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Ranked Lawyers

Sir Robert Akenhead QC (see p.776) (Atkin Chambers) Sir Robert Akenhead is skilled at sitting as an arbitrator in London and overseas under the rules of the ICC, UNCITRAL and the LCIA. Many of his arbitration cases arise out of the construction and energy sectors and include appointments in the Middle East, Australia and Central Asia. **Strengths:** "He is excellent – he is very authoritative, very good on technical cases and very user-friendly." "He is a very thorough and excellent arbitrator."

Clare Ambrose (Twenty Essex) Clare Ambrose sits as an arbitrator in a range of commercial disputes, with particular expertise in the shipping and energy sectors. She is appointed in arbitrations seated in Paris, Singapore, Dubai and London and under a number of arbitral institutions, including the ICC and LCIA. **Strengths:** "She is superb."

Andrew Bartlett QC (Crown Office Chambers) Andrew Bartlett QC has longstanding experience of acting as an arbitrator in a wide range of disputes, including those relating to the engineering and construction sectors. He has sat on arbitration panels in London, Paris and Hong Kong and is familiar with the rules of numerous international arbitral institutions such as the ICC, SIAC and DIAC. **Strengths:** "As chair he is tremendously well organised, incisive and efficient. He is very thorough and analytical in the rulings that he makes." "He is brilliant, sharp, to the point and excellent in all respects."

Elizabeth Birch (3 Verulam Buildings) Elizabeth Birch is an accomplished arbitrator and a mediator. She handles a wide range of commercial arbitrations and is noted for her expertise in shipping disputes. She also receives appointments in relation to oil and gas and insurance arbitrations.

Michael Black QC (XXIV Old Buildings) Michael Black QC is noted for his experience arbitrating complex disputes in the Middle East. He is well regarded for his ability to master the facts of challenging arbitrations and calm handling of tribunals. He has recently acted as arbitrator in DIFC, LCIA and ICC arbitrations. **Strengths:** "He has solid experience in the MENA region." "He is very organised and efficient. He is a very accomplished and experienced construction specialist."

David Brynmor Thomas QC (39 Essex Chambers) David Thomas QC is a respected name for international arbitration who sits as an arbitrator in significant commercial disputes. His work spans various jurisdictions including Asia, North America, Eastern Europe and Africa. He has particularly deep expertise in infrastructure matters and is well versed in the LCIA, ICC and DIAC rules. He also serves as an emergency arbitrator for the ICC and ICDR. **Strengths:** "He is very experienced, cool, calm and collected throughout." "He is very bright and very hard-working."

Cyril Chern (see p.808) (4 New Square) Cyril Chern has built a sterling reputation in the field and takes appointments all over the globe, including in the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa. He has significant expertise in the construction sector and handles a broad range of commercial arbitrations as chair and sole arbitrator. **Strengths:** "He has specific

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talents in complex construction and heavy engineering, and he has extensive knowledge of the law." "He understands the nuances of international arbitration work and uses his perfect diplomatic skills to run efficient and flawless proceedings."

Sir Jeremy Cooke QC (7 King's Bench Walk) Sir Jeremy Cooke is routinely called upon to act as an arbitrator in proceedings brought under ICC, LMAA or LCIA rules. He has considerable experience of handling commercial arbitrations which stem from a range of sectors including shipping, insurance and reinsurance. **Strengths:** "He is one of the most responsive arbitrators."

Michael Crane QC (see p.817) (Fountain Court Chambers) Michael Crane QC is a highly respected arbitrator with an impressive practice, showcasing expertise across a range of jurisdictions. Recent appointments have seen him act in product liability and professional malpractice disputes under LCIA rules and in ad hoc arbitrations. **Strengths:** "He is calmness and efficiency personified." "He has an exceptionally charming manner and he is very hard-working and very effective."

Nicholas Dennys QC (Atkin Chambers) Nicholas Dennys QC is a popular arbitrator who is sought for his broad expertise in commercial, construction and energy disputes. He has established a strong presence in the Middle East, and is well versed in taking appointments before numerous arbitral institutions including the ICC and LCIA. He also handles ad hoc arbitrations. **Strengths:** "He is very measured, very thorough, and I have a lot of respect for his ability as an arbitrator. As co-arbitrator, he is prepared and a pleasure to work with."

Zachary Douglas QC (Matrix Chambers) Zachary Douglas QC is a sought-after arbitrator with vast international capabilities. He is regularly appointed as sole arbitrator and president of the tribunal in investment treaty disputes, often governed by ICSID, ICC and LCIA rules. **Strengths:** "He brings to the field a very profound understanding and ability to analyse. He is a first-class arbitrator." "He is excellent; he has a lovely manner and is hugely experienced."

Graham Dunning QC (Essex Court Chambers) Graham Dunning QC has an impressive pedigree in international law, tackling a wide range of disputes across the globe. He demonstrates a strong understanding of LCIA and UNCITRAL rules, and frequently acts in cases which concern contractual disputes or terminations.

Lord Dyson QC (39 Essex Chambers) Lord Dyson QC is a highly regarded silk who has experience of acting as the arbitration chair as well as sole arbitrator. He has handled disputes involving a broad spectrum of sectors including sports and construction. He is commended for his ability to act in LCIA and ICC arbitrations. **Strengths:** "He is very clever and I have the highest possible regard for him." "He is a most effective tribunal president in commercial disputes." "He is brilliant – he produces awards quickly and he handles hearings beautifully."

Colin Edelman QC (see p.828) (Devereux) Colin Edelman QC is highly regarded for his work in international disputes as counsel and as an arbitrator. He has particular knowledge in relation to insurance,

reinsurance, pharmaceutical and energy matters. He regularly acts as sole arbitrator under the rules of leading institutions and has handled hearings taking place across the globe. **Strengths:** “He is very clear, very concise and very experienced. He’s just outstanding.”

Timothy Elliott QC (Keating Chambers) Timothy Elliott QC is noted for his expertise in engineering, energy and infrastructure disputes, acting as arbitrator in significant ICC and DIFC arbitrations. He handles work with complex international elements, including disputes arising in Eastern Europe, Africa and the Middle East. **Strengths:** “He is clever, hard-working, thorough and thoughtful.” “He has bags of experience under his belt. He is what you want in an arbitrator and clearly on top of the detail.”

Nicholas Fletcher QC (see p.834) (4 New Square) Nicholas Fletcher QC is an experienced arbitrator with broad expertise in pharmaceutical, energy, engineering and construction disputes. Working on an international basis, he acts as sole arbitrator, party-nominated arbitrator and chair in disputes arising in Africa, the USA, Europe and the Middle East. **Strengths:** “He looks at matters with a strong legal and strong commercial sense.” “He is prepared and efficient.” “He writes beautifully and is well organised.”

Andrew Foyle (see p.836) (One Essex Court) Andrew Foyle has sat in a vast number of arbitrations under ICC, SIAC, LCIA and UNCITRAL rules in the Middle East, Africa and Russia. He has worked on energy, finance and construction disputes. He takes regular appointments as president of the tribunal. **Strengths:** “He is extremely courteous, experienced and hard-working.” “He is a first-rate arbitrator and he is in huge demand.” “He is absolutely excellent. He has fierce intellect and he’s super engaged, always prepared and very efficient.”

Kim Franklin QC (Crown Office Chambers) Kim Franklin QC is a well-regarded silk with expertise in complex international disputes involving engineering and infrastructure projects. She has taken part in ICC and ADCCAC arbitrations in the UK and in the UAE and the Gulf. She has recently been appointed as chair, sole arbitrator and party-appointed arbitrator in a range of cases. **Strengths:** “She is always a pleasure to work with. She is really good at reducing complicated matters and she is always one of the best prepared.”

Stephen Furst QC (Keating Chambers) Stephen Furst QC is widely praised for his expertise in highly complex disputes concerning the oil and gas and construction industries, as well as computer software and hardware. He has accepted appointments in a range of jurisdictions, from Qatar to Western Australia to Madagascar. He is frequently appointed as chair of the tribunal. **Strengths:** “He is extremely able, efficient and hard-working.”

Robert Gaitskell QC (Keating Chambers) Robert Gaitskell QC is a chartered engineer, widely respected for his work as an arbitrator in highly technical multi-jurisdictional construction, engineering and technology disputes. He undertakes cases concerning a range of issues, and has handled matters relating to power stations, oil and gas plants and petrochemical projects. He is regularly appointed under a number of arbitral institutions such as DIAC, SIAC and the ICC. He has a wealth of experience in dealing with construction disputes in the Middle East. **Strengths:** “Robert is extremely conversant with construction and infrastructure. He is on top of the materials and he is one of the premier construc-

tion arbitrators in the world.” “He is extremely able and extremely hard-working.”

Ian Glick QC (One Essex Court) Ian Glick QC is highly respected for his expertise in disputes concerning construction, company acquisitions, joint ventures, oil and gas, shipbuilding and trade finance, among others. He has sat as a co-arbitrator, chair and sole arbitrator on both ad hoc and institutional arbitrations including those under the auspices of the LCIA, ICC and SCC. He is experienced at arbitrating in common law and civil law jurisdictions, and has heard cases in London, New York, Singapore and Lusaka, to name but a few locations. **Strengths:** “He is economic in his language, and he has an excellent command of the issues and is very analytical.” “He is very efficient, very thoughtful and manages hearings immaculately.”

Jeffrey Gruder QC (Essex Court Chambers) Jeffrey Gruder QC is distinguished for his expertise in acting as an arbitrator in a number of high-value international disputes governed by the rules of the ICC and LCIA. He has recently been appointed in tribunals with seats in London and Geneva, handling claims relating to insurance policies, breach of confidence and contractual disputes. He has experience arbitrating in a number of sectors including energy, commodities, pharmaceuticals, insurance and infrastructure. **Strengths:** “He’s highly intelligent and very capable.” “He is very good and hard-working.”

Richard Harding QC (Keating Chambers) Richard Harding QC is a multilingual arbitrator with substantial experience of acting under the rules and laws of numerous jurisdictions in the Middle East, including Qatar, the UAE and Saudi Arabia. He possesses expertise in various types of construction and engineering matters, and has handled a number of project-related disputes concerning railways, roads, factories, water infrastructure and high-rise developments. He often acts as chair of the tribunal. **Strengths:** “He’s very bright, very quick, very hard-working and very efficient.” “He is one of the best arbitrators, especially in the Middle East. He has a deep knowledge of Egyptian and UAE law.”

Hilary Heilbron QC (Brick Court Chambers) Hilary Heilbron QC is widely considered to be a heavyweight in international arbitration who has expertise in cases concerning the energy, banking, telecommunications and pharmaceutical industries. She has been appointed under the rules of the ICC, the LCIA, the LMAA and SIAC, and has considerable experience of acting as an ad hoc and emergency arbitrator. She also accepts appointments as sole arbitrator, party-appointed arbitrator and chair of the tribunal. **Strengths:** “She is highly rated, very impressive and hugely independent-minded.” “She is very well prepared and highly responsive. She is a top choice for difficult commercial arbitrations.”

Lord Hoffmann QC (Brick Court Chambers) Lord Hoffmann has developed a prestigious reputation as an arbitrator, following his career as a judge. He has been appointed in proceedings governed by many leading arbitral bodies including the ICC, SIAC, AIAC and the LCIA. He has expertise in a number of areas including investment treaties, intellectual property rights and public international law. **Strengths:** “An excellent arbitrator. He is a delightful person to sit with and appear in front of.” “Despite his prestige, he is extremely approachable and user-friendly.”

Adrian Hughes QC (39 Essex Chambers) Adrian Hughes QC focuses his practice on construction and commercial arbitration. He demonstrates notable

strength in handling energy-related cases. He has substantial experience acting as arbitrator in LCIA, ICC and HKIAC arbitrations. **Strengths:** “He is hard-working, thorough and very smart.”

Gavin Kealey QC (7 King’s Bench Walk) Gavin Kealey QC is a prominent arbitrator in the international commercial disputes sphere, best known for his expertise in insurance and reinsurance matters. He builds on many years of experience as counsel, arbitrator and deputy High Court judge. He is regularly appointed as sole arbitrator and as chair in arbitration proceedings. He often sits in London, New York, Dubai and Kuala Lumpur. **Strengths:** “He is incredibly smart, very quick, linguistically skilled and has a way of expressing himself that is so precise.”

Toby Landau QC (Chambers of Toby Landau QC) Toby Landau QC is a recommended international arbitrator with substantial experience in international trade, energy, shipping and infrastructure project disputes. He has been appointed as a sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and chair in ad hoc and institutional proceedings under the rules of major arbitral bodies including ICC, the LCIA, the CRCICA and ARIAS.

Julian Lew QC (Twenty Essex) Julian Lew QC is a seasoned arbitrator and academic with immense experience acting in commercial and investment disputes. He is often appointed as co-arbitrator, as well as sole and presiding arbitrator. He regularly handles LCSID, ICC and LCIA arbitrations.

John Marrin QC (Keating Chambers) John Marrin QC is best known for his expertise in international construction cases, but also regularly sits as an arbitrator on disputes relating to construction, energy, PFI, rail and software projects. His experience is of a truly international character, as is evidenced by his participation in tribunals concerned with disputes in more than 34 jurisdictions. He regularly takes co-arbitrator and chair appointments. **Strengths:** “He is an excellent arbitrator. He is thorough, very studious and very astute.” “He is a great person to have as chair. He is hugely experienced.”

Sara Masters QC (Twenty Essex) Sara Masters QC is a highly experienced arbitrator who handles all aspects of commercial arbitration, charring disputes arising in the oil and gas, technology and maritime sectors. She is well versed in arbitrations governed by LMAA, LCIA and UNCITRAL rules. **Strengths:** “She manages the proceedings very impressively; she’s on top of all the issues and she’s absolutely excellent.”

Harry Matovu QC (Brick Court Chambers) Harry Matovu QC presides as arbitrator in high-value and complex commercial arbitrations, particularly those arising from disputes in Africa. He has significant experience of arbitrating shareholder disputes and contractual claims in the energy and construction sectors, often handled under ICC rules. **Strengths:** “He is really good as a chairman – he is incredibly efficient.” “He is extremely conscientious.”

Duncan Matthews QC (Twenty Essex) Duncan Matthews QC possesses longstanding experience in international arbitrations and has expertise in a broad spectrum of sectors including telecommunications, technology and construction. He accepts appointments under leading arbitral institutions such as the LCIA and ICC and takes part in complex ad hoc arbitrations. **Strengths:** “He is very decisive, he gets to the heart of the issues very quickly and he is widely regarded as one of the top arbitrators.”

Wendy Miles QC (Twenty Essex) Wendy Miles QC offers extensive experience as an arbitrator covering

disputes across the world. She has acted as chair, sole and co-arbitrator in arbitrations concerning disputes arising in the energy and finance sectors, among other areas. **Strengths:** “She’s a big name in the market.”

David Owen QC (Twenty Essex) David Owen QC has vast experience in the market; he acts as both an arbitrator and mediator and focuses his practice on commercial disputes. He demonstrates his ability to act as sole arbitrator as well as chair. He considers handling proceedings under LCIA, ICC and LMAA rules to be a key component of his practice, although he is also called upon to provide counsel on ad hoc issues. He is well versed in disputes stemming from the energy and manufacturing sectors. **Strengths:** “An excellent advocate and a skilful tribunal chair.” “He is good with the details and a very hard worker.”

Lindy Patterson QC (39 Essex Chambers) Lindy Patterson QC is a popular choice to act as arbitrator and adjudicator for complex energy and construction disputes. Her experience includes arbitrations under the auspices of the LCIA, ADCCAC, the ICC and DIAC. **Strengths:** “Excellent. Her strengths are diplomacy and thoroughness.” “She is always professional and she approaches all the issues with an open mind and is able to grasp opposing views.”

Lionel Persey QC (Quadrant Chambers) Lionel Persey QC comes recommended for his expertise as a commercial arbitrator. He sits in arbitrations across the world, particularly in Paris and Dubai, and is well versed in the rules of the LCIA, ICC and DIFC. He demonstrates notable strengths in the shipping and engineering sectors.

Sir Vivian Ramsey QC (Sir Vivian Ramsey) Sir Vivian Ramsey is a former High Court judge who is best known for his construction and engineering expertise. He appears as co-arbitrator, sole arbitrator and chair of arbitrations across the globe. **Strengths:** “He is exceptionally good.” “He is absolutely superb.”

Peter Rees QC (39 Essex Chambers) Peter Rees QC is a well-reputed arbitrator who chairs a wide range of multi-jurisdictional disputes. He has a wealth of experience chairing oil and gas and construction

arbitrations and is particularly adept handling cases under ICSID and ICC rules. **Strengths:** “In oil and gas he has great expertise. He is one of the most sought-after arbitrators.” “He is very experienced and a big name in international arbitration. He is very knowledgeable, an excellent chairman, very prompt and responsive.” “Outstanding intellect, very perceptive and gives excellent judgments.”

Klaus Reichert (Brick Court Chambers) Klaus Reichert has accepted appointments as a chair, co-arbitrator and sole arbitrator of tribunals with seats around the globe, including New York and Geneva. He has heard a wide range of cases under the auspices of the ICC, LCIA, ICDR, AAA and DIFC, among others. Parties to these cases include sovereign states and state-owned enterprises. **Strengths:** “He’s a hugely bright arbitrator and is very popular. Intellectually he is first rate.” “He’s known throughout the international arbitration community and is enormously experienced and with huge knowledge.”

Bernard Rix QC (Twenty Essex) Bernard Rix QC is a former Court of Appeal judge with deep commercial law expertise. He is experienced in acting as an arbitrator in proceedings concerning a wide range of commercial issues including banking and finance, energy and natural resources, and insurance and reinsurance. **Strengths:** “He is very successful. He is a top arbitrator.” “Exceptionally fair and careful.”

Alistair Schaff QC (7 King’s Bench Walk) Alistair Schaff QC is a well-known commercial arbitrator with a breadth of expertise in insurance, shipping and international trade disputes. He regularly acts as sole arbitrator in matters under the auspices of the LCIA and ICC. **Strengths:** “An excellent arbitrator.”

Joe Smouha QC (Essex Court Chambers) Joe Smouha QC is a highly reputed international arbitrator, appointed in ad hoc arbitrations, as well as under principal arbitral bodies such as the ICC, the LCIA and ICSID. He specialises in hearing commercial disputes and has notable experience acting in arbitrations seated in London and Geneva.

Roger Stewart QC (see p.937) (4 New Square) Roger Stewart QC has notable experience of acting as both

chair and co-arbitrator in a range of matters. He arbitrates disputes stemming from a range of sectors including construction, oil and gas and mining, to name a few. **Strengths:** “He’s very intellectually sharp and very hard-working. He’s an impressive arbitrator.” “He is engaged, personable, and willing to contribute to the drafting of the award with his expertise.”

Christopher Style QC (One Essex Court) Christopher Style QC possesses over four decades of experience in international dispute resolution as an advocate and an arbitrator. He comes recommended for his international arbitration practice, and acts as an arbitrator in ad hoc and institutionally governed hearings with seats in London, Singapore, Dubai, Stockholm, The Hague, Copenhagen and Zürich, among others. He has notable experience in commercial disputes including those concerning oil and gas projects, joint ventures, financing and infrastructure. **Strengths:** “He is very efficient and very calm in his manner.” “He is on top of the developments in arbitration law.” “He is absolutely first class.”

Christopher Symons QC (3 Verulam Buildings) Christopher Symons QC is best known for his expertise in insurance and reinsurance disputes. He is also recommended for construction, telecommunications, shipping, pharmaceuticals and commodities arbitrations. He acts as chair and co-arbitrator in cases under the auspices of the ICC, the LCIA and UNCITRAL, among others. **Strengths:** “He is thoughtful, very judicial and is top of my list for insurance-related arbitrations.” “He is always well prepared and prompt to reply.” “He is very efficient and an excellent arbitrator.”

Marcus Taverner QC (Keating Chambers) Marcus Taverner QC is a full-time arbitrator and adjudicator and highly regarded for his extensive knowledge of construction and engineering matters. He has experience of arbitrating complex and high-value disputes, including under LCIA, SIAC and ICC rules.

Strengths: “He is very co-operative and very hard working.” “He is collegial to work with.”

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Dennison Stephen Atkin Chambers
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Garrett Lucy Keating Chambers
Ghaly Karim 39 Essex Chambers *
Goddard Andrew Atkin Chambers *
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Hughes Simon Keating Chambers
Hussain Riaz Atkin Chambers
Lewis Christopher Atkin Chambers *
Montagu-Smith Tom 3 Verulam Buildings (ORL) ◇
Moran Vincent Keating Chambers
O'Sullivan Sean 4 Pump Court *
Reed Paul Gatehouse Chambers (ORL) ◇ □ *
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Atkin Chambers

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THE SET

Atkin Chambers has attained a commanding stature in the market as a result of both the depth of its expertise and the strength of its advocacy across the full gamut of construction arbitrations. Members here enjoy a constant flow of high-value instructions, often acting in arbitrations seated in Hong Kong, Singapore and Dubai, among others, in a range of energy, transport and infrastructure-related dis-

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Goodkin Daniel 4 Pump Court
Thompson James Keating Chambers
Up-and-coming individuals
McMillan John Keating Chambers
Wild Jennie Keating Chambers

putes. The barristers are highly experienced in acting under a range of arbitral institutions, including the ICC, the LCIA, SIAC, the DIFC, HKIAC and the LMAA. In addition to acting as counsel, members here also take appointments as arbitrator.

Client service: "They are very responsive, very friendly, understanding and commercial." "The clerking is very efficient and helpful." "David Barnes, the chief executive and director of clerking, is excellent and heads a great team. Always anticipating needs and one step ahead." "Chambers is well organised. The clerking team under David Barnes, senior clerk Justin Wilson and senior practice manager Andy Burrows is responsive and good to work with."

SILKS

Simon Lofthouse QC (see p.881) Simon Lofthouse QC concentrates his practice heavily on complex international construction arbitrations, but also possesses expertise in disputes regarding energy and construction-related professional negligence issues. He represents contractors and subcontractors in hearings taking place in the UAE and Hong Kong. He is well versed in ICC arbitrations. **Strengths:** "Simon is an exceptional advocate. He is a devastating cross-examiner, has a very keen eye for detail and is excellent to work with." "He's very sharp, very hard-working and an intelligent and ferocious cross-examiner."

Manus McMullan QC Manus McMullan QC is one of the leading practitioners in the area and has a stellar reputation in the sphere of infrastructure disputes. He is sought after by governments, corporations and international contractors in connection with national and foreign disputes concerning a wide array of issues including construction, engineering and energy. He has recently appeared in a number of high-value arbitrations relating to infrastructure projects under ICSID and ICC rules. **Strengths:** "He is an excellent barrister. He is very well respected among his peers and the legal community. He is a brilliant cross-examiner, and he has the ability to give an immediate and smart response to the unexpected."

David Streatfeild-James QC David Streatfeild-James QC is a pre-eminent silk who attracts incredible praise for his advocacy. He handles challenging, high-value international arbitrations with seats in London and Paris, appearing on behalf of contractors

and state-owned companies from around the world. He has appeared in arbitrations relating to transport infrastructure, often addressing delay claims and contractual disputes. **Strengths:** "David is extraordinarily clever and commercially astute." "He is one of the leading practitioners in this field." "He is a well-known advocate."

Andrew White QC (see p.956) Andrew White QC possesses a breadth of experience as a construction silk. He specialises in international arbitrations concerning the full spectrum of construction and engineering-related disputes including those concerning oil and gas and transportation projects. He represents a myriad of clients including contractors, joint ventures and construction companies across East Asia. He also acts in ad hoc arbitrations. **Strengths:** "Andrew is a tough opponent and advocate with the ear of the arbitral tribunal." "He is good with clients and is also well prepared."

Stephen Dennison QC Widely praised for his expertise in handling international arbitrations, primarily in connection with matters of civil engineering, construction, transport, energy and utilities. He is particularly sought after for arbitrations governed by the rules of the ICC and LCIA. He handles project disputes arising out of numerous jurisdictions, particularly in the Middle East. **Strengths:** "Stephen is wonderful to work with. He is so calm at all times and respectful of every team member. He is a real details man and a great team player." "He deals with substantial construction cases. He is really good, and clients are very impressed with him."

Chantal-Aimée Doerries QC (see p.825) Chantal-Aimée Doerries QC has expertise in representing clients in international arbitrations concerning engineering, infrastructure projects and construction. She has significant experience in ad hoc arbitrations as well as those held under LCIA, ICC, SIAC, LMAA and DIFC auspices. She has handled arbitrations in various locations, including London and various locations in Asia. **Strengths:** "She is very thorough and masters the details."

Andrew Goddard QC (see p.841) Has secured a notable footprint in Hong Kong and is well versed in advocating under HKIAC rules in high-value construction arbitrations. He acts on behalf of governments and subcontractors in a range of disputes, often involving shipping and infrastructure projects. He is particularly adept at handling contractual disputes. **Strengths:** "He has a good grasp of the legal and technical issues in the case. He is also approachable and user-friendly." "He rolls his sleeves up and gets into the detail."

James Howells QC (see p.859) Well-regarded silk for his wide-ranging international arbitration practice with an emphasis on energy, construction and engineering. He has dealt with disputes in the Middle East, Africa and South-East Asia, and has handled arbitrations under the auspices of the ICC, the LCIA and SIAC. **Strengths:** "He is very competent, hands-on, affable and articulate." "He grasps the matters very quickly and he is very commercial and very nice to work with."

Riaz Hussain QC Solid reputation for acting in complex construction and international arbitration disputes, particularly those which concern infrastructure and mixed-use projects. He receives notable instructions from clients in the UAE, and is deeply familiar with arbitrations under DIAC rules. He

has expertise in handling delay claims and quantum matters. **Strengths:** "Riaz puts his heart and soul into a matter and gets into the minutiae." "Riaz is a focused and efficient advocate who has a tremendous ability to cut through the issue and focus on the crux of any matter."

Christopher Lewis QC (see p.879) Christopher Lewis QC has a notable international practice, regularly acting in large arbitrations in the infrastructure and construction sector for clients across Europe and the USA. He has extensive knowledge of ICC proceedings. **Strengths:** "He is very precise and very detailed." "He terrifies opponents!"

Mark Chennells QC Mark Chennells QC is a seasoned arbitration barrister with noteworthy experience in construction disputes. He is deeply familiar with the rules of various arbitral institutions, acting under SIAC, DIAC, LMAA and ICC proceedings on behalf of an international client base. He often receives instruction from large construction, maritime and commercial real estate projects. **Strengths:** "Very user-friendly and good to work with." "He's very quick and very good on his feet."

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Rupert Choat Rupert Choat has a flourishing arbitration practice and appears regularly in the Middle East. He has demonstrable strength in construction disputes, acting for states, contractors and construction companies in a number of ICC arbitrations and advocating before the SCC. **Strengths:** "Rupert has a brilliant legal mind. He is a highly skilled and astute cross-examiner." "He is very responsive. He knows his stuff when it comes to engineering and construction matters—he has seen it all."

Andrew Fenn (see p.833) A capable junior with an increasing profile in the international arbitration world. He tackles complex arbitrations across Asia and Africa, bringing to bear a strong understanding of foreign law. He is well versed in disputes in the construction and engineering space, and regularly acts for contractors and blue-chip companies. **Strengths:** "The quality of his technical analysis is amazing. His written and oral advocacy are spot on." "He is a real team player and works with the law firm team to achieve common and strategic objectives well."

Zulfikar Khayum (see p.871) Zulfikar Khayum is a highly proficient at handling construction-related arbitrations and regularly appears before tribunals in the Middle East and Asia. He acts in complex disputes, often governed by ICC and SIAC rules. He is particularly adept at handling issues of delay and contract terminations. **Strengths:** "He is very hard-working and presents well in hearings." "Zulfikar is a strong and very effective cross-examiner, matched with a keen intellect and assiduous attention to details." **Recent work:** Represented the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science & Community Development in a High Court challenge brought in respect of a partial award in a long-running arbitration involving claims of over USD1 billion.

Samar Abbas Kazmi Samar Abbas is a notable junior acting in high-value arbitrations under the auspices of HKIAC, the ICC and SIAC. He is regularly instructed in arbitrations regarding infrastructure projects in the oil and gas and transport sectors across the UAE, East Asia and America. **Strengths:** "Samar is willing to put in the hard yards to get the best results for the clients. He works all hours to great effect and is a thoroughly dedicated and talented team player."

Lucie Briggs Lucie Briggs has a great deal of experience

handling disputes arising from projects in the Middle East. She is well versed in arbitrations concerning infrastructure and development projects. She has notable knowledge of proceedings under the auspices of the ICC and LCIA, among others.

Strengths: "She is a fierce advocate and she's very good in cross-examination." "She's insightful, diligent, user-friendly and extremely bright." "Lucie cannot be recommended highly enough. She has the ability to convey complicated legal issues to tribunals in a simple yet persuasive manner. She cuts straight to the point with a level of well-earned confidence."

Keating Chambers

See profile on p.1059

THE SET

Keating Chambers continues to be considered one of the first and finest ports of call for complex construction and engineering disputes, with instructing solicitors noting: "The barristers' knowledge of technical issues and the construction industry is second to none." The set calls upon a highly talented roster of silks and junior barristers to act under a wide range of arbitral rules, and has experience in ICC, DIAC, LCIA, SIAC and HKIAC arbitrations. The set is well equipped to handle high-value shipping and infrastructure-related disputes, and demonstrates particular prowess in the energy sector. Members offer clients the benefit of a wealth of international experience and attract a steady stream of instructions across Australia, Hong Kong, South Africa and Europe.

Client service: The team is led by Declan Redmond, the director of clerking. "The clerks are professional and courteous." "The clerking team is always bright, commercially astute and helpful. They are committed to achieving a good working relationship all round." "It's a very efficient and client-oriented chambers."

SILKS

Adam Constable QC Adam Constable QC is specialises in international construction, shipbuilding, natural resources and infrastructure-related arbitrations including onshore and offshore construction projects. He represents a wide range of clients in connection with projects based around the world, including those in the Middle East, Russia and Europe. Constable regularly tackles contractual disputes and delay claims, and has experience acting in LMAA arbitrations. **Strengths:** "He is obviously first class. He is clever and able." "He is superb."

Veronique Buehrlen QC Veronique Buehrlen QC focuses her practice on arbitrations involving the energy sector. She routinely handles proceedings under ICC and LCIA rules. She has a strong international practice and has notable experience providing counsel on matters arising in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. She is commended for her ability to advise on offshore issues. **Strengths:** "She has a crystal-clear, razor-sharp brain that analyses the issues in a very clear way."

Lucy Garrett QC Lucy Garrett QC is a barrister noted for her expertise in construction and engineering-related international arbitrations who has significant experience of handling disputes in the Middle East. She has appeared in arbitrations governed by the rules of the ICC, the LCIA and other arbitral institutions involving high-value claims in connection with large infrastructure projects. **Strengths:** "She is brilliant and she is hugely energetic."

Richard Harding QC Richard Harding QC is a mul-

tilingual advocate representing a wide variety of clients including governments, professionals, private employers and contractors in construction and engineering disputes, particularly in the Middle East. He has significant experience in cases that engage various Middle Eastern laws, such as those of Egypt, Qatar, Jordan, Kuwait and the UAE. These disputes often pertain to oil and gas, transport and retail projects. He has handled matters under LCIA and DIAC rules. **Strengths:** "You can trust him to find solutions." "His handling of the case was a masterclass in cross-examination."

Simon Hughes QC Simon Hughes QC receives a steady flow of instructions from clients around the world, including Africa, the Middle East and the Asia-Pacific region. He mainly acts in disputes arising in the construction, shipping and energy sectors. He has experience acting in arbitrations under LCIA and DIAC proceedings. **Strengths:** "Simon has superb strategic sense and a clear, engaging style of advocacy. He is an excellent cross-examiner who quickly acquires the confidence of the Bench, and is a fantastic choice to run large, complex disputes." "He is very knowledgeable about technical engineering issues."

Vincent Moran QC Vincent Moran QC has an international arbitration practice that encompasses disputes relating to the fields of construction, engineering, energy and transport. Recently he has been involved in various cases in South Africa and the Middle East. He has experience in acting in SIAC and ICC arbitrations, among others. **Strengths:** "His eye for detail is excellent. His ability to digest large quantities of information and quickly strategise what the key issues are and how best to approach them is excellent. He also brings an air of authority to proceedings." "He is a formidable opponent."

David Thomas QC David Thomas QC is noted for his international arbitration practice focusing on construction disputes in the Middle East, Africa and Asia-Pacific, and a barrister with considerable experience of appearing before the Dubai World Tribunal. He has handled a vast number of arbitrations regarding a broad range of projects including power and water disposal plants and reservoirs, among others. He is experienced at acting in ICC, LCIA and UNCITRAL arbitrations. **Strengths:** "He is dedicated, knowledgeable, approachable and very hard-working." "He is brilliant."

Sean Wilken QC Sean Wilken QC concentrates his practice on high-exposure international arbitrations, particularly in relation to the energy, infrastructure and construction sectors. He has a wealth of experience handling disputes relating to projects in various parts of the world, most recently acting for clients in the Middle East. He has also appeared before tribunals governed by the rules of the ICC and LCIA. **Strengths:** "He is serious, heavyweight QC." "A very sharp, analytical mind; he's able to spot the relevant issues very quickly and is very prompt."

JUNIORS

Calum Lamont Calum Lamont is a highly regarded international arbitration barrister, specialising in infrastructure and maritime disputes, who has particular expertise in projects arising in the Middle East. He is especially sought after for claims involving Korean, Qatari and Emirati elements. **Strengths:** "He's a phenomenal barrister. An impressive cross-examiner, a clear legal mind, and very good on factual and legal details." "A top-class junior."

Paul Buckingham Paul Buckingham a qualified

Chartered Engineer who is particularly adept at technically complex international construction, engineering and energy arbitrations. He is experienced in handling arbitrations under the rules of the ICC that deal with projects based in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. He also has experience handling anti-suit injunctions in support of arbitration proceedings. **Strengths:** "His standard of work is excellent, he is meticulous and his breadth of experience is very wide. He also very quickly makes a great rapport with the client." "A brilliant barrister with a very sharp and analytical legal brain. His pleadings in arbitration cases are brilliant."

James Thompson James Thompson has considerable experience of handling arbitrations, including those under the auspices of the ICC. His recent work has involved handling matters in the Middle East and the Far East. **Strengths:** "He's brilliant."

John McMillan John McMillan has a growing presence in the market. He focuses his practice on matters concerning the engineering, energy and construction sectors. He regularly handles arbitrations under the auspices of LCIA, ICC and UNCITRAL rules. **Strengths:** "John is really terrific. He's an extremely talented barrister and he's really analytical and very smart." "He is thorough, diligent and dedicated."

Jennie Wild Jennie Wild has a growing practice in substantial construction and energy arbitrations. She is frequently instructed in disputes arising in the Middle East. **Strengths:** "She is very good with clients and difficult cases."

Band 2

39 Essex Chambers

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THE SET

39 Essex Chambers is a go-to set for international arbitration and its barristers have impressive international expertise, receiving high-value and complex instructions in disputes arising in the Caribbean, South-East Asia, Australia and South Africa. Barristers here represent contractors, subcontractors and individuals in a range of disputes, often conducted under the arbitral rules of the LMAA, the ICC, DIAC and HKIAC. Members of 39 Essex Chambers are particularly adept at handling arbitrations for clients in the shipping and engineering sectors.

Client service: "The clerking is very efficient and it is all done extremely well." Lindsay Scott is the chief executive and director of clerking, and Niki Merison and Mark Winrow are the joint senior practice managers for the commercial, construction and international arbitration team. The team has arranged a wide range of webinars and other thought leadership pieces for clients.

SILKS

Stuart Catchpole QC Stuart Catchpole QC is a pre-eminent silk who is renowned for his expertise in international arbitration, specialising in construction and engineering disputes but also covering cases arising in the transport, power generation and energy industries. He provides robust representation in arbitrations under the auspices of the LMAA, ICC and LCIA. He is also highly regarded as an arbitrator. **Strengths:** "He's one of the top of the list for advocacy." "He's very detailed and very helpful." "He's got an extremely good practice."

Paul Darling QC Paul Darling QC is distinguished for his expert handling of construction and engi-

neering-related international arbitrations, and he has been involved in matters heard under the rules of many leading arbitral institutions including the ICC, HKIAC, DIAC, the LCIA and SIAC. His forte lies in handling hearings that require considerable cross-examination of various expert witnesses. In his long-running career he has handled arbitrations in Singapore, the Middle East and Hong Kong. **Strengths:** "He is a very strong advocate and he's very smart." "He is a good team player and the clients like him. He is also a good tactician."

Karim Ghaly QC (see p.839) Karim Ghaly QC regularly appears as sole counsel in various international arbitrations for a number of significant international clients. He is particularly impressive when handling construction and engineering disputes in the Middle East and Asia. He is adept at handling ICC arbitrations, as well as ad hoc arbitrations. **Strengths:** "His advocacy skills are phenomenal. He cross-examines fact and expert witnesses brilliantly." "He is very hard-working and a brilliant strategist. He is excellent on paper."

4 Pump Court

See profile on p.1085

THE SET

4 Pump Court is a highly respected set with well-honed expertise in construction and engineering disputes. The set regularly handles arbitrations arising in emerging markets. The barristers at 4 Pump Court have recently been instructed in arbitrations regarding construction projects in the Middle East and Australia. The barristers represent an impressive roster of contractors and subcontractors in high-value ICC, SIAC and DIAC arbitrations. Members here often grapple with issues of foreign law. An instructing solicitor highlights that the "bench strength at junior and QC level is strong."

Client service: The group is led by the senior clerks Carl Wall and Stewart Gibbs. The team have produced remote talks for clients across the globe this year. "Excellent clerking – they are very efficient and feel like part of your team." "The clerks provide very good support." "The clerking service and Carl Wall is excellent."

SILKS

Rachel Ansell QC Rachel Ansell QC is highly respected for her expertise in handling engineering, construction and energy-related international arbitrations in Europe and the Middle East. Ansell has been involved in projects concerning gas pipelines, airports and railways. She has acted in a number of arbitrations in the Middle East and Africa under rules of the ICC, UNCITRAL and the LCIA. **Strengths:** "She is knowledgeable and switched on. In terms of the hearings, she's really engaged and she is in the top echelon of counsel." "Her speciality is understanding the technical side of issues. She is also user-friendly and approachable."

Sean Brannigan QC Sean Brannigan QC is widely considered as one of the leading practitioners in this field. He is particularly noted for his work in energy, infrastructure, engineering and construction disputes in connection with projects in Australia and the Middle East. He has obtained a number of significant awards for clients. **Strengths:** "Sean is a very quick thinker, immediately picks up on key points and is a very strong and powerful advocate at the hearing and in cross-examination." "He's great to have as a fighter in our corner."

Alexander Hickey QC Alexander Hickey QC has

developed impressive expertise in arbitrations relating to energy, infrastructure, construction and engineering. His cases derive from projects around the world, including the Middle East and Asia. He has recently tackled a number of disputes arising in the UAE. He is well versed in arbitrations under DIAC, SIAC and ICC rules. **Strengths:** "He's extremely thorough in his work and incredibly knowledgeable." "He's quick on his feet and an effective advocate."

Sean O'Sullivan QC (see p.905) Sean O'Sullivan QC is a technically and commercially sound advocate with excellent knowledge of the energy industry. He is particularly well known for his expertise in arbitrations arising in the marine engineering sphere and specialises in drilling and shipping issues. **Strengths:** "He has a lot of gravitas, he's well liked by clients and he pays attention to detail. He is phenomenal."

Claire Packman QC Claire Packman QC has a strong practice representing contractors and other construction companies in the Middle East, Asia and Latin America in arbitrations arising from large infrastructure and commercial real estate projects. She has notable experience of handling disputes under the auspices of the ICC. **Strengths:** "She is very, very good and knows what the client wants."

JUNIORS

Daniel Goodkin Daniel Goodkin is renowned for his ability to handle disputes arising from infrastructure projects in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. He has handled proceedings under ADCCAC and SCMA rules, among others. **Strengths:** "A thoughtful and solid advocate." "He's great at harnessing a huge amount of data and understanding it really quickly."

Band 3

Crown Office Chambers

See profile on p.1009

THE SET

Barristers at Crown Office Chambers are highly proficient in international arbitration and are regularly instructed to appear in construction-related disputes. The set is noted for its strong grasp of arbitrations relating to big-ticket infrastructure projects, including transport and energy developments. The barristers wield significant expertise in cases arising from projects in the Middle East, regularly handling arbitrations governed by LCIA, ICC, DIAC, LMAA or ADCCAC rules on behalf of contractors, subcontractors and joint venture partners.

Client service: "The clerks at Crown Office Chambers are very easy to work with and were flexible in their approach to engaging with us." "The clerks are excellent. They are polite and personable." Andy Flanagan is the senior managing clerk.

SILKS

Roger ter Haar QC Roger Haar QC is a well-respected leading silk acclaimed for his expertise in disputes concerning engineering and construction matters. He is a popular choice for governments and contractors, and has a wealth of experience in connection with projects across the globe, working extensively across the Middle East. He is a leading silk for ad hoc arbitrations and for proceedings under ICC, LCIA and DIAC rules. **Strengths:** "He is very sharp and a nimble advocate." "He is very experienced, hugely well known and hugely well respected. He has a massive following globally."

Andrew Rigney QC Andrew Rigney QC is a noted

international arbitration practitioner who is highly experienced in handling high-value disputes across a range of sectors. He has in recent years handled matters concerning infrastructure projects, shipping, oil and gas, and process plants. He is sought after by clients around the globe in relation to claims arising in the Middle East and Africa, acting before the LMAA, ICC and LCIA. **Strengths:** “Andrew is fantastic. He is a very experienced advocate and a pleasure to work with.” “Andrew is an exemplary QC with not only incredible legal skills, but commercial acumen.”

Crispin Winsor QC Crispin Winsor QC acts in a range of high-value international arbitrations. He is especially active in disputes relating to civil engineering works and construction projects in the Middle East. He is experienced in ICC and LCIA proceedings as well as those of other arbitral institutions. **Strengths:** “His strengths lie in quickly grasping the matter of the dispute and delivering fast, reliable advice.”

Other Ranked Lawyers

Timothy Chelmick (see p.807) (4 New Square) Timothy Chelmick is renowned for his ability to provide counsel on arbitrations in the Middle East. He is well versed in handling matters arising from infrastructure projects. He has considerable experience of acting in proceedings under the auspices of ICC. **Strengths:** “He’s very hard-working and diligent. He is also technically strong, especially in relation to construction-related arbitration, and he is strong in getting to the heart of the detail and the quantum.”

Jane Davies Evans (3 Verulam Buildings) Jane Evans draws on her previous experience working for top-tier law firms. She has a solid practice acting as sole counsel and co-counsel in complex construction-related international arbitrations. Areas of focus include acting for governments and global contractors in the Middle East and Africa. As a qualified accountant she has especial expertise in quantum matters. **Strengths:** “Jane is a tireless and committed advocate for her clients. A class act.”

Anneliese Day QC (see p.822) (Fountain Court Chambers) Anneliese Day QC is an extremely popular silk with a prospering arbitration practice who handles complex construction disputes across Australia, Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe. She attracts instructions from clients in a range of sectors, including mining, transportation and commercial real estate. **Strengths:** “An excellent strategist who thinks outside the box and is very commercial in her approach to disputes.” “She is really impressive in cross-examination and I was blown away by her advocacy skills.”

Alexander Gunning QC (see p.846) (One Essex Court) Alexander Gunning QC is highly regarded for his international arbitration practice focusing on matters of construction and energy. He is particularly well known for his expertise in handling disputes regarding the cancellation of construction projects abroad. He also has a specialism in cases relating to offshore oil and gas projects. His instructions emanate from numerous jurisdictions including Russia, Africa and Turkey. **Strengths:** “He’s really good. He’s very bright and has a nice manner.”

Tom Montagu-Smith QC (3 Verulam Buildings) Tom

Montagu-Smith QC is particularly astute at representing contractors and multinational companies in arbitrations under DIFC rules. His practice has a strong focus on South-East Asia and the UAE. **Strengths:** “He is my go-to for DIFC court matters. His written work is great, and his advocacy is really excellent.” “He has detailed knowledge and understanding of DIFC law and procedure.”

Paul Reed QC (see p.920) (Gatehouse Chambers) Paul Reed QC is highly respected in the market. He is commended for his ability to handle construction-related arbitrations, such as those concerning large infrastructure and energy projects. He is notably astute at handling matters under LCIA rules. **Strengths:** “Paul has an exceptional ability to quickly grasp the key issues in complex matters.” “He is very accessible, down to earth and a thoroughly lovely guy.” “Our go-to counsel for large and complex indemnity disputes on power, gas and energy claims.”

Roger Stewart QC (see p.937) (4 New Square) Roger Stewart QC is a well-respected QC with an impressive international arbitration practice. His work has traditionally focused on construction and professional negligence cases but also extends to other areas. His experience includes arbitrations concerning technology, commercial and residential developments, and airport and maritime projects. He has accrued significant experience in handling high-value claims and counterclaims. **Strengths:** “He is a very good advocate and a good commercial specialist.” “He has a strong reputation.”

London General Commercial & Insurance

International Arbitration General Commercial & Insurance
Leading Sets
Band 1
Essex Court Chambers *
Band 2
Brick Court Chambers *
Twenty Essex *
One Essex Court *
7 King’s Bench Walk *
Band 3
Fountain Court Chambers *
3 Verulam Buildings *
* Indicates set with profile.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

Essex Court Chambers

See profile on p.1027

THE SET

Essex Court Chambers has long enjoyed a reputation as the go-to set for international arbitration. Its barristers are consistently recognised for their truly international practices, receiving instructions from the Middle East, Europe and Africa and acting in some of the most significant and high-value disputes. Members offer unrivalled expertise across an impressive breadth of sectors, and have particular

pro prowess in energy and insurance and reinsurance disputes. The “absolutely stellar” barristers at Essex Court Chambers are regularly called upon to handle complex proceedings and cases involving foreign law under all major institutional rules.

Client service: “The clerks have been helpful and approachable. They are prompt in responding to queries.” “They are very professional, very responsive, and the chambers is well run.” “I have a positive impression of the clerking service—they able to adapt to clients needs.” The senior clerk is Joe Ferrigno, and the team provides a wealth of multimedia resources for clients, such as webinars and podcasts.

SILKS

David Joseph QC David Joseph QC comes highly recommended for his broad commercial international arbitration practice, which covers a wide array of industries including the energy, telecommunications, construction, insurance, shipping and aerospace sectors. He regularly acts as counsel in high-stakes arbitration enforcement cases. He has extensive experience in BIT arbitrations. **Strengths:** “He is extremely experienced and well known. He is a great name for a difficult case.” “He’s very engaged and familiarises himself with the case well before a hearing.” **Recent work:** Represented Enka in the Supreme Court in *Enka v Chubb*, a high-profile case concerning the ascertainment of the law governing

an arbitration agreement.

Joe Smouha QC Joe Smouha QC is widely considered to be one of the strongest practitioners at the International Arbitration Bar due to his extensive experience in handling notable commercial disputes under a number of prominent arbitral institutions including the ICC and LCIA. He also takes appointments as a commercial arbitrator. His advocacy experience includes court appearances in the Cayman Islands and the British Virgin Islands. **Strengths:** “He’s incredibly client-friendly, commercial and a smooth operator.” “He stands out in terms of quality. He is excellent and a knowledgeable advocate.” “He is pre-eminent in terms of his reputation and he is excellent on his feet.” **Recent work:** Acted on behalf of International Military Services in a claim for recognition of an arbitration award obtained by the Ministry of Defence of the Islamic Republic of Iran under the New York Convention.

Ricky Diwan QC Ricky Diwan QC is highly regarded for his international arbitration practice, which concentrates on commercial and investment issues. He has significant experience of arguing cases under a variety of laws and regulations and representing clients before national and international arbitral tribunals. He is noted for having helped to draft the Mauritian International Arbitration Act 2008. **Strengths:** “Ricky is highly experienced in dealing with a tribunal and has a very nice manner with them.”

International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance		International Arbitration General Commercial & Insurance
Leading Silks		Leading Juniors
Star individuals	Millett Richard <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>	Star individuals
Landau Toby <i>Chambers of Toby Landau QC (ORL) ◇</i>	Persey Lionel <i>Quadrant Chambers (ORL) ◇</i>	Dhar Siddharth <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>
Band 1	Railton David <i>Fountain Court Chambers</i>	Band 1
Edey Philip <i>Twenty Essex</i>	Stewart Roger <i>4 New Square (ORL) ◇ *</i>	Dudnikov Anton <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>
Howard Mark <i>Brick Court Chambers</i>	Waller Richard <i>7 King's Bench Walk</i>	Ho Edward <i>Brick Court Chambers</i>
Joseph David <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>	Band 4	Wood Emily <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>
Malek Ali <i>3 Verulam Buildings</i>	Berry Steven <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>	Band 2
Matthews Duncan <i>Twenty Essex</i>	Blackwood Andrew Guy <i>Quadrant Chambers (ORL) ◇</i>	Aswani Ravi <i>36 Stone (ORL) ◇ *</i>
Rabinowitz Laurence <i>One Essex Court *</i>	Boulton Richard <i>One Essex Court</i>	Baloch Tariq <i>3 Verulam Buildings</i>
Rainey Simon <i>Quadrant Chambers (ORL) ◇ *</i>	Bright Robert <i>7 King's Bench Walk</i>	Bastin Lucas <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>
Schaff Alistair <i>7 King's Bench Walk</i>	Byam-Cook Henry <i>Twenty Essex</i>	Pearce Luke <i>Twenty Essex</i>
Smouha Joe <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>	Collins James <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>	Shah Nehali <i>One Essex Court</i>
Band 2	Gaisman Jonathan <i>7 King's Bench Walk</i>	Welsh Angeline <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>
Diwan Ricky <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>	Hossain Sa'ad <i>One Essex Court</i>	Yeginsu Can <i>4 New Square (ORL) ◇ *</i>
Douglas Zachary <i>Matrix Chambers (ORL) ◇</i>	Howe Timothy <i>Fountain Court Chambers</i>	Band 3
Dunning Graham <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>	Kendrick Dominic <i>7 King's Bench Walk</i>	Chalfoun Georges <i>3 Verulam Buildings</i>
Edelman Colin <i>Devereux (ORL) ◇ *</i>	Kitchener Neil <i>One Essex Court</i>	Morgan Gemma <i>Quadrant Chambers (ORL) ◇</i>
Harris Christopher <i>3 Verulam Buildings</i>	MacDonald Eggers Peter <i>7 King's Bench Walk</i>	Walker Damien <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>
Hunter Andrew <i>Blackstone Chambers (ORL) ◇</i>	Masters Sara <i>Twenty Essex</i>	Band 4
Kealey Gavin <i>7 King's Bench Walk</i>	Miles Wendy J <i>Twenty Essex</i>	Gardner Ben <i>Quadrant Chambers (ORL) ◇ *</i>
Kimmins Charles <i>Twenty Essex</i>	Moollan Salim <i>Brick Court Chambers</i>	Gregoire Matthieu <i>4 New Square (ORL) ◇ *</i>
Salve Harish <i>Blackstone Chambers (ORL) ◇</i>	Parsons Luke <i>Quadrant Chambers (ORL) ◇</i>	Hubbard Daniel <i>One Essex Court</i>
Thanki Bankim <i>Fountain Court Chambers *</i>	Pilbrow Fionn <i>Brick Court Chambers</i>	Kiat Wee Paul Choon <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>
Toledano Daniel <i>One Essex Court</i>	Pillai Rajesh <i>3 Verulam Buildings</i>	Milner Alexander <i>Fountain Court Chambers *</i>
Band 3	Riches Philip <i>Twenty Essex</i>	Sloboda Nicholas <i>One Essex Court *</i>
Ashcroft Michael <i>Twenty Essex</i>	Sabben-Clare Rebecca <i>7 King's Bench Walk</i>	Wassouf Mark <i>3 Verulam Buildings</i>
Black Michael <i>XXIV Old Buildings (ORL) ◇</i>	Salzedo Simon <i>Brick Court Chambers</i>	Weekes Robert <i>Blackstone Chambers (ORL) ◇</i>
Choo Choy Alain <i>One Essex Court *</i>	Scorey David <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>	Up-and-coming individuals
Edwards David <i>7 King's Bench Walk</i>	Selvaratnam Vasanti <i>36 Stone (ORL) ◇ *</i>	McRae Belinda <i>Twenty Essex</i>
Flynn Vernon <i>Brick Court Chambers</i>	Tozzi Nigel <i>4 Pump Court (ORL) ◇</i>	
Green Andrew <i>Blackstone Chambers (ORL) ◇</i>	Valentin Ben <i>Fountain Court Chambers *</i>	
Gunning Alexander <i>One Essex Court *</i>	New Silks	
Hopkins Philippa <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>	Holmes Michael <i>7 King's Bench Walk</i>	
Key Paul <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>	Quirk Iain <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>	
Lewis David <i>Twenty Essex</i>	Spalton George <i>4 New Square (ORL) ◇ *</i>	
Midwinter Stephen <i>Brick Court Chambers</i>	Willan James <i>Essex Court Chambers</i>	
* Indicates individual with profile.		
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.		
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He performs extremely well." "He gives strong, strategic advice." **Recent work:** Advised the Republic of Korea on a challenge to an award brought under Section 67 of the Arbitration Act.

Graham Dunning QC Graham Dunning QC has long-standing experience of appearing before courts and arbitration panels domestically and abroad. He often represents states and state entities in investment treaty claims, and exhibits strong expertise acting in large oil and gas disputes. He has been involved in arbitrations under the rules of the ICC, the LCIA and UNCITRAL, and those brought under the Energy Charter Treaty. **Strengths:** "He is well regarded by the market." "He is the person we call for tricky and complex matters." **Recent work:** Instructed in a high-value dispute involving major oil companies and the Government of India.

Philippa Hopkins QC Philippa Hopkins QC is well versed in acting in a broad range of domestic and international arbitrations, demonstrating expertise across a number of industry sectors, including construction, shipping and pharmaceuticals. She regularly accepts appointments as arbitrator, and offers advocacy under the auspices of the LCIA, ICC and LMAA. **Strengths:** "Her attention to detail and quality of analysis is impressive." "She is fantastic with clients and extremely bright." "She thinks strategically and she's incredibly responsive."

Paul Key QC Paul Key QC specialises in international arbitrations arising in a variety of sectors including

oil and gas, shipping, foreign investments and mining. He has an impressive track record of representing large corporate clients in high-profile cases, as well as high net worth individuals and government organisations. He has recently acted in challenges to arbitration awards. **Strengths:** "He has a very good international practice." **Recent work:** Instructed in *Process & Industrial Developments v Nigeria*, a dispute concerning a USD9 billion arbitral award against Nigeria. Key successfully defended Nigeria in the Commercial Court and resisted the award.

Richard Millett QC Richard Millett QC is highly regarded for his handling of high-value international arbitrations for financial clients, significant individuals and international corporations. He handles institutional and ad hoc arbitrations and frequently appears in offshore jurisdictions. He is experienced in energy disputes and investment arbitrations. **Strengths:** "He's a big presence in arbitration market."

Steven Berry QC Steven Berry QC provides solid representation in international arbitration disputes concerning matters of commodities, shipping and insurance and reinsurance. He is experienced in appearing before tribunals governed by the rules of the LMAA, SIAC, the LCIA and the ICC. **Strengths:** "He is incredibly measured and makes brilliant submissions. Clients love him." "He's exceptionally smart and has intellectual firepower."

James Collins QC James Collins QC is noted for an

international arbitration practice focusing on representing clients, including high-profile and foreign corporations, before domestic and international tribunals. He is particularly strong on insurance, financial transaction and international trade disputes. He has appeared in court in London as well as the British Virgin Islands. **Strengths:** "He gets to the point and does it in a way that impresses tribunals." "He is very good on his feet."

David Scorey QC David Scorey QC is a respected practitioner with notable experience as a commercial litigator. He is well versed in handling proceedings under ICC rules. He provides counsel on matters stemming from a broad spectrum of sectors including insurance and oil and gas. **Strengths:** "He is a good and accomplished advocate."

Iain Quirk QC Iain Quirk QC is renowned for providing robust representation in international arbitrations under the remit of the ICC, and has acted in a number of Section 68 applications. His international arbitration experience covers a wide array of industries, and he regularly handles matters concerning the oil and gas and construction sectors. He has particular interest in arbitration-related court applications such as injunctions and award challenges. **Strengths:** "You know his analysis is sound." "He is very good in cross-examination with an expert." **Recent work:** Advised on an application for an anti-suit injunction in the Commercial Court in order to uphold a jurisdiction and arbitration clause in the context of a USD1 billion insurance dispute.

James Willan QC James Willan QC provides robust representation when handling international arbitrations governed by LCIA and SIAC rules. He is also well versed in oil rig disputes under SCMA and LMAA rules. He is also experienced in arbitration-related Commercial Court proceedings for interim relief including freezing orders. **Strengths:** "His cross-examination was incisive and clear. His arguments and

the way he deployed them were incredibly impressive.” “He’s incredibly hard-working and has a very fast turnaround on his work and an extraordinary intellect.” **Recent work:** Continued to act for Vale to oppose multiple challenges to an LCIA award in the client’s favour for over USD1.5 billion arising out of a mining joint venture in Guinea.

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Siddharth Dhar Siddharth Dhar is a highly distinguished junior who is frequently instructed as lead counsel in cases very rarely seen being undertaken by a barrister of his call. He has established himself as a go-to name for energy sector and investment treaty arbitrations. He has acted in billion-dollar arbitral disputes under the auspices of various institutions including the ICC, ICSID and the LCIA. He counts several sovereign states among his clients. **Strengths:** “He’s an arbitration specialist. Clients like him and he is very hard-working.” “He is one of the best juniors I have worked with.” “He is brilliant – he is very clever, and clients love him because he is calm and approachable.” **Recent work:** Represented Betamax in an appeal to the Privy Council challenging a decision to annul an award of USD155 million on the grounds of ‘illegality’.

Anton Dudnikov Anton Dudnikov is regularly instructed as sole counsel on various disputes by enviable clients such as state governments and high-profile individuals. Born in Russia, he draws on his ability to speak Russian and his experience of Russian culture to deal with arbitral disputes arising from the CIS. He also often works on prominent and high-value cases arising in the Middle East and Central Asia. **Strengths:** “He is super bright, he knows the law and authorities inside out, and his drafting is impeccable.” “He is very strong on the law, very easy to work with and responsive.”

Emily Wood Emily Wood concentrates her practice on high-value, complex international commercial arbitration and has particular expertise in handling challenges to arbitral awards. She has substantial experience of arbitrations conducted under ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL and ICSID rules. In addition to her work as counsel she also takes sole arbitrator appointments. **Strengths:** “Emily is a superstar.” “She has an excellent reputation.” **Recent work:** Successfully acted on behalf of PAO Tatneft in an enforcement dispute against Ukraine. The matter involved allegations of abuse of process and arose from a USD112 million award made against Ukraine in favour of Tatneft.

Lucas Bastin Lucas Bastin handles a wide range of matters in this field, including international commercial arbitration, investment treaty arbitration, and work before English (and foreign domestic) courts in aid of enforcement of arbitration awards. **Strengths:** “He has one of the most impressive legal minds.” “He’s fantastic to work with, really gets into the trenches and works very closely with the team. He is very knowledgeable on matters of international and arbitration law.” **Recent work:** Represented the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in enforcement proceeding before the BVI courts concerning a USD6 billion ICSID award against Pakistan.

Angeline Welsh Angeline Welsh possesses a wide international arbitration practice covering a range of commercial claims, including those concerning investment treaties and the banking, technology and construction sectors. She is especially sought after for her expertise in handling disputes arising in emerging markets and in court proceedings related

to arbitrations, such as enforcement of arbitral awards and anti-suit injunctions. **Strengths:** “She is thorough, detail-oriented and has a detailed knowledge of the underlying legal elements involved in matters.” “She is sharp and responsive and gives great consideration to the issues at play. She also has a mind to the commercial realities which influence her advice.” **Recent work:** Acted on behalf of Montenegro in an ICSID arbitration claim concerning the legislation that compelled the conversion of Swiss franc-denominated loans into euros.

Damien Walker Damien Walker has an arbitration practice that covers truly international commercial disputes, many of which give rise to issues of conflicts of law. He is experienced at handling proceedings governed by the majority of leading institutional rules. He also takes part in investment treaty applications, and offers expertise handling disputes under Sections 67, 68 and 69 of the International Arbitration Act 1996. **Strengths:** “An incredibly strong barrister who produces the most fantastic stuff.”

Paul Choon Kiat Wee Paul Wee acts for governments, major corporations and financial institutions in complex, sometimes high-value arbitrations, particularly in the telecoms, energy and infrastructure sectors. He is also an expert in investment treaty arbitrations and related enforcement proceedings. **Strengths:** “He is very commercial and clients really like him. His drafting is fantastic, he works incredibly hard and he can distil complex legal and technical points into very crisp, clear drafting.” **Recent work:** Represented the Republic of Kazakhstan in an UNCITRAL investment arbitration brought by a Canadian company under the 1989 Canada-USSR BIT.

Band 2

Brick Court Chambers

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THE SET

Brick Court Chambers is well reputed for its international arbitration expertise and has a strong presence across a wide range of commercial disputes. The barristers are highly adept at handling disputes before the full range of arbitral institutions, such as the LCIA, the LMAA, the ICC, UNCITRAL, and ad hoc arbitrations. The set is recognised for its diverse offering, acting for an impressive roster of clients across the telecoms, shipping, natural resources, financial services and energy sectors, often with an African or Middle Eastern focus. Members here offer additional expertise in arbitral award enforcement matters.

Client service: “The clerks are super responsive.” “The clerks are wonderful and they try to be as flexible as possible.” “The clerks are super helpful and very efficient. They really go above and beyond.” The team is headed by the senior clerks, Tony Burgess and Paul Dennison.

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Mark Howard QC Mark Howard QC is acclaimed for his significant experience handling a wide range of arbitrations, including those relating to the telecommunications, energy and banking sectors on behalf of international corporations. He has particular expertise acting in LCIA and UNCITRAL arbitrations. **Strengths:** “He is one of the best advocates at the Bar.” **Recent work:** Represented Betamaz before the Privy Council in relation to an application to set aside an arbitral award concerning a breach of contract.

The issue involves complex disputes as to whether the Supreme Court of Mauritius is able to determine whether there was a breach of public procurement rules.

Vernon Flynn QC Vernon Flynn QC is known for his significant expertise in handling domestic and international commercial disputes, including multi-jurisdictional arbitration. He has appeared before courts and tribunals in various jurisdictions including Dubai, Singapore, Stockholm and the Cayman Islands, acting on behalf of prominent individuals and major corporations. He has taken part in arbitrations under the auspices of the ICC and various other arbitral institutions. **Strengths:** “He’s very knowledgeable and very experienced in the DIFC. He’s a great advocate.” “He is very impressive and calm under pressure.” “He is loved by clients and is good at fighting his client’s corner.”

Stephen Midwinter QC Stephen Midwinter QC acts as an adviser and advocate in international arbitrations, with substantial experience handling disputes under LCIA rules. He handles a wide array of disputes and has a strong emphasis on insurance and reinsurance claims and extensive knowledge of the energy and banking sectors. The disputes he is involved in are often worth hundreds of millions of pounds. He has developed especial expertise in CIS-related cases. **Strengths:** “He has a really relaxed manner and a very sharp intellect.” “He is immensely clever and a very meticulous cross-examiner.” “He is incredibly quick – he just processes information like nothing you have seen before and he is all over the detail.”

Salim Moollan QC Salim Moollan QC operates a busy practice taking in investor-state disputes at a high level as well as straight commercial arbitrations. He also draws on his experience as former chair and current vice-chair of UNCITRAL and is a member of numerous other panels. He has particular expertise in energy and telecoms cases. **Strengths:** “He is meticulous, thorough and incisive. He is clearly well versed in the field of arbitration.”

Fionn Pilbrow QC Fionn Pilbrow QC acts on behalf of a variety of individuals and organisations including oil companies, banks, insurers and reinsurers. He is experienced in disputes conducted under the LCIA and ICC, as well as arbitrations pursuant to LMAA rules. He also has experience obtaining and enforcing arbitration awards. **Strengths:** “He is exceptionally user-friendly and a very impressive silk.” “A very good advocate.”

Simon Salzedo QC Simon Salzedo QC is noted for his international arbitration expertise, particularly in disputes under the auspices of the LCIA and LMAA. His practice covers a wide range of markets such as insurance and reinsurance, banking and shipping. He regularly acts on behalf of trustees, wealth funds and other entities across Africa and Asia. Before turning to the law he worked as an accountant. **Strengths:** “He has a very good manner with the legal team and the client.” “He is extremely detail-oriented and impresses tribunals with his grasp of the details.” **Recent work:** Acted on behalf of the Fundo Soberano de Angola, the Angolan sovereign wealth fund, in proceedings, including arbitrations, to recover control of the fund from the previous Angolan regime.

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Edward Ho Edward Ho provides representation in Energy Charter Treaty arbitrations and disputes under the auspices of bodies such as ICSID and UNCITRAL. He has notable expertise in the energy, mining and commodities markets. He takes instruc-

tion as sole counsel as well as in his capacity as a junior. **Strengths:** "He is very good in cross-examination." "Edward is superb. He is highly intelligent and a strong team player." **Recent work:** Instructed by the respondent in *The Republic of Kazakhstan v World Wide Minerals*, a challenge by the state to findings made by an ad hoc UNCITRAL tribunal.

Twenty Essex

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THE SET

Twenty Essex is a prominent set in the arbitration market, noted for its capabilities in commercial and insurance disputes. The set has a strong international presence, and its barristers appear in complex and high-profile disputes across Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Members here are deeply experienced acting under the auspices of various arbitral bodies, including HKIAC, SIAC, the ICC, the LCIA, the LMAA and ad hoc arbitrations. The barristers offer expertise across a range of industries, regularly acting for clients in the insurance, shipping and energy sectors, and are particularly skilled in handling award enforcement disputes. Instructing solicitors highlight the set's "strength in depth."

Client service: "They have been super helpful and they are very attentive and proactive with the issues." "They are very commercial clerks." "The clerks are very good at being sounding boards for us. They make themselves available and they are terribly professional." Anthony Carroll, Christopher Theobald and Arron Zitver are the practice directors.

SILKS

Philip Edey QC Philip Edey QC is well regarded for his expertise in international arbitrations, acting in disputes seated in cities such as San Francisco and London under the remit of the ICC and other arbitral institutions. His diverse client base spans the globe and includes companies and individuals in an ever-growing list of jurisdictions including China and Japan. He has significant expertise in shipping arbitrations. He also takes appointments as an arbitrator. **Strengths:** "He is totally on top of everything and he exudes confidence and charm." "Philip is extraordinary in terms of getting all the aspects of the case. He is very proactive and really quite brilliant in his analysis of cases." "He is a first-rate advocate."

Duncan Matthews QC Duncan Matthews QC provides robust international arbitration representation in disputes across a broad spectrum of industries. He regularly handles energy, technology and shipping disputes, among others. He is well versed in matters under UNCITRAL and LMAA rules and has acted in ad hoc arbitrations. He also has expertise in anti-suit injunctions in support of arbitration proceedings. **Strengths:** "He is really at the top of his game. He's a super silk, a master strategist, and as an advocate he is marvellous." "Duncan is incredibly hard-working and he carries substantial gravitas with tribunals." **Recent work:** Acted on behalf of the defendants in a hearing for stay in favour of arbitrations proceedings in London and Switzerland relating to a USD2 billion dispute with the Republic of Mozambique following allegations of bribery in relation to transactions financed using the sovereign guarantees.

Charles Kimmins QC Charles Kimmins QC is a formidable international arbitration counsel, concentrating on arbitrations under ICC, LMAA and HKIAC rules, as well acting in ad hoc proceedings. He advocates before tribunals across the world, acting in arbitrations seated in London, Switzerland, New

York and Paris. He has particular experience in the insurance and shipping fields, and offers expertise in private equity disputes. He is skilled at leading teams of barristers in multiple related arbitrations. **Strengths:** "He's fabulous and a technically strong barrister." "He's an experienced, knowledgeable and skilled advocate." **Recent work:** Continued to act for the LCIA in its intervention in the UK Supreme Court in an arbitration appeal arising from the Deepwater Horizon catastrophe.

Michael Ashcroft QC Michael Ashcroft QC is a hugely intelligent practitioner with impressive credentials across a range of markets, including energy and shipping. His work often involves very high-stakes and extremely technical legal points. He has additional expertise challenging arbitration awards. **Strengths:** "He really doesn't shy away from the fight and he gets stuck in with the detail. He has a can-do attitude and an excellent commercial mind."

David Lewis QC David Lewis QC is experienced in appearing before courts and arbitral tribunals including the ICC, SIAC and the LMAA. His arbitration practice continues to thrive and he receives notable instructions from clients in Singapore. He is an expert in complex shipping disputes, as well as those arising in the energy and banking sectors. He regularly accepts appointments as the sole counsel in an arbitration. **Strengths:** "He is excellent." **Recent work:** Represented Xstrata Coal in a challenge to an LMAA award under Section 68 of the Arbitration Act and successfully reopened arbitration proceedings that had closed ten years ago.

Henry Byam-Cook QC Henry Byam-Cook QC has a practice which covers a broad range of commercial matters including shipping, insurance and professional negligence. He has notable experience handling arbitrations governed by the rules of the LMAA, and regularly acts as counsel under ad hoc, institutional and trade arbitration rules. **Strengths:** "He's methodical and efficient and effective as an advocate."

Sara Masters QC Sara Masters QC has a distinguished practice in the space which encompasses both institutional and ad hoc arbitrations. She has notable experience representing clients in disputes under the auspices of the ICC, LMAA and LCIA. She has further experience providing counsel on challenges to arbitral awards. She is renowned for her strength in handling matters concerning shipping. **Strengths:** "She is a wonderfully impressive barrister. She gets stuck in and solves the problem." **Recent work:** Instructed to represent the Republic of Poland in an application to set aside an arbitration award on the basis that it is incompatible with EU law following the Achmea decision.

Wendy Miles QC Wendy Miles QC is respected for her ability to handle complex ICC, UNCITRAL and LCIA arbitral proceedings. A specific area of strength lies in handling issues relating to the energy and natural resources sector. She also acts as an arbitrator. **Strengths:** "She's enormously responsive and in a heavyweight on the team because of her expertise in this area." "She is excellent." **Recent work:** Acted on behalf of Rift Valley Railway Uganda and Africa Railways in High Court proceedings to set aside an alleged jurisdiction decision of an investment tribunal.

Philip Riches QC Philip Riches QC undertakes a wide array of disputes, with a particular emphasis on shipping matters. His practice also includes oil and gas and commodities arbitrations. He has particular experience in making applications relating to arbi-

trations that include freezing injunctions, disclosure orders and arbitral enforcements. He is particularly experienced in cases conducted under LCIA, ICC and LMAA rules. **Strengths:** "He is a phenomenal advocate. He's an extremely bright and very good technical lawyer." **Recent work:** Instructed in *Carpatsky Petroleum Corporation v PJSC Ukrnafta*, a case concerning the enforcement in England of a Swedish arbitration award worth USD149 million.

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Luke Pearce Luke Pearce handles international arbitrations across a range of jurisdictions. He has acted before tribunals in London, Zürich, New York and San Francisco in disputes governed by LCIA, LMAA, ICC and AAA rules. He is well versed in commercial arbitration relating to energy, shipping and insurance disputes, and is adept at handling arbitration award enforcements. **Strengths:** "He is excellent in terms of quality of analysis and written work, and his advocacy is brilliant." **Recent work:** Continued to act for the LCIA in the UK Supreme Court appeal regarding apparent bias in the arbitration arising out of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Belinda McRae Belinda McRae has a burgeoning practice which covers a broad range of matters including commercial arbitrations and related appeals. Her recent work has included proceedings under LCIA and ICC rules. **Strengths:** "She is a tremendous junior." "She has gone from strength to strength and is involved in high-profile international arbitration cases." **Recent work:** Represented the Republic of Poland in an arbitration arising under US-Poland BIT concerning an investment into the energy sector in Poland.

One Essex Court

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THE SET

One Essex Court has formidable expertise in international arbitration and is able to draw on a strong bench of renowned practitioners who handle a wide array of commercial and insurance-related disputes. The set enjoys an international reputation, with members appearing in arbitrations seated in London, Singapore, Dubai, Geneva and Stockholm. Barristers at the set appear in a range of high-profile disputes on behalf of clients in the energy and finance sectors, among others. One Essex Court fields both accomplished advocates and notable arbitrators. The barristers are well versed in the rules of major arbitral institutions, including the LCIA, the ICC, HKIAC, ICSID and SIAC, and often handle cases governed by foreign law.

Client service: "They are always very efficient." "The clerks are excellent. Darren Burrows, the senior clerk, is very responsive and helpful." "They are brilliant. They are really professional and responsive." "The clerking is the best in the business. They are unbelievably proactive and helpful." "It is a hugely well-run set. They are accommodating, smart and understand the benefit of long-term relationships."

SILKS

Laurence Rabinowitz QC (see p.916) Laurence Rabinowitz QC is widely considered by clients and peers to be a formidable silk. He is celebrated for his broad international arbitration practice and has long-standing expertise in issues relating to the energy and financial sectors, among others. His commercial abilities are devoted to both arbitration and litigation. He is adept at handling arbitrations under the

auspices of the ICC, SIAC, UNCITRAL and HKIAC. **Strengths:** “He is very client-friendly, measured, has excellent judgement and is very good technically.” “In terms of the quality of analysis he brings, he is top class.” **Recent work:** Acted on behalf of the Russian Federation in a dispute concerning the enforcement of a USD50 billion arbitration award.

Daniel Toledano QC Daniel Toledano QC handles international arbitrations governed by the rules of various arbitral bodies, including the LCIA, the ICC and SIAC. He has notable expertise in cases stemming from the commodities and technology sectors, and receives particularly strong endorsements from the market for his advocacy in energy-related disputes. **Strengths:** “He is very user-friendly, highly intelligent and a superb advocate.” “He’s very commercial, always on top of the facts and very responsive.” “He has got an excellent persuasive manner and has the ear of the tribunal.”

Alain Choo Choy QC (see p.808) Alain Choo Choy QC provides solid advice and representation in commercial arbitrations, particularly those in connection with questions of jurisdiction and conflicting laws. He has notable expertise in banking and civil fraud disputes. He is experienced in handling LCIA and ICC arbitrations. **Strengths:** “He is great to work with – he is very bright, analytical and has an excellent manner with clients.” “He is incisive and persuasive both on his feet and in writing.” **Recent work:** Instructed in State Trading Corporation of Mauritius v Betamax. This dispute concerns a challenge to an arbitration award following the cancellation of a contract concerning the transportation of all of the petroleum products needed by Mauritius.

Alexander Gunning QC (see p.846) Alexander Gunning QC handles a number of complex international arbitrations, regularly acting under institutions such as the LCIA and ICC. He is particularly well versed in disputes relating to the mining, energy and financial services sectors for clients based across Asia. **Strengths:** “He has an impressive ability to absorb large volumes of information and to understand the relevant parts quickly.” “He is excellent – he has a calm, effective, persuasive manner.” “He’s very commercial, exceptionally smart and absolutely prodigious with his output, without ever compromising quality.”

Richard Boulton QC Richard Boulton QC is a distinguished practitioner who brings significant international expertise to bear when handling arbitrations, particularly those with a financial element. He has extensive experience appearing before major arbitral institutions, including the ICC, UNCITRAL, the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce and the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. He also handles disputes brought under the Energy Charter Treaty and often grapples with questions of international law. **Strengths:** “He is an experienced advocate who is so effective at cross-examining witnesses.” “He has an amazing court presence.” “He is very incisive, hard-working and strategic.”

Sa’ad Hossain QC Sa’ad Hossain QC handles a range of commercial disputes, including international arbitrations of significant value, particularly in the oil and gas and petrochemical sectors. He is well versed in ICC, LCIA and SIAC proceedings, and attracts an international client base. He has deep knowledge of ancillary work, including challenges to arbitral awards. **Strengths:** “He’s incredibly hard-working, smart and all over the detail of cases.” “He is very thorough and provides excellent advice.”

Neil Kitchener QC Neil Kitchener QC is an impres-

sive commercial silk whose practice includes a regular flow of arbitration instructions. His cases span numerous sectors, including energy, insurance and intellectual property, and he has recently handled disputes relating to joint ventures. **Strengths:** “He really fights the case, he is on top of the facts and he is very strategic.” “He is fantastic on his feet.” “He is incredibly bright, as well as personable and approachable.”

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Nehali Shah Nehali Shah assists in high-stakes international arbitrations under the rules of institutions such as the LCIA, the ICC, the LMAA and UNCITRAL, as well as enforcement proceedings ancillary to such arbitrations. Her cases concern a myriad of matters including energy, finance and insurance disputes. **Strengths:** “She is very knowledgeable, very commercial, knows the area inside out and is incredibly responsive.” “She is hugely diligent and attentive.” **Recent work:** Acted for the Government of India in two hearings relating to the enforcement of an arbitral award worth in excess of £70 million.

Daniel Hubbard Daniel Hubbard frequently acts as sole counsel in high-value international arbitrations, with particular emphasis on disputes regarding issues of oil and gas. He has experience handling disputes under LCIA rules. **Strengths:** “He is always happy to help. He’s user-friendly and responsive.”

Nicholas Sloboda (see p.933) Nicholas Sloboda comes recommended for his abilities in commercial and energy-related international arbitrations. He has considerable experience acting in high-value oil and gas-related disputes, often handled under SIAC, ICC and LCIA rules and in the Commercial Court. He regularly acts in matters arising in Africa and Europe. **Strengths:** “He’s very user-friendly and incredibly well regarded.” “His advocacy was very collected and calm.”

7 King’s Bench Walk

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THE SET

7 King’s Bench Walk is home to a celebrated bench of silk and junior talent, frequently sought out to handle complex commercial and insurance arbitrations. The set offers an enviable breadth of expertise, with members acting for clients in the pharmaceutical, energy, aviation, insurance and shipping sectors in arbitrations under ICC and LCIA rules. The barristers wield strong international capabilities, appearing in arbitrations seated across Hong Kong, Singapore, Dubai and Europe as both advocates and arbitrators. The set is a go-to choice for Bermuda Form claims and award enforcements.

Client service: “The team are excellent – they a run smooth operation and they’re responsive and professional.” “The clerks are great – they are swift in their response, they deal with things quickly and they are in good contact with the barristers. It is an exceptional team.” “The clerks are absolutely brilliant.” Greg Leyden is the senior clerk.

SILKS

Alistair Schaff QC Alistair Schaff QC is an acclaimed international arbitration advocate and adviser with significant experience in insurance and reinsurance, infrastructure and construction-related matters. He brings his expertise in pharmaceutical and product liability to his arbitration practice, coupled with a strong understanding of Bermuda Form insurance policies. He also takes regular appointments as arbi-

trator. **Strengths:** “He is very good at every aspect of a matter, from client handling to legal analysis.” “He’s very bright and skilled.” **Recent work:** Represented Ukrnafta in *Carpatsky v Ukrnafta*, an enforcement action in the Commercial Court concerning a Swedish arbitration award.

Gavin Kealey QC Gavin Kealey QC is a celebrated counsel in international arbitration, with the skills to handle multi-jurisdictional insurance disputes. His practice often involves matters of gross negligence and medical malpractice, acting for various insurers across the globe. He has particular prowess in acting before foreign tribunals and in arbitrations subject to Bermuda, Brazilian and New York law. He also sits as an arbitrator. **Strengths:** “He is an excellent advocate and very rigorous.”

David Edwards QC David Edwards QC is well regarded for his international arbitration practice, with prowess in handling disputes relating to insurance and reinsurance, pharmaceutical and professional negligence issues. He is adept at advising on or advocating foreign law cases, with particular expertise in the law of Bermuda. **Strengths:** “His preparation is impeccable, and his written and oral advocacy is brilliant.” “He is phenomenally clever and a very effective advocate.”

Richard Waller QC Richard Waller QC specialises in insurance and reinsurance-related arbitrations, accepting a steady stream of instructions from insurers in high-value disputes including trade credit and political risk policy matters. He is particularly adept acting in arbitrations under LCIA rules. **Strengths:** “He’s very thorough and an excellent advocate.” “He’s brilliant in terms of being engaged and forthcoming in a collaborative way. He thinks of the strategy, making sure it is considered and thoughtful.”

Robert Bright QC Robert Bright QC possesses considerable charter party and trade expertise, and attracts a global client base. He is experienced in appearing before tribunals in Europe, Hong Kong and Singapore. He has recently handled LCIA and ad hoc arbitral proceedings for clients in the energy, commodities and shipping sectors. **Strengths:** “He’s sharp, incisive and very easy to deal with.”

Jonathan Gaisman QC Jonathan Gaisman QC has experience of a range of international arbitrations, including energy and insurance-related disputes. He also handles proceedings before courts in matters linked to arbitration. He accepts regular appointments as an arbitrator. **Strengths:** “He takes the time to understand the matter properly and get to know the facts. He is on top of everything.”

Dominic Kendrick QC Dominic Kendrick QC acts as counsel in international arbitrations, and has particular expertise in disputes regarding matters of jurisdiction and conflicts of law, insurance and reinsurance, finance, shipping and commercial fraud. He has notable experience of handling ICC, UNCITRAL and LCIA arbitrations. **Strengths:** “He’s very experienced.” “On the insurance side he is fantastic.”

Peter MacDonald Eggers QC Peter MacDonald Eggers QC is a well-reputed silk with a far-reaching arbitration practice. He is best known for his work in the insurance sphere, handling numerous claims involving reinsurance and D&O policies, as well as charter party and commodities disputes. He acts as both counsel and arbitrator for clients across the world, including in Asia and the Middle East. **Strengths:** “He knows complex, high-value coverage disputes inside out. He is a very effective advocate.” “He is knowledgeable and an insurance expert.”

Rebecca Sabben-Clare QC Rebecca Sabben-Clare QC is highly regarded for her expertise in multimillion-pound LCIA and ICC arbitrations. She is frequently instructed by top-tier law firms and takes instruction as sole counsel. She has notable experience handling disputes arising from the oil and gas sector. **Strengths:** “She is smart, considered and clear in her advice. Clients really like her manner and approach.”

Michael Holmes QC Michael Holmes QC provides robust representation in international arbitrations and related court applications, and has expertise in the spheres of insurance and reinsurance, telecommunications, energy and natural resources. He has notable experience acting in high-value Bermuda Form arbitrations as well as under the rules of the LMAA and LCIA. **Strengths:** “He is thorough and hard-working.” “He is reactive and responsive.”

Band 3

Fountain Court Chambers

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THE SET

Fountain Court Chambers has a solid arbitration offering and vast international capabilities. Its barristers have established multi-jurisdictional expertise and act in high-profile disputes across Singapore, Switzerland, the UAE and Russia, to name a few. The set yields considerable expertise in a range of industries, regularly acting as either counsel or arbitrator in big-ticket insurance and energy arbitrations, often governed by LCIA, ICC and DIFC rules. Instructing solicitors consider the set to be composed of “a really superb bunch of barristers.”

Client service: Alex Taylor is the senior clerk and Katie Szweczyk and Sian Hockett are joint deputy senior clerks. “The set is very high quality. The clerks are responsive and effective.” “The clerking service is one of the best I have seen.” “The clerks are approachable, always ready to help and flexible.”

SILKS

Bankim Thanki QC (see p.943) Bankim Thanki QC is well regarded for the breadth of his expertise in relation to international arbitration. He has handled a number of ICC and UNCITRAL arbitrations seated in Stockholm, Singapore and the British Virgin Islands. He also handles arbitrations under the Energy Charter Treaty. At present he serves as head of chambers. As well as acting as counsel, he also sits as arbitrator. **Strengths:** “He is really good on issues involving conflicts of laws. He is a standout.” “He is excellent.” **Recent work:** Represented Ukraine in an investment treaty arbitration brought by three Cypriot companies under the Energy Charter Treaty. The claim involves allegations of expropriation of 10.5 billion cubic metres of gas.

David Railton QC David Railton QC is noted for having a solid arbitration practice that focuses on insurance-related disputes. He has particular expertise in Bermuda Form arbitrations. In addition to undertaking advocacy he sits as an arbitrator. **Strengths:** “He is an outstanding advocate and a real team player.”

Timothy Howe QC Timothy Howe QC handles a wide array of disputes resolved by means of international arbitration, and has noted expertise in finance and energy matters. He has appeared in various arbitral venues, including London, Singapore and Vienna. He is adept at acting under various institutional rules

including the LCIA and ICC as well as ad hoc arbitrations under UNCITRAL. He has substantial expertise in arbitrations in which sovereign states are participants. **Strengths:** “He is a pleasure to work with and he is very helpful on tactical and strategic questions.” “Tim is very approachable, responsive and strong on understanding the commercial dynamics at play.”

Ben Valentin QC (see p.949) Ben Valentin QC handles an international arbitration practice that focuses on disputes arising in the insurance, finance, aviation and energy industries. He frequently acts on behalf of clients in the British Virgin Islands and East Asia in arbitrations governed by ICC rules. **Strengths:** “He is a very smooth, polished arbitration advocate.” **Recent work:** Advised Mr Chernukhin on enforcement proceedings in the Royal Court of Jersey following an arbitral award that was granted in the client’s favour.

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Alexander Milner (see p.895) Alexander Milner is well versed in handling cases involving Russian and CIS elements. He has a varied practice that covers arbitral proceedings under LCIA and ICC rules, as well as ad hoc arbitrations. He demonstrates his strength in providing counsel on enforcement issues as well as commercial and investment-treaty work. He draws strength from his bilingual capabilities. **Strengths:** “Alex is brilliantly clever and has fantastic experience in Russia and CIS-related matters.” “An excellent advocate. His knowledge is very impressive.”

3 Verulam Buildings

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THE SET

3 Verulam Buildings has a well-established reputation in international arbitration, with notable depth in commercial disputes. The set is steeped in a long history of top-quality appointments in the financial services sector, often acting in arbitrations relating to shareholder disputes, as well as arbitration award enforcements. Its barristers also demonstrate expertise in energy and development-related disputes for clients across the Middle East, Europe and Africa, frequently conducted under the rules of the LCIA, the ICC, SIAC and UNCITRAL. Members offer additional strength to clients in investor-state disputes, acting in complex and high-value ICSID arbitrations.

Client service: “The relationship between the clerking and practitioners is seamless.” “They are very pleasant to deal with, very cooperative, helpful and very understanding of client demands.” “They are very professional and very thorough.” The clerking team is headed by joint senior practice managers Stuart Pullum and Stephen Penson.

SILKS

Ali Malek QC Ali Malek QC handles a broad range of international arbitration disputes regarding oil and gas, infrastructure, banking and joint venture matters, among others. He acts on behalf of governments, investors, shareholders, charities and international companies in arbitrations across the Middle East, Europe and Asia. He is familiar with the rules of various arbitral bodies including the LCIA and ICSID. He also has expertise handling disputes under Sections 67 and 69 of the International Arbitration Act 1996. **Strengths:** “He is a top-level performer in any commercial dispute. He is very versatile.” “He’s a huge name at the Bar; he’s a smooth advocate.” **Recent work:** Represented 33 Russian athletes in a challenge to the World Anti-Doping Agency’s response to

the Russian Anti-Doping Agency’s alleged failure to reform following the ‘hole in the wall’ doping scandal.

Christopher Harris QC Christopher Harris QC is an impressive performer in the space with significant experience representing clients in commercial international arbitration disputes relating to a wide array of industries. He is well regarded for his advocacy in high-value oil and gas disputes and infrastructure-related arbitrations. He regularly acts in arbitrations under ICSID, UNCITRAL and ICC rules. He also acts in investment treaty arbitrations. **Strengths:** “He is extremely bright, very calm in all circumstances and a quick, strategic thinker.” “He’s refreshingly commercial, and his strategic advice is superb.” **Recent work:** Represented the Republic of Kazakhstan in a challenge made under Section 68 of the Arbitration Act 1996. The long-running dispute arose from the failure of an investment from 1996 to 1997 in a Soviet-era uranium mining and processing facility.

Rajesh Pillai QC Rajesh Pillai QC provides robust assistance in international arbitrations. He acts for a wide range of clients including contractors, investment funds and shareholders. He is often sought after for his expertise in offshore and foreign law disputes, particularly in connection with India. His clients include companies and individuals from around the world. **Strengths:** “He has a great in-depth knowledge of how the system works and can handle large international disputes globally. His advice is extremely sound and he is commercially sound.” “He’s very sought after and in demand. He has a good blend of diligence and commerciality.”

JUNIORS

Tariq Baloch Tariq Baloch represents an enviable array of clients including international corporations in multi-jurisdictional arbitrations governed by the rules of leading institutions, including the LCIA and ICC. He handles insurance and reinsurance, energy, oil and gas, banking and construction matters, to name but a few. He regularly acts in complex, high-value disputes. **Strengths:** “He is incredibly knowledgeable, very helpful and experienced.” “Tariq is truly excellent. He offers really incisive analysis.”

Georges Chalfoun Georges Chalfoun is an impressive junior with a multifaceted arbitration practice who regularly handles significant disputes for clients in the oil and gas sector. He continues to establish a strong presence in the Middle East, while also taking instructions in Eastern Europe. **Strengths:** “He is a very smart practitioner with a great knowledge of arbitration proceedings.” “Georges is highly intelligent and a diligent team player who leaves no stone unturned. He is meticulous in his approach and knows every detail in his brief.” **Recent work:** Defended the Government of Morocco in an investment treaty arbitration brought by The Carlyle Group following allegations that the government expropriated crude oil owned by the claimants in a refinery.

Mark Wassouf Mark Wassouf is well respected in the international arbitration market. He draws on his previous experience as a solicitor and is highly regarded for his representation in international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations. His fluency in Arabic gives him a strong advantage in instructions emanating from the Middle East. **Strengths:** “Mark is a pleasure to deal with, a consummate professional and a fantastic lawyer. He works very hard and he is also very impressive on his feet.” “He is super intelligent and super composed.” **Recent work:** Acted on behalf of claimant Alexander Nelin in an ICSID arbitration against the Republic of Cyprus. The

matter arose from the collapse of the Laiki bank and involved allegations of expropriation of the claimant's investments.

Other Ranked Lawyers

Ravi Aswani (see p.781) (The 36 Group) Ravi Aswani concentrates on commercial disputes arising in the engineering, shipping, energy, and insurance and reinsurance sectors, among others. He is experienced in representing domestic and foreign clients, and is well versed in arbitrations governed by ICC, LCIA and SIAC rules. **Strengths:** "He is brilliant. He is particularly good at taking on difficult cases and finding winning points."

Michael Black QC (XXIV Old Buildings) Michael Black QC is known at the International Arbitration Bar for his longstanding experience in different types of disputes including those relating to company law and energy. His expertise in Middle Eastern matters is well recognised within the market, as is his ability to represent national and international clients in arbitrations under the auspices of various arbitral bodies including the LCIA, ICC and DIFC.

Andrew Guy Blackwood QC (Quadrant Chambers) Guy Blackwood QC is held in high regard for his ability to represent clients in arbitrations concerning insurance and reinsurance matters. He is particularly astute at handling ICC and ICSID arbitrations. His clients operate in a range of sectors, such as mining, although he is also routinely called upon by sovereign states. **Strengths:** "He has strong presence in international arbitration." "He is a strong performer." "He is on top of the detail." **Recent work:** Acted on behalf of the Hellenic Republic of Greece in the Greek Submarine Arbitrations.

Zachary Douglas QC (Matrix Chambers) Zachary Douglas QC possesses a wealth of expertise in international disputes, having appeared before various arbitral tribunals governed by the rules of many major arbitral institutions, such as the SCC, the Permanent Court of Arbitration and ICSID. Being fluent in Russian and French, he is experienced in carrying out arbitrations in both of these languages. His cases are often precedent-setting and at the cutting edge of the law. **Strengths:** "He impresses with his knowledge and his measured advocacy." "He is a genuine specialist in arbitration."

Colin Edelman QC (see p.828) (Devereux) Colin Edelman QC is sought after for his expertise in representing clients in high-value international arbitrations in connection with matters of insurance and reinsurance, addressing D&O policy, anti-suit injunctions and asbestos claims. He has experience of appearing before tribunals around the world including Bermuda, the Far East, Africa and the USA. He also takes appointments as an arbitrator. **Strengths:** "He is absolutely fantastic. His advice is always well structured and well detailed. He has a fantastic bedside manner with clients." "He is well respected and thorough."

Ben Gardner (see p.838) (Quadrant Chambers) Ben Gardner is adept at representing clients in arbitrations under HKIAC and ICC rules. His practice sees him routinely serving in The Hague and Paris. He has a strong track record of handling disputes concerning banking, energy and shipping. **Strengths:** "He is brilliant. He will be on top of the facts and know things inside and out." "He has a fantastic reputation and he is extremely popular with clients and leaders. He has a lot of experience in heavyweight

international arbitration."

Andrew Green QC (Blackstone Chambers) Andrew Green QC focuses on oil and gas disputes, and has significant experience in proceedings taking place in Russia. He has solid knowledge of arbitration governed by the rules of various arbitral bodies, including the LCIA and ICC. **Strengths:** "He is a very high-quality advocate and a very good cross-examiner." "Andrew is a strong advocate." "He's forthright, quick and knows the area well."

Matthieu Gregoire (see p.845) (4 New Square) Matthieu Gregoire has notable experience of handling LCIA and ICC arbitrations. He is astute at advising government bodies, as well as companies and individuals operating in the energy and mining sectors, among others. He is well versed in both commercial and investment treaty disputes. **Strengths:** "He has an extraordinary legal mind and he has excelled in advocacy. Technically he is very sound, and he understands the legal principles that apply and applies them in a way that is compelling." **Recent work:** Represented Sri Lanka in a high-profile dispute under the Sri Lanka-Malaysia BIT, concerning the alleged expropriation of a renewable energy plant which was to be constructed in an area affected by armed conflict.

Andrew Hunter QC (Blackstone Chambers) Andrew Hunter QC is highly respected for his expertise in a range of areas, and particularly good at finance, pharmaceutical and energy-related arbitrations. He is also well versed in Bermuda Form and SIAC arbitrations. **Strengths:** "He's an astute advocate." "He is very easy to work with and he's responsive." "He is brilliant and terrific to work with."

Toby Landau QC (Chambers of Toby Landau QC) Toby Landau QC is widely acclaimed for his expertise in acting as counsel and arbitrator in national and international courts and tribunals. He is frequently called on for high-value and complex cases involving commercial entities and sovereign states. **Strengths:** "An arbitration superstar." "He is a very strong advocate who is very engaging and, importantly, user-friendly."

Gemma Morgan (Quadrant Chambers) Gemma Morgan undertakes commercial arbitrational matters as a key component of her practice. She routinely represents clients in complex arbitrations and challenges to arbitral awards, including those brought under the Sections 68 and 69 of the Arbitration Act. She demonstrates notable strength in handling issues related to the energy and shipping sectors. She has also developed a niche practice in providing counsel on disputes involving super yachts.

Strengths: "She is very astute, analytical and absolutely formidable on organisation." "She is an excellent and unflappable advocate and my go-to choice for shipping and international arbitration work." "She is very good at making very technical areas her own and on the big, complex disputes."

Luke Parsons QC (Quadrant Chambers) Luke Parsons QC acts in arbitrations across a number of markets and frequently handles high-value insurance and shipping matters. He regularly acts on behalf of sovereign states in arbitrations under ICC and LCIA rules. He is frequently instructed by top-tier international law firms. **Strengths:** "He is really enthusiastic about looking after the client, which is hugely important." "He is very knowledgeable, clever and authoritative." **Recent work:** Instructed in Malaysian Government v 1MDB, in which the Malaysian Government challenged a settlement that had ended an LCIA arbitration between 1MDB and an Abu Dhabi government-owned entity. The matter involved alle-

gations that the consent award was procured by fraud.

Lionel Persey QC (Quadrant Chambers) Lionel Persey QC is instructed by clients for his expertise in handling the gamut of international arbitrations, with increasing visibility across Asia. His areas of expertise include jurisdictional disputes and conflicts of law, and he is experienced across multiple sectors including the shipping and energy fields. In addition to appearing as an advocate, he sits as an arbitrator. **Strengths:** "He is very effective and excellent at cross-examination and detail." "He is a very composed advocate."

Simon Rainey QC (see p.917) (Quadrant Chambers) Simon Rainey QC is highly regarded for his expertise in handling high-profile arbitrations in connection with complex oil and gas, commodities and trade issues. He appears before a variety of arbitral institutions including the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, and acts in arbitrations seated in Hong Kong, London, Nigeria and Singapore. He is also frequently appointed as an arbitrator. **Strengths:** "He is a brilliant all-rounder. He is diligent, highly intelligent and respected." "He is very user-friendly."

Harish Salve QC (Blackstone Chambers) Harish Salve QC is a distinguished silk with a global reputation for international commercial arbitration. He increasingly focuses his practice in the UK with London-based arbitrations under LCIA and ICC rules. He has recently been instructed in high-value commercial disputes and investment treaties by top-tier law firms.

Vasanti Selvaratnam QC (see p.928) (The 36 Group) Vasanti Selvaratnam QC handles a broad spectrum of disputes in connection with a number of issues including force majeure, conflict of laws and all forms of interim urgent relief. She has notable experience in both dry and wet shipping and commodities. **Strengths:** "She is efficient, focused and works unbelievably hard." "She is very knowledgeable, approachable and always on top of the detail of a case. She is very good on her feet too." "She is excellent at managing proceedings and clearly well prepared."

George Spalton QC (see p.935) (4 New Square) George Spalton QC is recommended for his expertise in international arbitration and his ability to work on disputes heard by national as well as international tribunals. He has acted in arbitrations on behalf of clients across Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Australia and the British Virgin Islands, and is particularly proficient in handling disputes under ICC rules.

Strengths: "He is very polished and he is a fantastic all-rounder." "He is very thorough." **Recent work:** Represented the Province of Balochistan in the Commercial Court in two challenges to arbitral awards under Sections 67 and 68 of the Arbitration Act.

Roger Stewart QC (see p.937) (4 New Square) Roger Stewart QC is well respected for his international arbitration practice, which covers a wide range of disputes for numerous clients across the globe. He is particularly noted for his expertise in construction, insurance, telecommunications and infrastructure. He has experience acting in ad hoc arbitrations. He is also a highly respected arbitrator. **Strengths:** "He turns matters around quickly, has a lot of gravitas and is also user-friendly." "He is a high-quality advocate and is well prepared." **Recent work:** Successfully represented a company in a claim for an injunction. The company had undergone two ICC arbitrations in London.

Nigel Tozzi QC (4 Pump Court) Nigel Tozzi QC has

a wide-ranging international arbitration practice representing clients in disputes in a variety of areas including energy and finance, with particularly strong expertise in the insurance sector. He is frequently instructed under the rules of leading institutions such as the LCIA and LMAA. **Strengths:** "He's incredibly user-friendly, superb to deal with, clear in his advice, and really forensic in how he looks at evidence and helps prepare a case." "Nigel is absolutely fabulous to work with and a real team player."

Robert Weekes (Blackstone Chambers) Robert Weekes advocates in high-value arbitrations in the

banking and finance sector, particularly on behalf of Russian clients. He has experience handling anti-suit injunctions and challenging arbitration awards in the Commercial Court. He is familiar with LCIA and ICC proceedings, and has recently acted in arbitrations seated in Paris. **Strengths:** "He is a very forensic, persistent, completely detail-oriented director." "He is superb on all fronts. His advocacy and written work are exceptional."

Can Yeginsu (see p.965) (4 New Square) Can Yeginsu assists with the full gamut of international arbitration including those governed by LCIA, ICC and

ICSID rules. He is experienced in disputes relating to conflicts of law and jurisdiction, and is well versed in matters concerning a wide range of industries including the IT, energy, insurance, shipping and financial services sectors. **Strengths:** "He has got a really good feel for which way an international arbitration tribunal will go, and he is impeccably bright." **Recent work:** Acted for DSG Yapi, an international investor, in an ICSID arbitration claim against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.