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'He is a very impressive chair: considered in his views, sensitive to cultural and political differences between the parties, and of course, highly intelligent.' Legal 500 2025

'Very effective case management as chair of a tribunal, extremely thorough and hard-working, decisive and concise. He has impeccable judgement and analytical skills, all the more so in matters involving foreign law issues' Legal 500 2024

'Lawrence is one of the great arbitrators operating today. He is erudite but also practical, courteous but firm in handling procedure, and gets the right answer.' Legal 500 2023

'Lawrence is world-class and in-demand in big commercial and investment cases.' Legal 500 2022

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Justice of the UK Supreme Court
2009-2011

Lord of Appeal, House of Lords, 2009

Lord Justice of Appeal, Court of
Appeal, 2007-2009

High Court Judge, Chancery Division
and Commercial Court
(First solicitor to be appointed) 2000-
2007

Appointed Queen's Counsel 1997
(1 of first 2 solicitors to be appointed)

Partner in Herbert Smith & Co (later
Herbert Smith), solicitors (including
Head of Litigation and Arbitration
section) 1973-2000

Lawrence Collins (Lord Collins of Mapesbury) has been a full-time international arbitrator since 2011 in investor-state and international commercial arbitrations, after a long career in international litigation and arbitration, and following 11 years as a judge dealing with many cases in those fields. He has sat as Presiding, co-arbitrator and sole arbitrator in ICSID, ICC, LCIA, PCA, Cairo Centre, ad hoc UNCITRAL arbitrations. His cases include seats in Washington DC, London, Florida, The Hague, Geneva, Paris, Zurich, Madrid, Singapore, Mumbai, Cairo. Member, list of potential arbitrators under the Trade and Co-operation Agreement between the EU and the UK. He is a United Kingdom national.

ICSID cases

Presiding arbitrator, Cyrus Capital Partners, L.P. and Contrarian Capital Management, LLC v. United Mexican States (NAFTA/ICSID)

Presiding arbitrator, Plaza Centers NV v. Romania

Presiding arbitrator, Enagás Internacional SLU v. Republic of Peru

Presiding arbitrator, SECE İnşaat ve Ticaret A.Ş. v. Turkmenistan

Presiding arbitrator, Bank of Cyprus Public Company Limited v. Hellenic Republic

Non-permanent member of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal 2012-2024 Deputy Chairman (2013-2014) and Chairman (since 2014), Takeover Appeal Board	Presiding arbitrator, <i>Hydro Energy 1 S.à r.l. and Hydroxana Sweden AB v. Kingdom of Spain</i> Presiding arbitrator, <i>Cavalum SGPS, S.A. v. Kingdom of Spain</i> (ICSID) Presiding arbitrator, <i>Ping An Life Insurance Company of China, Limited and Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Limited v. Kingdom of Belgium</i> <i>Other publicly known commercial, investor-State and inter-State arbitrations</i> Party-appointed arbitrator, <i>Timor-Leste v Australia</i> (law of treaties)
Academic Positions: 2011- Professor of Law, University College London 1975- Fellow, Wolfson College, Cambridge (Director of European law research programme, 1975-1980); Emeritus Fellow, 2008; Honorary Fellow, 2010 2000- Honorary Fellow, Downing College, Cambridge 1994 Awarded LL.D., Cambridge University (for distinction by original contribution to the advancement of the science or study of law) 1994 Elected Fellow of the British Academy 1989 Elected Associate (1989-1993) and Member (since 1993), Institut de droit international: Reports on Forum Non Conveniens and Anti-suit Injunctions (with G Droz) (2004) and Provisional Measures (2017) 1991; 1998; 2007; 2024 Hague Academy of International Law: (1) Provisional and Protective Measures in International Litigation, 1991; (2) General Course on Private International Law, 1998; (3) Revolution and Restitution: Foreign States in National Courts, 2007 (inaugural lecture for new Hague Academy building); (4) Use and Abuse of Comity in Private International Law, 2024 (inaugural lecture)	Party-appointed arbitrator. <i>Bank Melli v Bahrain</i> (banking investments) Presiding arbitrator, <i>Tethyan Copper Co Pty Ltd v Government of Balochistan</i> (concession agreement) Presiding arbitrator, <i>Yves Martine Garnier v Dominican Republic</i> (concession agreement) Presiding arbitrator, <i>Antaris Solar GmbH and Dr. Michael Göde v. Czech Republic</i> (energy subsidies) Presiding arbitrator, <i>Queen's Park Rangers v English Football League</i> (Football League fair play rules) Presiding arbitrator, <i>CAA Base Ltd v Football Association and FIFA</i> (legality of FA/FIFA Rules on football agents' fees) Presiding arbitrator, <i>East Mediterranean Gas SAE v Egyptian General Petroleum Corp</i> (Cairo Centre for International Arbitration) (energy supply contracts) Presiding arbitrator, <i>Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Co Ltd v Dassault Aviation SA</i> (ICC: international insurance) <i>Non-public arbitrations include (among many others)</i> Presiding arbitrator in an ICC arbitration relating to disputes which arose under Put and Call Option Agreements between companies incorporated in Switzerland, France & Philippines. Party-appointed arbitrator in a LCIA arbitration relating to alleged occurrence of events of termination under a shareholders agreement arising from collapse of international group of companies. Party-appointed arbitrator in an LMAA arbitration relating to claims arising out of alleged breaches of multiple contracts entered into for the sale and delivery of fertilizers to India from Australia. Party-appointed arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration relating to disputes under a contract between a multinational oil & gas supplier and a Government entity.

Visiting Positions:

1982-2012 | Visiting Professor,
Queen Mary College, University of
London

2011 | Visiting Fellow, Victoria
University, Wellington, New Zealand

2012/2013 | Visiting Professor,
Columbia University School of Law

2012/2019 | Visiting/Adjunct
Professor, New York University
School of Law

Member:

Board of Editors, International and
Comparative Law Quarterly (1988-
2009)

Editorial Committee, British Year
Book of International Law (since
1991, and Chair since 2010)

Advisory Council, British Institute of
International and Comparative Law,
and Vice-President, 2011-2026

Editorial Board, Oxford International
Arbitration Series

Party-appointed arbitrator in UNCITRAL arbitration relating to Maldives airport

Principal Publications

General Editor, Dicey & Morris (now Dicey, Morris & Collins), *The Conflict of Laws*, 11th-16th eds, 1987-2022 (including responsibility for sections on arbitration, foreign relations law and public international law)

European Community Law in the United Kingdom (Butterworths, 1st ed. 1975; 2nd ed. 1980, 3rd ed. 1984; 4th ed. 1990)

Essays in International Litigation and the Conflict of Laws (Oxford University Press, 1994)

Approximately 50 chapters in books or journal articles on public international law, private international law and arbitration.

Principal cases in international law/arbitration law as judge

Re Drax Holdings Ltd [2004] 1 WLR 1049 (territorial scope of schemes of arrangement)

Michael Wilson & Partners v Emmott [2008] 1 Lloyd's Rep 616 (confidentiality in arbitration)

Aziz v Aziz [2008] 2 All ER 501 (international law: dignity of States)

Iran v Barakat Galleries [2009] QB 22 (enforcement of foreign public law)

Masri v Consolidated Contractors International Co SAL [2009] QB 450 (extraterritorial enforcement and Brussels I Regulation)

Masri v Consolidated Contractors International Co SAL [2009] QB 503 (anti-suit injunctions and Brussels I Regulation)

Gomez v Gomez-Manche Vives [2009] Ch 245 (Brussels I Regulation)

ETI Euro Telecom International NV v Bolivia [2009] 1 WLR 665 (provisional measures in ICSID investment arbitration and State immunity)

City of London v Sancheti [2009] 1 Lloyd's Rep 117 (ICSID arbitration)

Hatzl v XL Insurance Co Ltd [2010] 1 WLR 470 (international transport convention: CMR)

R (on the application of Barclay) v Secretary of State for Justice [2010] 1 AC 464 (constitutional law and human rights: status of overseas dependencies)

R (on the application of Smith) v Oxfordshire Assistant Deputy Coroner [2011] 1 AC 1 (application of Human Rights Convention to British soldiers in Iraq)

Dallah Real Estate & Tourism Holding v Pakistan [2011] 1 AC 763 (international arbitration)

AK Investment v Kyrgyz Mobil Tel Ltd [2012] 1 WLR 1804 (multi-party jurisdiction)

NML Capital Ltd v Argentina [2012] 1 AC 495 (state immunity)

Lucasfilm v Ainsworth [2012] 1 AC 208 (extraterritorial application of copyright)