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Overview

Nigel is recognised as a leading practitioner in international arbitration, having practised at Freshfields for many years (including 30 years as a partner in the firm's international arbitration practice). Nigel is based in London, having previously worked with Freshfields in New York and Hong Kong. He is a Director of the LCIA and a member of the ICC UK Commission on Arbitration.

He joined Twenty Essex as a full-time arbitrator in May 2021.

His arbitration experience includes numerous ad hoc, ICC, LCIA and UNCITRAL arbitrations and other cases, mainly as counsel but also sitting as arbitrator. He has also represented clients in a wide variety of UK High Court commercial litigation cases.

Nigel is an experienced solicitor-advocate (Higher Rights, Civil) and was appointed Queen's Counsel (QC) in 2016 in recognition of his advocacy skills.

Nigel has been consistently recognised as a leading practitioner in publications such as *Chambers & Partners* and *The Legal 500*, described as being 'of the highest class' when working as counsel in arbitration proceedings, and also noted for 'all-round litigation skills'.

Publications

- Co-author of 'Arbitration World (Global Overview chapter)', *Sweet & Maxwell*, 5th edition, 2015
- Co-author of 'Arbitration in England (Procedural Overview chapter)', *Wolters Kluwer*, 2013
- Co-author of 'The Freshfields Guide to Arbitration: Clauses in International Contracts', *Kluwer Law International*, 3rd edition, 2010

Professional memberships

- ICC Commission on International Arbitration
- Director of the LCIA

Education

- Manchester Grammar School, UK,
- University of Cambridge, UK, BA Hons in Law
- College of Law, Chester (solicitors professional qualification)

Illustrative experience

- ENEL, the Italian state-owned electricity supplier, in a multi \$US billion UNCITRAL Rules arbitration in Geneva over a long-term gas supply agreement.
- Two Russian-owned investment vehicles in a joint venture dispute in the extractives sector.
- Representing an international telecoms operator in UNCITRAL arbitration and related proceedings in Lagos, Nigeria in respect of a high-value shareholder dispute.
- Representing a leading Israeli bank in LCIA London proceedings in connection with the aborted purchase of a majority stake in an eastern European bank.
- Representing a leading Indian industrial company in a shareholder dispute with a JV partner in the telecoms sector referred to LCIA arbitration in London.
- Representing a major multinational pharmaceuticals company in ICC arbitration proceedings involving an Asian distributor.
- Representing a member of a European banking consortium in a post-acquisition dispute in the financial services sector referred to ICC arbitration in Paris.

Recommendations

Absolutely superb and has razor-sharp advocacy skills. [Chambers Europe 2021](#)

He's a very good advocate - very articulate and personable. [Chambers UK 2021](#)

Extremely experienced and wonderful to work with. [Chambers Europe 2020](#)

He is a very good advocate with excellent judgement - clients really love him and he has the perfect temperament." [Chambers UK 2020](#)

... gets right into the detail from the start, is very involved in the tactical decisions and is very quick at picking everything up and coming to a sensible commercial view. [Chambers Europe 2019](#)