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Education

LPC. College of Law. 2004

LLM (International Trade and Maritime Law), University of Southampton, 2003

LLB (hons), University of Southampton, 2001

Bar Admissions

Solicitor, England and Wales

Publications

"Insolvency and Arbitration," *Revista de Arbitragem e Mediacao*, April 2010

"The Effects of Insolvency on Arbitration Proceedings," The European and Middle Eastern Arbitration Review, 2009 Simon Walsh focuses on high value international commercial arbitration and cross-border litigation and recently has acted for clients in the telecom, private equity, financial, maritime, offshore, power and aviation sectors.

Mr. Walsh has acted in arbitrations under the LCIA, ICC, LMAA and VIAC rules and also regularly acts for clients in the High Court, especially in seeking urgent injunctive relief. He has experience of the offshore courts in Guernsey, Jersey, British Virgin Islands and Bermuda, as well as extensive experience of managing multijurisdictional actions in Europe and the Caribbean. He also regularly advises companies on regulatory matters and civil/criminal investigations including advice under the U.K. Bribery Act and the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Mr. Walsh's recent experience includes acting for:

- a leading investment conglomerate in an LCIA arbitration regarding the disputed ownership of the leading telecoms operator in a Western Asian state, in a claim in excess of US\$2.8 billion;
- the estate of an Asian multibillionaire in respect of claims brought to trace trust assets, in multiple proceedings in Asia and Bermuda. The claims were in excess of US\$20 billion;
- a leading natural resources conglomerate regarding allegations of bribery and corruption;
- a number of Russian oligarchs in a LCIA dispute relating to ownership of one of the largest iron-ore mining assets in Ukraine with a value of US\$1.8 billion;
- a leading communications group in Europe's largest telecom arbitration relating to a shareholders' dispute worth in excess of €2.5 billion under the rules of the Vienna International Arbitration Centre and involving three parallel Vienna seat arbitrations and related proceedings in Poland, France and Switzerland;
- a global communications company in successfully defending a challenge to an arbitral tribunal under section 67 Arbitration Act 1996 in the English High Court;
- a leading reinsurance company in relation to a professional negligence claim worth in excess of US\$100 million;
- an engineering company in an ICC arbitration worth in excess of US\$150 million concerning a dispute arising under a contract for the design, construction, transportation and commissioning of two unmanned offshore well-head platforms; and
- assisting in a US\$250 million LCIA arbitration in relation to a dispute with a state-owned aluminium smelter in an FSU state.

Mr. Walsh is a member of the Young International Arbitration Group of the LCIA and a member of the International Bar Association. He is also Skadden's representative on the Associate Committee of the Commercial Litigation Forum and a member of the *pro bono* unit of Skadden's London office, acting in appeals before the Social Entitlement Chamber.