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Paul Key QC, Essex Court Chambers London

Paul Key Q.C. is recognised as one of the leading QCs at the English Commercial Bar. He has particular expertise and specialism in arbitration, both international commercial arbitration and investment treaty arbitration (including ICSID). He also advises in litigation and arbitration-related court matters, including appearing in the English Supreme Court in Jaivra v Hashwani.

He has been ranked in the top-tier (band 1) rankings for arbitration for over 10 years and has consistently been identified as one of the leading figures in that field. Mr Key has been involved in many important arbitration cases, acting both as an advocate and as a sole or junior arbitrator.

He has also been appointed by arbitral tribunals to chair or act as arbitrator in a number of important cases.


Victor P. Leginsky, Canadian citizen, is an experienced international arbitrator and Barrister & Solicitor, resident in Dubai, UAE since April 2007. Victor has prior high profile international experience having been appointed by the Attorney General of British Columbia, Canada, to be the Chair of the Manufactured Home Park Dispute Resolution Committee. He brings over 25 years of arbitration experience in the Middle East to the Foundation. Victor has also been involved in various international arbitration proceedings, acting both as an advocate and as a member of the panel of arbitrators appointed to hear cases.

Mr. Leginsky has also been a member of the International Court of Arbitration (ICCA) and the London Court of International Arbitration’s (LCIA) Panel of Arbitrators. He has also sat as an arbitrator in various international arbitration proceedings.

Victor has been ranked in the top tier (band 1) rankings for arbitration and has been called as an arbitrator by the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC). He has also served as an advisor to the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC).

Prior to joining the Foundation, Mr. Leginsky has acted as counsel to prominent South American, European, and Middle Eastern corporate clients. He has acted as counsel in over 350 major arbitration proceedings, including cases involving multinational corporations, as well as acting as an arbitrator in over 250 cases.

Sarah Malik, CEO and International Disputes Counsel, SOL International Ltd

Sarah Malik is an experienced and well-regarded lawyer whose 20-year career to date has spanned internationally. Prior to founding SOL International Ltd in August 2018 she practiced as a Barrister at a leading set of Chambers in London, worked as employed Counsel at a leading UK law firm and headed the Advocacy and Investigations team of an International law firm in Dubai. Sarah is a member of the SIAC Users Council in the Middle East and is appointed on the Lagos Panel of Arbitration neutrals. She is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and accepts appointments to sit as an arbitrator. Sarah undertakes international commercial arbitrations (DIAC, ADCCAC, DIFC-LCIA, ICC) and practices in commercial and employment litigation in the DIFC and ADGM Courts. As well as practising law, Sarah has authored various articles on international arbitration and employment and has published numerous articles on dispute resolution.

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Richard Strub, Partner, HFW Dubai

Richard specialises in dispute resolution in Shipping and Commodities. Richard advises clients in all aspects of shipping and the carriage of goods by sea, with particular emphasis on disputes arising out of charterships and bills of lading, as well as collisions, groundings and maritime casualties. He also regularly advises commodity traders and producers on all aspects of their business, including in particular energy and bulk commodities.

Richard studied law at Southampton University and joined HFW as a trainee in 2002 qualifying in 2004. Richard re-located from London to Dubai in early 2011 where he has set up and easy licence to practice law in the UAE (Legal 500 2015). Richard has considerable arbitration experience under a variety of institutional rules: DIFC-LCIA, DIAC, SIAC, ICC, as well as LMAA and ad hoc arbitrations and Court proceedings.

George M. Vlavianos, Managing Partner, Bennett Jones (Gulf) LLP

George is the managing partner of Bennett Jones (Gulf) LLP, which carries on the practice of law in association with Bennett Jones LLP. Leader of the firm’s arbitration practice, George practises in the areas of dispute resolution and construction law. He acts for owners, contractors and engineers in a wide range of construction disputes and has advised on insurance claims arising out of large industrial construction projects. George has extensive experience representing major institutional clients in complex multi-party disputes and in mediating and arbitrating significant commercial disputes in North America, Europe and the Middle East.

George is a fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, a charter of the Construction Lawyers Society of America, and a member of the Construction Dispute Resolution Center for International Legal Studies. He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb) and a member of the London Court of International Arbitration. George is admitted to the Panel of the International Commercial Arbitral Tribunal of the ICC National Committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

George is fluent in English, French and Greek. He has a working knowledge of German and a basic knowledge of Arabic.

James Noble, Partner, Harney Westwood & Riegels Singapore LLP

James is a partner in our Litigation and Restructuring practice group. He is a leading Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands litigation lawyer based in Asia where he specialises in complex and high value shareholder litigation, asset recovery, cross-border enforcement and insolvency.

James has nearly 20 years of experience working in a wide variety of commercial disputes including financial services litigation, trust and estate disputes and insolvency and restructuring. He regularly acts in high profile and market leading cases, particularly in connection with companies listed on the Hong Kong stock exchange. James also advises clients on litigation funding in the offshore courts.

The Litigation, Insolvency and Restructuring team at Harneys is globally recognized as the dominant force in offshore litigation and restructuring. The team has been at the forefront of the development of offshore jurisprudence for decades and has been involved in the most significant global disputes, including acting for senior lenders in the restructuring of the Malaysian Mining Corporation (in provisional liquidation); a consortium of institutional investors in a BVI claim emanating from the Bernie Madoff fraud; the liquidators of SIFCO in a US$10 billion multi-jurisdictional fraud claim; and controlling stakeholders in a global shareholder dispute relating to lisitsco giant, WTK Holdings Berhad.

Nabeel Ikram, Partner, Hogan Lovells

Ranked as a leading lawyer for construction and dispute resolution by The Legal 500, Chambers Global and Who’s Who Legal, Nabeel has nearly two decades of experience advising clients on contentious matters across an array of sectors including construction and engineering, transport, retail (including disputes related to franchise and distribution agreements), financial services, real estate, insurance and energy.

He is vastly experienced in arbitration which is the main forum in which he operates under a variety of rules, including DIAC, ICC, DIFC-LCIA, the LCIA as well as ad hoc arbitrations.

In addition to International Arbitration, Nabeel is active in the courts and he had conduct of the first case before the DIFC Courts which went to trial and currently has conduct of the first case brought before the ADGM Courts.

Ravi Shankar, Senior Partner, Law Senate

S. Ravi Shankar is an International arbitration lawyer practising in the field of arbitration and corporate dispute resolution. He is a Senior partner in the New Delhi based Law Senate law firm. He is a qualified Advocate on Record in the Supreme Court of India. He is also the president of “Arbitration Association of India” which is a national body of practitioners, arbitrators and users. He is holding a Post graduate degree in Business Administration and a degree in the field of law. He is having about 20 years of experience in the field of dispute resolution and he has vast experience in handling various arbitrations.

He has published various publications in the field of law particularly in the field of Arbitration. He also has addressed various national and international conferences in the field of Dispute Resolution. He has handled various high value arbitrations and litigations in India and outside India. He is an active member of various international professional organisations including IBA, ICCA, IAA, IAI, AAI etc..

Stephen Burke, Partner, Baker Botts

Stephen’s practice focuses on arbitration, construction, energy and other contentious matters, both in the Middle East and internationally. Stephen is experienced in conducting arbitrations under most major institutional and ad hoc rules and has acted in a variety of locations worldwide.

Stephen has appeared as lead or sole advocate on behalf of clients in high-value and complex arbitration proceedings. He focuses on the rights of the courts in the United States and Canada, and full rights of advocacy before the courts of the Dubai International Financial Centre.

In addition to his international arbitration practice, Stephen represents clients in a variety of other forms of dispute resolution, including litigation before the English High Court and the courts of the UAE. Stephen also represents clients in mediation proceedings and sits as an arbitrator.

Sami Houerbi, Director, Baker Botts, Dubai

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Stephen Agyei, Commercial Director, AECOM
Stephen Agyei is a Commercial Director at AECOM. His exciting career to-date has seen him practised commercial arbitration and other forms of ADR in UK and other parts of Europe, West Africa, Northern Africa and Middle East.
He holds MSc in Project Management from Heriot-Watt University and LL.M from the University of Strathclyde. He is a member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, fellow of Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, fellow of Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors, a certified Project Management Professional and a member of International Council for Commercial Arbitration.
He was a speaker at the International Commercial Arbitration Summit, held in London on 7th November 2018.

Robert Stephen, Registrar, DIFC-LCIA Arbitration Centre (DIFC-LCIA)
Robert Stephen is the Registrar of the DIFC-LCIA Arbitration Centre (DIFC-LCIA). He is an arbitration specialist who has been based in the UAE since January 2011 and practised with Herbert Smith Freehills for more than 10 years before joining the DIFC-LCIA on 1 May 2017.
From its base in the Dubai International Financial Centre, the DIFC-LCIA provides alternative dispute resolution services for those doing business in and with the Gulf and Arab states and for those looking for an arbitration and mediation centre with world class capabilities, situated in a neutral and highly connected jurisdiction.
During his time at Herbert Smith Freehills, Robert advised and represented clients on international disputes across a wide range of industry sectors, including the oil and gas, energy and natural resources, construction, real estate, and finance and banking sectors.
He has advised and represented clients in international arbitrations under the DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, ICC, LCIA, and SIAC Rules as well as in ad-hoc proceedings and DIFC and English Commercial Court litigation.
Prior to moving to Herbert Smith Freehills' Dubai office in January 2011, Robert had also practised from Herbert Smith Freehills' offices in London, Moscow and Paris.
He also sits as the Chair of the UAE Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Young Member’s Group Committee and is a member of the Global Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Young Member’s Group Committee. Robert is also a member of the ICC Young Arbitrators’ Forum, and the LCIA Young International Arbitration Group.

Cherine Ghali, Managing Partner, Paraiba Legal
Cherine Ghali has 20 years of international experience from both in-house and private practice roles. Prior to moving to the region, she worked with leading UK and US international law firms in London & Paris including Weil Gotshal & Manges, Ashurst and Orrick. Since moving to Dubai, she has held senior in-house roles with Barclays, the Majid Al Futtaim Group and Dubai Holding. Her most recent role in-house was as General Counsel of Dubai Group LLC where she advised on the group’s US$10 billion restructuring and won awards for best Legal Team with Corporate Counsel Middle East in Association with Legal Week and In-House Community Congress (MENA-Asia Awards), and was short-listed for best General Counsel.
Cherine launched Paraiba Legal where she advises on finance, restructuring and corporate matters as well as strategy in the context of litigation and dispute resolution. She is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and accepts appointments to act as an Arbitrator.
She is admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales and an Attorney in the State of New York. She is of Middle Eastern origins and is fluent in Arabic.
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