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Educational/Professional Memberships

Oxford University, BA (Hons.), MA Queen Mary College, University of London, Diploma in International Arbitration City University, Common Professional Examination in Law The Inns of Court School of Law, Bar Vocational Course

Professional Qualification:

Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Professional Memberships:

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Solicitor (with higher rights of audience) of the Senior Courts of England & Wales
- Member of ICC UAE Taskforce addressing Techniques for Arbitrators in Managing Fees & Expenses
- Arbitrator: LCIA, DIFC-LCIA, ICC, DIAC, CRCICA, SIAC
- Society of Construction Law (Gulf).

Current Position

PARTNER HEAD OF LITIGATION, ARBITRATION & INVESTIGATIONS - MIDDLE EAST DLA PIPER MIDDLE EAST LLP

Professional Experience

2011- present: Partner, Head of Litigation, Arbitration & Investigations, DLA Piper Middle East.
2009 - 11: Of Counsel, Norton Rose Middle East - International Arbitration Group.
2007-09: Senior Associate, International Arbitration Group - Skadden Arps, London.
1998- 2007: Trainee to Senior Associate, International Arbitration Group - Lovells, London.

Representative experience (in c.50 arbitrations) includes:

- Representing a prominent Indian real estate entrepreneur in a GBP500 million dispute involving entities incorporated in the Isle of Man, BVI, Mauritius, India and the US. Advising the client in relation to parallel proceedings in the Isle of Man Court and an LCIA arbitration seated in Singapore.
- Representing two prominent Indian real estate entrepreneurs in an LCIA (India) Rules arbitration in relation to claims totalling USD1 billion, relating to several large-scale real estate projects in India, and interests in companies incorporated in the UK, BVI and Mauritius. This arbitration is the first arbitration administered by the LCIA (India) to proceed to the final hearings and an award. (Seat: New Delhi; Rules: LCIA India Rules of Arbitration).
- Representing a leading regional telecoms company in relation to c.USD75 million claim brought in the Dubai courts (but subject to DIAC arbitration) arising from a dispute concerning the relocation of its telecom operations.

- representing a prominent mutan businessman in a 03D000 minion mancial services / rearestate dispute involving numerous parallel proceedings across the world, including an LCIA arbitration seated in Singapore.
- Representing two prominent Indian businessmen in an LCIA (India) Rules arbitration in relation to claims totalling USD1 billion, relating to several large-scale real estate projects in India. (Seat: New Delhi; Rules: LCIA (India)).
- Acting for a UAE company in a c.USD50 million post-acquisition/shareholder dispute with a Saudi company, in LCIA mediation and potential LCIA arbitration.
- Acting as counsel in various proceedings in the DIFC, Dubai World Tribunal (including undertaking the advocacy in jurisdictional challenges)
- Dubai World Tribunal lead Counsel before tribunal in a forum non-conveniens challenge to the tribunal's jurisdiction in a c. USD50 million claim. Successfully defended the challenge in *Platinum Services -v- DP World Limited & Others.*
- Dubai World Tribunal appeared for the applicant as lead Counsel before tribunal in an application to stay the DWT proceedings in favour of arbitration.
- Dubai World Tribunal acting for a developer on numerous claims relating to non-payment of sums due in respect of the construction of a number of apartment buildings.
- DIAC arbitration in Dubai acting for the purchaser of a substantial plot of land in Dubai in a dispute concerning breaches of the sale and purchase agreement (appearing as Counsel).
- UNCITRAL arbitration in Dubai acting for a UAE ship owner in respect of a dispute under a Charterparty.
- Acting for four defendants (including an Egyptian billionaire) in English court proceedings arising from the failure of a media-related joint venture (including related parallel civil and criminal proceedings in Egypt and Lebanon, and a potential ad hoc arbitration in the BVI).
- Dubai World Tribunal acting for a developer in respect of two proceedings concerning the purchase of plots of land in Dubai (appearing as Counsel).
- DIAC arbitration in Dubai acting for a Dubai developer against a Korean contractor in relation to issues arising from a "cost plus" contract relating to a high profile project in Dubai (appearing as lead Counsel).
- Four DIAC arbitrations acting for two high net-worth individuals, and certain UAE free zone corporate entities, in respect of four parallel DIAC arbitrations relating to disputes between joint venture partners on a number of construction and property investment projects in the UAE.
- Ad hoc arbitration acting for a Jordanian company in an ad hoc arbitration seated in London concerning a shipping incident and fire at Aqaba port.
- AAA/ICDR arbitration in Montreal/London acting for a Dutch technology company in a c.USD4 billion claim arising out of the termination of a software license agreement (including obtaining permanent anti-suit injunctive relief to restrain the opposing party from pursuing parallel proceedings in the US StreamCast Networks Inc v. Skype Technologies S A et al, U.S. District Court, Central District of California (Western Division Los Angeles)).
- ICC Arbitration in Geneva acting for a Turkish company in an ICC arbitration against the Turkish energy ministry relating to the termination of contracts entered into in relation to the privatisation of Turkey's national electricity distribution network.

- LETA at bit attorn in London acting for a Russian-owned Cypriot company in a COSD1.5 billion claim arising out of the transfer of shares in a Russian titanium manufacturing company pursuant to an option agreement in a trust deed (including proceedings in Russia, BVI (Finecroft Ltd and Winfair Ltd v Lamane Trading Corporation, Appeal No. BVI HAP 2006/0001), New York and Cyprus and related anti-suit injunctive relief, and other applications listed on Law.com's Arbitration Scorecard: Top 50 Contract Disputes for 2007).
- ICC Arbitration in Zurich acting for a German multinational company in an ICC arbitration against a UAE party concerning commission alleged to be due under an agency agreement relating to a public tender for a project to expand the UAE's telecommunications network.

Arbitration Experience

Sitting as sole/co-arbitrator/chairman in a c.20 arbitrations (ICC, DIFC-LCIA, DIAC, ad hoc etc.), including:

- DIFC-LCIA (sole arbitrator): dispute concerning alleged breaches of DFSA Rules, fiduciary duties and DIFC law arising from the structuring and procurement of a US\$ 200 million financing of a major hotel project (Final Award).
- DIFC-LCIA (Chairman): delay, disruption and other claims arising from the design and construction of a golf course.
- ICC (co-arbitrator): c.US\$25 million dispute concerning the design and construction of a mixed-use development in the UAE.
- ICC (sole arbitrator): dispute between India and Sri Lankan companies concerning shipment of goods and related letters of credit (Final Award).

Publications

- Enforcement in the UAE and wider Middle East, April 2016
- Enforcement in Dubai: two recent cases, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, March 2016
- Shareholder disputes in the UAE: Corporate Disputes, Sept 2015
- Mediation and ADR in the Middle East, Corporate Disputes, Jun 2015
- Dispute Resolution in the Middle East: A year in perspective, 24 Feb 2015
- A MENA perspective on the oil price volatility, 4 Feb 2015

Languages

English