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## Nicholas Fletcher KC

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## WHO'S WHO LEGAL

"Nicholas Fletcher QC is held in "very high esteem" for his impressive arbitration practice, having been active in the field of international commercial arbitration for over 30 years."

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Nicholas Fletcher KC is a specialist in International Arbitration and now sits exclusively as an arbitrator.

Ranked as a "Leading Individual" in International Arbitration by The Legal 500, Chambers and Who's Who Legal, Nic is described as "*confident and knowledgeable*" and "*praised for his ability to stay on top of the detail*". Appointed Queen's Counsel in 2014 (now King's Counsel), he has been active in the arbitration of international commercial disputes for over 35 years. He is admitted to practice in England and Wales and in New York.

Having trained at the Bar, Nic practised for several years at Haight, Gardner, Poor & Havens in New York before joining Clifford Chance, where he became a partner in the firm's highly-ranked international arbitration practice. In 2009, he took over as Head of International Arbitration at Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP, developing and leading that firm's international arbitration practice.

Nic has experience of arbitrations conducted under a wide variety of institutional and procedural rules. He has served extensively as chair and as sole arbitrator, as well as a party-nominated arbitrator. Nic has handled numerous LCIA and ICC disputes, as well as matters under the rules of the AAA, SIAC, SCC, DIFC and the DIAC. He has also acted as arbitrator on an *ad hoc* basis under the UNCITRAL Rules and the Arbitration Act, 1996. He has dealt as both arbitrator and counsel with cases involving a wide range of national laws, including those of England, New York, France, Spain, Hungary, Romania, Russia, Ukraine and the UAE. He has particular experience of acting as arbitrator in complex and high value energy disputes, corporate investment, joint venture and financing disputes, life sciences and offshore engineering and technology and construction matters. Nic has also been appointed to Sports Resolutions' Legal Arbitrator Panel.

Nic is the reporter for England & Wales for the Institute of Transnational Arbitration and Consultant Editor of a Commentary on the IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration (OUP). He is a member of the ICC Commission and the ICC's Task Force on the New York Convention. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy.

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## Expertise

### International Arbitration

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**“He looks at matters with a strong legal and strong commercial sense.” “He is prepared and efficient.” “He writes beautifully and is well organised.”** – *Chambers & Partners, 2022 (International Arbitration: Arbitrators)*

**“A superb chairman. On top of every detail and extremely user-friendly as well as scrupulous in consulting his co-arbitrators.”** – *Legal 500, 2022 (International Arbitration: Arbitrators)*

**“He handles arbitrations in an orderly and clear fashion and is fair dealing with the parties.” “He is absolutely fantastic and has a lovely manner. He has gravitas and commands the room.”** – *Chambers & Partners, 2021 (International Arbitration: Arbitrators)*

**“He is an excellent and fair-minded arbitrator who fully appreciates both the legal and commercial aspects of disputes.”** – *Legal 500, 2021 (International Arbitration: Arbitrators)*

Ranked as a **“Leading Individual”** in International Arbitration and **“a well-rounded, excellent lawyer and arbitrator”** who is a **“pleasure to work with”** by The Legal 500 and Chambers. Who’s Who Legal describes Nic as **“confident and knowledgeable”** and **“praised for his ability to stay on top of the detail”**. Appointed Queen’s Counsel in 2014, he has been active in the arbitration of international commercial disputes for over 35 years. He is admitted to practice in England and Wales and in New York.

#### Featured International Arbitration Cases

- Chairing a three-person LCIA tribunal hearing a dispute under an international loan agreement between the London branch of an international bank and a borrower located in the Middle East.
- Chairman of tribunal appointed to hear a construction dispute arising under a steel structure subcontract relating to a racecourse in the Gulf (DIAC).
- Member of a three person tribunal hearing a claim between an agent and a football player under the Football Association’s Rule K.
- Member of a three-person tribunal appointed to hear a dispute over the development of power transmission facilities in West Africa (LCIA).
- Member of a three-person tribunal hearing a dispute in respect of a supply and construction contract for gas facilities (ICC).
- Member of an ICC tribunal considering a dispute between a joint venture partners concerning the establishment of a pharmaceutical manufacturing plant in the Middle East (ICC).
- Member of an UNCITRAL tribunal appointed to hear three consolidated arbitrations concerning disputes over oilfield licences in Eastern Europe.
- Sole arbitrator of a dispute concerning sums due under a contract for the sale and purchase of carbon credits governed by New York law (ICC).
- Sole arbitrator in two related arbitrations concerning fraud in the financing, purchase and sale of consignments of copper ingots (LCIA).
- Chairman of a three-person tribunal hearing a dispute between joint venture partners concerning real estate investments in Eastern Europe (LCIA).
- Chairman of a tribunal hearing a dispute arising out of a corporate transaction relating to a real estate development in Moscow (LCIA).
- Chairman of tribunal appointed to hear dispute arising from share sale agreement (DIAC).

## Awards



## Qualifications

Nic is a member of the ICC's Permanent Task Force on the New York Convention, of the United Kingdom's national committee to the ICC and of the board of trustees of the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy. He is the rapporteur for England and Wales for the Institute of Transnational Arbitration and is a member of the LCIA, the ICC, the IBA and ICCA.

Nic has an Honours degree in Jurisprudence from Balliol College Oxford and a Master of Laws degree from the London School of Economics & Political Science.