**MICHAEL LEE**

Arbitrator

Michael Lee is a specialist arbitrator and practising barrister. Before joining the English Bar he was a solicitor and a partner in a major international law firm, Norton Rose, where he managed the Paris office and the firm’s international arbitration group. He has had over thirty years experience practising commercial litigation in the English High Court and international arbitration, as well as co-ordinating and overseeing overseas litigation**.** He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a CEDR accredited mediator.

Michael Lee has a wide ranging practice as an international arbitrator having served as a member of the tribunal in over 70 international arbitrations administered under the rules of various international arbitration institutions, including the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), American Arbitration Association (AAA), Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC),and Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), as well as ad hoc arbitrations and those under UNCITRAL Rules. Arbitrations in which he has been appointed have included disputes in the fields of energy supply, oil and gas, agency, joint ventures, expropriation, and engineering, as well as finance and banking, involving a variety of national laws and jurisdictions. He is on the panel of international arbitrators of the AAA, ICDR, SIAC, HKIAC, the Beijing Arbitration Commission, the Indian Council of Arbitration and the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration. He sits regularly as an arbitrator in Asia.

Michael Lee also has experience of mediation, having acted as mediator or co-mediator in several mediations. He has also acted as counsel or legal adviser in numerous arbitrations under institutional rules, including ICC, LCIA, Stockholm Chamber of Commerce and trade association rules as well as ad hoc arbitrations in the general commercial, banking, insurance and commodities fields.

He was formerly the UK member on the ICC Court of International Arbitration, and is a member of the ICC Commission on International Arbitration. He is also a member of the International Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Michael has written and edited various publications on international arbitration matters. He was co-editor of the IBA publication “*Obtaining Evidence in Another Jurisdiction in Business Disputes*” and has also spoken on arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution at various conferences and workshops including those organised by the International Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Paris Bar and the ICC.

**Examples of Recent Arbitration Appointments include arbitrations relating to the following**:

* The manufacture and supply of parts for civilian aircraft (ICC – Chairman).
* Alleged infringement of licensing rights in Asia for major clothes manufacturer (Ad hoc – Chairman).
* Alleged failure of electricity generating plant in Asia (SIAC – Chairman).
* Alleged misrepresentation and breach of warranty on sale of company owning power generation plant in Asia (SIAC – party appointed).
* Alleged breach of agreement for supply of IT equipment and software to Middle East Company (ICC Singapore seat – party appointed).
* Alleged breach of agreement for supply of IT systems for major Asian Bank (ICC Singapore seat – Sole Arbitrator).
* Alleged breach of agreement by African Bank to provide banking facilities (ICC Nairobi seat – Chairman).
* Construction and implementation of offshore oil accommodation platforms in the Middle East (Ad hoc – Chairman).
* Alleged breach of agreement for servicing and maintenance of IT equipment (LCIA – party appointed).
* Alleged breach of franchising agreement in respect of major international restaurant chain (LCIA – sole arbitrator).
* Alleged expropriation of hotel in Middle Eastern Country (ICSID – party appointed arbitrator).

**Quotes:**

The Legal 500 20 14 “*A hugely experienced arbitrator across a wide range of disputes*.”

Chambers and Partners 2010: "*Specialist arbitrator Michael Lee regularly serves on tribunals under LCIA, ICC and UNCITRAL rules, particularly those in the energy and technology sectors. He is a fine choice in the arbitration field*".

Chambers and Partners 2009: "*Highly commercial and quick to grapple with complex issues, Michael Lee was noted by commentators for producing prompt and well-reasoned awards*."