# **VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators**

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## 4. Current position:

Partner and Co-head of International Arbitration, Fox Williams LLP

#### 5. Education:

- MA, Trinity College, Oxford University
- Postgraduate Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration (School of International Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London)
- Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Associate Mediator, Singapore Mediation Centre
- Solicitor-Advocate, All Higher Courts of England & Wales

# 6. Practiced experience in arbitration

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules? Approximately 50 to 75, under a variety of Rules including ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, HKIAC, SIAC
- How often have you acted as Chairman? 4
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator? 17
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator? 6
- How often have you acted as Counsel? Approximately 25 to 50
- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)? 0

# 7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):

- "The problem with carving out disputes from disputes clauses", client update March 2021
- "Court of Appeal rules on conflicts of interest clause", client update March 2021
- "Arbitration and statutory employment rights: are you aware of the options?", client update January 2021
- "The four elements of a dispute", LexisNexis Future of Law blog, January 2021
- "Facilitated Contract Renegotiation", LexisNexis In-house Counsel blog, December 2020

- "How to approach a facilitated contract renegotiation", London Chamber of Arbitration and Mediation, November 2020
- "Questions to ask your lawyer at the start of a dispute", London International Disputes Week, November 2020
- "Virtual hearings: what do you need to do?", client update November 2020
- "Driverless arbitration", LexisNexis Future of Law blog, October 2020
- "Slow arbitration", LexisNexis Future of Law blog, September 2020
- "Developing your arbitration career", Chartered Institute of Arbitrators website, September 2020
- "The third age of arbitration", LexisNexis Inhouse blog, August 2020
- "Force majeure notices under English law: what comes next?", New York Dispute Resolution Lawyer, July 2020
- "The forces against virtual arbitration", LexisNexis Future of Law blog, July 2020
- "What is force majeure?", Estates Gazette magazine, March 2020
- "Duties of good faith in commercial contracts", CDR magazine, February 2020
- "Force majeure clauses", client update, 2020
- "What will arbitration look like in a future virtual world?", Arbitration (Chartered Institute of Arbitrators), Vol. 85, No. 4, November 2019
- "Dispute Resolution in the Energy Sector", Globe Law and Business (2019 edition) chapter on LNG plant disputes
- "Play by the (Prague) Rules", The Resolver, Spring 2019
- "Extending the time to challenge an arbitration award", client update, 2019
- "The arbitration of trust disputes", client update, 2019
- "Anti-enforcement injunctions in international arbitration", client update, 2019
- "Arbitrators, football and AI", client update, 2019
- "The Prague Rules: the proactive arbitrator revisited", client update, 2018
- "When an arbitrator gives an unexpected decision", client update, 2018
- "New arbitration rules in Hong Kong", client update, 2018
- "Promoting Institutional Arbitration in India", client update, 2018
- "The Singapore Mediation Convention: a game changer?", client update, 2018
- "Arbitration-related injunctions: an update from England", client update, 2018
- "The high hurdle of challenging an arbitration award in England", client update, 2018
- "The practice of emergency arbitration", Belgian Review of Arbitration, 2017, Issue 1
- "Blind appointment of arbitrators: the way forward?", Legal Era Magazine, February 2017
- "Project management in international arbitration", McGill Journal of Dispute Resolution, 2016, Vol. 3
- "International arbitration: 2016 in review"
- "The Indian Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act", LexisNexis PSL, 2016
- "Observations on key trends in international arbitration", LexisNexis PSL, 2015
- "Promissory notes and arbitration", LexisNexis PSL, November 2015
- "One arbitrator or three?", LexisNexis PSL, October 2015
- "Changing the arbitration law in India", LexisNexis PSL, September 2015
- "Public policy in Indian Arbitration", LexisNexis PSL, June 2015
- "Separating arbitration clauses in India", LexisNexis PSL, 2015
- "The changing landscape of investment treaty protection in India", LexisNexis PSL, 2015
- "How to help write an arbitral award", LexisNexis PSL, April 2015
- "Known unknowns in international arbitration", LexisNexis PSL, March 2015
- "Know your arbitrator", LexisNexis PSL, February 2015
- "Anti-arbitration injunctions: mixed signals from India", LexisNexis PSL, 2015
- "The Singapore International Commercial Court: the best of both worlds?", LexisNexis PSL, 2015
- "Why mediate?", LexisNexis PSL, 2014
- "The Singapore International Mediation Centre", LexisNexis PSL, 2014
- "When should you mediate?", LexisNexis PSL, 2014
- "Six practical tips for drafting international arbitration clauses", LexisNexis PSL, 2014

- "The risks of lists in international arbitration", LexisNexis PSL, 2014
- "The separated arbitrator", LexisNexis PSL, 2014
- ICLG Guide to International Arbitration 2014 chapter on Singapore
- "How to train your arbitration counsel", LexisNexis PSL, 2014
- "Ten tips for saving time and cost in international arbitration", LexisNexis PSL, June 2014
- "Questions from the C-suite", LexisNexis PSL, May 2014
- "The Evolution of International Arbitration", LexisNexis PSL, March 2014
- "Dispute Resolution in the Energy Sector", Globe Law and Business (2012 edition) chapter on Investment Treaty Arbitration
- "Duties of arbitrators and emergency arbitrators under the SIAC Rules", Asian International Arbitration Journal, 2012, Vol. 8

# 8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:

- Presidential Panel of Arbitrators, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Panel of Arbitrators, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Panel of International Arbitrators, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA)
- Panel of Arbitrators, London Chamber of Arbitration and Mediation (LCAM)
- Panel of Foreign Arbitrators, Badan Arbitrase Nasional Indonesia (BANI)
- Panel of Associate Mediators, Singapore Mediation Centre
- Member, International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
- Member, LCIA
- Member, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration
- Member, Association of International Petroleum Negotiators
- Member, Society of Construction Law
- Member (Liveryman), Worshipful Company of Arbitrators
- Associate Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Chair, London Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Honorary Treasurer and Director, Singapore Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2010 to 2016)
- Tutor and Examiner for Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Singapore Institute of Arbitrators Fellowship courses
- Tutor of Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors course
- Board of Directors, London International Disputes Week
- Editorial Board, Lexis PSL Arbitration
- Editorial Board, Journal of Enforcement of Arbitration Awards

## 9. Languages

Mother tongue: English

Working languages (i.e. languages in which you have both a spoken and written command so that you may conduct arbitral proceedings in this language):

10. In which legal systems have you trained?							
☐ Civil Law	Х	Common Law					
☐ Austrian Law		Hungarian Law		Swiss Law			
☐ Czech Law		Polish Law		Ukrainian Law			
☐ German Law		Slovakian Law 🗖		European Law			
Other							
11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice? England & Wales, Singapore, India, and many others							
12. In which jurisdictions are you admitted to the bar? England & Wales							
13. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of five):							
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☐ Antitrust/Unfair competition		Damages		Insolvency		Power plants	
☐ Aviation		Distribution	Χ	Insurance	Χ	Private Intern. Law	
☐ Banking & Finance		Domain name disputes		Intellect. property (IP)		Public Intern. Law	
☐ Capital markets		Employment		ISDS/ Foreign invest.		Real estate	
□ CISG	Χ	Energy		Joint ventures	Χ	Shipping	
☐ Civil fraud disputes	Χ	Engineering		Licensing		Sports	
X Commercial disp. / transactions		Entertainment	Χ	Life sciences	Χ	State/Public contract	
X Commodity market		Healthcare & Pharmac.	Χ	Maritime arbitration	Χ	Technology	
X Company/Corporate/M&A		Hotel/Gastro./Tour.		Media	Χ	Telecommunication	
X Construction	Χ	Inform. technology (IT)	Χ	Mining	Χ	Transport	
X Contract law	Χ	Infrastructure	Χ	Natural resources			
☐ Other							
14. Date of birth: May 1974							
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X I have completed this questionnaire to the above to the best of my knowledge and believe they are accurate.

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