

Judith Gill QC

President, LCIA; Arbitrator, 20 Essex Street Chambers; former Partner and Head of the International Arbitration Group, Allen & Overy LLP; P.R.I.M.E. Finance Expert



Judith is recognised as one of the leading practitioners in the field of international arbitration.

She has conducted cases under numerous sets of rules and subject to many different systems of law. In particular, she has experience of arbitrations under the rules of, amongst others, the LCIA, ICC, SIAC, ICSID (including Additional Facility Rules), HKIAC, DIAC, AAA and UNCITRAL. Seats have included Singapore, Hong Kong, Paris, London, New York, Washington, Dubai, Geneva, and Seoul. She is regularly selected by institutions, including the ICC and SIAC, for appointments as arbitrator.

Judith joined Chambers as an arbitrator member, having previously been a partner in the international arbitration group of the global law firm Allen & Overy for over 25 years where she was head of the group for 11 years. Judith regularly acted as lead advocate and strategic adviser to clients involved in substantial international arbitration cases in both the commercial and investment treaty fields.

She has extensive experience as an arbitrator, both sole and as a member of a panel of three arbitrators. Judith has acted as arbitrator in matters involving joint venture agreements, corporate sale and purchase agreements, construction and infrastructure disputes, energy contracts, manufacturing, distributorship agreements, technology agreements and a variety of other commercial agreements. She also sits as arbitrator on investment treaty disputes.

Judith is currently the President of the LCIA, the first female to be appointed to the position. She was only the second female solicitor-advocate to be appointed QC and the first with an international arbitration practice.

Judith was former Member of AAA Board of Directors, former Co-Chair and Advisory Committee Member of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association Legal Practice Division, former Trustee of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, former Chair of the International Arbitration Club, former Member of the ICC UK Arbitration Group and former Member of the SIAC Board of Directors. She is currently a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Fellow of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and Member of the International Advisory Board of the Seoul International Dispute Resolution Center.

Judith graduated from the University of Oxford (BA and MA in Jurisprudence) and received a Diploma in Arbitration from the University of London.