

Arbitrators

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Jeffrey Gruder KC

Jeffrey Gruder KC, having graduated at Cambridge with a First Class with Distinction in law, has developed a high-profile arbitration practice both as advocate and arbitrator.

He has vast experience of acting as Chairman, Sole and Party Appointed Arbitrator in a large variety of commercial arbitrations including LCIA, ICC, Swiss Chamber, UNCITRAL, SIAC, HKIAC, LMAA, DIAC and ad hoc arbitrations. He is a sought after and well-regarded arbitrator.

Jeffrey Gruder is consistently recommended as a leading arbitrator in both 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."

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."

"A very able and well-respected arbitrator who is very clever and hard-working." "Very efficient at dealing with everything and a delight to work with."

Legal 500

"First Class"

"Strong attention to detail; incredibly responsive; collegiate and very easy to deal with

Expertise

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

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Recent Arbitrations Include

Commodities/Shipping/Shipbuilding

- Chairman of LMAA arbitration relating to dispute as to length of charterparty
- Arbitrator in LCIA arbitration relating to an alleged long-term arrangement for the purchase of coal from Australia where the claim exceeds \$100 million
- Arbitrator in a SIAC arbitration in respect of claims arising out of 3 alleged contracts for the sale and purchase of gasoil
- Chairman of an ICC Tribunal where the claim involved complex legal issues in the law of marine insurance
- Member of an arbitration tribunal determining claims arising out a collision between vessels in Port Klang, Malaysia.
- 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.

Insurance/Reinsurance

- Arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration in a respect of a claim under a War Risks Insurance Policy for the loss of fuel to the Taliban in Afghanistan in August 2021.

- Considerable experience in Bermuda Form disputes e.g., breast implants, asbestosis, masks, and respirators involving ACE, XL and mutuals such as OIL.
- Considerable experience of Business interruption claims arising from COVID-19 Pandemic, both disease clauses, prevention of access cover and aggregation.
- Arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration where claim under a D&O insurance policy is resisted on the ground that payment of the claim would be in breach of US sanctions.
- Chairman of an ICC Tribunal where the claim involved complex legal issues in the law of marine insurance
- Arbitrator in LCIA arbitration brought by a law firm against an insurer arising out of a cyber attack
- Sole arbitrator in a claim by 2 solicitors accused of dishonesty by professional indemnity insurers.
- LCIA arbitration concerning claim under a political risks insurance policy in respect of the disappearance of oil in Kenya.
- 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 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.

Joint Venture Disputes

- Party appointed arbitrator in major ICC arbitration relating to termination of drug licensing agreement for alleged material breach
- Arbitrator in ICC arbitration concerning a joint venture between a state entity and private investors concerning an investment in a luxury jeweler and the purchase of diamonds from an African state.
- Sole arbitrator in an ICC arbitration seated in Tel Aviv concerning claims for commission and wrongful termination by an Israeli agent against European principal.
- Arbitrator in 2 LCIA arbitrations arising out of a joint venture in respect of a copper mine.
- Party appointed Arbitrator under UNCITRAL rules in respect of dispute arising from collapse of joint venture in Eastern Europe.

- Chairman of SIAC Tribunal in respect of dispute between an Indian licensee and an Italian licensor.

Mining/Oil

- Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration concerning claims between a mine owner and contractor in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- Arbitrator in a Swiss Chamber arbitration in Zurich in relation to the failed sinking of shafts for a phosphate mine in Russia where there were allegations of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Arbitrator in 2 LCIA arbitrations arising out of a joint venture in respect of a copper mine.
- 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
- Party appointed arbitrator in LCIA arbitration concerning disputes under a Joint Operating Agreement

Company/Commercial

- Chairman of an LCIA tribunal in respect disputes arising from the takeover of a chain of coffee bars in Moscow and St Petersburg.
- Sole arbitrator in major LCIA expedited arbitration in respect of a claim for breach of confidence arising out of takeover of major airport
- Chairman of an LCIA tribunal where claims for rent in respect of a Russian logistics park were resisted on the grounds of illegality

Banking

- Arbitrator in LCIA arbitration brought by banks against guarantors to recover in excess of \$240 million.
- LCIA arbitration in Zurich concerning a claim for a share of commission arising for financial services provided to a Libyan Bank post Gaddafi

Fraud/Corruption

- Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration which involve allegations of fraud and bribery in connection with the acquisition of capital equipment by a state owned entity.
- 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.

- LCIA arbitration in Geneva concerning a claim for a share of commission arising for financial services provided to a Libyan Bank post Gaddafi
- Sole arbitrator in a claim by 2 solicitors accused of dishonesty by professional indemnity insurers.

Career

2007 Bencher Middle Temple
1997 Queens Counsel

Education

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

Member

- DIAC Arbitrator List
- 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