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Expertise:

- Commercial Disputes
- Commercial Fraud & Asset Recovery
- Banking, Securities, Derivatives
- Commodity Disputes
- Shipping
- Conflict of Laws
- Insurance & Reinsurance
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Trade & Transport
- Art Law
- Media, Entertainment and Sports Law
- Oil & Gas
- Professional Negligence

Jeffrey Gruder QC has vast experience of acting as Chairman, Sole and Party Appointed Arbitrator in a large variety of commercial arbitrations including LCIA, ICC, Swiss Chamber, SIAC, HKIAC, LMAA and ad hoc arbitrations.

Jeffrey Gruder QC is consistently recommended in both the Legal 500 and Chambers Directories. Recent comments include:

Chambers UK Bar guide

Distinguished for his expertise in acting as an arbitrator in a number of high-value international disputes both in an ad hoc context and governed by the rules of the Swiss Chamber, UNCITRAL and the LCIA. He has recently been appointed in tribunals with seats in Zürich, Geneva, Singapore and Toronto handling claims relating to insurance policies, shipbuilding contracts and patent licensing, amongst others.

Strengths: "Extremely impartial, efficient, on the ball and very well prepared."

"Leading observers hold Gruder's talents in the highest esteem, praising his "astounding intellect and great mastery of technical matters."

"...Extremely able and thorough.....with an extraordinary knowledge of the law."

“Very experienced and very bright.”

“Recommended for his “painstaking attention to detail,” his ability to swiftly master his brief,” and above all for his “calmness under fire and willingness to be a real team player.” Sources enthuse that the “wise” and “user-friendly” Gruder “adds value” throughout.”

Legal 500: *“First Class”*

“Does not sit on the fence and gives a straight answer”

Career: 1997 Silk

Bencher of the Middle Temple

Education: MA (Law) (First Class with Distinction), Trinity Hall, Cambridge University

Member:

- London Court of international Arbitration
- Panel of Arbitrators of Singapore International Arbitration Centre
- Panel of Arbitrators of Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration
- Insurance and Reinsurance Arbitration Society (ARIAS) (UK)
- London Maritime Arbitrators Association
- Emirates Maritime Arbitration Centre
- Commercial Bar Association
- Chancery Bar Association

Recent Experience includes:

- Chairman of an LCIA tribunal in respect disputes arising from the takeover of a consumer chain in Moscow and St Petersburg.
- Arbitrator in LCIA arbitration brought by a law firm against an insurer arising out of a cyber attack
- Arbitrator in LCIA arbitration brought by banks against guarantors to recover in excess of \$240 million.
- Arbitrator in 2 LCIA arbitrations arising out of a joint venture in respect of a copper mine.
- Arbitrator in a claim in excess of US\$100 million relating to purchase of coal from Australia
- Sole arbitrator in an ICC arbitration (Dubai seat) in respect of a claim for a

retainer payment.

- Sole arbitrator in major LCIA expedited arbitration in respect of a claim for breach of confidence
- LCIA arbitration in Zurich concerning a claim for a share of commission arising from financial services provided to a Libyan Bank post Gaddafi
- Swiss Chamber Arbitration in Zurich considering a claim in fraud arising out of the abortive sinking of a shaft for a phosphate mine in Russia.
- Sole arbitrator in a claim by 2 solicitors accused of dishonesty by professional indemnity insurers.
- Member of an arbitration tribunal determining claims arising out of a collision between vessels in Port Klang, Malaysia.
- Sole Arbitrator in ad hoc arbitration in respect of a claim against a major supermarket group in respect of the alleged wrongful repudiation of a contract to build and lease a supermarket.
- Party Appointed Arbitrator in UNCITRAL arbitration (Zurich seat but held in London) where oil company claimed against Eastern European state for alleged wrongful termination of concession
- LCIA arbitration concerning claim under a political risks insurance policy in respect of the disappearance of oil in Kenya.
- Chairman of SIAC Tribunal in respect of dispute between an Indian licensee and an Italian licensor.
- Party appointed arbitrator in long running dispute between South American Buyers and Chinese builders of two rigs. Allegations of misrepresentation inducing the conclusion of shipbuilding contracts.
- Party appointed Arbitrator under UNCITRAL rules in respect of dispute arising from collapse of joint venture in Eastern Europe.
- LCIA arbitration in respect of claim for payment for crude oil.
- Party Appointed arbitrator in a dispute arising from non-delivery of petcoke.
- Chairman of tribunal in respect of dispute between US insurer and Bermudian reinsurer involving complex issues of the law of the State of Washington.
- Sole arbitrator in dispute between Solicitor and former partners about right to join rival firm.
- Sole arbitrator in dispute where a professional indemnity insurer sought to refuse an indemnity to the insureds on the grounds of dishonesty.
- Sole arbitrator in dispute where professional indemnity insurers sought to avoid cover for IFA in respect of liability for collapsed fund on grounds of misrepresentation/non-disclosure.
- Party Appointed Arbitrator in dispute where the discretion of a P&I board of directors was challenged.
- Chairman of arbitration panel hearing a major political risks insurance dispute

concerning avoidance of contracts reinsuring confiscation policies.