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Michael Cover FCIArb CArb

Independent Arbitrator, Mediator and Adjudicator

Education

Portsmouth Grammar School; The University of Southampton (1969-1972)- LLB.

Present Position

Full time third party neutral- Arbitrator, Mediator and Adjudicator
Member, ArbDB Chambers, London, the UAE and Singapore.

Professional Career

1972- 1987- In-house Counsel with two multinational food and beverage companies.
1987- 2011- Partner in City of London law firms, latterly with what was then Charles Russell LLP, as Head of Intellectual Property Litigation and a Member of the firm's international arbitration group.

Qualifications

Barrister, Middle Temple, London, United Kingdom; Solicitor, England & Wales;
FCIArb; Chartered Arbitrator
CEDR Accredited Mediator; IMI Certified Mediator.

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Panel Memberships

AAA/ICDR, AIAC, ACICA, ADGM, CEDR, CIArb, Clerksroom, CPR, DIAC, HKIAC, the Law Society of England & Wales, In Place of Strife, RIBA, RICS Dispute Board Register, SCCA, SIMI, WIPO.

Professional Memberships

Civil Mediation Council (UK), FACICA, FAIADR, FCIArb, The Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, IMI Certified Mediator, The London Maritime Arbitrators Association (Aspiring Full Member), SIArb, SIMI, the Society for Computers & Law, the Society of Construction Law.

Completed Dispute Board Training with the DBF and has also conducted dispute board training and mediation training for the CIArb and the AIAC (formerly the KLRCA) and mediation training for the Energy Charter Secretariat.

Recognitions

Completed Investor-State Mediator Training with ICSID/ The World Bank/CEDR/IMI, 2018.
Judge and Arbitrator at the International Maritime Arbitration Moot, Rotterdam, 2019.
Judge and Arbitrator at the Vis East Moot, Hong Kong 2016.
Panellist at GAR Live Abu Dhabi, 2017 and 2018.
Panellist at the International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators, Copenhagen, 2017 and Rio de Janeiro 2020.
Panellist at the 21st Gulf Engineering Council Forum, Bahrain, 2018.
Co-Moderator, the Mediators' New Breakfast Club, London; Moderator- the DRBF UK Breakfast Meet, London.
Who's Who Legal- Mediation 2020 and 2021.
Legal 500- Mediation 2020.
Past Chair, the International Mediation Institute Sub-Committee on Investor-State Mediator Accreditation.

Experience as a Third Party Neutral

Michael has handed down over 90 arbitral awards and conducted over 250 mediations. He has also previously worked on transport infrastructure projects in Eastern Europe (under FIDIC) and appeared before Dispute Boards in that region.

Michael is currently acting or has acted as arbitrator, mediator or adjudicator in the following matters, including under the rules of the ICC, the LCIA, CIMAR, the DIFC-LCIA, AAA/ICDR:

- Shareholder and property dispute in the Channel Islands.
- Cross-border Intellectual Property Licensing Dispute.
- Licensing dispute in pharmaceuticals.
- Major transport infrastructure project in the United Kingdom.
- Public Procurement Dispute in the energy sector in the United Kingdom.
- Intellectual Property Disputes in the United Kingdom and cross-border.
- Intellectual Property dispute between US and European entities in the automotive industry.
- Expert Determination of a dispute relating to a hotel management contract in Asia.
- Shareholder dispute on a joint venture in the UAE.
- Insurance dispute relating to an offshore oil installation.
- Cargo and Charterparty disputes, all cross-border.
- Professional negligence and fidelity dispute relating to a law firm.
- Insurance dispute on a catastrophic fire in retail premises.
- International contractual disputes, including relating to the UAE.
- Family business disputes in the UK and elsewhere.
- Construction disputes in the UK.
- Domain Name adjudications for WIPO (one person and two person Panels).

Languages

English, French and German.

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