

Year called 1967

Silk 1982

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“One of the doyens of international arbitration”

Chambers & Partners

During his career at the Bar, John Tackaberry MA, LL.M (Pub Int Law), FCI Arb has undertaken a wide range of work both as a Junior – e.g. *Pickin v British Railways Board*, [1973] 1 QB 219, [1974] AC 765, *Anns v Walford* [1977] EGD 556, (*sub Nom Anns v Merton*) [1978] AC 728, *Birkett v James* [1978] AC 297 – before specialising as a silk initially in arbitration but subsequently including work in other capacities – for example recently as a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Governance Tribunal.

As well as work in the UK, he has a great deal of expertise in international disputes throughout Europe, the USA, The Middle East, the West Indies, Africa, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, India and South America. He is a member of, or has been admitted to the Bars of California, Ireland, Hong Kong (ad hoc), Malaysia (ad hoc) and New South Wales and has been heavily involved in ICC arbitrations. He sat as a recorder for 17 years and was appointed to the United Nations Compensation Commission for a five year term as chair of a construction panel. He has written and contributed widely, including in particular as Principal Editor of *Bernstein's Handbook of Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Practice*.

He undertakes work as an arbitrator, advocate, mediator, dispute board resolver, and adjudicator.

John is recommended as a leading Silk in 'International Arbitration: Arbitrators' by both Chambers UK 2014 and Legal 500. Legal 500 2014 also rank John a leading silk Construction Law.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction
- Commercial

SECTORS

- Energy

PRACTICE AREAS

CONSTRUCTION

Construction cases have included disputes about a hotel project in the Gambia; the construction of Fantasy Land in Paris; a glass walling contract in London; a lift installation contract in Hong Kong; prefabricated housing in Saudi Arabia; the Mercury Court office development in Liverpool; the Westminster and Chelsea Hospital building; local authority housing rehabilitation schemes; the construction of a tertiary education campus in Hong Kong plus related areas of dispute such as copyright issues re architects' designs.

COMMERCIAL

Commercial work has included a taxi franchise in the High Court; a bus contract in Turkey; a shore dealing dispute in Hong Kong and continental Europe; a commission dispute arising out of a Westland v Saudi Arabia (a major case in the 90s); a follow on dispute to the CME television rights dispute; an aircraft servicing dispute in Africa involving serious corruption issues.

Work at the UNCC involved five years of intensive dispute resolution on a paper only basis utilising a locally based legal team. 196 construction claims were addressed. The total value of the claims exceeded \$3 billion.

SECTORS

ENERGY

Engineering Work has included disputes about a gypsum plant in Jordan; a steel mill in Egypt; a major gas storage and pumping station in Poland; and LPG plant in Malaysia; underground storage of LPG in Australia; a catcracker (refinery equipment) in Australia; a mining collapse dispute; an undersea cable dispute (North Sea); a barge mounted generating plant in Bangladesh; a shipping dispute in India; and

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industrial boiler and water treatment installation plant in England; a major offshore fabrication dispute in the gulf; Connah's Quay, Kirkclareli and other combined cycle power stations; a coastal defence project;; the British Library M & E contract; the conversion of the Solitaire into the world's largest dynamically positioned pipelaying vessel and the BTC pipeline.

RECOMMENDATIONS

John is recommended as a leading Silk in Chambers UK 2014 and the Legal 500 for International Arbitration: Arbitrators. He was ranked in Chambers & Partners 2010 International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering and International Arbitration: Arbitrators and in Legal 500 2009 for Construction and Commercial Arbitration.

"The doyen of construction arbitrations." Legal 500 2015

"He is unparalleled and manages to remain unruffled when tackling difficult matters." Chambers & Partners 2015

"An arbitrator par excellence, and a real construction and commercial expert." Legal 2014

"A powerhouse; one of the finest barristers at the Bar" Legal 2014

"Unfailingly helpful and prompt, and discerning in his advice" Legal 2014

"Considered an eminent expert in the field of commercial arbitration, and is acknowledged by market sources as

'someone you would instinctively appoint in a major projects case'" Chambers UK 2013

"one of the doyens of international arbitration" Chambers & Partners 2010

"performs splendidly" Legal 500 2009

APPOINTMENTS

These include:

President of the Arbitration Club (current)

Past Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and first Chairman of its Executive Committee

Founding President of the Society of Construction Law

Past President of the European Society of Construction Law

Visiting Professor in Construction Law, Queensland University of Technology

Appointed a Recorder of the Crown Court: 1988 – 2005

Commissioner of the United Nations Compensation Commission: 1998 – 2003

QUALIFICATIONS

MA, LL.M (Pub Int Law), FCI Arb

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Registered Chartered Arbitrator
CEDR Mediator
RICS Dispute Board Panel.
KLRC Panel of Adjudicators
Adjudicator and D.R.B (Dispute Resolution Board) work
Admitted (as hoc) to the Bar of Trinidad and Tobago 2008
Admitted to the Bar of New South Wales (also QC) 1989
Admitted (ad hoc) to the Bar of Hong Kong
Admitted to the Bar of California 1988
Admitted to the Bar of Ireland 1987
Admitted (ad hoc) to the Bar of Malaysia

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AWARDS

Recipient of the 2006 President's Medal, awarded bi-annually by the Society of Construction Law for services to construction law

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