

Ben Giaretta

Partner

I co-head Fox Williams' international arbitration team and represent clients in commercial disputes across a wide range of sectors, including energy, natural resources, construction, infrastructure, commodities and technology.



Ben is a commercial disputes lawyer with a broad range of experience in litigation, mediation and expert determination, and he has particular expertise in international commercial arbitration.

He has advised clients on issues arising from contracts in many different industries, including oil & gas, LNG, renewables, construction, mining, technology, M&A, shipping and commodities. He has worked on disputes all over the world, including in Africa, Europe and the Gulf region. For seven years he was based in Singapore as the Head of Arbitration in Asia for an international law firm, and he worked on disputes across the Asia-Pacific, especially relating to India, South Korea, Japan, China and Australia.

He is a Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and is the current Chair of the London Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He has been appointed as arbitrator on many occasions and he is on the panels of arbitrators of several arbitration institutions throughout the world.

Legal Expertise

- Commercial disputes
- Contract law
- International commercial arbitration
- Negotiation and mediation

Experience

- Represented a major petrochemicals company in an SIAC arbitration relating to a project in India.
- Advised a Saudi Arabian client on disputes arising from the operation of a telecommunications satellite.

- Presiding arbitrator in a multi-million dollar ICC arbitration between a US company and an Indian company relating to a joint venture.
- Emergency arbitrator in a dispute between an English company and a Singaporean company relating to a technology investment.
- Represented a US client in the High Court and the Court of Appeal in a dispute concerning fiduciary duties.
- Advised a Brazilian company on issues relating to an energy investment in southern Africa (LCIA arbitration).
- Represented a Singaporean client on a dispute with a Chinese buyer concerning the sale of coal from Indonesia.
- Advised the sellers of LNG from a LNG project in Australia on various disputes concerning the operation of the plant, including in ICC arbitration.
- Advised a US client in complex disputes arising from a construction project in Eastern Europe.
- Represented an Austrian client in a US\$ 60 million ICC arbitration concerning a loan agreement (seat of arbitration in London).

Memberships

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow)
- Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (Fellow)
- Singapore Mediation Centre (Associate Mediator)
- Society of Construction Law
- Worshipful Company of Arbitrators (Liveryman)
- International Council for Commercial Arbitration
- London Court of International Arbitration
- Singapore International Arbitration Centre (panel of arbitrators)
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (panel of arbitrators)
- Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration (panel of arbitrators)
- London Chamber of Arbitration and Mediation (panel of arbitrators)
- Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (panel of arbitrators)
- Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (panel of arbitrators)
- Badan Arbitrase Nasional Indonesia (panel of arbitrators)
- Asian International Arbitration Centre (panel of arbitrators)