



Jamsheed Peeroo
Call: England & Wales (2002); Mauritius (2006)

Barrister and Arbitrator

Areas

International Commercial Arbitration
Investor-State Arbitration
Offshore Corporations and Trusts
Cross-border Commercial Litigation

Practice Profile

Jamsheed is an arbitrator, an arbitration counsel and a dual-qualified barrister practising at the Bar of England and Wales and at the Mauritian Bar. He also has full rights of audience before DIFC Courts.

His practice focusses on international commercial and investor-State arbitration, on complex commercial and corporate cross-border litigation and on arbitration-related court proceedings.

Over the years, Jamsheed has worked on a wide range of high-profile matters, often relating to or within the African and Asian continents, in various sectors and areas including infrastructure, offshore corporations and trusts, mergers and acquisitions, hotel and tourism, shipping and fisheries, insurance, construction, telecoms and IT, technology products, renewable energy and mining.

Jamsheed was trained at 3 Verulam Buildings (3VB) and has worked in the International Arbitration Group of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Paris, where he assisted Jan Paulsson and Georgios Petrochilos in advising UNCITRAL on the revision of its Arbitration Rules, which led to the adoption of the 2009 revision.

Jamsheed is familiar with the leading international arbitration rules. He is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and a Vice-President of the MARC Advisory Board, where he was actively involved in drafting the MARC Arbitration Rules 2018 together with Neil Kaplan QC CBE SBS.

Jamsheed is fully bilingual (English and French) and splits his time between London and Mauritius. His practice covers both contentious and advisory or transactional matters.

Arbitration:

- Counsel in LCIA arbitration of a multi-million USD shareholder subscription dispute involving a concession to operate and maintain oil and gas infrastructure in an African port
- Jointly-nominated President of an ICC Arbitral Tribunal in a London-seated arbitration on a dispute relating to an international licensing contract in the IT and telecommunications sector
- Acting on several international commercial and investment arbitrations in the International Arbitration Group of a magic-circle law firm in Paris

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- Lead counsel in an ongoing appeal before the Privy Council after having successfully resisted an application to set aside a MARC international arbitration award before the Mauritian Supreme Court
- Lead counsel in one of the first international arbitrations under the LCIA-MIAC Rules involving complex issues under Mauritian and French laws of contract
- Co-counsel in a MARC arbitration over a dispute relating to a consultation contract in an African country
- Co-counsel for Hewlett-Packard in an appeal on the validity of a Swiss arbitration clause relating to the setting-up of a Data Recovery Centre in Ebene Cybercity
- Lead counsel for TUI France in seeking interim measures and enforcing an ICC Award
- Lead counsel for a sovereign fund resisting enforcement of an ICC award
- Co-counsel in an ad hoc arbitration relating to the faulty construction of a warehouse
- Advising on a potential investor-state arbitration under the India-Mauritius BIT
- Lead counsel for a public utility provider in ad hoc arbitration on salary and pensions
- Lead counsel in an application for interim measures in support of ad hoc arbitration
- Acting on a request to an arbitral tribunal to revise its award issued in Hong Kong
- Acting on an arbitration seated in London in relation to the international sale of gas
- Acting on an arbitration in London on defective technology product distribution

International Commercial and Corporate:

- Counsel successfully representing a leading insurance company and an airport handling provider in an international dispute arising out of services provided in France to a national airline
- Advising on two different types of renewable energy projects in an African country
- Counsel successfully representing an international investor seeking recovery of investments and assets from a complex "Paradise Papers" scheme involving international trusts and corporate entities
- Advising on international contracts for the procurement of maritime security and for the hire of seafarers

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- Acting under the instructions of the HMRC (UK) as Expert Witness on Mauritian Tax Law and Trusts in several appeal proceedings relating to the international taxation of trusts set up under the "Round the World Scheme"
- Advising an offshore company listed on the New York Stock Exchange on technical corporate governance issues
- Advising on foreign investments in the gold mining sector of an African country
- Counsel in a statutory demand against a government-controlled bank for payment owed under a bank guarantee issued in support of ICC arbitration proceedings
- Advising on a merger of an Indian company and a Mauritian company in the oil and gas construction and infrastructure sector
- Counsel for an insurance company resisting payment under a performance bond
- Acting for a sovereign fund with investments in numerous African countries in a complex corporate governance dispute involving UN Sanctions
- Counsel for a consortium of importers challenging regulations on Japan-made vehicles
- Advising a leading international group in the global energy sector in setting up a corporate structure for the African market
- Advising Soletanche Bachy in an international bid to extend the Port Louis harbour in Mauritius
- Assisting on a ship-building international dispute before English commercial courts

Appointments & Memberships

Since 2019	Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
Since 2019	Vice-President of the MARC Advisory Board
Since 2019	Member of the LCIA Users' Council
Since 2019	Member of the HKIAC List of Arbitrators
Since 2018	Member of the MARC Advisory Board
2017 - 2019	ICC YAF Committee Member for Africa, Middle East and Turkey
2010 - 2013	Member of the Working Group drafting Mauritian Supreme Court Rules on International Arbitration Claims

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- 2014 Co-coordinator of the Young ICCA Africa Desk
- 2016 Arbitrator, Willem C. Vis (East) Moot Competition on the CISG
- Since 2001 Member of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

Selected Publications/Talks:

- In progress "Model Law Decisions", 2nd Edition, Kluwer Law International // *Co-authored with Henri Alvarez, Neil Kaplan CBE QC and David Rivkin*
- 2020 "Advocacy in International Arbitration", Lecture, Tashkent University School of Law // *Speaker*
- 2020 "Arbitration procedures and practice in Mauritius", Practical Law, Thomson Reuters // *Author*
- 2020 "Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration – Impact of new technologies on appointment", Jus Mundi virtual webinar, Paris Arbitration Week // *Speaker*
- 2020 "India's gameplay in the African investment market", MCI Investment Arbitration Conference, New Delhi // *Speaker*
- 2019 "Book Review: Brödermann E.J., "UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts", Kluwer Law International.", MARC Insights 2019 // *Author*
- 2019 "Commentary on Taurus Petroleum Limited v State Oil Marketing Company of Iraq", IJAA Vol 10 - No 2, 180 // *Co-authored with Roger Kennell*
- 2018 Arbitration Workshop of the Africa Legal Network Academy, Kenya // *Speaker*
- 2018 "Fair play: unconscious influences in the use of evidence in international arbitration", ArbitralWomen Session, Mauritius // *Speaker*
- 2017 "ICC Guide to National Procedures for Recognition and Enforcement of Awards under the New York Convention" (3rd ed.) // *Author of the Report for Mauritius*
- 2016 "Articulating Mediation and Arbitration Proceedings: Mission Impossible or a Piece of Cake?", IBA Conference, Hong Kong // *Panellist*
- 2016 "La protection de l'instance arbitrale par l'injonction anti-suit" // *Author - doctoral thesis supervised by Prof. Pierre Mayer*
- 2015 "The Importance of Bilateral Investment Treaties for Mining Ventures in Africa", Mines and Money Africa Conference 2015 // *Speaker*
- 2015 "A Law Applicable to the Arbitration Clause?", LCIA-MIAC Users' Council Forum // *Speaker*

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2014 "Le contrôle judiciaire de l'arbitrage d'affaires", 2ème Conférence Judiciaire de l'Océan Indien // *Speaker*

2013 "Confidentiality for International Arbitration Claims", MBLR Vol. 5 // *Author*

2012 MIAC 2012: "An African Seat for the 21st Century", co-hosted by ICSID, ICCA, ICC, LCIA, PCA and UNCITRAL // *Speaker*

2011 "Pour une réforme du droit mauricien de l'arbitrage en matière de reconnaissance et d'exécution des sentences", New Bar Chronicle 2011 // *Co-authored with Antoine Guilmain*

2006 "Revision of the UNCITRAL Rules" (<http://www.uncitral.org/>) // *Member of team led by Prof. Jan Paulsson and Dr. Georgios Petrochilos*

Education:

2016 | Sorbonne Law School, University of Paris I, Paris

PhD in International Arbitration Law

2005 | Sorbonne Law School, University of Paris I, Paris

DEA in Private International and Commercial Law

2003 | University of London (UCL, LSE and QMCL), London

Joint LL.M. in International Business Law

2002 | Inns of Court School of Law, City University, London

Bar Vocational Course – PgDL in Professional Legal Skills

2001 | Cardiff Law School, University of Wales, Cardiff

LLB Honours

Positions held:

Since 2019 | 36 Stone, The 36 Group, London

Barrister and Arbitrator (self-employed)

Since 2006 | Peeroo Chambers, Port Louis, Mauritius

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Since 2019 | University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas, Mauritius

Lecturer – International Arbitration in LL.M. Business Law

2009 – 2010 | Sorbonne Law School, Paris, France

Lecturer – Contracts, Torts, Private International Law

2008 | 3 Verulam Buildings, London, UK

Pupillage conferring full rights of audience before UK higher courts

2005 – 2006 | Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Paris, France

Trained and worked in the International Arbitration Group

2003 – 2004 | British Institute of International & Comparative Law, London, UK

Junior Research Fellow

Awards and Recognition:

2020 | “African Arbitrator of the Year” and “Best Case Counsel Team” nominations at the Africa Arbitration Awards, East African International Arbitration Conference

2019 | Legal 500: *“in-depth knowledge of arbitration procedures and [...] international law*

2018 | Legal 500: *“Jamsheed Peeroo [is] highly regarded”*

2017 | Legal 500: *“The ‘knowledgeable’ Jamsheed Peeroo [is] recommended”*

2016 | Legal 500: *“The ‘first-rate’ Jamsheed Peeroo is acting for Hewlett-Packard in a transactional dispute”*

2015 | Chambers and Partners: *“is dual-qualified in Mauritius and the UK, and is recognised for his international arbitration expertise”*

2014 | Chambers and Partners: *“focuses predominantly on arbitration matters and is praised as a ‘very competent commercial lawyer’”*

Languages

English and French – Fully bilingual

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