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Charles Allin's practice focuses on cross-border litigation and international arbitration. He acts principally for large international companies, high net worth individuals, financial institutions, private equity funds and state bodies, predominantly in the fields of energy and natural resources, financial services and contentious M&A. His recent practice has focused on disputes involving African, Middle Eastern and offshore jurisdictions and he has represented clients before both the High Court and Court of Appeal of England and Wales and leading arbitral institutions including the LCIA, ICC, and AAA.

He also has particular experience in fraud and asset recovery work, having successfully acted for clients in world-wide asset recoveries involving complex offshore structures, cross-border injunctions and interplay between civil and criminal enforcement.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Financial Services
- Technology

English French Italian

### LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French
- Italian

- Advising a joint venture partner in a US\$730 million shareholder dispute involving a major African listed oil and gas company
- Acting for a number of Middle Eastern companies and high net worth individuals in US\$600 million cross-border litigation proceedings concerning allegations of conspiracy
- Advising a Middle Eastern bank in relation to fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of trust and asset recovery matters in the sum of US\$1.1 billion relating to various infrastructure projects
- Advising on international commodities and shipping group in relation to multi-jurisdictional litigation and arbitration proceedings

involving Nigeria in respect of US\$120 million of unpaid gasoline and subsequent proceedings relating to the arrest and release of a VLCC crude carrier

- Defending an international private equity house in respect of warranty claims arising out of an SPA. The claims were struck out at first instance and that decision was affirmed on appeal
- Advising an international commodities company in an ICC arbitration relating to a US\$90 million breach of contract relating to loans advanced in consideration for oil and gas concessions in Nigeria
- Advising the owner of a large British estate on LCIA arbitration proceedings in respect of declaratory and injunctive relief claims
- Advising a major international commodities firm in relation to cross-border litigation proceedings in Luxembourg and the BVI in respect of a disputed Sale and Purchase Agreement
- Advising the shareholders of a software services company in relation to a dispute against a hostile former shareholder in the context of a US\$44 million disposal of the company
- Acting for a state entity on a c. US\$5 billion ICC arbitration relating to the termination of a FIDIC contract on a major commuter rail infrastructure project

## CREDENTIALS

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### Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

### Recognitions

- Rising Star for Commercial Litigation, The Legal 500, 2020
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- Key Lawyer for Civil Fraud, The Legal 500, 2019

### Education

- College of Law, Legal Practice Course, 2008
- College of Law, GDL, 2007
- King's College London, B.A. (History), 2006

### Memberships

- Law Society of England and Wales

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### Africa Energy Futures 2.0

3 November 2022

The Africa Energy Futures report sets out the conclusions and observations of DLA Piper Africa's member firm lawyers in 21 jurisdictions across the continent in relation to the future of energy in Africa, all within a 2030 horizon. The report's country chapters address a number of discernible trends.

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**Law applicable to arbitration agreements: UK Supreme Court confirms law of the contract generally prevails**

22 November 2021

In the eagerly anticipated judgment of *Kabab-ji v Kout*, the English Supreme Court upheld the Court of Appeal's 2020 decision in the same matter that when English law is expressly chosen by the parties to govern a contract, English law will also usually govern the arbitration agreement contained in that contract.

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## Virtual Hearings 2021

21 September 2021

Virtual hearings

In this latest report in the Virtual Hearings series we set out a summary of data-driven conclusions and personal observations from clients and litigators from around the globe.

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## ***Between a Rock and a hard place: Singapore Courts decline to follow English precedent on 'No Oral Modification' clauses***

5 July 2021

The Singapore Court of Appeal has decided against strict enforcement of no oral modification clauses, taking a different approach to the English Supreme Court. We summarise the contrasting cases and what this means for businesses operating in either of these jurisdictions.

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## Events

### Previous

#### **White Collar Crime, Investigations and Compliance Symposium**

5 October 2021

Webinar

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## NEWS

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### **DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2022**

28 April 2022

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 74 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1 2022 in the United States and May 1 2022 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. Promotions have been made across all of the firm's practice areas, spanning 38 offices in 21 countries.

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