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Main profile

Frederico has developed a successful practice in international commercial dispute resolution that encompasses litigation and arbitration. He is a specialist in international trade and investment disputes. He practised law as a solicitor and in-house lawyer before being called to the Bar and that rounded experience enables him to undertake highly complex, high value and high-profile cases.

Frederico is especially sought out for his unique expertise, drafting and advocacy skills in matters involving emerging markets in Latin America, Africa and Asia. He is instructed by English, international, and foreign law firms as well as legal departments, third-party funders and government entities. Many of these instructions have been borne from his unique profile. His practice spans across a wide spectrum of industry sectors, including banking & finance, corporate, M&A, commodities, maritime, aviation, energy, mining, infrastructure, and (re)insurance cases.

He is an experienced trial advocate, having advised and acted for states, state entities, public and private companies in English court proceedings. In international arbitration he has substantial experience as counsel and arbitrator (including under the institutional rules of the LCIA, AAA-ICDR, ICC, LMAA, DIAC, CAM-CCBC, AIAC, ACICA and UNCITRAL).

Frederico is recognised in the International Arbitration Powerlist by Legal 500, Legal 500 UK Bar, Chambers and Partners, and Whoswholegal amongst the most notable international arbitration practitioners at the English bar. A considerable proportion of his practice consists of acting as an arbitrator and he is included in the lists or panels of arbitrators in many institutions across the world including the AAA-ICDR, VIAC, HKIAC, AIAC, KCAB, ACICA, CAM-CCBC, and CACM to name some of them.

In 2017, Frederico was appointed by the Ministry of Justice as a Court Examiner (a quasi-judicial appointment), undertaking depositions predominantly for the district courts of New York, Texas and California. He is one of the most experienced Examiners, having been invited to train new appointees.

As well as practicing law, Frederico also is a faculty member for the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a course leader at Gray's Inn and ADR-ODR for international arbitration. He was the course leader at University College

London for procurement, construction and engineering for major projects, and continues to teach there and is a visiting lecturer at the University of Westminster for commercial dispute resolution.

Arbitrator profile

Frederico is a very experienced and recognised international arbitrator, a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and speaks native Portuguese and fluent Spanish. He specialises in arbitrations in emerging markets, especially Latin America, Lusophone Africa, and South East Asia. He is listed as an arbitrator with AAA-ICDR, VIAC, HKIAC, CAM-CCBC, CAM, AIAC, KCAB and ACICA.

He is experienced in international arbitrations concerning shipping, aviation, natural resources, traditional and renewable energy, banking and finance, construction and infrastructure as well as the insurance and reinsurance sectors. Frederico is experienced in acting under many institutional rules including ICC, LCIA, ICDR, UNCITRAL, SCC, CAM-CCBC and LMAA and industry rules of GAFTA, FOSFA, LME, SAL, RSA and FCC. His experience includes common law, civil and public international law disputes and he is able to navigate between the various systems seamlessly which makes him a true international arbitration practitioner.

Frederico is recognised in the International Arbitration Powerlist by Legal 500, Legal 500, Chambers & Partners and Who's Who Legal, amongst the most notable international arbitration practitioners at the English Bar.

Frederico is pleased to accept appointments as sole, panel and chair arbitrator. As Frederico operates from London, Sydney and Rio de Janeiro, is happy to negotiate flexible fees for international travel. He holds Brazilian and British nationality.

Sample Work:

- *International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)* – party appointed arbitrator in an arbitration relating to large multi-million claims for breach of a non-exclusive licensing agreement for geophysical data. Arbitration seated in Rio de Janeiro, governed by Brazilian law and in Portuguese.
- *Centro Brasileiro de Mediação e Arbitragem (CBMA)* – party-appointed arbitrator in a dispute relating to a charterparty agreement between companies in the oil and gas exploration and production (upstream) sector.
- *Chamber of Commerce Brazil-Canada (CAM-CCBC)* – party-appointed arbitrator in a post-M&A dispute relating to the transfer of shares in a group operating in the telecoms sector. Arbitration seated in São Paulo, governed by Brazilian law with parties from Brazil, BVI, France, US and Colombia.
- *London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA)* – party-appointed arbitrator in a dispute relating to an alleged breach of a charterparty agreement for a luxury yacht. Arbitration seated in London and governed by English and French law.
- *Chamber of Commerce Brazil-Canada (CAM-CCBC)* – party-appointed arbitrator in a dispute relating to four contracts for the manufacture and supply of concrete towers for the use of wind generator turbines. Arbitration seated in São Paulo, governed by Brazilian law and in held in Portuguese language.
- *London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA)* – party-appointed arbitrator in a dispute relating to the purchase and sale of a vessel for the exploration and production of oil and gas. Arbitration seated in London and governed by English law.
- *Chamber of Commerce Brazil-Canada (CAM-CCBC)* – party-appointed arbitrator in a dispute relating to a contract for the leasing of equipment for thermoelectric generation. Arbitration seated in São Paulo, governed by Brazilian law and in Portuguese.

- *London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)* – sole arbitrator, appointed by the LCIA in a dispute brought by a UAE company against a Bulgarian entity relating to the purchase and sale of aluminium billets for extrusion. Arbitration seated in London, governed by English law.
- *International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)* – chair, appointed by co-arbitrators in an arbitration for a dispute concerning a ROV Support Vessel (RSV) time charter agreement, seated in Rio de Janeiro, governed by Brazilian law and held in Portuguese language.
- *London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)* – sole arbitrator, appointed by the LCIA in a dispute brought by an Iranian controlled entity against an Emirati company in respect of alleged overpayments under a purchase and sale agreement for raw cane sugar.
- *Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)* – chair, appointed by co-arbitrators in an arbitration relating to claims for price reduction of two agreements for the purchase and sale of manganese governed by the laws of Hong Kong and seated in Hong Kong. The dispute, between Uruguayan and Chinese parties, also raised allegations of fraud in the counterclaim, relating to a third contract.
- *International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)* – party appointed arbitrator in an arbitration relating to claims for breach of two agreements to design and construct a theme park, a licensing agreement governed by the laws of the state of New York and a design agreement governed by English law, seated in London.
- *International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)* – party appointed co-arbitrator in an arbitration for claims and counterclaims concerning the termination of an agreement for the manufacture and sale of wind turbine blades seated in São Paulo, governed by Brazilian law and held in Portuguese language.
- *Ad Hoc* – sole arbitrator in a dispute involving English and French parties relating to an exclusive distribution agreement for materials in the construction sector, seated in London and governed by English law.
- *International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)* – chair, appointed by co-arbitrators in an arbitration claiming delay and disruption in the construction of a photovoltaic plant from the E & M contractor against the employer. Arbitration seated in Geneva, Switzerland and governed by Brazilian law.
- *London Chamber of Arbitration and Mediation (LCAM)* – party-appointed arbitrator in a claim brought by a multinational for payment with a counterclaim for defects in the partial design and manufacture of feedwater heaters for a nuclear power plant in Latin America. Seated in London with English law governing.

Languages

- Native Portuguese
- Spanish

Professional associations

- Bar Council of England and Wales, Vice-Chair of the International Committee of the, responsible for the Americas
- Gray's Inn, International Arbitration Course Leader & Vis Moot Coach
- Lex Anglo-Brasil (bilateral law association), Founder and Co-chair of
- Instituto de Advogados do Brasil (IAB), Honorary Member
- American Bar Association (ABA), Associate Member
- Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS), Fellow
- International Bar Association (IBA), Member
- Society of Construction Law (SCL), Member

- Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR), Member
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), Fellow
- Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA), Fellow
- London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA), Supporting Member
- London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), Member
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Arbitration & ADR Committee, Member
- International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), Member
- Comitê Brasileiro de Arbitragem (Cbar), Member

Frederico is on the list of arbitrators for the following institutions:

- American Arbitration Association – International Center for Dispute Resolution (AAA-ICDR)
- Câmara de Arbitragem Empresarial do Brasil (CAMARB)
- Centro de Arbitragem e Mediação da Câmara de Comércio Brasil-Canadá (CAM-CCBC)
- Centro Brasileiro de Mediação e Arbitragem (CBMA)
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC)
- Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)
- Mozambique Centre for Arbitration, Conciliation and Mediation (CACM)
- Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB) International

Qualifications

- BA (Hons)
- Admitted to the Roll of Solicitors of England & Wales
- Admitted to the Brazilian Bar Association (OAB)
- Ministry of Justice Appointed Court Examiner
- Accredited Mediator
- Accredited Full SFO Security Clearance
- Digital Dispute Resolution Specialist (DDRS)
- Sits on ADR ODR's DDRS panel

Directory recommendations

Frederico is recommended for International Arbitration in The Legal 500 (UK Bar and International Arbitration Powerlist) and Who's Who Legal:

- *"Mr Singarajah is an exemplary choice for those seeking a competent and trustworthy arbitrator. His professionalism and integrity set a standard for arbitration that truly deserves recognition."* (Chambers, 2025, International Arbitration: Arbitrators)
- *"Fred is very well versed and prepared to transmit the legal concepts and perceptions from English law to Brazilian lawyer and a Brazilian client. Also, he has a proactive posture, offering a fast and qualified service for his clients."* (The Legal 500, 2024, International Arbitration: Counsel)

- "Very prepared to work for non-English clients, especially Brazilian clients. He is very professional and he always is available to assist or support in all the advocacy activities." (The Legal 500, 2023)
- "He is a very good communicator and is bilingual in English and Brazilian Portuguese which is invaluable." (The Legal 500, 2022)
- "Strong knowledge of international law and arbitration. He is excellent at presenting his case and cross-examining witnesses." (Who's Who Legal, International Arbitration)

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