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He sees through to the heart of the issues in a very practical and pragmatic way.

- Chambers & Partners

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Recorder (TCC)

Roger has almost 30 years of experience working for every type of client in relation to disputes all over the world. He is regularly appointed as both Counsel and arbitrator in international arbitrations.

A "top-rate silk" who "prides himself on sorting the wheat from the chaff and identifying the issues that are worth pursuing", Roger has a pre-eminent reputation in the resolution of the most complex, high value and high profile disputes.

Winner of the 2020 'Professional Negligence Silk of the Year' award by Chambers & Partners, Roger has received numerous plaudits being described in the Directories as "a great cross-examiner who is absolutely razor sharp and has an amazing facility in court"; "another great example of sheer brilliance...his wide practice covers general professional negligence claims as well as construction claims, all of which he handles with 'natural ease and the greatest of style'"; "he is phenomenal and has cross-examination skills beyond compare"; "if something looks like it might turn into a fight he's your man"; "Every word he says counts"; "a modern silk: he's straightforward, courteous and clever" whose "top reputation has led to him being instructed on some of the highest-profile cases that have been fought"; as being able to "articulate the most complex concepts with simplicity and brevity"; "he prepares extremely well and has a very calming approach with clients. They feel very at ease with his advice"; "great choice for heavyweight matters"; "a deeply impressive performer"; "a razor-sharp and formidable opponent"; "tenacious"; "commercially savvy" and "an extremely able counsel, who is very attuned to what material will assist the tribunal."

He is one of the three general editors of *Jackson & Powell on Professional Liability* (Sweet & Maxwell, 8th Edition 2017) and has been an editor since the 3rd Edition (1992). He has won "Professional Negligence Silk of the Year" three times and was again short listed in 2019 by Chambers & Partners UK. He is a Recorder and appointed to sit in the Technology and Construction Court.

Privacy Policy

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Areas of Expertise

International Arbitration

"The counsel of choice for the biggest and most challenging cases." – *Legal 500, 2021: Middle East: Construction*



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“An exceptionally good cross-examiner. He is calm, very persuasive in his oral submissions, has a good feel of the Tribunal and a very thoughtful and effective approach to tackling the most difficult issues.” – Legal 500, 2021

“He is very confident, persuasive and has gravitas in front of a tribunal. He is not easily deterred, always keeps his composure and is a very impressive advocate.” – Chambers & Partners, 2021

“A brilliant advocate – no praise is too high.” – Legal 500, 2020

“A phenomenally good commercial lawyer.” “A very experienced silk.” – Chambers & Partners, 2020

“Exceptionally commercial. He has an excellent sense of how courts think about arbitration-related issues.” “Incredibly persuasive.” “Very hard-working.” “A very good advocate.” – Chambers & Partners, 2019

“Very thorough and a brave and fearless advocate.” – The Legal 500, 2019

“A fantastic advocate. Extremely hard-working and always on the ball.” – Chambers Global, 2018

“He has a very understated advocacy style which is devastatingly effective when it comes to cross-examinations and addressing the tribunal.” “He is just awesome in front of judges and arbitrators and just so incisive as a cross-examiner.” – Chambers & Partners, 2016

A **“class act”** who has **“total command of his brief”** as counsel, and is also a respected arbitrator.

Roger has an extensive International Arbitration practice having appeared in a very large number of arbitrations under ICC, LCIA, DIFC and other Institutional rules as well as in ad hoc arbitrations. He is used to leading large teams of lawyers or appearing as Co-Counsel to undertake particular roles.

Examples of cases where he has recently appeared as Counsel include:

- Acting for the UK Government in relation to the £300m E-borders dispute where Roger successfully had the Award set aside in its entirety and remitted to a new Tribunal
- Acting in relation to a shareholders dispute concerning the largest grain handling terminal in Europe;
- Acting for the builders of a nuclear installation in dispute with a Government;
- Acting in an ICC arbitration relating to the price achieved on the sale of Eastern European Government assets
- Acting for a European bank in relation to a share dispute of a large United Kingdom subsidiary
- Acting as Counsel for an Eastern European Government in a BIT dispute
- Acting for one of two partners in a dispute concerning Eastern European electricity supply contract;
- Acting for the joint venturers in a large claim for public works against a Middle Eastern government;
- Acting for the owners in relation to an ICC development dispute in Asia ;
- Acting for the builders of a sewage tank being sued by a public authority;
- Acting for a large energy transformer supplier in relation to a dispute with an African government
- Acting in an LCIA dispute relating to liability in relation to guarantee contracts relating to investment in telecoms in the Middle East

Examples of disputes in which he has recently been appointed as Arbitrator include:

- Acting as Chairman of a 3 man panel which delivered a final award in a dispute as to construction of indemnity agreements relating to the taxation of revenues from satellite TV stations
- Sitting as sole Arbitrator in relation to a substantial construction dispute concerning earthworks construction. Roger delivered 2 partial awards dealing with the seat of the arbitration and applicable procedural law together with the scope of his jurisdiction before the dispute settled;
- Sitting as part of an ICC panel concerning the entitlement of a construction company to claim against its financial guarantee underwriters following a substantial Middle Eastern project.
- Sitting as sole LCIA arbitrator in relation to a hotel dispute in Libya



- Sitting on an ICC tribunal dealing with disputes arising out of a chemicals plant

Qualifications & Memberships

M.A. LLM (Cantab)

Insights

Jackson & Powell on Professional Liability

1 December 2016

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