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Qualifications and Appointments

- Deputy High Court Judge: 2004
- Bencher, Lincoln's Inn: 1999
- MA (Hons) Law Double First Class, Downing College, Cambridge
- Masters' degree in European Law, Grande Distinction, Free University of Brussels

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Chambers Global, 2021

Memberships

- Commercial Bar Association
- Chancery Bar Association
- New York Bar
- Admitted to the Bar in several Caribbean jurisdictions
- Former member of the Bar Council International Relations Committee
- Former member of the British Council Law Advisory Committee
- Fellow of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA)
- Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- A Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators

Practice Overview

Recognised as a leader at the Bar in all of his areas of practice, Stuart Isaacs QC is conspicuous for his exceptional legal and technical knowledge and abilities. Noted in legal directories as having a practice of international standing, he is also commended for his *"tactical head"* and as being a *"strong litigator"* and *"superb tactician"* who *"gets results that others only dream of"*. Chambers Global 2021 describes him as *"well-known, hard-working, very efficient and hugely experienced"*, while The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2021 notes *"his strengths are his impressive grasp of his briefs, his unflappable demeanour in court and his years of experience in large and complex cross-border commercial matters"*.

Stuart has an established reputation as a barrister specialising in international commercial arbitration and litigation, with a particular focus on London and Asia. He was the first London QC to be authorised to practise as a foreign lawyer in Singapore. Stuart advises and represents clients in court and arbitration proceedings worldwide. He sits regularly as an arbitrator and is a Deputy Judge of the High Court of England and Wales.

With an almost exclusively international focus, his practice covers the range of heavy commercial disputes. Stuart is highly experienced in international commercial arbitration and investment treaty arbitration, both as counsel acting for the parties and as a much in-demand arbitrator.

Stuart has also given expert evidence on English commercial law issues in courts and arbitration tribunals in a number of overseas jurisdictions. These have included courts and tribunals in New York, Singapore, Italy and Israel, in the form of both written opinions and oral evidence.

Professional Liability

Stuart has extensive experience of professional indemnity disputes, having acted throughout his career as counsel both for and against a variety of professionals, including solicitors, architects, surveyors, accountants, auditors, valuers and consulting engineers. By way of illustration:

- Has advised accountants in relation to potential claims arising out of failed film finance schemes.
- Represented an electricity generation company against geotechnical experts for negligence in the construction of a tunnel at a hydroelectric plant in Panama.



Professional Liability continued

- Defended insurance brokers in professional negligence claims concerning the placement of insurance and reinsurance cover.

As a Deputy Judge of the High Court, has tried several professional indemnity claims.

As an arbitrator, has decided professional negligence claims concerning solicitors, accountant and other professionals. And as counsel in arbitration proceedings in Singapore and Hong Kong has represented professionals in various disciplines.