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Juliet Blanch – Arbitrator

OVERVIEW

Juliet Blanch is a full-time arbitrator having previously chaired the international dispute resolution practice at Weil, Gotshal & Manges. She has over 30 years' experience in the arbitration of both international commercial and investment treaty disputes with a particular focus on energy and infrastructure, mining, commodities, telecommunications, pharmaceutical, hospitality, maritime and shareholder disputes. Juliet has sat as arbitrator in over 75 arbitrations held under HKIAC, ICC, ICSID, LCIA, LMAA, SCC, SIAC, UNCITRAL and other rules and which have been seated in a variety of jurisdictions including London, Hong Kong, Paris, Singapore, Stockholm, Washington DC, Geneva and Zurich.

Arbitrator Style and Approach I listen to the parties and will always take account of their procedural requests when jointly agreed, however I will take a firm approach where there are disagreements between the parties to ensure that the agreed procedural timetable is not disregarded and hearing dates do not need to be moved whilst ensuring that the parties are treated fairly and equally without adversely impacting due process. I seek always to ensure that the overriding objective of achieving an efficient and cost effective resolution of the dispute is achieved and that the parties at all times feel that they have been given a fair hearing.

EXPERTISE

- Energy, Infrastructure, Mining, Commodities
- Shareholder Disputes
- Investor State Dispute Settlement
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EXPERIENCE

Energy, Infrastructure, Mining, Commodities

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- Three parallel arbitrations in Singapore under the SIAC expedited provisions relating to commodity agreements.
- Arbitration in Egypt under the LCIA Rules relating to a JOA dispute over charges related to a project in Cairo.
- Arbitration in Seoul under the ICC Rules relating to a JOA for an urban development project in Korea applying Korean law.
- Arbitration under the ICC Rules relating to an energy consortium dispute against a sovereign State applying the customs and usages of the international petroleum industry and international principles of law.
- Arbitration in London under the ICC Rules relating to gas pricing under a long-term gas sales agreement.
- Arbitration in Singapore under the SIAC Rules relating to a commodity sales contract applying Singaporean law.
- Arbitration in London under the LCIA Rules relating to pricing under a long-term commodity sales contract applying English law.
- Arbitration in London under the LCIA Rules relating to a post M&A dispute in the offshore energy sector applying Russian law.
- Arbitration in London under the ICC Rules relating to a post M&A dispute in the energy sector applying English law.
- Arbitration in London under the LCIA Rules relating to a Joint Operating Agreement applying English law.
- Arbitration in London under the LCIA Rules relating to an infrastructure project in Africa applying English law.

- Three consolidated and expedited ad hoc arbitrations in London relating to the sale of commodities under a framework agreement applying English law.
- Arbitration in London under the LCIA Rules relating to a project in sub-Saharan Africa applying Kenyan law.
- Arbitration in Zurich under the SCAI Rules in relation to royalties payable under a joint operating agreement applying the laws of Texas.
- Ad Hoc arbitration in London relating to the financing of a gas pipeline in Central Asia applying English law.
- LCIA Arbitration in London relating to a Joint Operating Agreement for a project in Central Asia.
- LCIA Arbitration in London relating to the liability for tax relating to an energy project in Central Asia.
- LCIA Arbitration in London relating to a Production Sharing Agreement.
- LCIA Arbitration in London relating to a production sharing agreement applying English law.

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- Ad Hoc Arbitration in Stockholm representing PGNiG in its landmark \$12 billion arbitration against Gazprom with regard to the pricing of gas supplied under a long-term supply agreement.
- ICC Arbitration in Singapore relating to a contract for the construction and operation of an FPSO.
- ICC Arbitration in London relating to the decommissioning of a North Sea Rig.
- ICC Arbitration in Geneva relating to a breach of contract for oil supply services.
- ICC Arbitration in London relating to the financing of an oil pipeline.

- ICC Arbitrations in London relating to development agreements for projects in the Caribbean, China, Italy, Turkey and Azerbaijan.
- ICC Arbitration in London relating to the operation of an oil pipeline in Turkey.
- LCIA Arbitration in London relating to a consortium agreement for the development of an oil field in Russia.
- LCIA Arbitration in London relating to a long-term steel sales agreement.
- LCIA Arbitration in London relating to the ownership and operation of a gold mine.
- LCIA Arbitration in London relating to the consolidation of disputes under 4 separate agreements for the sale of copper.
- SCC Arbitration in Stockholm relating to the pricing of gas under a long-term gas supply agreement.
- Ad Hoc Arbitration in London relating to the financing of a gas pipeline in Central Asia.
- Ad Hoc Arbitration in Stockholm relating to rights under a license for a diamond pipe in Russia.
- Ad Hoc Arbitration in London relating to a North Sea joint operating agreement.
- Ad Hoc Arbitration in Stockholm relating to pricing under a long-term steel supply contract.
- Ad Hoc Arbitration in Stockholm relating to the pricing of a gas under a long-term gas supply agreement.
- Ad Hoc Arbitration in London relating to the pricing of copper under a long-term supply agreement.
- Ad Hoc Arbitration in London relating to rights under a license for a gold mine.
- LCIA Arbitration in London relating to the construction of a Brazilian offshore rig.
- LCIA Arbitration in London relating to the construction of a multi-story carpark in Russia.
- Ad Hoc Arbitration in London relating to a production sharing agreement.

Shareholder Disputes

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- Arbitration in London under the LCIA Rules relating to a Shareholders Agreement in the energy sector applying Swiss law.
- Ad Hoc arbitration in Geneva relating to a shareholders' agreement applying the laws of Texas.
- Arbitration in London under the LCIA Rules relating to a shareholders' dispute applying English law.

Counsel

- ICC Arbitration in London relating to shareholders rights under a consortium agreement for the construction and operation of an offshore oil rig.
- LCIA Arbitration in London relating to a partnership dispute for the construction and operation of a copper mine in Georgia.
- LCIA Arbitration in London relating to a Shareholders Agreement for the construction and operation of a diamond mine subject to English and Russian Law.
- SIAC Arbitration in Singapore relating to the breach of a Shareholders Agreement.
- Ad Hoc Arbitration in London relating to a shareholder dispute.

Investor State Dispute Settlement

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- Presiding arbitrator in a North American investor dispute against a North American State under the ICSID Rules applying the NAFTA Treaty.
- Arbitration in Stockholm under the provisions of the Energy Charter Treaty.
- Presiding arbitrator of ICSID arbitration Eco Oro Minerals Corp v Republic of Colombia (ICSID Case No.ARB/16/41).
- Arbitration in London under the LCIA Rules relating to an investment agreement applying English and Indian laws.
- Party appointed arbitrator in ICSID arbitration (to be filed shortly as of 03/04/2020).

Counsel

- Representing Georgia against Zhinvali Development Corporation in respect of the construction of a hydropower station.
- Representing Azpetrol against Azerbaijan in a claim brought under the Energy Charter Treaty.
- Representing the Williams Companies against Venezuela.
- Representing MOL in its claim against Croatia.
- Representing CEZ in its claim against Albania.
- Advising various investors in relation to potential claims against Albania, Kazakhstan, Korea and Romania.
- Representing the investor in an Energy Charter Treaty claim against a State pursuant to the UNCITRAL Rules.

Telecommunications

Arbitrator

- Arbitration in London under the ICC Rules relating to a Shareholders Agreement in the telecoms sector applying English law.
- Ad Hoc Arbitration in London under the UNCITRAL Rules relating to a telecommunications dispute in India applying Indian law.

Counsel

- Ad Hoc Arbitration in London relating to the privatization of a telecommunications network.

Hospitality

Arbitrator

- Acting as arbitrator in Stockholm under the SCC Rules relating to a dispute over a hospitality agreement in Russia applying English law.
- Acting as arbitrator in New York under the ICDR Rules relating to a dispute over the development of a hospitality project in Korea applying New York law.
- Acting as arbitrator in London under the LCIA relating to a Hospitality Management Agreement applying the laws of Dubai.

Counsel

- Lead Counsel advising a Middle Eastern hotel management company in respect of separate disputes under Hotel Management Agreements relating to hotels in China, BVIs, New York, Italy and the United Kingdom. Each dispute was subject to English law and was London seat and LCIA Rules.
- Lead Counsel advising a US hotel management company in respect of a dispute under a Hotel Management and related agreements subject to English law, London seat and ICC Rules.

Construction

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- Arbitration in Dubai under the DIFC-LCIA Rules relating to a Sales Purchase applying the laws of the UAE.
- Arbitration in Calgary under the ICC Rules relating to a Subcontract Agreement on a Refinery project applying Canadian law.
- Arbitration in London under the ICC Rules relating to a construction dispute applying English law.

- Ad Hoc arbitration in London under the UNCITRAL Rules relating to a construction project in Africa applying the Democratic Republic of Congo's law.
- Counsel.
- ICC Arbitration in London relating to the financing and construction of a steel mill in Russia.
- ICC Arbitration in London relating to the construction of a power station in Russia.
- ICC Arbitration in Hong Kong relating to the construction of a petrochemical plant in China.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) (Exeter University) (1984).

CAREER HISTORY

- Arbitration Chambers (2017 – Present).
- Weil Gotshal & Manges, Chair of International Dispute Resolution Group, London (2010 – 2016).
- McDermott, Will & Emery, Chair of International Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Group, London (2005 – 2010).
- Norton Rose, Partner, Head of International Arbitration, London (1997 – 2005).
- Norton Rose, Trainee and Assistant Solicitor, London (1986 – 1997).

ACCREDITATION

- Solicitor admitted to practice in England and Wales (1988).

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