

Ben Giaretta

Partner

I am an international arbitration specialist and I represent clients in commercial disputes across a wide range of sectors, including technology, energy, natural resources, construction, infrastructure, commodities and professional services.



Ben is a commercial disputes lawyer with particular expertise in international commercial arbitration and investment treaty arbitration. He is also experienced in litigation, mediation, adjudication and expert determination.

He has advised clients on issues arising from contracts in many different industries, including technology, energy, renewables, construction, mining, M&A, commodities, shipping and professional services. He has worked on disputes all over the world, including in Africa, Europe, the Gulf region, the Americas and the Asia-Pacific region. His experience includes arbitrations under the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, HKIAC, UNCITRAL and ICSID Rules.

Ben trained at Ashurst LLP and was a partner there for nine years (including seven years based in Singapore as the Head of Arbitration in Asia). He is the former Head of the Dispute Resolution Department of Fox Williams and he now leads the international arbitration team at the firm.

He is a Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and he is on the panels of arbitrators of several arbitration institutions throughout the world. He has been appointed as arbitrator on over 30 occasions (presiding arbitrator, party nominated arbitrator, sole arbitrator and emergency arbitrator).

He has held various positions in ADR organisations including as the Deputy Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), and a member of the Board of Directors of London International Disputes Week.

Ben is ranked as a leading individual in the international arbitration sections of various legal directories including Chambers, Legal 500 and Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal).

Recent publications he has contributed to include [International Arbitration in England](#), and he is one of the co-authors of the latest edition of a commentary on the Arbitration Act 1996 (to be published in 2025).

Legal Expertise

- International arbitration
- Investment treaty arbitration
- Commercial disputes

- Commercial litigation
- ADR and mediation
- Contract law
- Construction law
- Energy law

Experience

- Represented a Malawian client in an ICC arbitration seated in London against a Mozambique company.
- Advised a Cypriot client in a ICSID arbitration against Hungary, under the Energy Charter Treaty.
- Represented a major petrochemicals company in an SIAC arbitration relating to a project in India.
- Advised a Saudi Arabian client on disputes arising from the operation of a telecommunications satellite (ICC arbitration).
- Presiding arbitrator in a multi-million dollar ICC arbitration between a US company and an Indian company relating to a joint venture.
- Emergency arbitrator in a dispute between an English company and a Singaporean company relating to a technology investment.
- Represented a US client in the High Court and the Court of Appeal in a dispute concerning fiduciary duties.
- Advised a Brazilian company on issues relating to an energy investment in southern Africa (LCIA arbitration).
- Represented a Singaporean client on a dispute with a Chinese buyer concerning the sale of coal from Indonesia.
- Advised the sellers of LNG from a LNG project in Australia on various disputes concerning the operation of the plant, including in ICC arbitration.
- Advised a professional services firm on an LCIA arbitration arising from the departure of a partner.
- Advised a Saudi Arabian client on disputes arising from the construction of a solar power project.

- Party nominated arbitrator in Singapore-seated arbitration concerning a major Indian company.

Memberships

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow)
- Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (Fellow)
- Singapore Mediation Centre (Associate Mediator)
- Worshipful Company of Arbitrators (Liveryman)
- International Council for Commercial Arbitration
- London Court of International Arbitration
- Singapore International Arbitration Centre (panel of arbitrators)
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (panel of arbitrators)
- Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration (panel of arbitrators)
- London Chamber of Arbitration and Mediation (panel of arbitrators)
- Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (panel of arbitrators)
- Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (panel of arbitrators)
- Badan Arbitrase Nasional Indonesia (panel of arbitrators)
- Asian International Arbitration Centre (panel of arbitrators)
- International Committee of the Law Society of England & Wales
- Advisory Board of the London Chamber of Arbitration & Mediation
- Board of Directors of London International Disputes Week

Accreditations



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