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Neutrals - Arbitrators

David R Parratt KC (Scot) FCIArb is a leading silk in both international and domestic arbitrations. He has acted as counsel in a range of cases under various institutional rules in international cases. He has been appointed as an arbitrator in ad hoc and institutional arbitrations.

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, holds Chartered Arbitrator status and is a panel member of international arbitral institutions: Kuala Lumpur (AIAC); Cairo (CRCICA); WIPO (Geneva); Dubai (DIFC); Bahrain (GCC); CIArb London (President's Panel & Scotland (CIArb Panel)); Roster of International Arbitrators (USA); EDAC (Energy Dispute Arbitration Center) (Turkey). He is also an Accredited Mediator (CEDR).

Arbitration Experience as Counsel and Arbitrator

I v. BT (Scottish Arbitration Centre, 2023): Counsel for Taiwanese Franchisor party against Taiwanese Franchisee party in respect of breach of Area Agreements for supply of fruit tea.

M. v. S (LCIA, 2020-23): Counsel for Claimant in Electricity Supply Dispute and JVA share valuation.(£20m). Award rendered.

QG v Irish Developer (Dublin, CIMAR, 2022): Appointed arbitrator in respect of Solicitors' Professional Fees against Contractor Client. Award Rendered.

Dr. Toheed v. Dr Akhtar (ad hoc, 2021): Arbitration in respect of termination of a medical practice partnerhsip in the UK. (Settled)

MH v. C (LMAA Intermediate Procedure, 2021): Counsel for Claimant in Dispute with Charterer following cancellation of Charter for COVID-19 and Application of Force Majeure. (£500k) Settled.

D v E (DIFC-LCIA, 2020): Advising Dubai based companies in respect of ongoing obligations to Oil part Supply Agreements and on prospects regarding two separate arbitration clauses. (£1m)

B v B (Seat London, 2020): Advising in family business dispute as to Partnership-at-will (£10m).

L Limited (a Firm) v Council (ad hoc, Seat Edinburgh, 2020): Appointed as Arbitrator in dispute as to under a Social Mobility Agreement between the parties. Settled.

WPT Partnership against Partners thereof (ad hoc, Seat London, 2019): Instructed for Claimants in a Patent Attorney Partnership Dispute and advising in respect of ad hoc arbitration for purported termination of the Partnership (£4m). Settled

T. (Austria) v. A&B (Qatar) (LCIA, Seat London, 2019): Retained as counsel for the Claimant in a Licence infringement case concerning IPR and Trademarks. ($5m)

Z v. GSP (LCIA, Seat London, 2019): Instructed for Claimants in a $5m claim and cross claim for a Subcontractor in dispute

with a Contractor in respect of the operation of a Platform off the coast of Greece. (settled)

Scotland's Largest Litigation Funder v. Members of Faculty of Advocates (ad hoc, Seat Edinburgh) (2019 ongoing): Instructed for the Claimants in connection with an arbitration for sums claimed under the Late Payments of Commercial Debts regulations. (Settled)

J v. T, C & A (ADCAAC, Seat Abu Dhabi) (2019-2022): Appointed as co-arbitrator in connection with construction works on the Midfiled Abu Dhabi Airport construction project. Dhs 900m. Award rendered.

X v Y Domestic Arbitration (ad hoc, Seat Edinburgh) (2019): Appointed as Arbitrator in a dispute in relation to the sums liable under a Full Reparing and Insuring Commercial Lease between two commercial entities based in Scotland. Award rendered.

International Credit Card Company v. Debtor (ad hoc, Seat London) (2019): Appointed as the Arbitrator in a documents only arbitration. Award rendered.

OMS v US Oil Major (LCIA, Seat London) (2017-2018): Successfully represented a small two director company in a £6m claim against an oil major in respect of outstanding invoices for hire of oil and gas equipment; a claim under a Global Collaboration Agreement and multiple claims in respect of infringement of IP Rights.

B Borough Council v. HG Limited (ad hoc, Seat London) 2017: Appointed as Counsel to the arbitration.

SYE v. M (ICC, Seat Geneva) 2013-2016: Acted for Japanese Respondents with Defence and Counterclaim for $13.5m against Turkish Sub-Contractor Claims of $4.5m in respect of a very large railway infrastructure project in Istanbul.

H. v. X Corp. (DIAC, Seat Dubai) 2011-2013: Dispute between Scandanavian JV interest and a US party. ($1.5m)

Arbitral Institutional Panels

- Member of the ICC
- Member of the LCIA
- Panel Member of the CIArb (Scottish Branch) Panel of Arbitrators
- Member of the Hong Kong Arbitration Panel (HKIAC)
- Member of the Asian International Arbitration Panel (AIAC)
- Member of the Cairo Arbitration Panel (CRCICA)
- Member of the WIPO Panel (Geneva)
- Member of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre List (DIAC)
- Member of the CIArb London President's Panel
- Member of the Juris Roster of International Arbitrators

Academic qualifications

- LLB (Hons) University of Aberdeen (1992)
- DipLP (University of Aberdeen) (1993)
- PhD (University of Edinburgh) (2004)
- DipICArb (Chartered Institute of Arbitrators) (2008)

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Honorary Professor of International Arbitration, School of Law, University of Aberdeen. (January 2017-to date)
- Co-Director of the Aberdeen University International Arbitration Summer School (2017 – to date)
- Visiting Lecturer, International Commercial Arbitration, and Oil and Gas Dispute Resolution, University of Aberdeen (2016-17)
- Honorary Senior Lecturer, International Construction Law and Arbitration, British University in Dubai (BUiD) (2010 - 15)
- Honorary Research Fellow, International Dispute Resolution, School of Law, University of Dundee (2008-2015)
- Honorary Lecturer, International Arbitration, Centre for Petroleum, Minerals, Law and Policy, (CEPMLP) University of Dundee (2007-10)

Professional bodies

- Freeman of The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators
- Fellow of the Royal Historical Society (FRHistS)
- Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (FSAScot)
- Fellow of the Society of Legal Scholars (SLS)
- Member of the School of Advanced Legal Studies (FSALS)
- Member of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL)
- The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn
- The Faculty of Advocates
- The Bar of Northern Ireland
- The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- TECBAR
- COMBAR
- The Arbitration Club (Oil & Gas Chapter)
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Faculty of Advocates' Positions

- Member of various Committees including: Faculty Council (2003-6; 2012-17)
- Curator of the Advocates Library (2005-8)
- Quality Assistance Panel Working Group(2015-7)
- Quality Assurance Scheme for Advocates (2016 - present)
- The Training Committee (2012-present)
- Scheme for Fees Committee (2014); Board of Assessors (2012 -present)
- CPD Reorganisation Committee (2016-7)
- Malawi Pro Bono Group (2014); International Committee (2016-present)
- Faculty Arbitration Group and Board member of the Faculty Dispute Resolution Service (FDRS) (2008-present)
- Special adviser to the Personal Injury Arbitration Group (2016-present).

Director of Training and Education, with responsibility for the training of devils in written and oral advocacy and for ongoing training of members of Faculty in advocacy skills and for the Quality Assurance Assessment. (2012-2017)

Advocacy Trainer and Assessor of Advocate Assessors for the Faculty Quality