



India and International Commercial Arbitration

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A seminar looking at commercial arbitration in India and related to India

Chaired by **Marion Smith**

Anirudh Krishnan

Advocate of the Madras High Court

The Powers of Indian Courts to interfere in arbitrations conducted abroad:
from Bhatia to BALCO

Adrian Winstanley

Director General, LCIA

Emerging Arbitral Institutions and Venues – Why India?

David Brynmor Thomas

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Arbitrating Indian Deals and Inward Investments

At: Thirty Nine Essex Street Chambers, 39 Essex Street, London WC2R 3AT

Time: 6 pm

The seminar will be followed by refreshments.

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Speakers



Anirudh Krishnan

Anirudh Krishnan is an Advocate of the Madras High Court and is qualified as a Solicitor of England and Wales. After graduating from NALSAR University, Hyderabad he worked at Clifford Chance, London as part of the arbitration team. He completed the BCL at the University of Oxford before joining the Madras Bar.

He has written extensively on Indian arbitration law and is the Chief- editor of Justice R.S. Bachawat's Law of Arbitration and Conciliation- a leading commentary on Indian arbitration law, which has been cited by a number of Indian Courts. Among other cases he was involved in the review of Bhatia International v. Bulk Trading by the Constitution Bench of the Indian Supreme Court.



Adrian Winstanley

Adrian Winstanley is the Director General of the LCIA and a member of the LCIA Court and Board. He fulfils the role of Chief Executive Officer, with day-to-day responsibility for all aspects of the conduct of the business of the LCIA and is the principal point of contact between the institution and its Board and Court.

As Registrar of the LCIA between January 1997 and April 2008, Adrian oversaw the administration of many hundreds of arbitrations, arising from the widest range of international commercial contracts.

He also sits on the Board of the International Dispute Resolution Centre (IDRC) in London, which provides comprehensive ADR support services. Adrian is a Vice President of the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI), of which he was formerly the Secretary Treasurer between 2000 and 2009.

Adrian has a BSc with first class honours from the London School of Economics, a diploma in law from Westminster University, and is an English solicitor, having been in practice at Clifford Chance before his appointment as Registrar of the LCIA in January 1997.



David Brynmor Thomas

David Brynmor Thomas specialises in complex, high value International Commercial Arbitration and Litigation. He has appeared as advocate before a range of Tribunals, including under the Rules of the ICC, LCIA, ICDR and AAA, SCC, SIAC, the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and others, in a range of jurisdictions. He also sits as an arbitrator.

David has significant experience of disputes arising from India related transactions, including joint venture and shareholders' agreements; contractor and sub-contractor chains; EPC and other contracts; PSAs, JOAs and similar arrangements.

He has dealt with disputes across a wide range of industry sectors, including construction and engineering projects; oil and gas, power generation and other energy related issues; water and desalination plants; waste disposal; transportation, including rail and aviation; rig hire and related disputes; natural resources; and bonds, guarantees, pensions and other financial instruments.



Marion Smith

Marion Smith has extensive experience in complex multinational commercial and construction litigation. She has advised and represented a number of Indian companies involved in High Court litigation in London as well as international arbitration, across a range of industry sectors including the pharmaceutical and automotive industries. She is described as a barrister "... whose *'perseverance and determination are commendable and comforting to clients.'*" (Legal 500 2011) and as being "*commercially minded, pragmatic and brilliant at handling clients*" (Chambers & Partners 2011). She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a regular speaker on contract law issues in the UK and abroad.

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