

# 6th Annual Conference on **Energy Arbitration & Dispute Resolution** in the Middle East and Africa

**27th – 28th June 2023**  
**Herbert Smith Freehills**  
Exchange House, Primrose Street  
London EC2A 2EG



**Keynote**  
**Day 1**

## **Lise Bosman**

Executive Director of  
the ICCA and Senior  
Legal Counsel a PCA



**Keynote**  
**Day 2**

## **Craig Tevendale**

Partner, Head of Energy, (UK)  
Group at Herbert Smith  
Freehills



**Conference**  
**Director**

## **Brandon Malone**

Barrister at Quadrant  
Chambers and Arbitrator with  
Arbitra International

**Conference Pack**

# Welcome from the Conference Director

It is with great excitement that I am able to wish everyone present a very warm welcome to the 6th Annual Conference on Energy Arbitration and Dispute Resolution in the Middle East and Africa.

My aim, when developing the programme, has been to generate expert insights into the various economic, technical, legal and geopolitical considerations driving energy disputes in the Middle East and Africa, and create an event that would combine high-level theoretical debate with practical guidance. This year, a packed programme of eminent speakers will consider dispute avoidance in the context of the energy transition, and the impact of shifting political dynamics in the region on investor state arbitration.

It is also a great privilege to be welcoming our keynote speakers, Lise Bosman- Executive Director of the ICCA and Senior Legal counsel at the PCA - who is speaking on Day 1, and Craig Tevendale - Partner and head of the Energy Group at Herbert Smith Freehills - on Day 2.

The first day of the conference will be focused on Africa, with sessions covering topics including Investor State Dispute Avoidance, the Global Energy Economy, Green Hydrogen and its impact on Energy Disputes in Africa, and dispute avoidance techniques in African Energy infrastructure projects.

The second day has a Middle Eastern focus, with sessions covering topics including energy transition in the Middle East, emerging issues in the region, and the changes to political landscapes and their implications for investor state and commercial disputes.

I trust that you will all make the most of this unique opportunity to hear from some of the leading minds in the field, and meet the wide range of international energy professionals we have with us today.

Finally, I hope to be able to meet as many of you as possible at the drinks receptions which will follow both days of the conference.



**Brandon Malone**  
CONFERENCE DIRECTOR



Brandon Malone is a barrister, advocate and international arbitrator and mediator with Ampersand Advocates in Edinburgh and with Quadrant Chambers, and Arbitra International, London. He is a panel arbitrator for many arbitral institutions including AAA/ICDR, SIAC, SCCA and CIETAC and has been appointed to deal with arbitrations under a variety of ad hoc and institutional roles as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and tribunal chair. He is also a FIDIC Certified Adjudicator.

# Keynote Speakers



## **Lise Bosman**

Executive Director of the ICCA  
and Senior Legal Counsel at the PCA

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Lise Bosman is based at the Peace Palace in The Hague, as Executive Director of the (ICCA) and Senior Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA). She is appointed as Adjunct Professor at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, where she teaches the LLM course in Commercial Arbitration, and acts as PCA Counsellor to the Secretary-General for South Africa. She has published and spoken widely in the field of international arbitration. Lise is the General Editor and contributing author to *Arbitration in Africa: a Practitioner's Guide* (Kluwer Law International, Second Edition September 2021) and the General Editor of the ICCA International Handbook on Commercial Arbitration (a seven-volume loose-leaf collection of arbitration-related legislation and commentary on over 85 jurisdictions; Kluwer Law International, published since 1984). She is a member of the Court of the AFSA and LACIAC arbitral institutes and a founding member of the Board of the African Arbitration Association. Her areas of specialization are: international commercial arbitration law and practice; the practice and development of international arbitration in Africa; international investment law; investor-State arbitration; and State-State arbitration.



## **Craig Tevendale**

Partner, Head of Energy Group  
at Herbert Smith Freehills

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Craig leads the international arbitration group in London at Herbert Smith Freehills as well as being Head of their Energy group in the UK. He has extensive experience in litigation, expert determination and mediation with a particular focus on disputes in the energy, leisure, construction, engineering, defence and telecommunications industries. His practice comprises multi-jurisdictional work subject to a range of governing laws.

Craig has acted in arbitrations as counsel, advocate and arbitrator in ad hoc proceedings and before all of the major arbitral institutions, including, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and the American Arbitration Association (AAA). He has acted in complex litigation cases before the English High Court and the Court of Appeal.

His broader contribution to the arbitral community includes appointments to the ICC UK National Committee for Arbitration, the ICC Commission upon the nomination of the ICC UK National Committee, and to the Advisory Committee of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), and Deputy Chairman at the Advisory Committee to the Oman Arbitration Centre (OAC).

Fluent in Arabic and French, Craig is frequently instructed in disputes arising from investments, projects and transactions in Africa and the Middle East.

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## Programme Day 1 – Africa Focus

Time	Session	Speakers
9:15 - 9:45 am	Registration & Networking Coffee	
9:45 - 9:55 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	Brandon Malone, Quadrant Chambers
9:55 - 10:25 am	<b>Day 1 Keynote</b> Investor State Dispute Avoidance	Lise Bosman, Executive Director of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) and Senior Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)
10:25 - 10:50 am	<b>Lecture</b> The Global Energy Economy	Dr Glenn George, Bates White
10:50 - 11:20 am	<b>Lecture</b> Reflections from the Front Line	Khawar Qureshi KC, McNair International
11:20 - 11:40 am	Break	
11:40 - 12:40 pm	<b>Session 1</b> Green Hydrogen- the Impact on Energy Disputes in Africa	Moderator, Emilia Onyema SOAS Dr Victoria Nalule, University of Bradford Kirtan Prasad, RPC Sanjeev Bahl, FTI Consulting
12:40 - 01:00 pm	Technical Experts - what value do they bring	Daniel Correa, DAC Consulting
1:00 - 2:15 pm	Networking Lunch	
2:15 - 3:45 pm	<b>Session 2</b> Dispute avoidance techniques in African Energy Infrastructure Projects	Yolanda Walker, DWF Paul Sills, Arbitra International Jide Adesokan, Stephenson Harwood Luis Martinez, AAA/ICDR Duncan Bagshaw, Howard Kennedy Martin Burns, RICS
3:45 - 4:00 pm	Coffee Break	
4:00 - 5:30 pm	<b>Session 3</b> The African Energy Mix - comparing and contrasting dispute techniques in African regions and energy sectors	Lawrence Ngugi, NCIA Daniel Wilmot, Stewarts Gillian Lemaire, Carmichael Lemaire Steve Finizio, Wilmerhale
5:30 - 7:00 pm	Networking Reception	

## Programme Day 2 – Middle East Focus

Time	Session	Speakers
9:00 - 9:30 am	Registration and Networking Coffee	
9:30 - 9:35 am	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	Brandon Malone
9:35 - 10:55 am	<b>Session 1</b> Algeria, Libya, Tunisia: Emerging Issues	Lady Olga Maitland, Algeria-British Business Council, Jamie Trinidad, KC Laurence Franc-Menget, Herbert Smith Freehills Tarek Eltoumi, Eltoumi & Co. Rym Loucif, Loucif + Co
10:55 - 11:15 am	Coffee	
11:15 - 12:35 pm	<b>Session 2</b> Which seat to choose in the MENA region: Rules, Regimes, Enforcement and Damages	Moderator, Lindy Patterson KC, 39 Essex Clarissa Coleman, DAC Beachcroft Cherine Ghali, Ghali & Co. Dan Turner, Grant Thornton
12:35 - 1:00 pm	<b>Day 2 Keynote</b> A Middle Eastern energy transition - projects, disputes and the future	Craig Tevendale, Herbert Smith Freehills
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Networking Lunch	
2:00 - 3:20 pm	<b>Session 3</b> Shifting Sands, the changing political landscape in the Middle East, and the implications for investor state and commercial disputes	Professor Peter Cameron, CEPMLP Michael Patchett Joyce KC, The 36 Group Vivek Kapoor, 39 Essex Chambers Deger Boden, Boden Law Naomi Barriercliffe, Squire Patton Boggs
3:20 - 3:40 pm	Networking Coffee	
3:40 - 5:00 pm	<b>Session 4</b> Web3 and Energy Arbitration: the impact of the metaverse, blockchain and AI	Asel Housan, AEH Consultancy Charlie Morgan, Herbert Smith Freehills James M. Turner KC, Quadrant Chambers

# Our Speakers



**Dr Glenn R. George**  
Bates White Economic Consulting

Dr. Glenn R. George is a seasoned advisor and expert witness in the global power and utilities, oil/gas, mining, manufacturing, water, chemical/petrochemical, transport, retail, and infrastructure sectors. His international arbitration work, both commercial and investor-state, relates mostly to quantum in contract and construction disputes in the energy, infrastructure, and related sectors. Recent expert witness engagements in the Middle East and Africa include a mining matter in Turkey, a road construction case in Mauritania, and a natural gas project dispute in Nigeria.

Prior to joining Bates White, Dr. George held senior positions at other consultancies as well as in investment banking. Prior to that, Dr. George served in leadership, policymaking, and program management positions in the US government, in the areas of nuclear facility operations, congressional liaison, export controls, and defence procurement. He holds a PhD (with a focus on energy economics) from Harvard University, together with business and engineering degrees from Cornell University, and is a licensed engineer.

Dr. George is an active member of numerous organisations, including the American Economic Association, American and International Bar Associations, American Nuclear Society, and American Society of Mechanical Engineers. In 2011, he received the ANS Presidential Citation for his response to the Fukushima accident.



**Yolanda Ngozi Walker**  
DWF's Construction & Infrastructure

Yolanda is a partner in DWF's Construction & Infrastructure team. Yolanda is a specialist construction and engineering lawyer, providing project advice in relation to buildings and large-scale infrastructure projects in the UK and internationally, particularly in Africa.

Yolanda advises clients on the operation of contracts and the resolution of disputes through negotiation, adjudication, mediation, arbitration and litigation and has experience of working with clients throughout the lifecycle of a project to assist in the management of risk, the avoidance of disputes and to help achieve the best result commercially.

Yolanda has expertise in all major standard forms of contract, including JCT, NEC and FIDIC. Yolanda has advised owners and contractors and employers on a variety of civil engineering and infrastructure projects. These have included buildings, road projects, tunnels, LNG plants, mining plants and pipelines.

Yolanda regularly presents to various institutions at seminars and training workshops internationally and the UK.

Yolanda is a director of Africa Construction Law, a pan-African thought-leadership initiative operating across Africa and in the diaspora to promote construction law and practice in Africa.

Yolanda is recognised by Who's Who Legal and has been ranked as a "Future Leader in Construction". She is also a committee member of the Commercial Litigators Forum in London.





## Paul Sills

Arbitra International

Paul is a leading independent international arbitrator and mediator with over 27 years of litigation experience. Prior to becoming a full-time neutral, Paul was a civil and commercial barrister but also spent time as a CEO and Director for a number of international businesses including international freight and transportation where his focus recently has been on energy transition and ESG issues. His unique commercial background means he is well placed to accept appointments in the sectors of Marine, Shipping & Superyachts; Transport & Freight; Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure; Commercial Dispute Resolution; Energy & Natural Resources; and Banking, Finance & Fintech. Named by WWL as a Global Leader in mediation, Paul was also appointed as a chairperson to the European Commission arbitration panel for EU trade disputes.



## Khawar Qureshi KC

Head of McNair International

Khawar Qureshi KC is widely recognised as one of the world's leading advocates in the fields of International Arbitration, Commercial Litigation and Public International Law. From McNair International offices in London and Doha he has acted for, or against, more than 60 States including the USA, Russian Federation, Argentina, India and Kenya. Since 1999, before becoming one of the youngest Silks in 2006, Khawar was one of around 20 UK Government "A" Panel Treasury Counsel and had the highest level of UK Security Clearance, advising and representing UK authorities, such as the SFO and Ministry of Defence, on hundreds of matters including UN/EU/UK Sanctions. He has undertaken dozens of arbitrations as Lead Counsel including ICSID, UNCITRAL, LCIA, ICC, SIAC matters. He has undertaken many arbitration and Court matters for and against African as well as GCC states in the mining and energy sector.

Khawar has appeared at all levels of the English Courts, and was the first English Barrister ever to establish an office outside the UK at the Qatar Financial Centre in 2008. He has taught Commercial and International law at Cambridge University, LSE and Kings College London; was Chairman of TheCityUK Legal Services Group from 2010 to 2015; and was appointed a Deputy High Court Judge in 2013.



### **Asel El Housan**

AEH Consultancy

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Asel El Housan is a Civil Engineer and a veteran of the international construction industry with more than twenty-seven years of experience in the construction field. She is the founder and the Managing Director of AEH Consultancy. She is an arbitrator and expert witness. Her experience ranges in between many countries including UAE, UK, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Thailand, and Nepal. Asel is a FIDIC affiliate member and certified trainer, she is also a member of many associations like DRBF, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Society of Construction Law, Adjudication Society, and Scottish arbitration centre.



### **Professor Emilia Onyema**

SOAS, University of London

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Emilia Onyema is an independent arbitrator and a Professor of International Commercial Law at SOAS University of London where she teaches international commercial arbitration, international investment law and commercial law in a global context. She is qualified to practice law in Nigeria, as a Solicitor in England & Wales, and Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She is a Board member of the Africa Arbitration Association, and member of the courts of several arbitration centres including Dubai International Arbitration Centre, Lagos Court of Arbitration, BVI Centre Arbitration Committee, Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration centre, and Tashkent International Arbitration Centre. She convenes the SOAS Arbitration in Africa conference series and leads the SOAS Arbitration in Africa biennial survey research project; she co-authored the African Promise and founded the Arbitration Fund for African Students (AFAS) a registered charitable organisation in England to support students with interest in arbitration. Her research interests focus on the development of international arbitration in Africa and the engagement of Africans in international arbitration. She has experience as presiding, co and sole arbitrator, and acts as legal expert witness in international arbitration. She actively publishes and speaks on topics relevant to her research interests.



## Sanjeev Bahl

FTI Consulting

Sanjeev is a managing director and expert witness at FTI Consulting. His focus is on the quantification of damages and lost profits in the energy sector, including those arising from BIT arbitration, alleged misconduct, and breach of contract. Previous experiences include contributing to the preparation of expert reports before LCIA, UNCITRAL, PCA and SIAC Tribunals, including four matters with claimed quantum in excess of USD \$1 billion. FTI is actively involved in renewable energy disputes and consulting engagements and Sanjeev is expanding the firm's dispute related expertise in these areas.

Sanjeev has over 20 years of sector experience and has valued companies and assets across the energy sector value chain (including upstream, downstream, services and industrials) and spanning over 35 countries for investment banks and has oil and gas sector practical experience having worked at ExxonMobil as a Chartered Engineer in both engineering and commercial roles.



## Clarissa Coleman

DAC Beachcroft LLP

Clarissa Coleman is Head of International Arbitration and a partner in the Commercial Litigation and Disputes group in the firm's London office, which was named "Arbitration Team of the Year" at the British Legal Awards 2022.

Clarissa advises corporates and individuals on multi-jurisdictional disputes and arbitration, enforcement strategies, reputation and crisis management, internal and external investigations, ethics and governance.

Clarissa has extensive experience (private practice and in-house) of regulatory investigations and claims relating to private equity structures, fee agreements, shareholder agreements, failed joint ventures and contractual disputes.

Clarissa has been listed as a leading lawyer for the UK in 2017, 2018 and 2019 in Who's Who Legal: Investigations in Conjunction with Global Investigations Review and listed in the 8th and 9th edition of the Expert Guides Women in Business Law as one of 9 litigation experts for the UK.

Legal 500 2020 stated "Clarissa Coleman is clever, tenacious, energetic and a great team manager", in 2021 described her as "superb" and in 2022 as a "fantastic brainstormer".



## **Değer Boden**

Boden Law

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Değer practices in energy, infrastructure, climate change and arbitration matters and has frequently acted as an arbitrator in disputes. Taking on an active role in environment protection, Deger regularly lectures and speaks on climate change and sustainability matters. She is a member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Energy and Sustainable Development (CESD) of Kadir Has University and a Board Member in the Carbon Footprint and Sustainability Association. Değer is listed in the Legal 500, Chambers & Partners, IFLR 1000 and Who's Who Legal as a leading individual for her energy and natural resources' practices. She is Chair of the Energy Commission of Istanbul Arbitration Center (ISTAC).



## **Jide Adesokan**

Stephenson Harwood LLP

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Jide is a partner that specialises in complex cross border international arbitration and litigation. His practice covers a broad range of sectors including various aspects of energy, banking, commodities. In these sectors, he has undertaken arbitrations and litigations arising out of petroleum agreements, share and asset purchase agreements as well as shareholder disputes. Born and raised in Nigeria, Jide has particular valuable insight in African disputes and is frequently involved in disputes of economic and strategic importance across Africa, including in Nigeria, Kenya and Zambia. He has acted as counsel in arbitral proceedings under various institutional rules including in particular LCIA and ICC, as well as in ad hoc proceedings. He is dual-qualified as a solicitor and barrister in both England and Nigeria, where he spent a year working in the arbitration practices of a leading Nigerian law firm. Jide also worked for two years at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague, providing legal support to arbitral tribunals in disputes involving states and state entities. He has been recognised by the Legal 500 as a "next generation partner". He is on the panel of arbitrators of the Arbitration Foundation of South Africa.



**Lawrence Ngugi**  
Nairobi Centre for International

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Lawrence is the Registrar/Chief Executive of the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration. He is an arbitrator and accredited mediator and has previously served as Chief State Counsel (Head of Commercial Litigation & Arbitration). Lawrence was a Member of Kenya's representatives to the UNCITRAL Working Group II Arbitration & Conciliation and Working Group III Online Dispute Resolution. He has handled high profile, complex litigation, arbitration, and international investor-state disputes under the ICC, UNCITRAL and ICSID rules. Lawrence is a Certified Public Secretary and a Research fellow of the East China University of Politics and Law.



**Cherine Ghali**  
Ghali & Co

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Cherine Ghali is Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and focuses on arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. She is admitted to practice as a solicitor in England and Wales, an Attorney in the State of New York and also has Higher Rights of Audience (Civil Advocacy) in England and Wales. She has worked with leading UK and US law firms in London and Paris, and has extensive experience in the Middle East working with and advising government and private companies on some of the most complex finance and development projects in the region and internationally. She currently has her own practice in the UAE - Ghali & Co and accepts arbitrator appointments.



## **Daniel Correa**

DAC Consulting Services

Daniel Correa is the Managing Director of DAC Consulting Services worldwide, which is a leading specialist group in providing Forensic Engineering and Expert Witness services to the engineering and construction industry worldwide, headquartered in London UK.

Daniel is a Chartered Engineer in the United Kingdom, a member of the Mechanical Engineering Institute in London, a Member of the Institute of Engineering and Technology, a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Member of the Project Management Institute, a Member of the Academy of Experts, and a Director of the Expert Witness Institute.

Daniel has extensive experience as a Senior Forensic Engineer, as a Technical Expert, and as a Scheduling Expert (Forensic Delay and Disruption Analysis), with a wide range of expertise within the Construction sector.

Similarly, Daniel has been appointed on several occasions as a Coordinating Expert, leading complex construction disputes by managing different commercial and technical disciplines. This has led to the preparation of comprehensive and cohesive Expert Reports under one organised group.

Daniel has acted as an expert witness in various jurisdictions. He has given evidence before arbitral tribunals (including ICC, LCIA, DIAC) and in High Court (UK) on a number of occasions.



## **Steven Finizio**

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP

Steven is a partner in Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP's international arbitration and dispute resolution group. He has acted as counsel in both institutional and ad hoc arbitration proceedings, involving the laws of jurisdictions in Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, and the US, as well as disputes under bilateral and regional treaties. He has appeared as counsel in regional and other international courts and has assisted in drafting arbitration legislation. He also serves as an arbitrator and is a member of the LCIA Court and the GIAC Advisory Council. A Professor of Practice at SOAS University of London, Steven also writes frequently on international dispute resolution issues, and his publications include "A Practical Guide to International Commercial Arbitration: Assessment, Planning and Strategy" and "Energy Arbitration in Africa" in The Middle Eastern and African Arbitration Review.



## **Daniel Wilmot**

Stewarts

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Daniel is a Partner at Stewarts, the largest disputes-only law firm in the UK. He specialises in international arbitration and arbitration-related litigation. Daniel is highly regarded and individually ranked by leading directories such as Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, and Who's Who Legal. Clients and the market have described him as an exceptional talent and a brilliant lawyer with a prescient understanding of tribunal decisions.



## **Dr Jamie Trinidad KC**

Albertson Solicitors

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Jamie is Senior Counsel at Albertson Solicitors, Fellow and Director of Studies in Law at Wolfson College, Cambridge, Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, and a Consultant at Isolus LLP (Gibraltar's oldest law firm). He is a general international lawyer who acts for governments, corporations and individuals on a wide range of advisory and contentious matters. He is the author or editor of several works on international law in leading book series and journals. He has a PhD in international law from Cambridge.



## **James M. Turner KC**

Quadrant Chambers

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James has decades of experience across shipbuilding, offshore construction and energy disputes, almost all of it gained in arbitration. In addition to his work as counsel, he is increasingly appointed as arbitrator, particularly under LCIA, ICC and NAI rules. Fluent in Dutch and German, he is one of very few non-Dutch lawyers on the NAI and UNUM lists of arbitrators and is also on the arbitrator panels of the Asian and Shanghai International Arbitration Centres.



### **Luis Martinez**

International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR)

Luis M. Martinez is Vice President of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution, (ICDR) the international division of the American Arbitration Association, (AAA) and is an Honorary President of the Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission, (IACAC). Luis M. Martinez as the Vice President of the ICDR located in New York serves as an integral part of the ICDR's international strategy team and is responsible for international arbitration and mediation business development for the East Coast of the United States (from Maine to Florida), Central and South America, the Caribbean, EU and UK. Mr. Martinez is also responsible for case administration of international cases out of the AAA-ICDR's Miami office. Mr. Martinez joined the AAA in 1996 as the first attorney hired to staff the newly created ICDR and later served as the ICDR's first director. Mr. Martinez worked as the Vice President responsible for the ICDR's international administrative services and prior to that held the position of a staff attorney for the AAA's Office of the General Counsel before assuming his current position.



### **Dr Victoria Nalule**

Nalule Energy & Minerals Consultants

Dr. Victoria is a lawyer and an expert in Energy and Mining. She holds a PhD in International Energy Law and Policy. As the CEO of Nalule Energy & Minerals Consultants (NEM Energy), she brings extensive experience working on global projects. Dr. Victoria is also an Energy & Natural Resources Law Lecturer at the University of Bradford, UK. She serves as an Arbitrator at the Energy Disputes Arbitration Center (EDAC) in Turkey and is a committee member at the International Law Association (ILA).





## **Gillian Carmichael Lemaire**

Carmichael Lemaire Ltd

Gillian Carmichael Lemaire is an experienced international disputes practitioner who has transitioned into a role as a mediator and arbitrator. With over 35 years of practice as counsel, she brings a wealth of expertise to her current position. Gillian is recognized as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and holds multiple accreditations in mediation. She is qualified as a member of both the Paris Bar and as a solicitor in Scotland. Gillian's work encompasses a broad range of cases, including private and public international law matters. She handles commercial disputes, investor-State disputes, and civil cases, representing businesses, individuals, as well as States and public sector bodies.



## **Lindy Patterson KC**

39 Essex Chambers

Lindy Patterson KC is a highly regarded full-time independent arbitrator, dispute board member, and adjudicator associated with 39 Essex Chambers. She is widely recognized as a leading arbitrator for complex disputes in the infrastructure, energy, and construction sectors, handling cases under both civil and common law systems. Lindy holds the designation of chartered arbitrator and honorary fellow of RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) and CICES (Chartered Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors). In addition to her expertise in infrastructure, energy, and construction, Lindy also arbitrates in general commercial contracts and real estate disputes. She operates across multiple jurisdictions, including both civil and common law systems, and handles cases governed by various laws. Lindy has received appointments from prominent arbitration institutions such as ICC, LCIA, DIAC, NAI, and ADCCAC.



## **Peter Cameron**

University of Dundee

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He is one of the world's leading authorities on energy law. He is a barrister (England & Wales, arbitrator, and currently Professor of International Energy Law and Director of the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy at the University of Dundee in Scotland. Peter has a distinguished career in arbitration, serving as an arbitrator in various international dispute settlement bodies, such as ICSID (International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes) and ICC (International Chamber of Commerce). He has also provided extensive expert witness testimony for over 15 years before SIAC (Singapore International Arbitration Centre), ICC, LCIA (London Court of International Arbitration), and SCC (Stockholm Chamber of Commerce). Peter is a prolific author, with notable works including the book "International Energy Investment Law: The Pursuit of Stability" (second edition, 2021). He holds the position of editor-in-chief for the journal "Global Energy Law and Sustainability" published by Edinburgh University Press.



## **Charlie Morgan**

Herbert Smith Freehills

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Charlie is an international arbitration lawyer specialising in energy and technology disputes. He helps clients to resolve complex international disputes across a range of jurisdictions, with a particular focus on Africa. Charlie advises energy and technology companies on a wide range of commercial disputes, including cross-border disputes, fraud claims, and post-M&A, joint venture, and shareholder disputes. Charlie's recent experience includes advising global technology companies, digital assets companies, energy majors, and cryptoasset companies in high-value and complex disputes.



## **Michael Patchett-Joyce**

The 36 Group

Michael Patchett-Joyce is an international barrister, arbitrator, and mediator at The 36 Group in London. Michael's practice covers a wide range of complex commercial work, including commercial litigation, international commercial arbitration, indirect taxation, and cyber and digital regulation. He has been instructed in cases at every level of the courts and tribunals hierarchy in England and Wales and has acted in cases before the European Court in Luxembourg.



## **Lady Olga Maitland**

Algerian British Business Council (ABBC)

Lady Olga Maitland, chairman, Algeria British Business Council President Defence and Security Forum, chairman Advisory Board, Audere International. Currently regular speaker at corporate risk and security conferences, both in the UK and internationally. Former Member of Parliament, 1992 – 1997. Parliamentary Private secretary, to Rt., Hon. Sir John Wheeler, JP, DL Minister of State, Northern Ireland responsible for security.



## **Daniel Turner**

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Daniel is a highly experienced forensic accountant and serves as the Head of Arbitration at Grant Thornton, based in the United Kingdom. With over 20 years of accounting experience, he has dedicated the past 15 years to specialising in forensic accounting services for commercial disputes and financial investigations. Daniel has established a strong reputation for delivering top-quality forensic engagements. He frequently acts as an expert witness, providing valuable insights in various matters such as transactional disputes, valuations, commercial transactions, breach of contract, professional negligence, and loss of profits. He has prepared expert witness reports under the rules of multiple court and arbitral proceedings, including ICC (International Chamber of Commerce), LCIA (London Court of International Arbitration), UNCITRAL (United Nations Commission on International Trade Law), DIAC (Dubai International Arbitration Centre), and JCAA (Japan Commercial Arbitration Association). Additionally, Daniel has been appointed as an expert in determinations and has provided support in mediation processes.



**Vivek Kapoor**

39 Essex Chambers

Vivek Kapoor is a highly skilled barrister, advocate, and arbitrator specialising in intricate commercial and investor-state disputes. He possesses extensive expertise in handling disputes arising from the energy sector. Vivek has acted and provided counsel in disputes involving various aspects of the energy industry, including oil and gas, renewables, nuclear power, electricity generation, thermal power, energy transition technologies, water, mining, and commodities such as minerals and petrochemicals. His clients in the energy and natural resources sector encompass a wide range of entities, including sovereign states, state-owned companies, developers, public and private utilities, independent power producers, energy tech companies, investors, and lenders. Additionally, Vivek has significant experience in the infrastructure and construction sector and has dealt with disputes related to energy infrastructure projects.



**Martin Burns**

RICS

Martin has worked for RICS over 30 years, and he specialises in alternative dispute resolution (ADR). His current role is to work with government and industry bodies in the UK and globally to design and implement sensible and cost-effective ways for people and businesses to avoid and manage disputes concerning land, property and construction. Martin has been involved in projects to design tailored ADR solutions for a wide range of sectors, including CPO, commercial property, planning and development and construction. He is working with government officials, RICS members and other sector professionals in Canada, China, India and the Middle East on the development of conflict avoidance and management measures for the construction and engineering sector. Martin currently represents RICS on the pan-industry Conflict Avoidance Coalition, which is comprised of senior directors drawn from leading professional and industry bodies.



## **Laurence Franc-Menget**

Herbert Smith Freehills

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Laurence is a Partner in Herbert Smith Freehills' International Arbitration team in Paris. Doctor in Law, Laurence has over 15 years of experience both in international commercial arbitration and in investment arbitrations (she has acted as counsel, for example in ICC, UNCITRAL, CIRDI, AFA, and SCC arbitrations as well as ad hoc arbitrations). More specifically, she often advises on energy, construction, corporate and distribution arbitrations. She advises States and investors regarding investment arbitrations, with a particular focus on Africa. Laurence also acts as an arbitrator and appears before French Courts, both in international private law disputes and in cases arising from arbitration (i.e. jurisdictional issues, enforcement proceedings, and proceedings aiming to set aside arbitral awards).



## **Duncan Bagshaw**

Howard Kennedy LLP

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Duncan is a barrister and a partner and head of the international arbitration team at Howard Kennedy in London. He acts as counsel in arbitration proceedings and in international litigation. He specialises in disputes relating to energy contracts, largely in the oil & gas and power sectors. He has worked on some of the most important cases concerning African jurisdictions in recent years, including acting for states and in multi-billion dollar court proceedings. Duncan is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and sits as arbitrator in selected cases. He is a member of the ICC UK Arbitration Committee, and the acting Registrar of the Scottish Arbitration Centre.



## **Kirtan Prasad**

RPC Law Firm

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Kirtan is a Singapore, English and NY qualified commercial disputes lawyer with a specialism in international arbitration. She has been recognised as a Future Leader in Arbitration by Who's Who Legal and as a Rising Star in International Arbitration by the Legal 500 directory. She practised in Singapore for a number of years before moving to London. Her experience includes disputes across a number of industry sectors, including finance, energy, automobile manufacturing, hotel management and shipping. She has acted in disputes relating to Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Africa under a range of arbitral rules, including the LCIA, ICC, SIAC, SCMA, DIAC, UNCITRAL and ICSID, as well as before the English Commercial Courts.



## **Tarek Eltumi**

Eltumi & Co

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Tarek is a dual Libyan/New York qualified lawyer, who is fluent in both English and Arabic. Tarek advises on general corporate and commercial matters (foreign direct investment, joint ventures, restructurings), project development, finance and dispute resolution.

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