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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

Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Disputes

"His advocacy skills are phenomenal. He cross-examines fact and expert witnesses brilliantly." Chambers Global 2022: Construction.

Karim represents governments, private employers, developers, contractors and professionals in disputes arising out of significant construction, engineering and infrastructure projects. He has extensive experience of defective design and workmanship claims, delay claims, variation claims, unlawful termination claims, and negligence claims against construction professionals.

Cases of note

- **LCIA Arbitration** – party-nominated arbitrator in a US\$500m dispute arising out of the construction of a mixed-use development in the Middle East.
- ***The Rugby Football Union v FM Conway Limited* [2022] EWHC 956 (TCC)** – acted for the contractor in a TCC claim arising out of upgrade works to Twickenham Stadium.
- **ICC Arbitration** – represented the main contractor JV in a US\$500m dispute arising out of an infrastructure project in the UAE.
- **ICC Arbitration** – acted for a contractor in a US\$100m claim/counterclaim relating to the construction of a combined-cycle gas power plant.
- **ICC Arbitration** – represented the contractor in a US\$50m prolongation and variations claim arising out of a marine infrastructure project in South America.

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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