



## SIX PUMP COURT CHAMBERS

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#### Steven Walker QC FCI Arb

Steven Walker QC is a British Queen's Counsel and was appointed "Silk" by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2016.

Early in his career, he worked for the international law firm Allen & Overy. Since then, he has built a formidable reputation acting as an international commercial lawyer with a specialisation in international arbitration, energy, oil & gas, mining, commercial/corporate/financial disputes, construction and engineering. He also advises in a wide variety of corporate and commercial matters for corporate clients, for high net worth private clients and family offices.

From time to time, he sits as an international arbitrator and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Steven is a highly respected Queen's Counsel, commercial strategist and team player. He is able to combine both the commercial and legal objectives into a coherent and effective strategy for clients. He is able to build an immediate trust and rapport with clients and is tenacious in protecting their interests. He is an exceptional advocate and a polite, yet ruthless, cross examiner.

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He has a great legal ability to analyse complex issues, has an intuitive legal instinct and is able to present them in a way that is highly persuasive to the court, tribunal or in a negotiation. He represents and advises clients on a wide range of commercial and corporate matters.

With his considerable experience in international dispute resolution, his multinational clients value his professional, commercial and negotiation experience in recognizing commercial and cross border risks his clients may face. They seek his advice on strategies to minimize exposure to those risks in challenging multinational complex corporate and commercial transactions and environments.

Steven is a member of Six Pump Court Chambers, London and also maintains offices in Edinburgh and Perth, Western Australia. He is based in Perth, Western Australia and works in Europe, the Arabian Gulf, Asia Pacific and internationally.

Silk: 2016

Call: 1999 (Scotland)

Call: 2007 (Cayman Islands)

Call: 2008 (England & Wales)

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Registered Foreign Lawyer: 2015 Singapore

Registered Foreign Lawyer: 2016 Ireland

Registered Foreign Lawyer: 2017 Western Australia

Member of the Middle Temple

Member of the Faculty of Advocates

#### Professional Qualifications

LLB(Hons) University of Aberdeen 1996

Dip LP University of Aberdeen 1997

Honorary Fellow University of Edinburgh 2009

ACI Arb 2000

MCI Arb 2018

FCI Arb 2019

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#### Practice

Early in his career, he worked in the international arbitration group of Allen & Overy. Since then, Steven has developed an extensive international arbitration practice and now acts as senior counsel in multiple ad hoc and institutional international arbitrations conducted in many countries around the world and subject to a wide variety of governing substantive and procedural laws. He has built a formidable reputation acting in international energy, oil & gas cases involving exploration and production disputes, engineering, procurement and construction disputes, power purchase disputes as well as a whole range of commercial/corporate disputes concerning joint venture agreements, shareholders agreements and other financial and commercial agreements.

#### What the Legal Directories Say

Steven is based in Asia Pacific, works internationally and maintains a regular presence in commercial disputes in South-East Asia, Australia, Europe, Africa and the Gulf.

Steven has been ranked as a *New Silk* for Dispute Resolution - Arbitration Singapore in the latest edition of Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Guide (2018): '*New silk Steven Walker ..... advises on a wide range of arbitration mandates connected with energy, natural resources and infrastructure projects.*'

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Steven was also ranked as a *New Silk* for Dispute Resolution - Arbitration Singapore in Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Guide (2017): Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Guide 2017 testify to his *"amazingly wide experience of the subject area in which he operates, spanning every energy dispute imaginable,"* from his dedication to *"making clients feel at their ease"* to his *"excellent advocacy, not just in terms of the legal issues, but in terms of making the best case for the client."*

He was also ranked as a BAND 1 leading junior counsel for Dispute Resolution - Arbitration Singapore in Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Guide (2016): As one source noted, *"he is very quick, able to see the key points and give the right wording. He makes complicated matters very simple. He is very familiar with how arbitrators think, what they want....he also maintains a regular presence in Malaysian disputes."*

#### Professional Career

Steven started his career as a solicitor in 1997. He called to the Scottish Bar in 1999, to the Cayman Islands Bar in 2007 and to the English Bar in 2008. He has been an accredited Mediator since 2003 and became an accredited arbitrator in 2011 and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 2019.

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He was appointed an ad hoc Advocate Depute in 2007 (criminal court prosecutor) by the Lord Advocate (Head of the Scottish Prosecution Service) and has prosecuted serious offences for the Crown including attempted murder and armed robbery. Steven also held a public appointment from the Scottish Government to sit as a Tribunal Judge and did so for 9 years.

He was made an Honorary Fellow of the University of Edinburgh in 2009, an Honorary Lecturer of the Centre for Energy, Petroleum, Mineral Law & Policy, University of Dundee in 2008 and appointed Seminar Director & Lecturer on the Professional Seminar Training Programme of the Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore 2014. He was appointed visiting lecturer on international commercial arbitration by the University of Notre Dame, Australia in 2017.

Steven is co-author of the leading international book ‘Pleading in Arbitration – A Practitioner’s Guide’ published by Sweet & Maxwell/Thomson Reuters 2012. A second edition was released in 2017. The leading German International lawyer and arbitrator, Professor Peter Klaus Berger of the University of Cologne, described the first edition of this book as “*an essential addition to every arbitration practitioner’s library*”, in the journal of Transnational Dispute Management.

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#### Practice Areas

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- Commercial law
- Corporate law
- Construction & Engineering & Infrastructure
- Energy & Natural Resources
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Investment Arbitration
- International Trade, Trade Finance & Commodities
- Mining
- Oil & Gas
- Renewable Energy (onshore and offshore)

#### Publications

Co-Author of leading arbitration book 'Pleading in Arbitration – A Practitioner's Guide', Sweet & Maxwell/Thomson Reuters, 2012 (First Edition) 2017 (Second Edition).

Numerous articles and papers on commercial law.

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#### Public Appointments

Appointed Queen's Counsel by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on September 2016

Appointed Ad Hoc Advocate Depute by the Lord Advocate 2007 to date

Appointed Chairman of the Private Rented Housing Panel 2006 to 2015

Appointed member of Geneva Petroleum Club 2014

Appointed member of the Middle Temple 2008

Appointed member of the Faculty of Advocates 1999

#### Academic Appointments

Appointed lecturer and member of the Global Academic Faculty of the Centre for Energy, Petroleum, Mineral Law and Policy (CEPMLP), University of Dundee since 2002

Appointed Principal lecturer on the International Arbitration LLM at the University of Edinburgh 2009

Appointed Honorary Fellow of the University of Edinburgh 2009

Appointed Honorary Lecturer of the Centre for Energy, Petroleum, Mineral Law and Policy (CEPMLP), University of Dundee since 2008

Seminar and Course Director for CEPMLP arbitration conferences and professional seminars

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