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*“A brilliant leader, excellent on the law, whose advocacy is superb. He is very good to work with and he makes himself available.”*

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## Practice Overview

Alan is a prominent and very experienced commercial silk, who was listed as one of The Lawyer's Hot 100 in 2020, which recognises 100 "lawyers of the moment who are shaping the legal profession right now" across the Bar, private practice and in-house. Furthermore, he was shortlisted for Commercial Litigation Silk of the Year Award at The Legal 500 UK Awards 2019. He is recommended by the legal directories as **"a real star"** for civil fraud as well as commercial dispute resolution, commercial chancery, insolvency and IT litigation. Regarded as **"a brilliant all-rounder"** who is truly **"outstanding"** and a **"go to for high value briefs"**, his areas of practice also cover arbitration, banking litigation and company law.

In addition to appearing/advising the English Courts, Alan also has considerable international experience in commercial disputes particularly in relation to international arbitration.

Clients note **"his intellectual agility and strong advocacy skills"** as well as the fact that **"he is very user-friendly and supportive"**, **"a real team player"**. They also value the fact that he is **"a very impressive cross-examiner who is completely on the ball and has all the facts at his fingertips"**. He is regarded as **"a really great advocate who is absolutely outstanding in court"**.

The legal directories note that he is a highly respected commercial counsel who is most adept at handling civil fraud matters and has further expertise in IT, company law and insolvency.

The 2021 edition of Chambers & Partners describes Alan as **"Just brilliant – on top of the detail and very precise."** **"He's very easy to work with and is a very good advocate. He achieves successful result after successful result."** **"A fantastic advocate who is very impressive in court."** **"He is phenomenal both on paper and on his feet. He's also very creative and works very hard."** **"A genius who is exceptionally good on complex fraud cases."** **"Terrific and easy to get on with."** and **"He is very popular and has a busy practice."**.

The Legal 500 2021 edition describes Alan as **"One of the best silks around – he is exceptional in both his written and oral presentation of cases, his legal analysis is excellent and he is tactically astute."** **"an excellent silk who is very strategic and can turn weak positions into good ones – he is a great team player and very good to work with."** **"Alan is a good QC who is serious and knows his files well. Moreover, he is a real team maker which is rare among the QCs. Very rigorous in his approach to the legal analysis and evidence. He is tactical and very clever."**



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## International Arbitration

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Alan has extensive experience of high value and large scale domestic and international arbitrations, be they under UNCITRAL, ICC, LCIA, Stockholm Chamber of Commerce or ad hoc procedures.

His arbitrations in relation to gas supply contracts have involved issues over price adjustments or price formula revisions under long term supply contracts and have required extensive cross-examination of experts on a range of issues including gas pricing, industry practice, economics of gas supply, quantum and foreign law (including for example section 36 of the Swedish Contracts Act).

Alan is a team-player who is well used to slotting into an already established arbitration team and working with the team to present the case before a common law or a civil law tribunal or a combination of the two.

### Some of his recent experience includes:

- **Gazprom v Nafogaz**: Acting for Gazprom in two SCC arbitrations relating to gas pricing and transit disputes. Awards delivered in December 2017 and February 2018 in these multi billion dollar disputes
- Acting for defendant in joint venture dispute concerning oil and gas fields in Middle East. LCIA Arbitration concluded December 2021.
- Acting for same defendant in relation to dispute under share sale agreement. LCIA arbitration ongoing.
- Acting for defendant in relation to joint venture dispute concerning GPSA in Nigeria. Evidential hearing concluded in January 2022
- Acting for state gas company in the Middle East in gas dispute concerning long term supply contract with claims circa \$5bn. ICC arbitration. Concluded March 2020.
- Acting for claimant in LMIA arbitration relating to supply of copper concentrate in China. Hearing November 2021.
- Acting for claimant in LCIA arbitration concerning joint venture dispute for development of a mine in Russia. Concluded 2020.
- Acting for claimant in linked LCIA arbitrations concerning Joint venture dispute in relation to the exploration and development of a gas field in CIS region. Concluded late 2019.
- Acting for defendant in Joint venture dispute over the development of oil and gas field in the Middle East – dispute concerns governance, investment and earn out issues. Linked LCIA arbitrations (ongoing)
- UNCITRAL arbitration in London concerning breaches of distribution agreements relating to mining equipment.
- ICC arbitration in Geneva concerning a substantial fraud claim against a major bank.
- A Stockholm Chamber of Commerce arbitration involving claims of around \$1.5 billion on a gas contract dispute.



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## International Arbitration continued

- An ICC arbitration concerning price revision, construction and factual issues in respect of a long term take or pay gas supply contract.
- An UNCITRAL arbitration concerning an offshore mooring agreement between an African State and international contractor.
- An ICC arbitration concerning contractual claims relating to major infrastructure project involving parties in London, the USA and Turkey.
- LCIA arbitration concerning the operation of a space satellite.
- An UNCITRAL arbitration concerning a major distribution agreement, raising a range of factual and expert issues.
- An LCIA arbitration concerning a government defence contract.