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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

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

Publications

Cocoa beans arbitration leaves a bitter taste following a successful serious irregularity challenge

19 October 2021

The High Court has upheld the principle that each party has to be given an opportunity to address all issues in the case, or the Award issued by the Tribunal may be susceptible to challenge under section 68 of the Arbitration Act 1996. We acted for the successful applicant of this case.

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.

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.

Cayman Islands Court of Appeal confirms availability of Norwich Pharmacal relief in foreign proceedings in *Arcelormittal USA LLC v Essar Global Fund Limited & ors*

18 May 2021

The Cayman Islands Court of Appeal has confirmed that the Norwich Pharmacal relief is available in the Cayman Islands in aid of foreign proceedings, a matter on which there was some doubt in light of recent English High Court decisions .

Rowe & ors v Ingenious Media Holdings: the importance of capitalised funders

1 February 2021

The recent decision in *Rowe & ors v Ingenious Media Holdings* provides some important clarification of aspects of the UK adverse costs regime applicable to third party funders, an area which poses particular risks and challenges to the market.

COVID-19, force majeure and frustration: An in-depth analysis

9 June 2020

The outbreak of COVID-19 has caused major disruption to businesses around the world, with many finding it difficult, or impossible, to fulfil their contractual obligations because of the pandemic and the response to it.

Just deserts: English court grants conditional anti-suit injunction on "quasi-contractual" basis

5 June 2020

Times Trading Corporation v National Bank of Fujairah (Dubai Branch), the English Commercial Court granted an anti-suit injunction (ASI) restraining the National Bank of Fujairah (Dubai Branch) (NBF) from pursuing Singaporean court proceedings. The judgment contains a helpful summary of general principles applicable to "contractual" ASIs.

The collapse in oil prices: force majeure and other strategies

27 May 2020

On 20 April 2020, the WTI benchmark price for crude oil in the US temporarily fell to negative \$37.63, the first time in history it has fallen below zero. One question many clients are posing is whether a collapse in oil prices might excuse performance of a contract on force majeure grounds.

Certainty for commercial parties

7 May 2020

The Court of Appeal (CoA) granted the Claimant, a Turkish construction company, an anti-suit injunction restraining an entity within the Chubb insurance group from continuing Russian court proceedings which the CoA ruled it had brought in breach of an arbitration agreement specifying London as the seat.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – top tips for your commercial contracts including force majeure

16 April 2020

The outbreak of coronavirus COVID-19 is having a profound effect on the global economy, and a widespread impact on the ability of parties to perform their contractual obligations.

Coronavirus COVID-19 and frustration: Is your contract at risk? (United Kingdom)

11 March 2020

The ongoing global coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak is creating uncertainty and difficulty for enterprises worldwide, particularly those whose business depends on large gatherings of people. We're advising many such businesses on protecting their legal rights and mitigating the worst economic effects of the virus.

P v D arbitration claims under section 68 and 33 of the Arbitration Act 1996

29 January 2020

The decision from the English Commercial Court highlights the consequences for parties if they fail to interrogate fully opponent witnesses on key points of evidence, and for Tribunals of issuing awards inconsistent with unchallenged evidence or predicated upon a case that has not been advanced.

Events

Previous

White Collar Crime, Investigations and Compliance Symposium

5 October 2021

Webinar
