

## Judith Gill QC

**SILK: 2009 | CALL: 1985 (SOLICITOR, IN PRACTICE FROM 1985 TO APRIL 2018)**

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### Overview

Judith is recognised as one of the leading practitioners in the field of international arbitration.

She has conducted cases under numerous sets of rules and subject to many different systems of law. In particular she has experience of arbitrations under the rules of, amongst others, the LCIA, ICC, SIAC, ICSID (including Additional Facility Rules), HKIAC, DIAC, AAA and UNCITRAL. Seats have included Singapore, Hong Kong, Paris, London, New York, Washington, Dubai, Geneva, and Seoul. Judith is regularly selected by institutions, including the ICC and SIAC, for appointments as arbitrator. She has experience of virtual hearings having conducted procedural and merits hearings remotely.

Judith joined Chambers as an arbitrator member, having previously been a partner in the international arbitration group of the global law firm Allen & Overy for nearly 25 years, where she was head of the group for 11 years. She regularly acted as lead advocate and strategic adviser to clients involved in substantial international arbitration cases in both the commercial and investment treaty fields.

She has extensive experience as an arbitrator, both sole and as a member of a panel of three arbitrators. Judith has acted as arbitrator in matters involving joint venture agreements, corporate sale and purchase agreements, construction and infrastructure disputes, energy contracts, manufacturing, distributorship agreements, technology agreements and a variety of other commercial agreements. She also sits as arbitrator on investment treaty disputes.

### Publications

- *Russell on Arbitration* (21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th edns, Sweet & Maxwell 1997-2015) (co-author).
- 'The Public Policy Exception Under Article V.2(b) of the New York Convention: Lessons from Around the World' (2016) 18(2) *Asian Dispute Review* 74 (co-author).
- 'The Development of Legal Argument in Arbitration: Law as an Afterthought - Is It Time To Recalibrate Our Approach?' in David D Caron et al (eds), *Practising Virtue: Inside International Arbitration* (Oxford University Press 2015).

### Professional memberships

- AAA Board of Directors: Former Member
- Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association Legal Practice Division: Former Co-Chair and Advisory Committee Member
- British Institute of International and Comparative Law: Former Trustee
- CIArb: Fellow
- Institute of Advanced Legal Studies:

Judith is Immediate Past President of the LCIA, the first woman to be appointed to the position. She was only the second female solicitor-advocate to be appointed QC and the first with an international arbitration practice.

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Fellow

- International Arbitration Club: Former Chair
- ICCUK Arbitration Group: Former Member
- LCIA: Immediate Past President and Director
- Seoul International Dispute Resolution Center International Advisory Board
- SIAC Board of Directors: former member

## Education

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- University of London: Diploma in Arbitration (1990)
- University of Oxford: MA in Jurisprudence (1986)
- University of Oxford, Worcester College: BA in Jurisprudence (1983)

## Example cases and appointments

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- Party-appointed arbitrator in ICSID arbitration between services company and a European state.
- Chair of an ICSID Additional Facility case brought by an investor against an Asian state.
- Member of tribunal in an LCIA arbitration concerning an oil and gas exploration and development joint venture in a major field in Russia.
- Member of tribunal in an ICC arbitration concerning disputes under a construction contract between Middle East parties.
- Tribunal chair in an ICC arbitration between a BVI company and Canadian interests concerning an alleged agreement for the exploitation of mineral rights.
- Party nominated arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration between Egyptian parties involved in a contractual dispute concerning seismic exploration.
- Tribunal chair in an LCIA arbitration between Polish companies concerning the proposed development of wind turbine operations.
- Sole arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration between two Saudi Arabian companies concerning claims for liquidated damages for late delivery of products.
- Member of tribunal in two related AAA/ICDR arbitrations concerning the development and production of aircraft technology.
- Tribunal chair in an ICC arbitration seated in Singapore concerning a dispute under a share purchase agreement in relation to manufacturing facilities in Korea.

## Representative experience as arbitrator

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- Member of Tribunal in an LCIA arbitration concerning an oil and gas exploration and development joint venture in a major field in Russia.
- Member of Tribunal in an ICC arbitration concerning disputes under a construction contract between Middle East parties.
- Tribunal Chair in an ICC arbitration between a BVI company and Canadian interests concerning an alleged agreement for the exploitation of mineral rights.
- Party nominated arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration between Egyptian parties involved in a contractual dispute concerning seismic exploration.
- Tribunal Chair in an LCIA arbitration between Polish companies concerning the proposed development of wind turbine

operations.

- Party nominated arbitrator in two separate ad hoc arbitrations between an African mining company and its insurers concerning business interruption loss claims.
- Sole arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration between two Saudi Arabian companies concerning claims for liquidated damages for late delivery of products.
- Member of Tribunal in two related AAA/ICDR arbitrations concerning the development and production of aircraft technology.
- Tribunal Chair in an ICC arbitration seated in Singapore concerning dispute under a Share Purchase Agreement in relation to manufacturing facilities in Korea.

## Recommendations

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She is very efficient, very smart and very fair-minded [Chambers Global 2020](#)

Extremely well-prepared, relentlessly courteous, and fast in rendering her award. [The Legal 500 UK Bar 2020](#)

She is considered to be 'a leading expert in arbitration' who is 'calm under all circumstances.' [Chambers Global 2017](#)

'Top-notch operator' [who] is regarded by market sources as being a 'spectacular counsel' who is 'right at the top of the tree' for international arbitration. [Chambers Global 2017](#)

One source hailed her as being 'a superb, top-flight lawyer.' [Chambers Global 2016](#)