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Educational/Professional Memberships

LLB (King's College, University of London);
LLM (University of London);
Called to the Bar of England & Wales;
Queen's Counsel;
Recorder of the Crown Court (2000-2018);
Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple;
SIAC, SCMA and HKIAC Panel Arbitrator;
Member of the LCIA, ICC (including the ICC Banking & Finance Committee) and ICCA
Member of the LOF Panel of Arbitrators;
Supporting Member of the LMAA;
Member of the Admiralty Bar Group and London Shipping Law Centre (Head of Education sub-committee);
Member of the BMLA, IBA, COMBAR and the Chancery Bar Association.

Current Position

Full time International Arbitrator and Queen's Counsel

Professional Experience

Since 1984 I have been in full time practice as an advocate practising before international Arbitral Tribunals and the Courts of England & Wales. I have been instructed in a significant number of leading commercial cases, including in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court, as detailed on my chambers website <https://36group.co.uk/members/vasqc>

I was one of the youngest females from an Asian background to be appointed Queen's Counsel in 2001.

I now sit predominantly as an arbitrator in a wide range of commercial disputes covering a broad spectrum of industry sectors including shipping and commodities, energy, construction, insurance (marine and non-marine), banking and finance, pharmaceuticals, joint ventures, shareholder disputes and infrastructure projects. I have conducted a very large number of arbitrations, including as Chair, under all major international arbitral rules as well as ad hoc. I also have extensive experience of decision making in a judicial capacity, having sat as a Recorder of the Crown Court for over 18 years, retiring in 2018.

Arbitration Experience

To date, I have received in excess of 200 appointments as arbitrator in international cases, at least half of which have been as sole arbitrator. I have also conducted in excess of 100 arbitration hearings to date (including under ICC, UNCITRAL, LCIA, LOF and LMAA Rules) and issued an equivalent number of Awards. I am frequently appointed Chair/Presiding Arbitrator, most recently in two LCIA references and an ad hoc LMAA reference in which my co-arbitrators are retired Commercial Court Judges who jointly nominated me.

Publications

I am a regular contributor to through leadership pieces on arbitration published by my chambers and I am on the consultation board of Practical Law Arbitration. I regularly deliver webinars and seminars on topics relevant to international arbitration. I have recently published an article in the May 2020 edition of LMLQ concerning Good Faith in English law.

Languages

English (mother tongue) and French (working knowledge).