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Michael Cover
FCI Arb Accredited Mediator,
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**Independent Mediator, Arbitrator
and Adjudicator**



Michael is a Member of ArbDB Chambers. He has over 30 years' experience as a lawyer, both in private practice and as in-house Counsel. He is an accredited Mediator with CEDR and has been involved in over 260 mediations. Michael is named in the Legal 500 2020 Mediators Hall of Fame and in Tier 3 of UK Mediators in the same publication. He is rated as both a Global and UK National Leader in Mediation Who's Who Legal 2020. He has also completed Investor-State Mediation training with ICSID/CEDR/IMI. He is a Certified Mediator with IMI and SIMI.

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb) and a Chartered Arbitrator (CArb) and has handed down over 100 arbitration awards, including under the arbitration rules of the ICC, the LCIA, CIMAR and the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

Michael accepts instructions as arbitrator, mediator and adjudicator. He is on the panels of neutrals of many of the leading UK and international private dispute resolution institutions, including CEDR, CI Arb, DIAC, ACICA, SIAC, HKIAC, as well as the RICS Dispute Board Register.

Education

Portsmouth Grammar School; The University of Southampton (1969-1972)- LLB.

Present Position

Full time third party neutral- Arbitrator, Mediator and Adjudicator
Member, ArbDB Chambers, London, the UAE and Singapore.

Professional Career

1972- 1987- In-house Counsel with two multinational food and beverage companies.
1987- 2011- Partner in City of London law firms

Qualifications

Barrister, Middle Temple, London, United Kingdom; Solicitor, England & Wales
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Panel Memberships

AAA/ICDR, ACICA, ADGM, AIAC, CEDR, CIArb, Clerksroom, CPR, DIAC, HKIAC, IPOS Mediation, the Law Society of England & Wales, RIBA, QICDR, RICS Dispute Board Register, SCCA, SCMA, SIMI, UK Adjudicators, WIPO, World Forum of Offshore Wind.

Professional Memberships

Civil Mediation Council (UK), FACICA, FAIADR, FCIArb, The Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, IMI Certified Mediator, The London Maritime Arbitrators Association (Aspiring Full Member), SIArb, SIMI, the Society for Computers & Law, the Society of Construction Law,

Completed Dispute Board Training with the DBF and has also conducted dispute board training and mediation training for the CIArb and the AIAC (formerly the KLRCA) and mediation training for the Energy Charter Secretariat. Completed Investor-State Mediator Training with ICSID/ The World Bank/CEDR/IMI, 2018.

Recognitions

Judge and Arbitrator at the International Maritime Arbitration Moot, Rotterdam, 2019.

Judge and Arbitrator at the Vis East Moot.

Panellist at GAR Live Abu Dhabi, 2017 and 2018.

Panellist at the International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators, Copenhagen, 2017 and Rio de Janeiro 2020.

Panellist at the 21st Gulf Engineering Council Forum, Bahrain, 2018.

Co-Moderator, the Mediators' New Breakfast Club, London.

Legal 500- Mediation 2020.

Who's Who Legal, Mediation– 2021 and 2022

Experience as a Third Party Neutral

Michael has handed down over 100 arbitral awards and conducted over 260 mediations. He has also previously worked on transport infrastructure projects in Eastern Europe (under FIDIC Contracts) and appeared before Dispute Boards in that region.

Michael has mediated in the GCC Region and has conducted mediations in the oil & gas and energy sectors, including in the nuclear industry, disputes on electricity supply, power station disputes, a dispute relating to an oil terminal.

Michael is currently acting or has acted as arbitrator, mediator or adjudicator in the following matters, including under the rules of the ICC, the DIFC-LCIA, LCIA, AAA/ICDR, DIFC/LCIA, JCT/CIMAR

- Shareholder and property dispute in the Channel Islands.
- Cross-border Intellectual Property Licensing Dispute.
- Licensing dispute in pharmaceuticals.
- Major transport infrastructure project in the United Kingdom.
- Public Procurement Dispute in the energy sector in the United Kingdom.
- Intellectual Property Disputes in the United Kingdom and cross-border.
- Intellectual Property dispute between US and European entities in the automotive industry.
- Expert Determination of a dispute relating to a hotel management contract in Asia.
- Shareholder dispute on a joint venture in the UAE.
- Insurance dispute relating to an offshore oil installation.
- Cargo and Charterparty disputes, all cross-border.
- Professional negligence and fidelity disputes relating to law firms.
- Partnership dispute in private equity.
- Insurance dispute on a catastrophic fire in retail premises.
- International contractual disputes, including relating to the UAE.
- Construction disputes.

Languages

English, French and German.

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