

## **Anthony Connerty**

Year of Call: 1974

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### **Practice Summary**

In practice at the Bar since 1975. Has appeared in most English courts, including the High Court and Court of Appeal: experience as advocate in lengthy and complex court cases.

Experience as advocate, arbitrator and mediator in complex international multi-million U.S. dollar disputes in areas including commercial disputes, oil and gas, metals, cotton and banking. Has been appointed and acted in international arbitrations and mediations in Abu Dhabi, Beijing, Lagos, London, New York, Shanghai, Singapore, Stockholm and Washington.

Recent cases in which he has acted as counsel; mediator; and as party-appointed arbitrator, sole arbitrator and as chairman of arbitral tribunals include:

- appointment to AAA/ICDR Tribunal in Washington D.C. in dispute involving armaments and weapons systems;
- sole mediator in ad hoc case involving North Sea sub-sea oil drilling contracts;
- co-counsel in international cotton arbitrations under the Rules of the International Cotton Association: Turkish and U.S. parties;
- appointment to AAA/ICDR Tribunal in New York in international metals dispute;
- sole arbitrator in LCIA arbitration in European/Chinese joint venture dispute involving manufacture of aircraft equipment (governing law the laws of the People's Republic of China);
- presiding arbitrator in dispute administered by the Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration – Lagos: Nigerian and Canadian parties in dispute relating to installation of Web-Based system for a major Bank (governing law the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria);
- advising Chinese lawyers on international metals "scam";
- sole arbitrator in international metals dispute. UK and Indian parties. Rules of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators;
- appointed Chairman of CIETAC Arbitration Tribunal. Seat of arbitration Shanghai. Chinese and German parties.

- party – appointed arbitrator in international dispute under the Rules of the Abu Dhabi Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration Center.

- instructed as Counsel by Paris law firm on challenge to an ICC Award in English Courts under the Arbitration Act 1996. Dispute involving a 500 million Euros shipbuilding contract. Libyan and French parties: General National Maritime Transport Company v. STX France SA [2016] EWHC 1187 (Comm), Mr Justice Blair. GAR report at GAR News gar-briefing@lbrbroadcast.com

- appointed as sole arbitrator in international oil arbitration. Spanish and Nigerian parties. Anti-suit proceedings commenced in two jurisdictions.

He has a particular interest and experience in dispute resolution in relation to Oil & Gas, Metals, Banking, Cotton, Art Law, Online Dispute Resolution – and in relation to China.

He has written and spoken on international dispute resolution: Author of the Commonwealth Secretariat's Manual of International Dispute Resolution. Foreword by Sandra Day O' Connor, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Articles on international commercial dispute resolution have been published in various journals around the world, and he has spoken on the subject at conferences in the UK, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and China.

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## Memberships

- Admitted to the Freedom of the City of London in May 1991;
  - Former Governor of the Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Hospitals Trust [Public Governor for the South of England];
  - International Arbitration Club, London;
  - XX Club, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex. Literary club founded some 100 years ago. First president of the Club was Sir Henry Rider Haggard;
  - Hastings & St Leonards Sailing Club, East Sussex;
  - Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, London SW1;
  - City Livery Club, Upper Thames
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## Qualifications

- M.A. International and Comparative Business Law (London University)
- Post-graduate Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration: Queen Mary and Westfield College, London University [1991]
- Post-graduate Certificate of Credit in International Energy Law (London University)
- Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Accredited Mediator with the Centre for Dispute Resolution, London (CEDR) [1997]
- IMI Certified Mediator