

Tom Smith

Partner
London

Biography

As a partner in the International Arbitration team in London, Tom advises clients on contentious issues arising out of their operations across the world. Tom has particular expertise in the resolution of disputes associated with complex engineering and infrastructure projects, and brings experience and knowledge of arbitration, mediation and court proceedings in the Commercial Court and the Technology and Construction Court.

Tom is experienced in advising clients in relation to projects based in Europe, Africa and Asia in the conventional and nuclear power, offshore wind, oil and gas, commercial space flight, defence, and transport industries. He has also acted in a number of commercial disputes in the pharmaceutical and telecommunications sectors. In 2015 Tom returned from a three-year overseas secondment to a major Japanese heavy industries company, during which he advised them on all aspects of their business.

Tom combines his disputes practice with advisory work, supporting businesses to identify and manage risk throughout the entire life cycle of their projects. He also provides training on legal issues in the construction and engineering sector, and is a regular speaker at conferences and events, including at the Overseas Contractors Association of Japan, Inc. (OCAJI) in Tokyo and the Turkish Contractors Association in Ankara.



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Practices

International Arbitration

Space and Satellite

Africa Regional Practice

Education and admissions

Education

MA (First Class), King's College
London, 2018

LPC, BPP University Law School,
2009

LL.B., King's College London, 2008

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

Tom's pro bono practice includes representing claimants in a number of constitutional challenges that seek to decriminalise homosexuality in the Caribbean.

Tom has experience of conducting arbitrations under the ICC, LCIA, LMAA and UNCITRAL rules, and has acted in cases brought before the Commercial Court and the Technology and Construction Court in London, the Courts of several European jurisdictions and before the High Court of St Vincent and the Grenadines.

Representative experience

Acting for an EPC contractor in relation to various disputes arising from the construction of a conventional power plant in the Netherlands.

Advising a defence contractor on its participation in the procurement, assembly and commissioning of a next generation fighter jet program for a foreign government.

Advising an aerospace contractor on its joint participation through risk and revenue sharing agreements in a range of civil aero engine programs.

Latest thinking and events

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- Hogan Lovells Celebrates the New Year with 29 Promotions to Partner and 56 Promotions to Counsel

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- Hogan Lovells advises on case aiming to decriminalise homosexuality in St Vincent