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Scope of Practice

• Arbitration • Banking and Financial Services • Commercial Litigation • Company and Insolvency • Competition and EU Law • Civil Fraud and Investigations • Energy and Natural Resources • Insurance and Reinsurance • Online Gaming, IT and Telecommunications • Media, Entertainment and Broadcasting • Tax and Revenue

Overview

Building on many years' experience as a commercial lawyer with a substantial court, arbitration and advisory practice, Ian Glick now practices principally as an international commercial arbitrator.

Arbitrator and expert

His work as an arbitrator has included ICC, LCIA, SCC, SIAC, ICSID and ad hoc arbitrations, and he has also carried out many expert determinations. He has sat in London, Paris, Brussels, Stockholm, Milan, New York, Mumbai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Lusaka and Colombo, and has handled cases governed by civil law codes and by the laws of common law jurisdictions other than England.

Ian has arbitrated amongst other matters:

Disputes over whether the tribunal had jurisdiction to hear the claims put before it, and over whether previously entered settlement agreements were valid.

Disputed claims under insurance and reinsurance contracts (including Bermuda Form, excess of loss and multiline policies), including claims arising out of US mass tort litigation, the supply of products containing dangerous contaminants, structural failures on North Sea oil platforms, the use of pharmaceutical products, oil spills, and train crashes.

Oil and gas industry (including LNG) disputes, including disputed price reviews under long term supply contracts, and disputes over farmout agreements, over pipeline charges, over the provision of seismic acquisition services, and arising from contracts for the acquisition of emissions reductions units from gas distribution companies.

Disputed electricity price reviews.

Disputes arising out of share sale agreements concerning enterprises engaged in, amongst other things, gas exploration, dairy and agricultural business, electricity grid construction and maintenance, and the manufacture of medical instruments; and over whether one party had fraudulently induced another into jointly acquiring a failed

investment.

Disputes arising out of the international sale and purchase of goods, including aluminium, bitumen, steel and heavy machinery.

Disputes over loans and facility agreements, ISDA agreements, and over whether commission was payable under airline ticketing agreements.

Disputes in the telecommunications industry.

Construction industry disputes arising out of the construction of a nuclear power station in East Asia, the renovation of a power station in Eastern Europe (including whether certain provisions constituted an unenforceable penalty), out of a major road construction project in South Asia, and out of shipbuilding contracts with an Asian yard (including the question whether a party had withdrawn from an illegal contract in sufficient time to recover payments already made).

Disputes in the hotel management industry.

Disputes as to what constitutes a sufficient "investment" for the purpose of a bilateral investment treaty between Kazakhstan and the Netherlands (ICSID Case No. ARB/09/8).

Ian has also determined numerous commercial contractual disputes acting as an expert.

Adviser and advocate

His extensive experience of dealing with major disputes includes:

Advising and acting on questions of arbitration law, for example, *Lesotho Highlands Development Authority v. Impregilo SpA & Ors* [2005] UKHL 43, [2006] 1 AC 221 [House of Lords] (whether arbitrators' statutory powers to make an award in any currency and to grant pre-award interest were excluded by contract).

Advising and acting in competition matters, for example, *R on the application of T-Mobile (UK) Ltd & Ors. v. The Competition Commission & Anr.* [2003] EWHC 1566 (Admin) [Administrative Court] (a challenge to recommendations of the Competition Commission).

Advising and acting in investment, banking and banking regulation cases, for example, *Smith New Court Securities Ltd v. Citibank NA* [1997] AC 254 [House of Lords], (dealing with the principles for assessing damages for fraud).

Advising and acting for both insurance companies and regulators in insurance law and regulation matters, for example, *Fuji Finance Inc. v. Aetna Life Insurance Co. Ltd. & Anr.* 1997] Ch. 173 [Court of Appeal] (whether a contract under which the same sum was payable on surrender as on death was a policy of insurance within s.1 of the Life Assurance Act 1774 or was void under s.16 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982); and providing a joint opinion to the Financial Services Authority, with Richard Snowden KC, assessing the merits of the proposed Scheme of Arrangement in relation to Equitable Life.

Advising, and acting in arbitrations and expert determinations, in numerous oil, gas, and electricity matters.

Acting in revenue matters, particularly those raising major commercial issues, such as *Woolwich Equitable Building Society v. IRC* [1993] AC 70 [House of Lords] (whether tax unlawfully demanded was recoverable in restitution at common law; *Deeny v. Gooda Walker Ltd* [1996] 1 WLR 426 [House of Lords] (whether damages recovered for the negligence of Lloyds agents was taxable); *Pirelli Cable Holding NV v. IRC* [2006] UKHL 4, [2006] 1 WLR 400 [House of Lords] (whether tax credits received under a double tax convention should be brought into account in the assessment of compensation for loss of use of money); *Deutsche Morgan Grenfell Group Plc v. IRC* [2006] UKHL 49, [2007] 1 AC 558 [House of Lords] (whether tax paid under a mistake of law was recoverable in restitution at common law); *Boake Allen Ltd v. HMRC* [2007] UKHL 25, [2007] 1 WLR 1386 [House of Lords] (what was the effect of non discrimination articles in UK/US and UK/Japan double tax conventions); *Sempra Metals Ltd v. IRC* [2007] UKHL 34, [2008] AC 561 [House of

Lords] (whether compound interest was recoverable at common law); *HSBC Holdings plc & Anr. V. HMRC* [2009] EUECJ C-569/07 [Court of Justice of the European Communities] (whether charging Stamp Duty Reserve Tax on the issue of shares into a European clearance service was lawful).

In the course of his career, Ian has been standing Junior Counsel to the DTI in export credit cases, Chairman of the Commercial Bar Association, and a Deputy High Court Judge sitting in the Commercial Court and the Chancery Division. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

What the Directories Say

"He is very reliable and well prepared, and a compelling chair who is very experienced and runs cases immaculately." (Chambers UK Bar 2026, International Arbitration: Arbitrators)

"Ian Glick has an outstanding knowledge of the international arbitration practice. His clear, analytical approach to complex technical and legal issues is truly outstanding." (Chambers UK Bar 2026, International Arbitration: Arbitrators)

"Ian Glick is really highly regarded, incredibly clever and a good presider of arbitration matters" (Chambers UK Bar 2026, International Arbitration: Arbitrators)

"A thoughtful presiding arbitrator with a kindly manner." (Legal 500 2026, International Arbitration: Arbitrators)

"Ian combines long experience of practice at the top of the commercial bar with fierce intelligence and an ability to pare down a problem to its essentials." (Legal 500 2025, International Arbitration: Arbitrators)

"Ian is very measured, very popular and polite. The way he deals with conflict is masterful." (Chambers UK Bar 2025, International Arbitration: Arbitrators)

"Ian Glick is extremely bright and an arbitrator who thinks through matters well." (Chambers UK 2024 - International Arbitration)

"Ian is really excellent and has a mastery of the detail. He is very quick to grasp complex issues and distil them." (Chambers UK 2024 - International Arbitration)

"He is acutely intelligent and a repository of knowledge on applicable law and procedures. He is also crisp and efficient in analysing issues and formulating questions." (Chambers UK 2024 - International Arbitration)

Ian is ranked as a "Star Individual" in International Arbitration: Arbitrators and he is acknowledged as: *"A leading arbitrator in this country"*; *"Acutely intelligent, alert, and quick to get to the core of the matter. He is clear and concise in his questions to counsel and parties"; "He is fantastic and incredibly quick".* (Chambers UK Bar 2023)

"Ian has immense experience over many fields as an arbitrator. It is no surprise that he's one of the most in-demand arbitrators in London". (The Legal 500 2022-23)

Awards

Legal500 LEADING SILK 2027

2027 Chambers Top Ranked UK Bar One Essex Court

The Legal 500 HALL OF FAME

ONE ESSEX COURT

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