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Ben Williams is a Partner in the firm's Trial Practice and Global Disputes group. Ben has experience, including as advocate, resolving complex commercial disputes through litigation, arbitration and ADR.

Ben handles disputes in the courts and arbitration centers across Europe and the Middle East, acting for clients in a range of sectors, including international energy companies and financial institutions.

Ben obtained his LLB (with honors) from the University of Bristol and his LPC (with distinction) from BPP, London. He is qualified as a solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales and holds Higher Rights of Audience (Civil Proceedings). Ben is also an Attorney and Counselor at Law in New York State.

Matters

International Arbitration

Acting for an AIM listed oil and gas exploration and production company in a multi-million dollar claim against Italy under the Energy Charter Treaty.

Acting for the Republic of Turkey in two separate ICSID arbitrations brought by UK and Belgian investors under bi-lateral investment treaties

Acting for a major European oil and gas exploration and production company in respect of an LCIA arbitration concerning an asset in Kurdistan

Acting for an eastern European oil and gas exploration and production company in US\$ 100 million UNCITRAL proceedings against a major multinational in relation to a joint venture for the construction and operation of an LPG plant located in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Acting for a major US oil and gas exploration and production company in LCIA proceedings against an oil field owner in relation to an EPC contract for the construction and operation of a gas processing facility in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Acting for an insured (a US Government Agency) in three separate Bermuda form arbitrations relating to a US\$ 1 billion loss (involving successful coverage recovery exceeding US\$ 250 million) following an environmental incident.

Acting in LCIA arbitration proceedings for a leading European low fares airline against an Italian airport owner concerning unpaid contractual bonus fees.

Acting for an insured (a US utility company) in a Bermuda form arbitration relating to a US\$ 200 million loss following an environmental incident.

Acting in LCIA proceedings for a South African engineering company in connection with a dispute concerning a railway consortium in two African countries.

Acting in ICC proceedings for an Israeli engineering company and a public utility company in connection with a dispute involving a major water and sewerage project in the Caribbean.

Multi-jurisdiction litigation acting for an English online gaming company in connection with court proceedings in Malta and SCC arbitration proceedings in Sweden relating to a fraud committed against the company.

Litigation (reported cases)

Anatolie Stati, Gabriel Stati, Ascom Group S.A., Terra Raf Trans Trading Ltd. v The Republic of Kazakhstan [2015] EWHC 2542 (English Commercial Court Judgment – enforcement proceedings relating to a US\$ 500 million arbitration award under the Energy Charter Treaty).

Catalyst Managerial Services v Libya Africa Investment Portfolio [2015] EWHC 2044 (English Queen’s Bench Division Judgment – summary judgment proceedings relating to a multi-million dollar management consultancy services agreement).

Samir Arab v Raghida & 5 Others [2015] EWHC 1244 (English Commercial Court Judgment – summary judgment proceedings relating to fraud claims concerning a multi-million dollar Iraqi mobile telecommunications project).

Ryanair v The Commissioners for Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs [2013] FTC/20/2012 (English Upper Tribunal (Tax Chamber) Judgment – proceedings concerning taxation overpayments in the aviation sector).

Ryanair Limited -v- Gatwick Airport Limited (English Civil Aviation Authority Decisions 2013 & 2011 – Regulatory proceedings concerning airport charges).

Ryanair Limited -v- Esso Italiana S.r.l. [2013] EWCA Civ 1450 and [2012] EWHC 200 (Comm) (English Court of Appeal and Commercial Court Judgments – Jurisdiction challenge in relation to Anti-trust proceedings).

Sir Martin Broughton & Others -v- Thomas O. Hicks; George N. Gillett & Others (Liverpool Football Club litigation) [2012] various (English Commercial Court and Court of Appeal Judgments – fraud proceedings).

Etihad Airways P.J.S.C. and Aldar Properties P.J.S.C. -v- Force India Formula One Team Limited [2010] EWCA Civ 1051 (English Court of Appeal Judgment in relation to sports sponsorship agreement dispute).

Ryanair Limited -v- SR Technics Ireland Limited [2007] EWHC 3089 (QB) (English Queen’s

Bench Division Judgment in relation to hangar licence agreement).

Credentials

EDUCATION

L.P.C., BPP Law School, UK, distinction
LL.B. with Honours, University of Bristol, UK

ADMISSIONS

New York
Dubai International Financial Centre Courts
England and Wales
Law Society of England & Wales

Recognition

Notable Senior Associate

LEGAL 500 UK, 2019

Insights

ARTICLE

March 1, 2021 • Source: *The Oath*
Another year of growth and progress

November 30, 2020 • Source: *Thomson Reuters: Practical Law Arbitration Blog*
DIFC Court Grants First Ever Anti-Suit Injunction as Arbitration Cases Continue to Rise

CLIENT ALERT

DIFC-LCIA Abolished

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News

IN THE NEWS

September 30, 2021 • Source: *Commercial Dispute Resolution and Law.com International*
Ben Williams discusses the recent Dubai arbitration decree

September 22, 2021 • Source: *Global Arbitration Review*
Tom Sprange QC, Sajid Ahmed, Viren Mascarenhas, Ben Williams, Charity Kirby, Kabir Bhalla, Erin Collins, Julian Ranetunge and Lisa Wong represent Turkey before an ICSID tribunal, which dismissed a €126M claim against the country

RECOGNITION

September 30, 2021
King & Spalding Earns Multiple Rankings in Legal 500 UK 2022 Guide

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