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Educational/Professional Memberships

Education:

- First Class BA Hons, Jurisprudence, Oxford University, Somerville College
- First Class LLM Cambridge University, Queens' College

Professional Memberships:

- Baltic Exchange
- CEDR: Accredited Mediator
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators: Fellow
- LCIA - Member
- LMAA: Full Member
- Panel Arbitrator for
 - Emirates Maritime Arbitration Centre
 - Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
 - Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration
 - Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration
 - Singapore International Arbitration Centre

Current Position

Independent Arbitrator
Deputy High Court Judge (2018)

Professional Experience/Areas of Expertise

Clare Ambrose practises full time as an arbitrator in commercial law with particular emphasis on international trade, embracing shipping, commodities, insurance, banking and related disciplines. She has practised from 20 Essex Street since 1993, appearing before the High Court, Court of Appeal and arbitral tribunals including LMAA, LCIA, ICC and UNCITRAL tribunals. She is also a Deputy High Court Judge.

Arbitration Experience

Clare has had over 200 appointments as commercial arbitrator and these have progressed to the issue of over 60 awards. In most of these cases Clare has drafted the award. She has frequently managed disputes as a chair of the tribunal or as sole arbitrator. She also works with others as a panel member. The majority of her appointments have related to international trade and energy, typically involving commodities and shipping. Appointments also include broader commercial disputes including aviation, competition law, banking services, construction projects, distribution and franchising agreements, entertainment, pharmaceuticals, professional negligence and share purchase agreements. Trade disputes often involve parties from South East Asia, Russia/CIS states and the Middle East. She frequently lectures on arbitration and has written the leading textbook on shipping arbitration (Ambrose, Collett & Maxwell, London Maritime Arbitration, 4th edition).

Key cases

Aviation

- Sole arbitrator appointed by LCIA under airport services agreement between budget airline and airport operator, included claim for abuse of a dominant market position.
- Party nominated arbitrator in LCIA dispute under sale of a private jet.

Banking and Financial Services

- ICC nominated sole arbitrator under dispute between two banks relating to an international money transfer system used in Africa.
- Presiding arbitrator in €50 million LCIA dispute under guarantee and indemnity agreement involving Russian bank.
- Sole arbitrator appointed by LCIA under 3 international credit insurance policies.
- Party nominated arbitrator in €400 million LCIA dispute under loan agreement, involving Russian sanctions.

Energy and Natural Resources

- Presiding arbitrator in LCIA dispute under Joint Operation Agreement for oil and gas exploration in Eastern Europe.
- Numerous appointments in disputes relating to long term supply agreements for oil, gas, coal, and metal ores.
- ICC appointed tribunal chair under services agreement for oil and gas plants in Libya.

• Counsel in MRI Trading AG v Erdenet Mining Corp LLC [2012] EWHC 1988 (Comm), [2012] 2 Lloyd's Rep 465; [2013] EWCA Civ 156, [2013] 1 Lloyd's Rep 638.

Shipbuilding/ Offshore construction/ Construction

- Party appointed arbitrator under Dubai International Arbitration Centre rules under contract for building of semi-submersible rigs for state entity.
- Presiding arbitrator in €18 million LCIA dispute relating to upgrade of FPSO
- Tribunal chair in US\$20 million shipbuilding dispute between Chinese yard and German shipping group for purchase and construction of 4 vessels.
- Party appointed arbitrator in dispute between a European yard and the buyer involving a US\$20 million luxury motor yacht (LMAA).
- Tribunal chair in €40 million claim under a shipbuilding contract to build a vessel for a Scandinavian buyer.
- Sole arbitrator appointed by LCIA under contract for design and installation of a chemical plant in the UAE.
- LCIA appointed tribunal chair under largescale contract for upgrading floating semi-submersible platform.

Shipping & Commodities

- Numerous appointments under charterparties, bills of lading, ship management agreements and contracts of affreightment (typically LMAA or ad hoc, also SCMA).
 - Numerous appointments (typically LCIA, also SIAC and HKIAC) under trading agreements, typically oil, gas, coal, steel, metals, metal ores and soft commodities.
 - Several appointments relating to consequences of insolvency of bunker operator.
 - Sole arbitrator in substantial multi-party dispute concerning series of ship sales.
 - Sole arbitrator appointed by LCIA under services agreement for ship management and investment advice.
 - Party nominated LCIA arbitrator under joint venture for supply of cocoa and coffee beans from Cote d'Ivoire.
 - Tribunal chair in US\$9 million claim arising out of explosion on tanker (ad hoc).
 - Tribunal chair in US\$35 million claim arising out of loss of bulk carrier vessel and lives of 18 crew members.
 - Tribunal chair in US\$18 million claim arising out of hijack by pirates.
 - Appointed by DIFC/LCIA as sole arbitrator in trading dispute, issued first award issued by DIFC/LCIA. Its enforcement by the Dubai Court of Cassation in Appeal No 132/2012, Airmech Dubai LLC v Macsteel International LLC [2012] was a landmark development for Dubai's role as an arbitration centre.
 - LCIA/DIFC appointed tribunal member in technical management dispute between Emirates company and owners of liquefied gas tanker.
 - Counsel in Transgrain Shipping BV v Deuilemar Shipping SPA (The "Eleni P") [2014] EWHC 4202 (Comm), [2015] 1 Lloyd's Rep 12.
- General Commercial
- Several LCIA appointments for disputes arising out of share purchase agreements, e.g. in property development, a Russian energy company.
 - Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) appointment in dispute relating to telecom services agreement under UNCITRAL Rules.
 - Sole arbitrator appointed by LCIA under contract for world-renowned opera singer to give televised concert.
 - Party nominated tribunal member in ICC dispute between pharmaceutical companies relating to distribution of contact lens products.
 - Sole arbitrator in claim against surveying partnership for professional negligence.
 - ICC nominated sole arbitrator under dispute between luxury car manufacturer and distributor relating to long term exclusive distribution in Turkey.
 - Tribunal chairman in dispute under distribution agreement between Russian pharmaceutical company and English manufacturer.

Publications

- Co-author of London Maritime Arbitration (4th edn, Informa 2017)
- Series Editor of Lloyd's Shipping Law Library (since 2016)

Languages

English