

MEREDITH

ARBITRATION

Ian Meredith

Independent Arbitrator



About

Ian Meredith is an independent arbitrator. With almost four decades of experience in dispute resolution, Ian brings deep legal expertise and a pragmatic, commercial approach to resolving disputes efficiently and fairly.

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He is a CEDR Accredited Mediator, and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He sits on the UK Arbitration and ADR Committee, serves as UK delegate to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and he is a member of the User Council of the LCIA. He served as a member of the ICC Task Force on Trusts in Arbitration and is currently serving as a member of the ICC Task Force on Corruption in Arbitration.

He has been ranked in Lexology Index (formerly WWL) and Legal 500 as a leading practitioner in International Arbitration and has published and spoken widely across his near four decade career in international dispute resolution.

He no longer acts as counsel and only accepts appointments as arbitrator.

Experience

Complex High Value Disputes

Ian's practice has been largely sector agnostic and truly international in scope. Arbitrations have been seated in all the leading arbitration centres including San Francisco, Houston, New York, Hamilton, Sao Paulo, London, Paris, Frankfurt, Geneva, Zurich, Vienna, Dubai, Singapore, Hong Kong and Tokyo. Notable cases have concerned issues arising in Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and other parts of Central and Eastern Europe, India and various countries in Africa.

Disputes have involved Oil & Gas projects, Renewable Energy projects, Speciality Chemicals, various forms of cross border Investments including Mining Ventures, Insurance, Banking and Finance, Pharmaceuticals, Veterinary Products, Joint Projects, Telecoms, Construction Products, Aerospace, Transportation issues including Train Derailments and Oil Pollution and related losses resulting from the sinking of the oil tanker the Prestige off the coast of Spain and France, the Deepwater Horizon Incident in the Gulf of Mexico and damage to a Refinery caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Bermuda Form Arbitration

Ian has been fortunate to be engaged in a significant number of Bermuda Form arbitrations.

The underlying losses have involved amongst other things:

- Losses flowing from mass failures of domestic water pipes
- Malpractice within care homes
- Chemical contamination of water courses
- Oil contamination resulting from flooding of an Oil refinery during Hurricane Katrina
- The employment status of parcel delivery drivers
- Losses flowing from the Deepwater Horizon Gulf Oil Incident
- Alleged issues with Herbicidal chemicals
- Losses flowing from a major road traffic accident leading to a 9 figure run-away jury verdict
- Human Health issues allegedly resulting from manufacture of and sale of products containing or releasing “forever chemicals”

As a result of the manner in which this type of insurance is commonly structured, several disputes have led to multiple arbitrations impacting different layers within Towers.

Ian is perhaps best known in this area for his involvement acting for Halliburton in challenging the Chair of one Tribunal constituted to determine a claim flowing out of the Deepwater Horizon Incident. That challenge was ultimately heard on appeal by the UK Supreme Court and led to the seminal decision in *Halliburton Company v Chubb Bermuda Ltd* that redefined amongst other things, arbitrators’ duties of disclosure.

Over the course of the various arbitrations all the main issues that are commonly encountered in these types of dispute have arisen, including:

- The definition of “occurrence”
- Issues over the adequacy of notice(s)
- Whether the occurrence was “expected or intended”
- The interpretation and application of exclusions

- The “reasonableness of settlements” doctrine

Fraud, Bribery and Corruption

Ian is a member of the ICC Task Force on Corruption in Arbitration and his practice has involved a series of cases in which Fraud and Bribery and Corruption have been significant features. By way of illustration only, three examples of cases acting as counsel:

- Acting for major US telecoms group in multi-billion dollar dispute with the Turkish Uzan Family - leading to US RICO proceedings, major international asset tracing and freezing, and ultimately both commercial and investment arbitrations
- Acting for UK/US specialist chemicals group in proceedings flowing out of UK and US criminal prosecutions for corruption connected to the UN Oil for Food Program in Iraq
- Two LCIA, London seated Arbitrations against an Austrian investment bank resulting from a major fraud by a Russian organised crime syndicate

Career

K&L Gates LLP (formerly Nicholson Graham & Jones 2003-2005)

2003-2026

Partner/Co-Head of International Arbitration Group

Steptoe and Johnson

2000-2003

Partner/Head of International Arbitration Group London

Hammonds

1988-2000

Partner

Recognition

Ian’s legal expertise has been recognised / ranked by the legal directories Lexology Index and Legal 500, based on client and peer feedback.

Recent acknowledgements include:

Lexology

Ranked Leading International Arbitration Practitioner UK 2026

Legal 500

"Ian Meredith is noted for his track record in Bermuda Form London seated coverage arbitrations."

Insurance litigation: for policyholders 2025-2026

"I have a high regard for Ian Meredith, he is a very good lawyer, sensible (an underrated quality), and hard working."

2020

Legal 500

"Recognised by The Legal 500 United Kingdom in London, Leading Partner for International Arbitration."

2025-2026

Legal 500

"Ian Meredith is a leading partner for commercial arbitration matters. He is practical and knowledgeable."

2022