

OLIVER MCENTEE

Year of call: 2010

Clerked by: Harry Young

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Arbitration Commercial Banking & Finance Company
International Technology & Construction



Arbitration

Prior to joining chambers in 2019, Oliver spent six years in practice at the Employed Bar in leading international firms in London, Singapore and Tokyo. He has acted in commercial arbitrations under the SIAC, ICC, LCIA, and JCAA institutional rules as well as ad hoc arbitrations in a wide range of fields including construction, mining, oil and gas, automotive and real estate investment sectors.

Oliver's commercial arbitration experience (at the Employed Bar) includes:

- Acting (as lead associate) in the successful defence of an ICC arbitration claim for deceit and breach of warranty arising out of the sale of a £300 million business
- Acting for a Fortune 100 company (as lead associate) in a SIAC claim for breach of fiduciary duty against its regional CEO (securing a favourable settlement of claims for forfeiture of remuneration and an account of profits on the eve of trial)
- Acting for a Japanese automotive company (as lead associate) in the successful defence of a claim for lost profits on the termination of an automotive distributorship in Thailand
- Acting for a European contractor in an UNCITRAL arbitration over delays and disruption in the construction of a petrochemical plant in India (as lead associate)
- Successfully defending an ICC claim regarding the termination of a joint venture for the development of a marine engineering product
- Acting for a Japanese automotive marque in an ICC arbitration seeking the dissolution of its equity joint venture with a European automotive giant
- Acting for a Korean contractor in claims against a subcontractor arising out of a significant cost overrun on the construction of an iron ore mine in Australia
- Acting for a Korean contractor in a final account dispute regarding the construction of a railyard at a mining project in Australia
- Advising a US contractor regarding prospective arbitration proceedings in relation to a defective overland conveyor system at a coal mine in SE Asia

Oliver also has experience of investor-state arbitration, including:

- Advising a Japanese investor on expropriation and FET claims against an Asian state under a bilateral investment treaty
- Acting for a North Asian government in a dispute in connection with the compulsory acquisition of residential property at an alleged undervalue

Profile

Oliver joined Kings Chambers in 2019 following a career as an employed barrister in international firms in London, Singapore and Tokyo. He acts in all areas covered by the Business and Property Team and has particular experience of arbitration, general commercial, construction and engineering, fraud, post-M&A and joint venture matters.

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Qualifications

BA Jurisprudence (Law with Law Studies in Europe), First from Balliol College, University of Oxford 2002-2006

Bar Vocational Course 2006-2007, Very Competent from Manchester Metropolitan University