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Ravi Aswani – Arbitrator

“ He knows every single rule in arbitration. Bright and user-friendly. ”

Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2020 and Global 2020, International Arbitration (General Commercial and Insurance)

OVERVIEW

Ravi Aswani is a commercial dispute resolution barrister. He has a broad practice which covers several areas including in particular shipping and international trade, commodities, energy and oil and gas, metals and mining, insurance and re-insurance, banking and finance. As well as litigation in the English courts, Ravi has an extensive international arbitration practice. He has been instructed in arbitrations seated in a number of jurisdictions under various applicable laws, both ad hoc (in particular LMAA) as well as institutional arbitration (in particular ICC, LCIA and SIAC). In more recent years, Ravi has offered services as an arbitrator and a mediator alongside his counsel work.

STYLE AND APPROACH

Ravi is often praised for his user-friendliness. His approach can best be described as adaptive and informed. Adaptive in the sense that he tailors his style and approach to best suit the particular circumstances of the case before him. Informed in the sense that Ravi brings to bear in all his arbitrator and mediator work his years of experience as arbitration counsel in both institutional arbitration and ad hoc arbitration, across many jurisdictions, institutions, applicable laws and cultures, as well as experience gained as counsel in commercial litigation and mediation, and a helpful insight from his judicial work as a deputy district judge in the County Court.

EXPERTISE

- Banking and Finance
- Construction and Engineering (especially maritime / offshore)
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Joint venture / consortia disputes in a wide variety of industry sectors
- Shipping / Commodities

EXPERIENCE

As Arbitrator: Work in last three years

- LMAA Arbitration (English seat, English law) - Co-arbitrator - settled pre-hearing.
- CC Arbitration (Swiss seat, English law) - Co-arbitrator - Award issued September 2018.
- LMAA Arbitration (English seat, English law) - Co-arbitrator - settled between hearing and Award.
- LCIA Arbitration (Indian seat, Indian law) - Sole arbitrator – (Expedited) Award issued March 2019.

- LMAA Arbitration (English seat, English law) - Co-arbitrator - pre-hearing stages.
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As Counsel: Representative work in last three years

- SIAC arbitration (Singapore seat, Malaysian law) arising out of a large and complex operation to move a jack up oil rig to a new location.
- Dera Commercial Estate v Derya Inc [2019] 1 Lloyd's Rep 57 – a leading authority in English law about the proper approach to the dismissal of claims in arbitration for inordinate and inexcusable delay. After being instructed in this case, Ravi has been instructed in several similar cases involving an attempt to apply to have a claim dismissed for inordinate and inexcusable delay, both to advance and to resist such applications.
- ICC arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of contract for the supply of agency, logistics and customs clearances services ancillary to the construction of a large factory in West Africa.
- SIAC arbitration (Singapore seat, English law) arising out of an industrial disaster.
- LOF arbitration (English seat, English law) instructed unled against a QC in a dispute arising out of a prolonged wreck removal operation.
- LCIA arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of alleged breach of loan facility agreement and ancillary guarantee.
- A v B [2018] EWHC 2325 (Comm) – s67 and s68 challenges relating to complex damages calculations in the context of an admitted irregularity.
- ICC arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of contract for the supply and commissioning of industrial heat exchangers.
- LOF arbitration (English seat, English law) instructed unled against a QC in a dispute arising out of grounding of a vessel in a sensitive area of natural beauty in Greek waters.
- LMAA arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of alleged repudiation of high value shipbuilding contracts.
- LMAA arbitration (English seat, English law) instructed unled against a QC in a multiphase dispute arising out a high value ship sale and purchase in which jurisdiction, liability and quantum were in issue.
- SIAC arbitration (Singapore seat, Malaysian law) arising out of a commodity sale and purchase.
- ICC arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of a heavy machinery and plant sales and marketing joint venture.

- LMAA arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of a number of related contracts for the construction and purchase of jack up oil drilling rigs.
- LCIA arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of a high value ship repair contract.
- Ad hoc arbitration (Singapore seat, English law) arising out of a ship management contract.
- LMAA arbitration (English seat, English law) under charterparty raising novel questions about insurance and liability obligations in the context of intended regular groundings to a barge causing damage – issues include whether it was impossible to obtain insurance in respect of the same given lack of fortuity and whether damage ordinary wear and tear in any event.
- LCIA arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of alleged consultancy agreement.
- GAFTA arbitrations (English seat, English law) arising out of multiple contracts for the sale of soyabean meal and corn, and related challenge to s66 enforcement action on the basis that appeals to the GAFTA appeal board were pending such that the first tier awards could not be enforced.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- LLB (University College London, First Class Honours).

CAREER HISTORY

- 2019 – ongoing: ICC Global Commission on Arbitration and ADR (representing the UK).
- 2013 – ongoing: Deputy District Judge (General Civil authorisation, 2013; Chancery / Bankruptcy and Insolvency authorisation, 2020).
- 2002 – ongoing: 36 Stone (known as Stone Chambers until 2018).
- 2001 – 2002: Judicial Assistant at the Court of Appeal of England and Wales.

ACCREDITATION

- CEDR Accredited Mediator – 2009.
- MCI Arb – 2012.

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