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Maitland is one of the leading sets of barristers’ chambers in the UK. We offer legal advice and representation of the highest quality within a broad range of specialisms.

With over 65 barristers, and where over a third are QCs, we are of a size which enables us to offer the right mix of seniority and experience to deal with any problem within the fields of our expertise, ranging from the smallest of cases to the largest and most complex disputes.

Our set has a long-standing reputation for lawyers and advocates of the very highest calibre, and we aim to match those skills with a service which is modern, responsive and business-like. Our clerks and other members of staff are similarly committed to providing service and facilities of the highest quality.

Many of our barristers are acknowledged experts in several fields; and we pride ourselves on being able to offer a legal focus which is both broad and knowledgeable. We also pride ourselves on giving advice which is practical. We think that our cross-disciplinary expertise enables us to see solutions to problems in a way which is comprehensive, imaginative and efficient.

We appear regularly in courts and tribunals of every level in England and Wales and internationally. We have been involved in very many of the major cases which have proceeded through the UK Courts over the past three decades. The quality of our advice and skills as advocates mean that our barrister are also in demand to act as advocates or experts in courts or tribunals in many other countries; and we also have been involved in many high-profile cases overseas. We also offer a number of highly experienced and efficient arbitrators who are available to sit in a wide range of disciplines. Our arbitrators are skilled at managing the most challenging of cases and have worked under the rules of all of the main arbitral bodies.

We are recognised as leaders in our fields in the UK and International directories. A separate brochure setting out some of our directory credentials is available.

The remainder of this brochure identifies and briefly describes our particular expertise and credentials in the field of International Arbitration.
International arbitration

Our barristers have wide experience of acting as counsel and advocates in arbitrations conducted under all of the major institutional rules, including the ICC, LCIA, ICDR, SCC, SIAC, HKIAC, CIETAC, and ICSID rules, as well as other major arbitral rules such as UNCITRAL. Our barrister also appear in court litigation ancillary to arbitration, such as disputes about the validity of arbitration agreements, claims for pre-arbitration injunctive relief, and challenges to and the enforcement of arbitral awards. Our barristers have experience of arbitrations involving parties from a wide range of industry sectors, including energy, mining, oil & gas, banking & financial services, food & beverage, pharmaceutical, commodities, international investment, and projects & construction. Our barristers also offer particular expertise in the field of complex commercial transactions, such as joint ventures, financing arrangements, shareholder agreements, and trustee/beneficiary arrangements of all kinds.

Our experience

Examples of our work in the field of international arbitration include:

- An LCIA arbitration seated in London between two Nigerian companies involving claims for payment under a Sale & Purchase Agreement and related Guarantees for two deep offshore oil mining leases in Nigeria, and counterclaims relating to management of the relevant oilfields
- An LCIA arbitration seated in Dubai under the Rules of the Dubai International Financial Centre concerning investment banking fees and margin calls on derivatives
- An ICSID arbitration seated in Washington, DC, concerning copper mining investments
- An SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore, concerning sums due under a contract relating to a mining business in Indonesia
- An ICC arbitration seated in Bucharest between German and Austrian construction companies on the one hand, and a Romanian state agency on the other, regarding claims arising under an agreement for the rehabilitation of highway bridges
- A Swiss Rules arbitration seated in Zurich between a German chemical manufacturer and a US chemical manufacturer involving a trade secrets/licensing dispute concerning chemical coatings for containers
- **Yukos Capital S.a.r.l. v OJSC Rosneft Oil Company.** Part of the long running Yukos affair, claims to enforce arbitral awards worth nearly half a billion dollars which had been set aside by the Russian courts.

- **IPCO (Nigeria) Ltd v Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation.** An application to enforce in England a Nigerian arbitral award worth over $150m.

- An LCIA arbitration seated in London between a Dutch company and a Tanzanian company involving claims for breach of an exclusivity agreement governed by Dutch and English law and concerning the acquisition of a Tanzanian company.

- An ICC arbitration seated in Paris between a French electronics manufacturer and a US airline involving a dispute over the manufacture of aircraft simulators.

- An LCIA arbitration seated in London between two offshore companies relating to the financing of a substantial property development in Russia.

- **JSC Zestafoni G Nikoladze Ferralloy Plant v Ronly Holdings Ltd.** An arbitration claim in the English Commercial Court challenging an Award relating to contracts for supply and manufacture of ferroalloys at a plant in Georgia under ss. 67 and 69 of the Arbitration Act 1996.

- Applications in the Commercial Court under s.44 of the Arbitration Act 1996 for urgent injunctions, in support of LCIA arbitrations seated in London, to preserve a shareholding in a valuable African mining venture held by Swiss escrow agents.

- An ICDR arbitration seated in New York between a Japanese food processing company and British, US and German food processing companies concerning corporate control issues between formerly related corporations.

- An ad hoc arbitration seated in London under the UNCITRAL Rules between the local subsidiaries of two major oil companies, relating to back-in rights arising under a joint operating agreement for the exploitation of an oilfield in the South China Sea.

- An LCIA arbitration seated in London between an Australian coal mining company and an Indian steel manufacturer involving an $80 million contract claim.

- An ICDR arbitration seated in New York between a North American distributor and an Australian winery owner involving a dispute concerning North American distribution rights of fine wines.
Our arbitrators

Those of our Members and Associate Members who regularly sit as international arbitrators include Simon Nesbitt QC (formerly co-head of international arbitration at Hogan Lovells), and Paul Klaas (formerly chair of Dorsey & Whitney’s international disputes practice). Our arbitrators are skilled at managing the most challenging of cases and have worked under the rules of all of the main arbitral bodies. A list of Members and Associate Members who accept appointments as arbitrators is below:

Christopher Pymont QC
Michael Driscoll QC
Catherine Newman QC
Mark Cunningham QC
Paul Girolami QC
John McGhee QC
Matthew Collings QC
Edwin Johnson QC
Dominic Chambers QC
Nicholas Peacock QC
Richard Morgan QC
Amanda Tipples QC
Andrew Walker QC
Michael Gibbon QC
Timothy Dutton QC
Simon Nesbitt QC
Nigel Thomas
John Dagnall
Timothy Harry (+)
Sir William Blackburne (*)
HH Hazel Marshall QC (*)
Paul Klaas (*)

+ Associate Member

* Associate Members who are not barristers or who are not practising as barristers.
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Our barristers are supported by an experienced and able clerking team, described by Chambers UK Bar Guide as “exemplary” and headed by a Senior Clerk with an “excellent and highly responsive approach”.

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