

## Kieron O'Callaghan

Partner

London

### Biography

Kieron O'Callaghan has over 20 years of experience handling a broad range of complex, high-value international commercial disputes under all of the major arbitral rules. As the lead of the London arbitration team and Deputy Global Head of the International Arbitration practice, Kieron is sought out by clients to handle their complex, bet-the-company arbitrations.

Kieron's multijurisdictional practice focuses on various industry sectors, including energy and natural resources, international trade, life sciences, telecoms, and transportation. *Legal 500* commends Kieron as a "first-class practitioner without the ego that usually accompanies such ability." At the forefront of legal issues, Kieron has contributed to numerous publications and spoken regularly at arbitration and energy industry events. He was recently appointed to the ICC UK National Committee in 2020 and is an active member of the International Bar Association (IBA) and the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN).

### Representative experience

Acting for a Middle East energy company in two parallel LCIA arbitrations against a European energy major relating to two gas fields.

Advising a Chinese energy company in relation to the price provisions in a long term crude oil contract with two Russian counterparties.



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### Languages

English

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### Practices

Commercial Litigation  
Corporate and Securities Litigation  
Energy Disputes  
International Arbitration  
Litigation Services  
IP Litigation, Arbitration, and  
Alternative Dispute Resolution

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### Industries

Energy and Natural Resources  
Technology and Telecoms

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Acting for a diamond company in a dispute concerning a diamond concession in Africa.

Acting for a U.S. pharmaceutical company against a Spanish distributor in an ICC arbitration arising out of a contract governed by Pennsylvania law.

Acting for a U.S. food distributor in a dispute with its Italian joint venture partner, subject to UNCITRAL arbitration in London.

Advising a leading aircraft manufacturer regarding a dispute with an Indian freighter airline.

Acting for a Swiss company in an LCIA arbitration arising out of a shareholder agreement in relation to a Serbian bank.

Advising in a dispute concerning a multi-billion pound Anglo-Russian oil and gas joint venture, subject to UNCITRAL arbitration in Stockholm.

Acting for a global company in an LCIA arbitration against a Thai entity arising out of a copper supply contract.

Advising a U.S. oil company in a dispute involving the World Bank and an African Republic.

Arbitration under the LCIA Rules in London on behalf of a major Indian conglomerate against a Japanese banking group.

Acting for the liquidators of a major international bank in a claim before the Commercial Court involving allegations of misfeasance in public office.

A substantial Commercial Court action for an Italian pharmaceutical company in relation to alleged breaches of a licence agreement.

Advising a Turkish utility company in relation to a multi-million pound ICSID claim against the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Advising an oil company in relation to potential investment treaty claims against the Russian federation.

## Areas of focus

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Mining and Resources

Oil and Gas: Exploration and Production

Oil and Gas: Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

Oil and Gas: Supply, Marketing, and Trading

Aviation Litigation

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Magdalene College, Cambridge

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## Memberships

Member, the IBA

Member, the ICC UK National Committee

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## Accolades

Kieron O'Callaghan is a 'standout partner', a 'savvy and commercially minded litigator who never loses sight of the need to find the best way of achieving clients' objectives'

*Legal 500, 2022*

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Kieron O'Callaghan is 'a terrific and experienced practitioner who is determined to achieve clients' objectives'.

*Legal 500 UK, 2017*

Advising a global natural resources company in relation to an LCIA arbitration relating to the supply of liquid coal tar.

Acting for an international steel trader in relation to an LCIA arbitration against a Chilean purchaser.

Acting for a leading energy company in relation to price review negotiations and related expert determination proceedings.

Advising an energy major on the termination of an EFET Agreement relating to the supply of gas and potential LCIA proceedings.

Acting for an Indonesian company in an ICC arbitration in Singapore against a Thai entity involving claims for alleged misuse of confidential information.

Acting for an aviation company in an ICC arbitration in London involving claims for alleged misuse of confidential information.

## Awards and rankings

- Arbitration, *Who's Who Legal*, 2021
- Named in the International Arbitration Power List, *Legal 500*, 2019
- Projects, Energy and Natural Resources, Leading Individual, *Legal 500 UK*, 2019
- Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration, Recommended, *Legal 500 UK*, 2019
- Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration, Leading Individual, *Legal 500 UK*, 2017
- London: Dispute Resolution, International Arbitration, Leading Individual, *Chambers Global*, 2017
- International Arbitration, Leading Lawyer, *Legal 500 UK*, 2015
- *Legal 500*, 2012
- *Chambers UK*, International arbitration, 2011

## Latest thinking and events

- News

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'Kieron O'Callaghan is commended for his ability to 'make tactical decisions as well as handling broader strategic issues, which gives the client a lot of value.'

*Chambers UK 2015 (International Arbitration)*

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Kieron O'Callaghan is 'highly dedicated and an experienced arbitrator'.

*Legal 500 UK, 2019*

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Kieron O'Callaghan is 'superb technically'

*Legal 500 UK 2015*

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'Kieron O'Callaghan provides strategic direction as well as a detailed appreciation of the markets and a keen sense of the needs of the client.'

*Legal 500, 2022*

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'Kieron O'Callaghan's expertise in energy and natural resources sees him regularly entrusted with high-value gas and oil disputes involving parties from the CIS, Africa and the Middle East.'

*Chambers UK 2016*

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- UK snap general election stalls the progression of Bill intended to reform the English Arbitration Act 1996
- News
  - UK Government's snap general election stalls Bill intended to clarify litigation funding regulations
- News
  - UK Government introduces Bill to reverse UK Supreme Court PACCAR ruling
- Insights and Analysis
  - How the UK draft Arbitration Bill affects London-seated arbitrations
- News
  - UK Supreme Court judgment opens up potential for a "radical review" of the entire litigation funding sector
- News
  - 25 years of the Arbitration Act: Time for reform?