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The Legal 500

Peter Rees QC specialises in international commercial arbitration and is widely recognized as one of the leading practitioners in this area in the world. He has been recommended as a leading expert in international commercial arbitration, commercial litigation, construction and energy by various directories including Chambers UK, Chambers Europe, the Euromoney Guides to the World’s Leading Litigation Lawyers and Experts in Commercial Arbitration, Legal 500 UK, Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Who’s Who Legal and Chambers Global.

Peter has extensive experience, both as arbitrator and counsel, in handling large scale and complex disputes in many industrial and commercial sectors and diverse jurisdictions and subject to a wide variety of governing laws. In addition he has deep knowledge in anti-bribery and corruption law, having led one of the teams in the largest and most extensive corporate internal investigation into bribery and corruption, namely the investigation into Siemens.

Peter Rees QC was Legal Director and a Member of the Executive Committee of Royal Dutch Shell Plc from 1 January 2011 until he stepped down at the beginning of 2014. In that role he had ultimate responsibility for the Shell global legal function and for advising the Shell Group management on all legal matters of group-wide importance. Prior to joining Shell Peter spent 27 years at Norton Rose, including 8 years as Head of Global Dispute Resolution, and 5 years as a litigation and arbitration partner at Debevoise & Plimpton.

AWARDS

- 2009 – TeCSA Clare Edwards Award for Contribution to the Practice of Construction Law.
- 2012 – Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution Corporate Leadership Award.
- 2013 – Association of Corporate Counsel – European Corporate Counsel of the Year – Litigation.
- 2013 – Association of Corporate Counsel – Global Corporate Counsel of the Year – Litigation.
- 2013 – Director’s Roundtable World Recognition of Distinguished General Counsel.

- 2017 – Legal Era Magazine – QC of the Year.

PUBLICATIONS

- The legal textbook “Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments – Briggs & Rees” (from First Edition (1993) to Fifth Edition (2009) – with Adrian Briggs) (Lloyds of London Press).
- Chapter on Negotiating Architects Appointments (Lloyds of London Press).
- Chapter on “The Vienna Convention on the International Sale of Goods” (Kluwer).
- Chapter on “European Community Public Procurement Obligations in the Construction Industry” (Kluwer).
- Chapter on UK Public Procurement in “International Public Procurement” (Oceania).
- Chapter on Construction Contracts in “Structuring International Contracts” (Kluwer).
- The Conduct of International Arbitration in England: the Challenge has Still to be Met (Arbitration International (LCIA)).
- Arbitration Awards “Through the Looking Glass” (with apologies to Lewis Carroll) (with Louise Byrne) (IBA Arbitration Committee Journal).
- Dissenting Opinions; Can they Fulfil a Beneficial Role? (with Patrick Rohn) (Arbitration International (LCIA)).
- The Revised IBA Rules of Evidence (Arbitration (CIArb)).
- Dispute Management – Going Global (with Kathy Bryan) (Alternatives (CPR)).
- Mediators: Fit for Purpose? (Arbitration (CIArb)).
- Revenue Transparency: Global not Local Solutions (Journal of World Energy Law and Business).

PRACTICE AREAS

- ADR
- Commercial
- Construction
- International Arbitration

SECTORS

- Energy

- Infrastructure
 - Insurance
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ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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He has extensive experience, both as arbitrator and counsel, in handling large scale and complex disputes in many industrial and commercial sectors and diverse jurisdictions and subject to a wide variety of governing laws, including Bahraini, Bulgarian, German, Hong Kong, Irish, Laotian, Libyan, Turkish and Venezuelan in addition to the many cases he has handled subject to English law.

Peter is a Vice President of the Court of the London Court of International Arbitration, a former Member of the Governing Body of the ICC Court of Arbitration, a Member of the Board of Distinguished Advisors of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, a former Member of the Board of Trustees of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Member of the Advisory Board of the Vienna International Arbitration Centre, and a Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of World Energy Law and Business.

CASES

Disputes in which Peter has acted as arbitrator include:

- ICC arbitration subject to German law in relation to a dispute over the construction of a major scientific facility in South America.
- ICC arbitration subject to Turkish law arising out of a major construction project in Turkey.
- LCIA arbitration subject to English law in relation to a dispute arising out of the sale purchase agreement and option agreement to purchase shares in the parent company of a Kyrgyz mobile phone company.
- UNCITRAL arbitration subject to English law arising out of an infrastructure project in the Middle East.
- ICDR (AAA) arbitration subject to Irish law arising out of a hotel management agreement.
- ICC arbitration subject to English law in relation to a sub-sea pipe laying project in the Mediterranean.
- ICC arbitration subject to English law over the licencing of a pharmaceutical product.
- LCIA arbitration subject to English law arising out of a mobile telephone joint venture in Africa.
- ICC arbitration subject to English law arising out of a shareholders' agreement.

- LCIA gas price review arbitration.
- HKIAC arbitration subject to Hong Kong law arising out of a property development joint venture.
- SCIA Emergency Arbitrator appointment subject to English law arising out of a dispute between a sports team and a team member.
- ICANN dispute over award of top-level generic domain name.
- ICC arbitration subject to English law arising out of the granting of oil concessions in West Africa.
- LCIA arbitration subject to English law arising out of the shooting of a seismic programme.
- ICC arbitration subject to the law of a South American country arising out of a crude oil supply agreement.
- LCIA arbitration subject to Kuwaiti law arising out of the construction of pipelines.
- LCIA arbitration subject to English law arising out of the construction of an offshore platform.
- ICSID arbitration arising out of gas supply arrangements to a public utility in Turkey.
- ICC arbitration subject to English law arising out of the construction of a power project in the Middle East.
- ICC arbitration subject to Ontario law arising out of a construction project in Central America.
- ICC arbitration subject to English law arising out of an oil drilling project in West Africa.
- ICSID arbitration arising out of a construction project in Mozambique.
- ICC arbitration subject to Michigan law arising out of a raw materials supply contract.
- DIAC arbitration subject to UAE law arising out of a construction project in the Middle East.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Peter has been recommended as a leading expert in commercial and international arbitration, commercial litigation, construction and Energy by various directories including Chambers UK, Chambers Europe, the Euromoney Guides to the World's Leading Litigation Lawyers and Experts in Commercial Arbitration, UK Legal 500, Legal Experts and Who's Who Legal. He was listed as one of the top ten arbitrators at the Bar by Who's Who Legal in 2019.

"At the top of the field for energy-related construction disputes." Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019

"He's very smart, extremely creative and very knowledgeable about energy and infrastructure law." Chambers & Partners 2017

"He really knows the industry, not just issues in the industry. He understands the commercial drivers of why the case is there to begin with." Chambers & Partners 2017

"A well-known specialist in construction and energy arbitration." Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2016.

"Very persuasive as counsel and excellent as an arbitrator; his mix of experience can be matched by very few

others." Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2016

"He has a lot of gravitas and is an ideal arbitral chair." Legal 500 2016

"A persuasive advocate with deep knowledge of the energy sector." Legal 500 2015

"An outstanding chairman and clearly on top of the facts and issues in the case." Legal 500 2015

"Strong, decisive, clear-eyed, and well able to delineate between what is important and what is irrelevant." Legal 500 2015

"Peter Rees QC is a tenacious lawyer and a fearsome opponent." Chambers Global

APPOINTMENTS

Former Member of the Governing Body of the ICC Court of Arbitration

Former Chair – International Construction Projects Committee, International Bar Association

Former Chair – Technology and Construction Solicitors' Association

Former Vice-Chair of the European General Counsel's Association

Former Solicitor Representative – Technology and Construction Court

Former Chair – Board of Management of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Former Member of the Board of Trustees of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Former Council Member – Section on Business Law, International Bar Association

Former Chair – Corporate Counsel Forum, International Bar Association

Former Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of World Energy Law and Business

Member of the Council of ICC UK

Vice President of the Court of the London Court of International Arbitration

Member of the Board of Distinguished Advisors of the CPR Institute

Member of the Advisory Board of the Vienna International Arbitration Centre

Panel Member Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration

Panel Member Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre

QUALIFICATIONS

MA (Law – Downing College, Cambridge University)

MBA (Nottingham Trent University)

Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Chartered Arbitrator

Accredited Mediator – ADR Chambers

Accredited Adjudicator – TeCSA

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