

WIPO LIST OF NEUTRALS

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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United Kingdom



Nationality: British

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Chartered Arbitrator (CArb), 2008;
Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), 2006;
LL.B., (Hons), University of Southampton, Southampton, 1972;
Solicitor, Supreme Court, Law Society of England and Wales, 1988;
Barrister, (Middle Temple), 1973.

LANGUAGES

English, French, German

PRESENT POSITION

Independent Arbitrator, Accredited Mediator and Adjudicator, Member, ArbDB Chambers, London.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Partner and Head of Contentious Intellectual Property, Charles Russell LLP 2005;
Partner, Faegre Benson Hobson Audley, LLP, 2002-2004;
Partner, Mishcon de Reya, 1999-2002;
Head of IP, Davies Arnold Cooper, Partner from 1989, 1987-99;
Trade Marks Department, latterly Deputy-Head of Legal Services, Allied-Lyons plc (now part of Pernod Ricard), 1973-87;
Trade Marks Department, The Distillers Company Limited, 1972-73.

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MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Certified Mediator, International Academy of Mediators (IMI), 2009; Certified Mediator, SIMI, 2018; Supporting Member, London Maritime Arbitrators Association, London (on the list of those prepared to accept appointments and Aspiring Full Member); CEDR, Accredited Mediator –2002; WIPO Domain Name Panellist- 2002; Member, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center's List of Neutrals – 2003; ADR Group Accredited Mediator – 2003; Member, the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation.

Panel Memberships:

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The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators, 2004;
The Law Society's (England & Wales) Civil and Commercial Mediation Panel, 2006;
The London Court of Arbitration European Users Council, 2006;
Sportresolutions UK (Mediator), 2008;
The AIAC (KLRCA) Panels of Arbitrators, Mediators and Adjudicators;
The AAA/ICDR Panels of Arbitrators and Mediators.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual Property (patents, trademarks, industrial designs, copyright), technology, sports, media, IT, dispute resolution (arbitration, litigation, mediation), insurance, computer law, passing off and unfair competition; competition (anti-trust) law; maritime; family and family business.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Numerous cases brought on behalf of Business Software Alliance in England in respect of illegal software; Execution and Supervision of numerous Search Orders; Erven Warnink BV v. J Townend & Sons (Hull) Limited, House of Lords, AC 731, 1979, (the Advocaat case); Ind Coope Limited and Another v. Paine & Co Limited, Court of Appeal, 11 July 1984; Marie Claire Album SA v. Hartstone Hosiery Limited, Chancery Division, FSR 692, 1993; Advising on an international dispute relating to high profile literary copyright, including witness depositions; Successful conclusion of a number of disputes relating to copyright, trade marks and domain names in the publishing sector; Trade mark disputes in the luxury goods sector; Advising the claimants in a trade mark infringement and passing off action in the cosmetic sector; Acting for a leading US franchising operation in a trade mark infringement, passing-off and confidentiality action; Acting for a leading ISP in trade mark infringement and passing-off and domain name disputes; Acting for the Claimants in two IP case relating to mobile telephony; Protection of merchandising cartoon characters; Acting for insurers in IP cases; Advising on the development of an IPR strategy for a major international ground transportation systems group, a successful beauty and cosmetics company and a successful business to business software company; Advising on the development and implementation of a trade mark and domain name strategy for a major player in the radio sector; Major IPR due diligence assignments on corporate transactions of all kinds and substantive IPR and IT aspects of such transactions, including trade marks, domain names, copyright and patents; IPR aspects of the establishment and various funding rounds of a medical device company, including assessment and assembly of IPR from academic institutions; Advising an innovative international restaurant chain on its global trade mark and domain name strategy and managing its implementation;

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MMI v. Cellxion et al 2009 - patent infringement claim in relation to telecoms technology.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Numerous applications for registration of domain names; transfer of domain names; negotiating to resolve disputes relating to domain names;
 WIPO Panelist in a considerable number of domain name disputes; representing parties under the UDRP and Nominet procedures.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Publications

Contributor to International Commercial and Construction Adjudication, 2015.

Speaking Engagements:

Presenter at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Mediation Symposia 2008 and 2009.

Presenter at the 21st Gulf Engineering Forum, Bahrain, 2018.

Panel Member at GAR Live Abu Dhabi, 2018.

Mediation Awareness Training, Dubai, 2017.

Presenter at the International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators, Copenhagen, 2018.

Presenter at the KLRCA Conference on "An Introduction to Dispute and Conflict Avoidance Boards", 2017.

Presenter at the KLRCA Mediation Forum, 2016.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

See list of cases above under "intellectual property".

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION

ADR Group Family and Family Business Hybrid Mediation Conversion Course 2009;
 International Academy of Mediators Harvard Rendezvous, Harvard 2006;
 CEDR Advanced Mediation Training-Facilitating Negotiation and Managing Lawyers given by Jeff Krivis and Peter Robinson, Pepperdine University School of Law, February 2006;
 INTA/CPR Training, May 2004 and Advanced Mediation Training 2007;
 ADR Group Accredited Mediator, May 2003;
 CEDR Mediation Accreditation Course, Italy, August 2002;
 Faculty Member, CI Arb Mediator Training in Kuala Lumpur, 2017.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Experience as Mediator in 225 mediations, as lead, joint, or assistant mediator in cases involving intellectual property, international investment management, insurance, financial services-and commercial and contractual issues; sports; maritime; shareholder and partnership disputes.

Member, LawWorks Pro Bono Mediation Panel, UK.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom, Special Membership Course, 2004;
Attending the "Fast-track" course for Fellowship of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, March 2005;
Courses leading to Chartered Arbitrator 2007/8.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Assistance of others in the Dispute Solution Group of Faegre Benson Hobson Audley and Charles Russell in major arbitrations; completed pupillage with an experienced arbitrator;
Advising clients in major international arbitrations; advising on arbitration clauses;
Arbitrator, WIPO List of Arbitrators and Mediators, since 2003;
Arbitration in Intellectual Property;
65 Awards in a wide range of commercial arbitrations.

ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE
SUMMARY TABLE

Type	Administering Institution		Role			
	Name	Number of Arbitrations	Presiding Arbitrator	Sole Arbitrator	Co-Arbitrator	Counsel
International Arbitrations	CIArb, ICC, The Law Society	22		X		
	Ad Hoc	8		X		
	Others	14		X		
Number of Cases : Sub-Total		22		X		
Domestic Arbitrations	CIArb, The Law Society, CEDR	43		X		
Number of Cases Sub-total		43				
TOTAL		65				

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE
SUMMARY TABLE

Type	Administering Institution		Role	
	Name	Number of Mediations	Mediator	Counsel
International Mediations	CEDR, AAA/ICDR	10	X	Various
	Ad Hoc	15	X	Various
	Others:	10	X	Various
Number of cases: sub-total		35	X	
Domestic Mediations	CEDR, LCIA, IPOS	125	X (lead mediator)	Various
	CEDR	7	X (As assistant mediator) Presiley Baxendale, Karl Mackie, Gordon Harris, Henry Brown	Various
	ADR Group and ADR Chambers and Clerksroom	40	X	Various
	Ad Hoc	18	X (as lead mediator)	Various
Number of cases: sub-total		190		
TOTAL		225		