



International Arbitrator

Vasanti Selvaratnam QC
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Independent International Arbitrator
Accredited Mediator
LLB (Hons), LLM (First Class), King's College London

Areas of Experience include:

- All aspects of Maritime Law, including shipbuilding disputes, collision and salvage
- Commodity disputes
- Oil and Gas
- Energy
- International Trade and Finance, including guarantee disputes
- Infrastructure projects
- Insurance (marine and non-marine)
- All forms of interim relief, including anti suit injunctions and other urgent applications

Vasanti Selvaratnam QC has significant experience of dispute resolution in both a judicial and quasi-judicial capacity. She was appointed a Recorder in 1999 (one of the youngest appointees to be selected), is an accredited mediator, and receives regular appointments to act as an arbitrator across a wide range of industry sectors, including but not limited to shipping and international trade disputes. She accepts appointments under all the major industry rules, including LCIA, ICC, LMAA, LOF and SCMA.

Vasanti has particular expertise in cases raising complex technical issues as well as novel or difficult points on assessment of damages.

Vasanti joined the LOF Panel of Arbitrators in 2013.

1984 – LLM King's College London (1st Class)
1999 – Recorder
2001 – QC

She is a Bencher of Middle Temple and Joint Head of The 36 Group, one of the largest multi specialist sets of chambers in London.

Vasanti also speaks and publishes on a variety of legal topics, including most recently on the subject of good faith under English law on which she delivered a public lecture at the Law Society in 2019 and which has since been published in the May 2020 edition of the LMCLQ.

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Recent arbitral appointments:

1. Chair of an LCIA Panel (sitting with Sir Bernard Eder and Charles Kimmins QC) in relation to disputes under contract relating to the sale of crude oil.
2. Chair of an ICC Panel (sitting with Michael Black QC and Andrew Bartlett QC) relating to contractual disputes governed by Iraq law concerning removal of unexploded materials at Basrah port
3. Sole arbitrator in an UNCITRAL governed dispute relating to disputes under a guarantee (appointed by the LCIA)
4. Co-arbitrator in an ICC India law governed and seated matter in the pharmaceutical sector.
5. Numerous LOF appointments by Lloyds Salvage Arbitration Branch, including an ongoing matter which involves the largest LOF fund since records began.
6. Numerous LMAA party appointments, including by well know oil and commodity traders.

