

Nathan Searle

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Biography

Nathan Searle is a partner in our international arbitration group, acting for large multinationals in complex and high-value international arbitrations and cross-border disputes. He has extensive experience advising clients on African related disputes and risk management including in Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Cameroon, Angola, DRC and South Africa. He coordinates the firm's disputes practice in the Africa region. He has experience acting for state-owned entities.

Nathan is appointed to the LCIA African Users Council as councillor and is a member of the Advisory Board for the Association of Young Arbitrators in Africa (AYA).

Nathan has higher rights of audience in the English courts and regularly appears as an advocate in international arbitrations. He also sits as arbitrator.

Representative experience

Acting for a West African Central Bank in a high value LCIA arbitration against a West African communications company in relation to a technology project.

Acting for a West African company in an LCIA Arbitration against a South African multi-national arising from a telecommunications joint venture in West Africa.



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Languages

English

Practices

Commercial Litigation

Corporate and Securities
Litigation

Energy Disputes

International Arbitration

Litigation Services

Technology Litigation

IP Litigation, Arbitration, and
Alternative Dispute Resolution

Africa Regional Practice

Industries

Acting for an international energy company in an LCIA arbitration relating to provision of technical services for a hydro-power project in West Africa.

Acting for two international banks in three arbitrations (one LCIA and two ICC) arising from secured commodities transaction in East Africa.

Acting for a global beverage company in four arbitrations (under the ICC and LCIA Rules) and injunction proceedings, regarding joint venture disputes in East Africa.

Acting for an Asian multinational in a complex and high-value ICC arbitration seated in London against a European multinational concerning a joint venture dispute.

Acting for an international bank in 16 parallel LCIA arbitrations and related injunction proceedings regarding an ISDA swap transaction, a series of loans and guarantees.

Acting for a South East Asian State in an LCIA Arbitration against a European multinational regarding a multi-million dollar dispute arising from a services contract.

Acting for an investor in an LCIA arbitration regarding a shareholders' dispute concerning an Eastern European technology business including proceedings in Cyprus.

Acting for an international telecommunications company against another global telecommunications company in an ICC arbitration seated in London.

Acting for an Asian multinational against an Indian airline in an UNCITRAL arbitration concerning a supply contract including obtaining an injunction in the Indian courts.

Awards and rankings

- Future Leader (Partners): Arbitration, *Who's Who Legal*, 2019 -2023
- International Arbitration - Next Generation Partner, *Legal 500 UK*, 2020-2023

Automotive and Mobility

Consumer

Manufacturing and Industrials

Energy

Financial Institutions

Technology

Areas of focus

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Food and Beverages

Mining and Resources

Oil and Gas

Education and admissions

Education

Bachelor of Laws (Honours),
Bond University

Bachelor of Commerce (major
in Accounting), Bond University

Memberships

Co-Chair LCIA Young
International Arbitration Group

Councillor LCIA African Users
Council

ICC Young Arbitrators Forum

Advisory Board Member of
African Arbitration

Advisory Board Member of the
Association of Young
Arbitrators Nigeria

- Notable Practitioner: Africa-wide Dispute Resolution, *Chambers Global*, 2019-2022

Latest thinking and events

- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises UK Government on £2.26 billion Extraordinary Revenue Acceleration (ERA) Loan to Ukraine
- News
 - Springtime for English arbitration: Arbitration Act 2025 hits the statute book
- Awards & rankings
 - Hogan Lovells makes strong showing in the Lexology Index Arbitration 2025 Report with 24 lawyers named
- News
 - UK Government ratifies Hague Judgments Convention 2019: multilateral treaty on enforcing judgments
- News
 - UK snap general election stalls the progression of Bill intended to reform the English Arbitration Act 1996
- News
 - Update of reforms to the mining sector and investment protection in Africa

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, New South Wales

Solicitor, England and Wales

Accolades

"Has very good Africa knowledge"

Legal 500 UK, 2018
