

John Beechey

Independent arbitrator



Date of Birth: 18 June 1952

Education:

1963-1970: Dulwich College
1970-1971: Albert-Ludwigs Universitaet, Freiburg i.Br.
1971-1974: Christ Church, Oxford, B.A. Modern Languages
(French and German), (BA converted into an MA in 1977).

Professional Career:

November 1977: Admitted a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales
1977-1983: Solicitor, Clifford-Turner

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May 1983-December 2008: Partner in Clifford-Turner (subsequently, Clifford Chance LLP)

Founding partner of the Clifford Chance international arbitration practice and one of the first Solicitors to undertake the role of advocate before international arbitration tribunals.

Practice included: advising Governments; public sector entities; private sector corporations; employers, contractors and consultants on dispute resolution procedures and in respect of proceedings relating to international commercial contracts and investor-state disputes in all parts of the world.

Served as Counsel and Arbitrator and continues to be available to serve as an arbitrator in both “ad hoc” (including UNCITRAL) and institutional arbitrations under the Rules of, inter alia, the EDF, ICC, ICDR/AAA, ICSID, LCIA, PCA, SIAC and Stockholm Chamber. Among the 18 investor-state disputes and disputes with states in which he has served as an arbitrator are: ICSID Cases No. 06/10, 09/18, 11/26, 13/34 and 14/1.

January 2009 to June 2015: President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration.

In the course of his term of office as President of the Court, John Beechey has overseen the introduction of the new ICC Arbitration and Mediation Rules and new Rules for Experts. He was primarily responsible for the Court's move to new premises and he proposed and implemented the establishment of the new Governing Body, which has the responsibility for long-term strategic planning for the Court. His term of office has seen the opening of the Court's operations in New York, the inception of the Jerusalem Arbitration Centre and many changes to the practices of the Court, the principal purpose of which has been to improve the efficiency of the Court and the quality of the service that it offers to its users.

Professional Appointments:

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

1993-2008: Member of the UK Delegation to the ICC Commission, and Member of the ICC UK's Arbitration Group under the Chairmanship of Lord Steyn

October 1998 to date: Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law

1996-December 2008: member of the Board of the LCIA

May 2002-May 2007: Vice President of the LCIA Court

2000-September 2008: Member of the Board of the American Arbitration Association (Member of the Board's Executive Committee, 2001-2008).

Other Professional Matters:

2002-2008: President of the International Arbitration Club

1999: Member of the IBA Working Group responsible for drafting the IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Commercial Arbitration

2004: Member IBA Working Group on Guidelines on Impartiality, Independence and Disclosure in International Commercial Arbitration.