Arun Kasi

Year of Call: 1997



Practice Summary

Dr. Arun Kasi is a specialist commercial barrister with a strong international practice, recognised for his work in urgent injunctive relief, civil fraud, and complex shareholder and company disputes. Highly experienced in matters suited to the UK Commercial Court, he combines deep subject-matter expertise with the instincts of a seasoned advocate, delivering both compelling oral arguments and exceptionally crafted written submissions. He accepts instructions as counsel and arbitrator and is regularly engaged by leading international law firms, major corporates, financial institutions, and insurers in high-value, strategically sensitive disputes.

With invaluable industry insight into trade, commodities, and international commerce, Dr. Kasi brings commercial realism to every case. Known for his responsiveness and unrivalled client handling, he provides clear strategic direction and rapid, practical solutions—qualities particularly valued in fast-moving Commercial Court applications.

Advocacy & Experience

Dr. Kasi has appeared as lead counsel in more than 2,000 court hearings in High Court and appellate courts, with *approximately half involving commercial and company law disputes* and the other half concerning *maritime and shipping matters*. His extensive advocacy experience includes over 100 trial days within the common-law tradition— experience directly transferable to the demands and procedural expectations of the UK Commercial Court.

His strong written advocacy is a defining feature of his practice, with instructing solicitors frequently highlighting the precision, clarity, and persuasive force of his submissions—critical in interim relief applications and complex commercial claims.

Dr. Kasi's practice spans the full range of commercial litigation and arbitration, with particular focus on:

- Urgent interim relief, including freezing orders, anti-suit injunctions, and search orders
- Civil fraud, asset recovery, and cross-border enforcement
- Shareholder, partnership, and company disputes, including boardroom litigation and breach of fiduciary duty
- Trade, commodities, and commercial contract disputes with international dimensions

Recent highlights include obtaining and defending urgent injunctions in high-value commercial disputes, acting in multi-jurisdictional fraud claims involving complex asset-tracing, and representing stakeholders in substantial shareholder and governance disputes arising from distressed restructurings

Client Portfolio

- Instructing Solicitors: Instructed by Clyde & Co, Penningtons Manches Cooper (formerly Thomas Cooper), Rajah & Tann, and other top-tier international law firms.
- Shipowners & Operators: Representing owners of commercial vessels, dredgers, fishing boats, and yachts in ownership, collision, and operational disputes.
- Insurers & P&I Clubs: Acting for major insurers and P&I Clubs in coverage advice, subrogated recovery actions, and defence against cargo claims.
- Cargo Interests & Traders: Advising cargo owners, voyage charterers, and oil majors on shortage claims, damage disputes, and sanctions issues.
- Maritime Intermediaries: Representing shipbrokers and shipping agents in commission claims, agency fee disputes, and lien enforcement.

Corporate & Government Entities: Counsel to government-linked companies, creditors, and shareholders in high-value insolvency, corporate conflicts and admiralty claims.

International Arbitration

Dr. Kasi maintains a substantial arbitration practice as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb). He has conducted arbitrations seated in London, Singapore, New Zealand, Malaysia, and Brunei, under various procedural rules including LMAA, SCMA, CIArb, and AIAC, as well as ad hoc proceedings.

He is currently sitting as a tribunal member in an LMAA arbitration (London), appointed by an IG P&I club, and has recently issued an award as a sole arbitrator in a CIArb (London) appointed commercial dispute. He is also listed on the panels of the LCIA, CIArb, HKIAC, and AIAC.

Maritime Authority & Resources

Dr. Kasi is a recognised thought leader in shipping law. He developed and launched a unique suite of online Maritime Liability Limitation Calculators, accessible via https://arunkasico.com/liability-limitation-calculators/, a vital digital resource used by the industry.

He holds a doctorate in shipping law and serves as an Adjunct Professor at Gujarat Maritime University. He is the author of the definitive textbook *The Law of Carriage of Goods by Sea* (Springer, 2021) and *Arbitration: Stay of Court Proceedings and Anti-Suit Injunctions* (CLJ, 2014).

Maritime & Shipping

Arun's leading expertise in shipping law is consistently recognised by Chambers Asia Pacific and The Legal 500 Asia Pacific. He is a trusted advisor to P&I Clubs, marine insurers, shipowners, charterers, oil & gas giants, and major commercial law firms who value his incisive analysis and client-focused approach.

A testament to his commitment to providing practical value to the maritime industry, Arun developed and launched a unique suite of free online Maritime Liability Limitation Calculators, accessible via https://arunkasico.com/liability-limitation-calculators/. This practical digital resource provides a vital tool for the industry, supplemented by his own detailed legal analysis and case notes.

His authority in the field is further demonstrated by his academic contributions. He holds a doctorate in shipping law, serves as an Adjunct Professor of shipping law at the Gujarat Maritime University, India, and is a prolific author. His works include the definitive textbook "*The Law of Carriage of Goods by Sea*" (Springer, 2021).

Key Highlights

> Multi-Billion Dollar Insolvency: Successfully represented a creditor in challenging a moratorium within the multi-billion dollar insolvency of an energy giant; attended to the arrest of the ship, overcame the moratorium after two years of litigation, and brought the vessel to judicial sale, resulting in a full recovery.
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> Complex Corporate Dispute: Represented a major shareholder of a 1,000-acre tin ore mining company in multi-million dollar disputes involving general meetings and directorship issues.
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> Sanctions & Arrest (Ongoing): Representing a cargo owner (voyage charterer) in a US$28 million dispute where the ship was arrested following a refusal to deliver cargo due to US OFAC sanctions under the Iranian trade sanctions scheme.

Memberships

- London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA)
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb).
- Arbitrator, Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), Malaysia
- Arbitrator, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) list
- Arbitrator, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) database
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) BAS, London

Education

- LLB (Hons)
- Certificate in Legal Practice (Malaysia)
- LLM
- Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration (CIArb)
- Bar Transfer Tests
- PhD

Areas of Expertise

- Commercial
- International Arbitration