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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

Insurance and Reinsurance

Karim undertakes a range of insurance work including disputes over issues of coverage, non-disclosure, misrepresentation and breach of warranty.

He has substantial experience of contractors' all risks, professional indemnity and property insurance disputes arising from construction and engineering, infrastructure and energy projects.

Cases of note

- **The Rugby Football Union v FM Conway Limited [2022] EWHC 956 (TCC)** – represented FM Conway in a dispute which raised questions as to the scope of the co-insurance defence under an “all risks” project policy, the means by which identified and unidentified parties participate in a project policy and a contractor’s insurable interest in the project property after the completion of its works.
- **LCIA Arbitration** – represented the underwriter in a property insurance coverage dispute.
- **Arbitration** – represented the underwriter in a marine cargo coverage dispute.
- **Adjudication** – acted for an NHS Trust in a dispute arising out of the insurance arrangements under a PFI agreement.

Recommendations

Karim is recommended for Commercial Dispute Resolution, Construction, Energy and Natural Resources, International Arbitration, PPP/PFI and Professional Negligence by Chambers & Partners, Chambers Global, the Legal 500, the Legal 500 Middle East and Who’s Who Legal.

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.

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