

# Arbitrators

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## Jeffrey Gruder KC

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Jeffrey Gruder KC has a high-profile arbitration practice and is a sought after and well-regarded arbitrator.

He has substantial 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, and ad hoc arbitrations.

Jeffrey Gruder is consistently recommended as a leading arbitrator in both Legal 500 and Chambers Directories. Recent comments include:

### **Chambers UK Bar Guide**

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*"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"*

*"He is a very astute and insightful arbitrator, whose balanced comments are of great value and enhance the quality of the arbitrations in which he works."*

## Expertise

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

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## Recent Arbitrations Include

### *Commodities/Shipping/Shipbuilding*

- Chair of LCIA arbitration concerning the alleged repudiation of a contract to sell 750,000 barrels of crude oil to Pakistani buyers
- 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.

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### *Insurance/Reinsurance*

- Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration arising out of the avoidance of an insurance in respect of the loss of a satellite on the grounds of non-disclosure and/or misrepresentation.
- 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 was resisted on the ground that payment of the claim would be in breach of US sanctions.
- 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/Contractual Disputes*

- Sole arbitrator in an LCIA Arbitration concerning sublicensing revenues arising from a patent licensing agreement.
- Party appointed arbitrator in major ICC arbitration relating to termination of drug licensing agreement for alleged material breach
- Arbitrator in LCIA arbitration for breach of warranty arising from a failed investment to finance the enforcement of an arbitration award.
- 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.
- Arbitrator in ICC arbitration concerning mining services contract in an African State. Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration arising out of the supply of software for a credit card operation in an African country.
- 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 a LCIA arbitration arising from the sale of an interest in an oil concession in Chad.
- 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 aircraft by a state-owned entity.
- Arbitrator in ICC arbitration concerning a joint venture between a state entity and private investors concerning an investment in a luxury jeweller
- 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