supply of electricity.

Electricity generation and transmission project

Acting for the investor in an ICSID arbitration concerning an electricity generation and transmission project in a South American state.

"Has a strong practice in court proceedings for the enforcement or challenge of arbitral awards."

Chambers Asia Pacific 2020



Shareholders

We have undertaken arbitration work relating to shareholder agreements for a number of years within a number of sectors, including banking and finance, energy and natural resources and private equity. We have represented banks, share purchasers, liquidators in the full cycle including the purchase of shares, post-acquisition disputes, pre-emption rights, asset management, disposal and recovery of shares.

African bank

Advising the clients in a London-seated ICC arbitration relating to a shareholders' agreement with respect to an African bank.

Private equity house

Representing a private equity house in claims worth SG\$1.1 billion against shareholders for breaches of a shareholders agreement.

Agribusiness client

Obtaining a freezing injunction in the Commercial Court on behalf of a leading agribusiness client, restraining the disposal of shares in a Russian company in aid of a London seated LCIA arbitration in which we also acted.

Liquidators of a holding company

Representing liquidators of holding company and its operating subsidiaries in proceedings concerning the arbitrability of pre-emption rights in a shareholders agreement in the context of the company's winding up in a foreign court.

Pre-emption rights

Representing the claimant in an arbitration concerning pre-emption rights under a shareholders agreement.

Share purchaser

Representing share purchaser in post-acquisition dispute concerning breach of warranty and misrepresentation concerning industrial action taken by workers in factories in China.

An individual

Acting for an individual as claimant in an arbitration against a substantial retail and hospitality business concerning investments made in the shares of the respondent in the United Arab Emirates.

Minority shareholder

Representing the minority shareholder (49%) of a BVI company in its claim against the majority shareholder, a subsidiary of a state-owned company arising from their Share Purchase Agreement for valid termination and buy back the shares at the price of RMB385 million and US\$64 million plus damages and interest; drafted the pleadings in Chinese language for this HKIAC arbitration and achieved a favourable settlement for the client.

Omani company

Acting for an Omani company (as claimant) in connection with a dispute arising from a share purchase agreement. The arbitration is valued at approximately US\$74,900,000.

Nickel mining operation

Advising on an ICC arbitration seeking to recover US\$3 million paid in shares under an investment contract to develop a nickel mining operation in Indonesia.

"Stephenson Harwood are a very close team who work smoothly together and have great expertise in arbitration...[they are] extremely well prepared for hearings and very sensible."

Chambers UK 2021, international arbitration

“Stephenson Harwood is devoted to cases and to its relationships with clients, and the practice has the ability to identify the appropriate work team and resources to dedicate to a case.”

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2020



"An excellent team for international arbitration. It has strong fundamentals, a thorough understanding of arbitration rules and procedures."

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2020, Singapore international arbitration

Arbitration institutions

Stephenson Harwood's international arbitration team has a wealth of experience – both representing clients and sitting as arbitrators – in arbitrations at the world's leading institutions including the ICC, LCIA, HKIAC, CIETAC, SCIA, SIAC, and DIFC LCIA. Members of our team are established thought leaders in the field as board and committee members of the leading arbitration institutions, having written leading texts and other award-winning treatises on international arbitration.

We also have expertise in centres for specialised types of arbitration work. For instance, we have experience with arbitrations at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) under their rules. Our firm is also well known for its expertise in shipping and commodities and, as such, we regularly undertake arbitration work in relation to institutions such as London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA), Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA), The Federation of Oils, Seeds and Fats Associations Ltd (FOSFA), the Grain and Feed Trade Association (GAFTA) and the Hong Kong Maritime Arbitration Group (HKMAG).

ICC

We have experience with ICC arbitrations in many jurisdictions and across a number of sectors, from financial disputes to energy and international trade disputes. In the course of acting for clients in ICC arbitrations, we have also dealt with complex issues of fraud.

LCIA

We have a wealth of experience with arbitrations at the LCIA, both as counsel and as arbitrator. We have advised a variety of clients in sectors such as banking and finance, oil and gas, renewable energy, shipping, logistics and projects and infrastructure. Partner Kamal Shah is the President of the LCIA's African Users' Council.



ICSID

As one of the five constituent institutions of the World Bank, ICSID has traditionally been the leading institution for the resolution of foreign investment disputes. We have experience working under the ICSID Rules both at the arbitration stage as well as at the subsequent stage of enforcement.

DIFC-LCIA

We have undertaken significant arbitration work at one of the leading arbitral institutions in the Middle East, both for local as well as for foreign clients.

HKIAAC

The Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), established under Hong Kong law, is one of the world's leading dispute resolution organisations, specialising in arbitration, mediation, adjudication and domain name dispute resolution. We frequently represent clients in HKIAC arbitrations and are well known to the institution. We co-hosted the inaugural English language webinar "Decoding Hong Kong Contract Law" with HKIAC.

CIETAC

Headquartered in Beijing, China, The China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) is one of the major permanent arbitration institutions in the world. We work with CIETAC to help companies independently and impartially resolve economic and trade disputes, as well as investment disputes by means of arbitration. We co-hosted the Chinese language series of webinars "Decoding Hong Kong Contract Law" with CIETAC-HK.



SIAC

Our team has extensive experience working on arbitrations administered by the SIAC, as counsel and sitting as arbitrator (as sole, chair, co-arbitrator and emergency arbitrator) across a wide range of sectors involving parties based in multiple jurisdictions. Members of our team jointly organised panel discussions with SIAC. This has given us unparalleled insight into the workings of one of the world's leading institutions and a unique ability to navigate through the institution's rules and procedures.

HKMAG

The maritime team in Hong Kong frequently represent clients in HKMAG arbitration. Partners Andrew Rigden Green and Elizabeth Sloane are members of the HKMAG and take appointments as arbitrators.

Beijing Arbitration Commission

We have worked together with the Beijing Arbitration Commission on our Decoding FIDIC and NEC Construction Contracts webinar series.

Hainan International Arbitration Court (HIAC)

We have worked together with the Hainan International Arbitration Court (HIAC) on our Decoding FIDIC and NEC Construction Contracts webinar series.

Qingdao Arbitration Commission (QAC)

Andrew Rigden Green is a panel arbitrator for the QAC.

LMAA

Our dedicated team of maritime lawyers frequently represent clients in LMAA arbitrations, covering complex marine incidents and contractual disputes. Partners Haris Zografakis, Justin Gan and Andrew Rigden Green are members and can take appointment as arbitrators.

SCMA

Our team is well versed in undertaking Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) arbitrations and partner John Simpson is a Director of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration.

FOSFA

Our international trade and commodities team have extensive experience in complex cross-jurisdictional disputes and regularly represent clients before commodity trade tribunals, including FOSFA.

GAFTA

Recognised as a tier one commodities disputes practice, our team regularly advises clients on issues relating to the full range of agricultural commodities classes.

Christopher Bailey “is excellent at sorting out facts and identifying issues in complicated situations, as well as prioritising the work that must be done.”

Chambers Asia Pacific 2022, Singapore international arbitration
Chris Bailey, Leading individual, Band 2



Our team



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Chris Bailey is a partner in our international arbitration practice and specialises in arbitration, litigation and all forms of alternative dispute resolution.

Chris represents clients in a wide variety of complex high-value cross-border commercial disputes which regularly include claims for in excess of a US\$ billion and predominantly arise out of the energy, resource, transport, infrastructure, financial services, media and IT sectors, with Chris having a particular expertise in oil and gas, construction and investment treaty cases.

He is a Solicitor Advocate, All Higher Courts of England & Wales; a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; a panel arbitrator of the JCAA, KCAB and SIAC institutions; and a member of the JIDRC Operation Subcommittee, AIPN Japan Sub-Chapter Committee and SIAC Users Council. His matters are submitted to arbitral institutions around the world including the HKIAC, ICC, ICDR-AAA, JCAA, LCIA and SIAC, and national courts including those of Australia, England & Wales, Japan, Thailand and the U.S.

On the regulatory front, Chris has been involved in full-scale corruption investigations involving the U.S. Department of Justice, the UK Serious Fraud Office and the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, as well as investigations arising out of transactions in Africa and the Middle East. Chris was also involved in the major global investigations into the trading activities of the major financial institutions.

In addition, Chris has been featured in the Asia Pacific legal directories for International Dispute Resolution, Energy and Construction since 2013. He has recently been based Tokyo where he was ranked as a Band 1 Lawyer for International Dispute Resolution by Chambers and as a Global Future Leader (Partners) by Who's Who Legal Arbitration.

Chris speaks on investment protection, arbitration, dispute resolution and anti-corruption matters throughout Asia. His articles have been featured in publications such as Bloomberg Law Report and on the Lexology website.

Directory listings and awards

- Chambers Asia Pacific Arbitration in Singapore – named Band 3 Lawyer.
- Legal 500 Asia Pacific International Arbitration in Singapore – named Recommended Individual and Tier 3.
- Who's Who Legal Arbitration – named Global Future Leaders (Partners) and National Leader Japan.
- ALB Japan Law Awards – 2018 to 2021 Finalist for International Arbitration Law Firm and Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year.
- Benchmark Litigation International Arbitration – named Litigation Star and Band 2 Firm.
- Best Lawyers Japan 2021 International Arbitration – named Leading Firm and Lawyer.
- Asian Legal Business 40 Under 40 in 2016.

“Chris is one of the leading advocates in the region. A true expert in the international disputes field in Asia. He brings to bear valuable experience in advising on disputes in relation to energy projects and commercial contracts.”

Chambers Asia-Pacific 2021 – Dispute Resolution:
International – Band 1

Asia Pacific



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