

## Kieron O'Callaghan

Partner  
London

### Biography

A partner in Hogan Lovells International Arbitration and Litigation Practice Group, Kieron O'Callaghan is based in the London office. He has extensive experience handling a broad range of complex, high-value international commercial disputes, including those under ad hoc, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), and United Nations Commission on International Trade (UNCITRAL) rules. He also deals with challenges to - and enforcement of - awards.

His practice focuses on the fields of energy and natural resources, international trade, life sciences, telecoms, and transportation - particularly aviation. He has assisted major and multinational energy corporations in many jurisdictions.

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 is a member of the International Bar Association (IBA), the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN), and the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR.

### Representative experience



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### Languages

English

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### Practices

Corporate and Shareholder  
Litigation

International Arbitration  
Litigation

Commercial Litigation

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### Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

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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.

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

## Areas of focus

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Mining and Resources: Mining

Oil and Gas: Exploration and Production

Oil and Gas: Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

Oil and Gas: Supply, Marketing, and Trading

IP Litigation, Arbitration, and Alternative Dispute Resolution

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Magdalene College, Cambridge

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## Memberships

Member, the IBA

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## Accolades

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

*Legal 500 UK, 2019*

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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.

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

- 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

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

*Legal 500 UK, 2017*

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Kieron O'Callaghan is 'superb technically'

*Legal 500 UK 2015*

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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'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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- 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

- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - London International Disputes Week
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Developments in financial services arbitration: Revision of the ISDA arbitration guide *International Arbitration Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Countering counterparty insolvency
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Mitigate the risks you face with supply chain disruption
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Supreme Court issues landmark judgment on penalty clauses
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Impact of Declining Oil Prices – Issue 6: Litigation