

## MICHAEL COVER – CURRICULUM VITAE - CONFIDENTIAL

1. **Family name:** COVER
2. **First names:** Michael David
3. **Date of birth:** 29/11/1950
4. **Passport holder:** United Kingdom
5. **Business Address:** ArbDB Chambers, the Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Board Chambers [www.arbdb.com](http://www.arbdb.com)

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6. **Education:**

Institution & Date from – Date to	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
1969-1972 University of Southampton, England	LLB
1973 Middle Temple, London, England	Barrister at Law
1989 The Law Society	Solicitor of the Supreme Court
2008 Chartered Institute of Arbitrators	Chartered Arbitrator
2018 Singapore Institute of Arbitrators	Fellow of the SI Arb

7. **Language Skills:** Indicate competence on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 – excellent; 5 – basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	1	1	1
French	3	3	3
German	3	3	3

8. **Membership of professional bodies:**

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators 2006;
- Chartered Arbitrator 2008;
- Member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the CI Arb;
- Accredited Mediator CEDR 2002;
- Mediator, IPOS Mediation, UK;
- Certified Mediator with the International Mediation Institute, The Hague and the Singapore International Mediation Institute;
- Member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the Law Society of England & Wales;
- Member of the Panels of Arbitrators and Mediators of ICDR (AAA);
- Member of the CI Arb Panel of Mediators;
- Member of the CEDRsolve Panels of Arbitrators and Mediators;
- Member of the Arbitration Panel of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre;
- Member of the Panels of Arbitrators and Adjudicators of the AIAC;
- Supporting Member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (Aspiring Full Member);
- Member of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation;
- Member of the Panels of Arbitrators and Mediators of the SCCA;
- CPR Panels of Distinguished Neutrals and Dispute Board Members;
- Member of the Panels of Arbitrators, Mediators and Investor State Mediators of the ADGM;
- On the RICS Dispute Board Register;
- Member the Adjudication Panel of UK Adjudicators;

- Member of the Baltic Exchange;
- Founder Member ArbDB Chambers, the Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Board Chambers;
- World Forum of Offshore Wind- Offshore Wind Expert.

**9. Other Skills:** Computer Literate, Excellent Report Writing and Communication Skills, Excellent Conciliation and Negotiation Skills.

**10. Present position:** Independent Arbitrator, Adjudicator and Mediator

**11. Years within the firm:** 14 years

**12. Key qualifications:**

- Barrister (Non-Registered), Middle Temple
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England & Wales (Non-Practising)
- Chartered Arbitrator (CI Arb)
- Accredited Mediator (CEDR)
- Certified Mediator (IMI and SIMI)

**13. Professional experience:**

Date from – Date to	Location	Company	Position	Description
2010 – 2012	Eastern Europe	ArbDB Chambers	Party Representative	<p>The first project in question was a major ground transportation project, which was EU (ISPA) funded. The contract was FIDIC Red Book. Various disputes were referred to the Dispute Adjudication Board and then to conciliation and arbitration.</p> <p>The second, third and fourth projects were also major ground transportation infrastructure projects, again with European funding. The contracts were FIDIC Yellow Book. Various disputes had been referred to the respective Dispute Adjudication Boards.</p>
2014	Germany and Eastern Europe	ArbDB Chambers	Party Representative	Dispute involving supply of materials for a major natural gas pipeline.

2008 – 2022	London, England and throughout the United Kingdom. Also involving US, French, German, Scandinavian and Gibraltar parties.	Decouvert Limited, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution	Principal	International and UK Arbitration: Sitting as Sole Arbitrator in International Trade Dispute: Cross-Border Licensing and Contractual Disputes; Public Procurement Dispute; Leisure Disputes; Technology Disputes; Construction Disputes; Family Business Disputes; arbitrated under the arbitration rules of the ICC, UNCITRAL, the LCIA, CIMAR, 120 awards.
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				270 mediations. The mediation cases have included international trade disputes, major projects and public procurement disputes involving the UK Government and other public bodies and suppliers, regulatory disputes, construction disputes, many of which have been of a cross-border or cross-cultural nature.
1987- 2010	London, England and elsewhere	City of London law firms	Partner in Litigation and Dispute Resolution Groups	Member of the International Arbitration Group; arbitration assignments included an international shareholder dispute and being main resource on drafting arbitration clauses.

1973 – 1987	UK	In-house Counsel with two major UK-based multinational corporations		
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#### 14. **Dispute Board and Adjudication Experience**

2010 – 2012 Eastern Europe – Representing the Referring Party, the Contractor (through the Referring Party’s Claims Consultant) before the Dispute Adjudication Board – EU (IPSA) Funded Transportation Infrastructure Project – FIDC Red Book – Extensions of Time for Completion and Additional Payment.

2011 Eastern Europe – Representing the Referring Party, the Contractor (through the Referring Party’s Claims Consultant) before the Dispute Adjudication Board – EIB Funded Transportation Infrastructure Project – FIDIC Yellow Book – Extensions of Time for Completion and Additional Payment.

2011 Eastern Europe – Representing the Referring Party, the Contractor (through the Referring Party’s Claims Consultant before the DAB – European Funded Ground Transportation Infrastructure Projects – FIDIC Yellow Book – Extensions of Time for Completion and Additional Payment and Variations.

Construction Adjudication in the UK.

#### **Mediation Experience**

270 mediations in a wide range of sectors and geographical areas, including the UAE.

#### **Arbitration Experience**

Over 120 awards handed down in a wide range of sectors and jurisdictions.

## **15. Other relevant information**

Familiar with FIDIC's Conditions of Contract (Rainbow Suite).

Regular Speaker and Presenter on ADR Topics – Judge at the UK Mediation Skills Competition 2014 and the ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition 2014; Judge at the Vis East Moot 2013 and 2014; Joint-Convenor of the UK Mediators' New Breakfast Club.

Attended the Dispute Board Federation's Intensive Dispute Board Training Programme in Sarajevo, 2009.

Attended the Dispute Board Federation FIDIC Contracts Total Immersion Programme in Luxembourg, May 2011.

Active in the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation in the UK and internationally

Conducted Dispute Board Awareness Training for the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, May 2016.

Speaker at the KLRCA (now AIAC) Adjudication Conference in Kuala Lumpur on "An Introduction to Dispute and Conflict Avoidance Boards", Kuala Lumpur, May 2017.

Speaker at the International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators, Copenhagen, September 2017 and Brazil, March 2020.

Panel Member at GAR Live Abu Dhabi, January 2018.

Speaker at the 21<sup>st</sup> Gulf Engineering Forum in Bahrain, February 2018.

Speaker at an event on mediation at Dubai Arbitration Week 2022.

Moderator at the AIAC event at Dubai Arbitration Week (on Sovereign Immunity and the Sulu Arbitration).

Joint Lead Lecturer at the AIADR Mediation Course, Kuala Lumpur March 2023 and December 2023.

## **18. Interests**

Sailing, skiing, railways.

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