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"Karim combines incandescent intelligence with an unparalleled work ethic, and he is often said to be one of the very top talents of his generation."

The Legal 500 2022

Karim Ghaly KC specialises in the litigation and arbitration of substantial commercial disputes in the fields of construction and engineering, energy and natural resources, infrastructure, insurance, and PPP/PFI.

He has acted as counsel or arbitrator in complex disputes arising out of projects in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East, North America, South America and the UK.

Karim is recognised as one of the leading advocates in his areas of practice. He is recommended for Commercial Dispute Resolution, Construction, Energy and Natural Resources, International Arbitration, PPP/PFI and Professional Negligence by Chambers and Partners, Chambers Global, The Legal 500, The Legal 500 Middle East and Who's Who Legal.

Areas of expertise

Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Disputes

Energy and Natural Resources

Insurance and Reinsurance

International Arbitration

PPP/PFI

Energy and Natural Resources

"He is strategic about how he cross-examines; he really digs deep and does the work...He conveys really complex ideas in a really accessible way." Chambers Global 2022: Energy and Natural Resources.

Karim's work in this sector encompasses a range of industries including oil and gas, wind, solar, biofuel, electricity, mining and water. He represents and advises a diverse client base, ranging from national oil companies to institutional investors to specialist contractors.

Cases of note

- **ICC Arbitration** – represented a national oil company in a US\$500m claim/counterclaim concerning the redevelopment of an oil refinery.
- **DIAC Arbitration** – party nominated arbitrator in a gas storage dispute.
- ***Stena Oilfield Services Limited v Tullow Ghana*** – represented Tullow in a Commercial Court dispute arising out of a contract for the provision of a drilling rig for a project offshore Ghana.
- **Resource Recovery Solutions v Derbyshire County Council & Derby City Council** – represented the public sector partners in £170m TCC dispute arising out of a PPP agreement for the provision and operation of an Energy from Waste plant.
- **LCIA Arbitration** – acted for the operator in a JOA dispute arising out of an African oil and gas project.

Recommendations

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Recent quotes from clients, as reported by these directories, include:

"Very hard-working and a brilliant strategist, he's a proper legal chess player who out manoeuvres the opposition", "He just exudes confidence and ability so clients are happy to listen to him." Chambers and Partners 2022.

"Extremely effective in cross-examination, fantastic on his feet." Chambers and Partners 2021.

"An extremely talented oral advocate and a brutally effective cross-examiner." The Legal 500 2021.

"Commercially astute and great to work with." Who's Who Legal 2021.

Memberships

Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Member of the London Court of International Arbitration.

Member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration.

Member of the Society of Construction Law.

Fellow of the Society for Advanced Legal Studies, University of London.

Qualifications

Education

1995-1998 - Oxford University, St Edmund Hall: BA Jurisprudence, First Class.

Scholarships

St Edmund Hall Scholarship.

Princess Royal Scholarship, Inner Temple.

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