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Alexander Leventhal ACI Arb

Alexander Leventhal is a senior associate in Quinn Emanuel's Paris office. He has extensive experience in international commercial and investment arbitration, touching upon multiple sectors, with a particular focus on the energy sector. Alexander acts as the CI Arb YMG Steering Committee Member for France.

Amanda Lee FCI Arb

Amanda is an Arbitrator and Consultant at Seymours, London, where her practice focuses on international dispute resolution. Amanda was the first female Chair of the CI Arb's Young Members' Group (2017-2018), is a former member of the CI Arb's Board of Management (2017-2018), former Co-Chair of the London & SE YMG (2016-2018) and former Public Relations Officer (2015-2018) and Committee Member of the CI Arb's London Branch (2015-2019).

Andrew Miller QC FCI Arb

From 2 Temple Gardens, Andrew is a trustee of CI Arb and was recently recognised as Civil/Commercial Mediator of the Year in the 2020 National Mediation Awards.

Ania Farren

Ania is a Partner at Omnia Strategy. She is a highly experienced practitioner who advises and represents States and corporate entities in a wide variety of international dispute resolution and public international law matters, including commercial and investment treaty arbitrations. Ania has acted as counsel in disputes conducted under all of the major arbitration rules including ICC, ICSID, ICSID Additional Facility, LCIA and SCC.

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Director of Membership, CI Arb. Read more [here](#).

Caroline Croft

Caroline Croft is an associate in the International Dispute Resolution Practice based in Paris. She is dual-qualified as Paris Bar Avocat à la Cour and a solicitor in England and Wales. Prior to joining the firm, Caroline worked in private practice at top global law firms, in-house at a major transnational company and directly for a highly regarded arbitrator. She is also on the sub-committee of Era (Equal Representation in Arbitration).

Catherine Dixon

Director General, CI Arb. Read more [here](#).

Professor Catherine Rogers

Catherine is a Professor of Law and Scholar of international arbitration and professional ethics at Penn State Law, with a dual appointment as Professor of Ethics, Regulation, and the Rule of Law at Queen Mary, University of London, where

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Cesar Pereira FCIArb

Cesar is a partner at Justen, Pereira, Oliveira & Talamini, Sao Paulo (Brazil), head of the firm's infrastructure and arbitration practice. He is the chairman of CIArb's Brazil Branch, and his practice as counsel, arbitrator or legal expert focuses on infrastructure projects, regulated industries and public procurement.

Chris Jorgenson

Edward Lenci MCIArb

Edward K. Lenci has a diverse practice that focuses on the litigation and arbitration of domestic and international commercial disputes, including reinsurance disputes, and the defense of businesses sued in class action lawsuits. He has considerable appellate experience, too, including a class action defense victory in the U.S. Supreme Court enforcing the class action waiver in a student loan's arbitration provisions. Drawing on his extensive experience with domestic and international arbitration, Ed has drafted arbitration provisions tailored to the unique needs of each client and was co-author of the ARIAS-U.S. International Arbitration Form. He is also the Chair of the Reinsurance Section of the firm's global Insurance Services Practice Group.

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Georgios Fasfalis

Georgios Fasfalis is an associate in Linklaters' international arbitration practice, having previously worked for a renowned international arbitration boutique and the legal department of a Dutch multinational. His international arbitration experience includes involvement in (commercial and investment treaty) arbitrations conducted under, among others, the ICC, ICSID, LCIA, NAI, SIAC and UNCITRAL Rules and subject to several applicable laws. Georgios has also been involved in arbitration-related matters, such as setting aside and enforcement proceedings. His publications include a chapter -as a co-author with Marc Krestin- in S. Balthasar (ed) International Commercial Arbitration (Hart Publishing) (forthcoming). He is admitted to the Thessaloniki Bar in Greece.

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Dr Isabel Philips

Dr. Isabel Phillips is a highly experienced mediator and conflict specialist. She has worked since 1998 across four continents in commercial mediation and in mediation/dialogue in violent and post-conflict contexts. This experience means practical skills, adaptability and the ability to manage high levels of complexity and emotionality.

Jane Gunn FCIArb

Chair, CIArb Board of Management. Jane is also the author of "How to Beat Bedlam in the Boardroom and Boredom in the Bedroom".

Jonathan Wood MCIArb

Chair, CIArb Board of Trustees. Jonathan is also Head of International Arbitration at Reynolds Porter Chamberlain (RPC). He is former Chairman of the International Bar Association's International Sales Committee and is currently a member of the advisory board of the European Regional Forum. Jonathan has been an adviser and litigation counsel to the British Government's Export Credits Guarantee Department (UKEF) for over 25 years.

Kim Franklin QC C.Arb FCIArb

From Crown Office Chambers, Kim Franklin QC is a specialist international lawyer, in the construction, engineering and infrastructure sectors, focussing on the resolution of disputes arising from complex projects in international arbitration. She acts as counsel in the UK Construction and Appeal Courts, including the Privy Council (Supreme Court) and in the Caribbean.

Laura West MCIArb

Vice-chair, CIArb YMG Global steering committee. Laura is a Senior Associate at CMS based in Edinburgh. She specialises in construction, engineering and energy disputes providing both operational and strategic contract advice as well as representing clients through a range of dispute resolution procedures including arbitration, litigation, adjudication and mediation. Laura is dual qualified in Scots and English law and teaches construction law to post graduate students at the University of Edinburgh.

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Board of Management, CIArb. Leonora is also chair of CIArb's UAE branch.

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Lindy Patterson QC FCIArb

Practicing from 39 Essex Chambers, Lindy Patterson QC is an international arbitrator, adjudicator and dispute board member as well as arbitrator within the UK. She operates within the construction, energy and natural resources sectors. She also has acted as arbitrator in all forms and types of commercial contract dispute.

She has chaired a number of dispute boards, both ad hoc and standing, across the world and plays an active role in promoting dispute avoidance by these means. She is immediate past President of DRBF (Region 2).

Lucy Greenwood C.Arb FCIArb

Trustee, CIArb. Lucy Greenwood is an independent international arbitrator specializing in commercial and investment disputes. She is a Chartered Arbitrator, a Member of the State Bar of Texas and a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales.

Mahnaz Malik

Mahnaz is a barrister and arbitrator at Twenty Essex who specialises in representing governments and corporations in commercial and investment arbitration.

Marion Smith QC FCIArb

Vice-Chair, Board of Trustees. Marion Smith QC (39 Essex Chambers) has extensive experience in a broad range of commercial and construction matters. She appears as a trial and appellate advocate in England and Wales and has been involved with arbitrations before a range of tribunals including under the Rules of the ICC, LCIA and the UNCITRAL

Arbitration Rules. She is recommended by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2017 and Chambers & Partners 2017 for Construction.

Marion is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Visiting Senior Lecturer in the School of International Arbitration at Queen Mary University of London. She has been a Trustee of CI Arb since 2017.

Matthew Saunders FCA

Matthew is a partner and global head of our international arbitration practice who is based in the London office. He focuses on international arbitration relating to international projects in the energy and resources sectors, with a particular focus on investment treaty arbitration. Matthew has experience in advising a broad range of clients including sovereign and federal governments, international energy businesses, multinational corporations and financial institutions globally. He is a member of the London Court of International Arbitration, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators. He has advised and defended states in energy matters including in the renewables sector and involving the ECT.

Nasir Khan MBE FCI Arb

Nasir has 20 years' experience of delivering large infrastructure projects. He is an engineer, chartered surveyor and legally qualified with a complex dispute resolution portfolio spanning quantum, delay and engineering issues. In 2020, Nasir was awarded MBE for his services to the Muslim community raising Fairness, Respect, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion awareness.

Nicholas Gould FCI Arb

Partner, Fenwick Elliot. Nicholas is Visiting Professor at King's College London and a vice president of the ICC's Arbitration Commission (past chairman, Standing Sub-Committee ICC's International Centre for Expertise 2007–14). He is President Elect of the DRBF and past chairman of the Society of Construction Law. He has published widely in the field of construction law and dispute resolution.

Rainbow Willard FCI Arb

Rainbow Willard is Counsel at Chaffetz Lindsey LLP, a premier international disputes boutique in New York. Rainbow's practice focuses on representing clients in complex, high-stakes international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations under the major international rules, including ICC, UNCITRAL, ICSID, LCIA, and SIAC.

Susan Dunn

Co-founder, Harbour Litigation. Susan Dunn is one of the most experienced and well-known professionals in the funding sector. A pioneer of litigation funding in both the UK and internationally, Susan has been sourcing and investing in litigation and arbitration for over 18 years. During this time she has provided significant input to the development of public policy about funding in jurisdictions around the world. Susan was a founding member of the industry's self-regulating body, the Association of Litigation Funders, and was appointed as its Chair in 2019. She is also a director of the International Legal Finance Association formed in September 2020 of which Harbour is a founding member. Harbour has over \$1bn in assets under management funding claims in 17 jurisdictions. Susan qualified as a solicitor in 1992 and has worked as a commercial litigator in both the UK and the US where she was also a diplomat (Vice-Consul Investment), for the British Government in Atlanta 1996-1999.

Tom Cadman ACI Arb

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Trisha Mitra

Trisha Mitra is an Associate with the International Arbitration group at Shearman & Sterling LLP, Paris and is dual-qualified as a Solicitor in England and Wales (pending enrollment) and Advocate in India. She has experience working as counsel and tribunal secretary in investment and commercial arbitrations under major institutional rules such as ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC LCIA and SIAC. She has represented clients across diverse industry sectors such as renewable energy, oil and gas, construction, mining, telecommunications, information management and pharmaceutical.

Vivek Kapoor

Vivek Kapoor is a barrister at 39 Essex Chambers. He acts as counsel and advocate in large scale, complex and high value commercial and investor-state disputes. He has particular expertise in disputes arising from energy, mining and natural resources, infrastructure, construction and engineering sectors. Leading directories describe him as “an excellent litigator, is always well prepared and has an excellent grasp of facts and law.”