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EXPERTISE

- Arbitration

“His practice encompasses the full spectrum of commercial and investment treaty arbitration, and he is respected for his ‘sensible and measured approach.’”

- Chambers & Partners 2013

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- The Legal 500 2012

OVERVIEW

Klaus Reichert SC specialises in international arbitration and has worked on, both as lead counsel and as arbitrator (frequently as chair), in excess of 250 international disputes right across a broad spectrum of complex subject matters, industries and governing laws involving parties (often sovereigns, or state commercial entities) from all over the World. These cases involved Institutions and Rules such as ICSID, ICC, LCIA, ICDR, CAS, DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, and UNCITRAL. The venues have included Paris, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Helsinki, New York, London, Munich, Seoul, Miami, Geneva, Dublin, Dubai, Stockholm, Nassau and Zürich. He is a member of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, and a member of the International Basketball Federation (IBAF) panel of arbitrators. He was counsel for Dallal in the landmark case in the English Courts on the New York Convention against the Government of Pakistan. In 2012 he was honoured by his election to the Governing Board of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), the World's leading non-governmental organization in the field of international arbitration. He has served on a number of bodies in the international law field including the IBA (past Co-Chair of the Litigation Committee, and currently a Council Member of the Legal Practice Division), the International Commercial Arbitration Committee of the ILA, the European Users' Council of the LCIA, and was a founder member of Arbitration Ireland – the Irish Arbitration Association. He is a Silk (Senior Counsel) at the Bar of Ireland and was involved as counsel in a large number of leading cases in the field of private international law. In 2008 he chaired the Host Committee for the ICCA Conference in Dublin to mark the 50th anniversary of the New York Convention.

PRACTICE AREAS

ARBITRATION

Recent examples of arbitrator appointments

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- Chairman of an ICC arbitration in New York concerning the purchase of a number of cargo aircraft
- Co-arbitrator in an AAA Complex Commercial Rules/International Procedures arbitration in San Francisco involving a very high value technology for the functioning of tablet screens
- Co-arbitrator in three related LCIA arbitrations in London in a joint venture dispute regarding an ultra high end luxury tourism development
- Chairman of an UNCITRAL arbitration in New York involving a dispute about LNG resources in the Caribbean region
- Co-arbitrator in an AAA Complex Commercial Rules/International Procedures arbitration in Miami in disputes arising from a share purchase of a large and complex petroleum business across the Caribbean region
- Chairman of an ICC arbitration in Paris involving the national oil corporation of a major MENA state and the development of a refinery
- Co-arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration in London arising from a management contract of a high-end luxury hotel in the MENA region
- Chairman of an ICC arbitration in Miami involving disputes between joint venture parties arising from a major oil products business in Brazil
- Chairman of an ICDR arbitration in Miami arising from a Latin America-wide movie theatre development agreement
- Chairman of an ICC arbitration in London involving a dispute about oil supply obligations in Eastern Africa
- Co-arbitrator in an ICC arbitration in Geneva arising from drilling and exploration disputes in Southern Africa
- Co-arbitrator in an ICDR arbitration in New York arising from a pharmaceutical marketing agreement
- Co-arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration in London involving a joint venture multi-channel TV distribution business in the MENA region
- Co-arbitrator in an ICC arbitration in London concerning a significant dispute involving major energy corporations over an African state's LNG sector, the dedication of gas and gas products from the field and the production facilities
- Chairman of an ICDR administered UNCITRAL arbitration in New York between major North American and Latin American energy companies concerning a refinery
- Co-arbitrator in an investor-state arbitration subject to the UNCITRAL Rules pursuant to a BIT concerning claims of unequal treatment of a foreign investor
- Co-arbitrator in a very substantial ICC arbitration in London between international energy companies concerning an LNG plant
- Chairman of an investor-state arbitration subject to the UNCITRAL Rules pursuant to a BIT concerning claims of expropriation
- Co-arbitrator in an UNCITRAL arbitration in London between a US corporation and a major Eastern European oil company concerning a refinery
- Co-arbitrator in an ICC arbitration in Vienna between Bulgarian and Greek parties concerning a joint venture in the food sector
- Co-arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration heard in London and in Seoul between Swiss and Korean parties concerning international sales of aluminium

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- Chairman of an LCIA arbitration in London between Swiss and British parties concerning the arrangement of significant financing for North American natural resources operations
- Sole arbitrator in a DIFC-LCIA arbitration in Dubai between UAE and Hong Kong parties concerning steel shipments
- Sole arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration in London between two major international financial institutions concerning the conclusion of a complex spin-off
- Chairman of a DIFC-LCIA arbitration in Dubai between a UAE party and an international corporation concerning logistics
- Co-arbitrator in an UNCITRAL arbitration in Helsinki between major international companies concerning telecoms
- Chairman of an UNCITRAL arbitration in London between an international corporation and a state entity concerning power generation
- Co-arbitrator in related ICC cases in Stockholm between international parties concerning complex share dealings
- Chairman of an ICC arbitration in London between a US telecoms company and a sovereign state concerning privatization of a mobile/cellular system
- Co-arbitrator in an ICC arbitration in Paris between an international machinery corporation and an Eastern European company concerning distribution
- Sole arbitrator in several international basketball disputes seated in Geneva concerning commercial arrangements between players, coaches, agents and clubs
- Co-arbitrator in a high profile CAS arbitration involving WADA and an Olympic athlete

Recent examples of counsel appointments

- lead hearing counsel in related ICSID cases between an international oil exploration company and a West African state concerning offshore drilling rights
- lead counsel in a high value ICC arbitration in Miami concerning a post-share purchase dispute in the television and communications sector in the Caribbean
- lead counsel in an LCIA arbitration arising from the development of a medical system for the accurate delivery of treatment of certain cancers
- lead hearing counsel in a complex ICSID case between an international mining company and a West African state involving a wide number of issues including novel PIL points
- co-counsel for a major FTSE 100 company in a very large ICC arbitration in Paris concerning a joint venture
- co-counsel for Dallah in the English Courts in the landmark case against the Government of Pakistan
- co-counsel for Goshawk in the Irish Courts in the highly significant Brussels Regulation case against Life Receivables (the issue later being specifically addressed in the revised Brussels Regulation)
- lead counsel before the Irish Courts on a common law enforcement action on a € 400,000,000.00+ foreign judgment, with a highly significant threshold jurisdiction issue

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- co-counsel for a major international hotel management company in both pre-arbitration proceedings before the Irish courts and then in the main ICDR arbitration

PUBLICATIONS

Published materials include numerous articles, chapters and case notes in several journals and loose-leaf publications on private international law, commercial litigation, arbitration and mediation in:

- *Les Cahiers de l'Arbitrage (Paris)*
- *International Arbitration Law Review (London)*
- *Global Arbitration Review (London)*
- *The Journal of International Arbitration (Kluwer)*
- *Arbitration (CIARB)*
- *Dispute Resolution Journal (AAA)*
- *The Bar Review (Dublin)*
- *Commercial Law Practitioner (Dublin)*
- the Law Society of Ireland Gazette
- *The Maritime Advocate*
- *The Encyclopedia of International Commercial Litigation (Kluwer)*
- *Enforcement of Foreign Money Judgments (Juris)*
- *Attachment of Assets, (Juris)*
- *Mealey's International Arbitration Report*
- the Newsletters of both the Litigation Committee and Arbitration Committee of the IBA
- the Irish chapter in the second edition of *Arbitration World* and co-authored the Irish chapter in the third edition

He recently co-authored the Irish Chapter for the ICCA Handbook and is presently completing chapters for forthcoming publications on Arbitration in the United Kingdom (Kluwer) and Arbitral Seats (OUP).

He is the General Editor of *The European International Arbitration Review (Juris)*.

QUALIFICATIONS

1990 BCL, University College, Dublin

1992 Barrister-at-Law Degree, King's Inns, Dublin

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Called to the Irish Bar

1996 Called to the English Bar (Middle Temple)

1998 Called to the Bar of Northern Ireland

2004 CEDR Accredited Mediator

Post Graduate Diploma, International Commercial Arbitration, Queen Mary, University of London

2010 Senior Counsel (SC) at the Irish Bar

DIRECTORY QUOTES

- "Another experienced advocate and arbitrator at this set is Klaus Reichert. His practice encompasses the full spectrum of commercial and investment treaty arbitration, and he is respected for his "sensible and measured approach." " (Chambers & Partners 2013)
- "The 'very impressive' Klaus Reichert SC is 'an exceptional lawyer' with 'superb cross-examination skills'." (Legal 500 2012)
- "Klaus Reichert is widely recognised as an up-and-coming" international arbitrator within chambers. His recent appointment for the first joint LCIA/DIFC dispute is of particular note." (Chambers UK 2012)