



## John Champion

BA (UCL), LLM (UOL)  
CPE & LSF (College of Law, London)  
Admitted onto roll of solicitors of England & Wales 1994<sup>1</sup>  
FCI Arb since 2000, FSI Arb since 2001  
Panel arbitrator: SIAC, SCMA, SI Arb, JIAA  
Groups: LMAA Supporting member taking appointments, LCIA Asia Pacific Users' Council, LIDW

### Experience as arbitrator

John has been an independent arbitrator since 2012.

He has been appointed as sole, presiding, emergency or panel arbitrator, in over a hundred arbitrations including SIAC, as well as SCMA, LCIA, LMAA, ICC & DIAC.

Appointments have originated from the ICC National Committee, Presidents of SIAC Court of Arbitration, LCIA Court, and SIAC as appointing authority for ad hoc UNCITRAL arbitration, and the Chairman of SCMA. Appointments also come from parties, their counsel, and by already appointed arbitrators. These references were subject to English or Singapore law.

With over 30 years' experience in arbitration, 28 years based in Singapore, John specialises in all aspects of dry shipping, international trade, and insurance/reinsurance work.

Technical and complex disputes involving shipyards, and construction along with offshore energy and subsea aspects, as well as onshore power, renewable (wind/hydro/solar), marketing & offtake agreements.

Naturally such work has involved experience of many commercial and financial aspects, including for example disputes concerning share-sale agreements, guarantees, letters of credit, insolvencies and so on.

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<sup>1</sup> Now non-practicing

John has sat on about a dozen references alongside presently-rated Chambers & Partners “Most in demand” Singapore arbitrators, as well as other leading practitioners from Singapore, and many other countries.

### **Legal practice background**

John spent 1992-1996 at HFW London, being admitted as a solicitor in 1994. He transferred to HFW Singapore in 1996, becoming a partner in 2001 and spent five months seconded into a major metals trader as senior counsel. Subsequently in 2006 John accepted an invitation to join Clyde & Co, Singapore to head up their regional trade/marine/insurance arbitration practice in SEA.

Whilst in practice in Singapore, John was regularly recommended by various directories including Chambers Global, Legal500, Who’s Who Legal, and the Euromoney guide to world’s leading lawyers.

When time allows John also acts as mediator on maritime and insurance related disputes, with six mediations concluded as of January 2024.

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