

Speaker Profile



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Adrian Cole is an Independent Arbitrator, Mediator and Dispute Board member. He is a construction dispute specialist with expertise in energy, real estate and infrastructure development and formerly led King & Spalding's highly rated Middle East Dispute Resolution Practice.

Mr Cole is listed by Who's Who Legal as one of the top 25 construction dispute resolution lawyers in the World and ranked tier one by Chambers Global and Legal 500. Part of the "Global Elite" in thought leadership, "He's the kind of guy you want with you rather than against you." and is ranked for "his knowledge in arbitration" (Chambers Global). He "stands out as a strong expert in construction-related dispute resolution" (Legal 500).

As arbitrator, Mr Cole has decided over 90 significant and complex commercial cases sitting with some of the world's leading arbitrators and is listed by Chambers Global as one of the most in demand arbitrators.

Mr Cole is a member of the Commission on Arbitration and ADR at the ICC and led Task Force 4 on an international project to widen global awareness and use of ADR, the product of which the ICC has published in July 2023 its Guide on Effective Conflict Management and Report on Facilitating Settlement in International Arbitration.

Closer to home, Mr Cole has been an active member of the Steering Committee for the ICC UAE Commission on Arbitration & ADR, guiding the successful growth of ICC arbitration in the UAE and MENA region and promoting new initiatives to raise its profile.

Mr Cole has recently been appointed as a Judge in the Court of Cassation, in the Kingdom of Bahrain.