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Jonathan Bellamy has an established litigation, arbitration and advisory practice in commercial law. His sector experience includes commercial contracts, construction, infrastructure, energy, insurance and reinsurance, sale of goods and services, IT contracts, public private partnerships (PPP)/private finance initiative (PFI), banking and financial services, information law, professional liability and professional sport.

He is ranked in the legal directories as a leading barrister in the UK in international arbitration, insurance and reinsurance and professional sport, in the Asia Pacific and Europe Middle East Africa regions in commercial (tier 1 and band 2) and in the Asia Pacific region in construction, energy and infrastructure (tier 1).

Jonathan has experience of disputes governed by other common law systems including Hong Kong law, Singapore law and prominent civil law systems including French law and United Arab Emirates (UAE) law. He practices from our offices in London and Singapore. He is a Registered Legal Practitioner at the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) courts in Dubai.

Jonathan is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a practising national and international Chartered Arbitrator. He has sat in over 40 arbitrations in the commercial, construction and professional sport sectors. He sits as sole and panel arbitrator and chairman by institutional appointment (including International Court of Arbitration (ICC), Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) and United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)/ad hoc.



Areas of expertise

Commercial

- Banking and Financial Services
- Civil Fraud
- Commercial Contracts
- Energy (Commercial)
- Insurance and Reinsurance
- International Arbitration
- Professional Negligence
- PPP/PFI

Construction

- Construction Professionals' Liability
- Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Disputes
- Energy (Construction)
- Insurance (Construction)
- International Arbitration (Construction)
- Property Damage

Energy and Natural Resources

- Nuclear Energy
- Oil and Gas

Sport

- Arbitrators (Sport)
- Commercial (Sport)
- Data Protection (Sport)
- Regulatory (Sport)

Alternative Dispute Resolution

- Arbitrators

Sport

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Jonathan has an established litigation, arbitration and advisory counsel practice in professional sports law with particular experience in professional football. He acts for regulatory bodies, governing bodies, players and commercial contracting parties. His work covers the full range of commercial law practice areas in the sports sector, including commercial contracts, agency, sponsorship rights, image rights, online gaming, governance, insurance, data protection and information law, service agreements, regulatory and professional liability.

Jonathan is also a busy practising Chartered Arbitrator in the professional sport sector with particular experience in professional football, rugby union, motor sports and cycling. His appointments include arbitrations under the auspices of the ICC, the Football Association (FA), the English Football League (EFL)

and Sport Resolutions.

Jonathan is Vice-Chair of the English Football Leagues's Club Financial Review Panel and a specialist legal member of the FA Judicial Panel.

Recommendations

- *"Jonathan Bellamy is prominent in commercial and sport arbitration."*Chambers and Partners (2023)
- *"A very experienced and skilful advocate. Knows the key issues the tribunal wishes to be addressed on. Exceptional in cross-examining expert witnesses."*The Legal 500 (2022) International Arbitration
- *"Great for difficult and complex insurance points – he is a real authority on the subject and always provides considered commercial advice. Also, a first-class advocate."*The Legal 500 (2022) Insurance and Reinsurance
- *"Jonathan is a go-to counsel for sports regulatory work; he is unparalleled in this area."*The Legal 500 (2022) Sport
- *"He has a strong following among clients based in Asia. He understands the cultural nuances of doing business in the region and works incredibly hard."*The Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2022)
- *"Excellent advocacy skills and not afraid to tackle difficult issues."*... The Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2022) Construction, Energy and Infrastructure
- *"A highly astute legal mind"*The Legal 500 (2021) Insurance and Reinsurance
- *"Very experienced in construction disputes"*The Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2020) Construction, Energy and Infrastructure
- *"Favoured by governing bodies and others for difficult regulatory matters in sports such as football and horse racing."*Chambers (2020) Sport
- *"Very strong at sports cases with a commercial and arbitration angle"*The Legal 500 (2020) Sport
- *"A first-rate football litigator and a renowned arbitrator."*The Legal 500 (2019) Sport

Memberships

- Barrister: England & Wales
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb): Fellow (FCI Arb) and Chartered Arbitrator (C.Arb)
- DIFC Courts: Registered Legal Practitioner (Part II: Full Rights of Audience):
- Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
- Technology & Construction Bar Association (TECBAR)
- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)

Qualifications

Education

- 1982-85 Jesus College, Oxford University MA (Hons) Jurisprudence

Scholarships and prizes

- 1986 Lincoln's Inn Lord Denning Scholarship

Additional information

- CEDR Accredited Mediator

Publications:

- Wilmot-Smith on Construction Contracts (4th Edition) – Contributor, Oxford University Press 2021
- Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage in Countries Developing Nuclear New Build Programmes, Journal of World Energy Law & Business, Oxford University Press 2018
- Sports Governance in the Modern World of Commercial Sport, Sport Resolutions UK Handbook 2018
- Bullen & Leake & Jacobs: Precedents of Pleadings, 18th Edition Sweet & Maxwell 2015

In addition to various international common law jurisdictions in Asia, North America and the Caribbean, Jonathan has experience of applicable civil law systems including Egypt, France, Netherlands, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey and UAE.

Appointments

- 2005 – date: Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – Panel of Commercial Arbitrators
- 2010 – date: Asian International Arbitration Centre – Panel of Arbitrators
- 2012 – date: Sport Resolutions UK – Panel of Arbitrators and International Panel (Legal Arbitrator)
- 2012 – date: Football League: Football Disciplinary Commission – Panel of Chairmen
- 2017 – date: Thailand Arbitration Centre – Panel of Arbitrators
- 2019 – date: Indian Dispute Resolution Centre – Panel of Arbitrators
- 2021 – date: Shanghai Arbitration Commission – Panel of Arbitrators
- 2024 – date: Oman Commercial Arbitration Centre – Panel of Arbitrators
- 2022 – date: Vice-Chair of the English Football Leagues' Club Financial Review Panel
- 2022 – date: Independent Specialist Panel Member of the Football Association's Judicial Panel
- 2002 – date: Recorder of the Crown Courts
- 2011 – date: Recorder of the Civil Courts

Languages

- English
- French

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