

WIPO LIST OF NEUTRALS

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Nationality: British

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Chartered Arbitrator (CArb), 2008;
Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), 2006;
Solicitor, Supreme Court, Law Society of England and Wales, 1988;
LL.B., (Hons), University of Southampton, Southampton, 1972.

Barrister, Middle Temple, London, United Kingdom; Solicitor, England & Wales
FCIArb; Chartered Arbitrator
CEDR Accredited Mediator; IMI Certified Mediator.

Recognitions:

Completed Investor-State Mediator Training with ICSID/ The World Bank/CEDR/IMI, 2018;
Judge and Arbitrator at the International Maritime Arbitration Moot, Rotterdam, 2019;
Judge and Arbitrator at the Vis East Moot;
Panellist at GAR Live Abu Dhabi, 2017 and 2018;
Panellist at the International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators, Copenhagen, 2017 and 2020.
Panellist at the 21st Gulf Engineering Council Forum, Bahrain, 2018;
Co-Moderator, the Mediators' New Breakfast Club, London; Moderator- the DRBF Breakfast Meet, London.
Who's Who Legal- Mediation 2022;
Legal 500- Mediation 2021.

LANGUAGES

English, French, German

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PRESENT POSITION

Full time third party neutral- Arbitrator, Mediator and Adjudicator;
Member, ArbDB Chambers, London, the UAE, Malta and Singapore.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Partner in Intellectual Property in City of London law firms 1989-2002;
Associate in Intellectual Property, City of London law firm 1987-1989;
In house counsel on trade marks and IP with two major multinational companies.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Panel Memberships

AAA/ICDR, ADGM, AIAC, ACICA, CEDR, CIArb, CPR Panel of Distinguished Neutrals, DIAC, HKIAC, the Law Society of England & Wales, IPOS Mediation, QICDR, RIBA, RICS Dispute Board Register, SCCA, SCMA, SIMI, UK Adjudicators, the World Forum of Offshore Wind, WIPO.

Professional Memberships

Civil Mediation Council (UK), FACICA, FAIADR, FCIArb, The Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, IMI Certified Mediator, The London Maritime Arbitrators Association (Aspiring Full Member), the Baltic Exchange, SIArb, SIMI, the Society for Computers & Law, the Society of Construction Law,

Completed Dispute Board Training with the DBF and has also conducted dispute board training and mediation training for the CIArb and the AIAC (formerly the KLRCA) and mediation training for the Energy Charter Secretariat.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual Property (patents, trademarks, industrial designs, copyright), technology, sports, media, IT, dispute resolution (arbitration, litigation, mediation), insurance, computer law, passing off and unfair competition; competition (anti-trust) law; maritime; family and family business.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Numerous cases brought on behalf of Business Software Alliance in England in respect of illegal software;
Execution and Supervision of numerous Search Orders;
Erven Warnink BV v. J Townend & Sons (Hull) Limited, House of Lords, AC 731, 1979, (the Advocaat case);
Ind Coope Limited and Another v. Paine & Co Limited, Court of Appeal, 11 July 1984;
Marie Claire Album SA v. Hartstone Hosiery Limited, Chancery Division, FSR 692, 1993;
Advising on an international dispute relating to high profile literary copyright, including witness depositions;
Successful conclusion of a number of disputes relating to copyright, trade marks and domain names in the publishing sector;
Trade mark disputes in the luxury goods sector;
Advising the claimants in a trade mark infringement and passing off action in the cosmetic sector; Acting for a leading US franchising operation in a trade mark infringement, passing-off and confidentiality action;
Acting for a leading ISP in trade mark infringement and passing-off and domain name disputes;
Acting for the Claimants in two IP case relating to mobile telephony; Protection of merchandising cartoon characters;
Acting for insurers in IP cases;
Advising on the development of an IPR strategy for a major international ground transportation systems group, a successful beauty and cosmetics company and a successful business to business software company;
Advising on the development and implementation of a trade mark and domain name strategy for a major

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player in the radio sector;

Major IPR due diligence assignments on corporate transactions of all kinds and substantive IPR and IT aspects of such transactions, including trade marks, domain names, copyright and patents;

IPR aspects of the establishment and various funding rounds of a medical device company, including assessment and assembly of IPR from academic institutions;

Advising an innovative international restaurant chain on its global trade mark and domain name strategy and managing its implementation;

MMI v. Cellxion et al 2009, patent infringement claim in relation to telecoms technology.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Numerous applications for registration of domain names; transfer of domain names; negotiating to resolve disputes relating to domain names;

WIPO Panelist in a considerable number of domain name disputes; representing parties under the UDRP and Nominet procedures.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Publications

Contributor to International Commercial and Construction Adjudication, 2015.

Speaking Engagements:

Presenter at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Mediation Symposia 2008 and 2009.

Presenter at the 21st Gulf Engineering Forum, Bahrain, 2018.

Panel Member at GAR Live Abu Dhabi, 2018.

Mediation Awareness Training, Dubai, 2017.

Presenter at the KLRCA Conference on "An Introduction to Dispute and Conflict Avoidance Boards", 2017.

Presenter at the KLRCA Mediation Forum, 2016.

Presenter at the International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators, Copenhagen, 2018 and Rio de Janeiro 2020.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

See list of cases above under "intellectual property".

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION

ADR Group Family and Family Business Hybrid Mediation Conversion Course 2009;

International Academy of Mediators Harvard Rendezvous, Harvard 2006;

CEDR Advanced Mediation Training-Facilitating Negotiation and Managing Lawyers given by Jeff Krivis and Peter Robinson, Pepperdine University School of Law, February 2006;

INTA/CPR Training, May 2004 and Advanced Mediation Training 2007;

ADR Group Accredited Mediator, May 2003;

CEDR Mediation Accreditation Course, Italy, August 2002;

Faculty Member, CI Arb Mediator Training in Kuala Lumpur, 2017.

Investor State Mediation Training, Paris, 2018.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION

Experience as Mediator in 260 mediations, as lead, joint, or assistant mediator in cases involving intellectual

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property, international investment management, insurance, financial services-and commercial and contractual issues; sports; maritime; shareholder and partnership disputes.

Assistance of others in the Dispute Solution Groups of City law firms in major arbitrations; completed pupillage with an experienced arbitrator;

Advising clients in major international arbitrations; advising on arbitration clauses;

Arbitrator, WIPO List of Arbitrators and Mediators, since 2003;

Arbitration in Intellectual Property. 95 Awards in a wide range of commercial arbitrations.

Currently acting or has acted as arbitrator, mediator or adjudicator in the following matters, including under the rules of the ICC, the DIFC-LCIA, AAA/ICDR, LCIA:

- Shareholder and property dispute in the Channel Islands.
- Cross-border Intellectual Property Licensing Dispute.
- Licensing dispute in pharmaceuticals.
- Major transport infrastructure project in the United Kingdom.
- Public Procurement Dispute in the nuclear energy sector.
- Intellectual Property Disputes in the United Kingdom and cross-border.
- Intellectual Property dispute between US and European entities in the automotive industry.
- Expert Determination of a dispute relating to a hotel management contract in Asia.
- Shareholder dispute on a joint venture in the UAE.
- Insurance dispute relating to an offshore oil installation.
- Cargo and Charter party disputes, all cross-border.
- Professional negligence and fidelity dispute relating to several law firms.
- Insurance dispute on a catastrophic fire in retail premises.
- International contractual disputes, including relating to the UAE.
- Dispute between a client and an investment adviser.
- Dispute relating to the name of and concept for a chain of restaurants.
- Dispute about the construction of an oil terminal in the Middle East.
- Domain Name adjudications for WIPO (one person and three person Panels).

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom, Special Membership Course, 2004;

Attending the "Fast-track" course for Fellowship of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, March 2005;

Courses leading to Chartered Arbitrator 2007/8.

ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE
SUMMARY TABLE

| Type | Administering Institution | | Role | | | |
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| | Name | Number of Arbitrations | Presiding Arbitrator | Sole Arbitrator | Co-Arbitrator | Counsel |
| International Arbitrations | CIArb, ICC, The Law Society | 22 | | X | | |
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| | Ad Hoc | 13 | | X | | |
| | Others | 14 | | X | | |
| Number of Cases : Sub-Total | | 44 | | X | | |
| Domestic Arbitrations | CIArb, The Law Society, CEDR | 36 | | X | | |
| | Ad Hoc | 10 | | | | |
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| Number of Cases Sub-total | | 46 | | | | |
| TOTAL | | 95 | | | | |

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE
SUMMARY TABLE

| Type | Administering Institution | | Role | |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------|--|---------|
| | Name | Number of Mediations | Mediator | Counsel |
| International Mediations | CEDR, AAA/ICDR LCIA, DIFC/LCIA | 15 | X | Various |
| | Ad Hoc | 15 | X | Various |
| | Others: | 20 | X | Various |
| Number of cases: sub-total | | 50 | X | |
| Domestic Mediations | CEDR, LCIA, IPOS | 140 | X (lead mediator) | Various |
| | CEDR | 7 | X (As assistant mediator) Presiley Baxendale, Karl Mackie, Gordon Harris, Henry Brown | Various |
| | ADR Group and ADR Chambers and Clerksroom | 45 | X | Various |
| | Ad Hoc | 28 | X (as lead mediator) | Various |
| Number of cases: sub-total | | 210 | | |
| TOTAL | | 260 | | |