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Craig is Head of our International Arbitration group in London and Head of Energy, UK.

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BACKGROUND

Fluent in Arabic and French, Craig has lived and studied in the Middle East and has a degree in Arabic (First Class Honours).

KEY SERVICES

[International Arbitration](#)
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KEY SECTORS

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EXPERIENCE

Craig leads our international arbitration group in London. He also has extensive experience in litigation, expert determination and mediation with a particular focus on disputes in the energy, leisure, construction, engineering, defence and telecommunications industries. His practice comprises multi-jurisdictional work subject to a wide range of governing laws.

Craig has acted in arbitrations as counsel, advocate and arbitrator in ad hoc proceedings and before all of the major arbitral institutions, including, in particular the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and the American Arbitration Association (AAA). He has also acted in complex litigation cases before the English High Court (including the Queen's Bench, the Commercial Court, and the Technology and Construction Court) and the Court of Appeal.

Fluent in Arabic and French, Craig is frequently instructed in disputes arising from investments, projects and transactions in Africa and the Middle East.

Craig is regularly published on issues relating to private international law, arbitration and energy disputes, and lectures on energy law at the University of London. He has also been appointed in expert determination proceedings as an expert in English law.

Craig's recent experience includes acting for:

- a consortium of leading multinational energy companies in UNCITRAL arbitration and expert determination proceedings against a Central Asian Republic. The case concerned budget and schedule disputes worth US\$ 9 billion in a high-profile and politically significant dispute concerning one of the world's largest oil and gas projects
- Multinational energy clients on fiscal disputes worth several billion dollars arising from the intervention of the Ministry of Finance in offshore PSA interests in a West African State
- BP on contentious issues in contract and in tort, and in multiple jurisdictions and fora including the UK inquest proceedings, arising from the terrorist incident at the In Amenas gas facility in Algeria between 16-19 January 2013
- Stagecoach plc in its successful £100 million Rail Industry Dispute Resolution arbitration against the UK Government, and in the successful defence of ancillary jurisdictional applications brought by the Secretary of State in the English Commercial Court in disputes concerning the South West Trains franchise in England
- a multinational energy company on disputes with the Iraqi state and SOC concerning the imposition of environmental fines, tax and other value-extractive measures, in breach of the applicable Technical Services Contract and investment treaty protections
- a major American defence manufacturer in American Arbitration Association proceedings relating to unpaid contractual royalty payments valued in excess of \$300 million and involving separate jurisdictional, liability and quantum proceedings

- a multinational trading company in a US\$150 million ICC arbitration concerning the impact of compulsory price renegotiation through governmental regulation in the Indonesian coal industry, giving rise to complex issues of force majeure, contractual and common law termination rights, and the quantification of damages using the loss methodology
- a multinational energy company in complex cost overrun and delay disputes worth more than US\$1 billion relating to energy projects in Iran (onshore and offshore) and subject to ICC arbitration and Iranian law
- as an expert in English law in an expert determination between two multinational energy companies concerning the proper construction of the cost recovery procedures in a joint operating agreement relating to hydrocarbon exploration and production offshore from the Philippines
- a multinational energy company in a drilling rig dispute offshore The Falkland Islands valued in excess of US\$100 million
- a leading international law firm in an LCIA arbitration relating to its advice in an Islamic finance transaction, and in which significant reputational issues were at stake for our client
- advising a group of international investors in an ICC arbitration concerning the Indian telecommunications market, in the context of a series of multi-party, multi-claim arbitrations against a background of ongoing litigation in New York and India
- a multinational energy company in an ICC arbitration concerning performance issues at a US\$700 million energy facility in Algeria subject to Algerian law

ACCOLADES

"Leading Herbert Smith Freehills' international arbitration group in London, Craig Tevendale is known amongst peers as a formidable and talented litigator. His fluency in English, French and Arabic has allowed him to work on significant matters across Africa including disputes arising from the aftermath of the "Arab Spring" in North African countries such as Algeria, Morocco, Egypt and Libya." Legal500 GC Powerlist: Private Practice Africa Specialists, 2019

"Craig Tevendale is an unflappable, excellent cross-examiner and advocate; he has total command of the material and gives clear advice that clients can use to make a decision" Legal 500 UK 2020: International Arbitration

"Craig Tevendale is 'very practical in his advice, an excellent advocate and a great strategist'" Legal 500 UK 2017: International Arbitration

Craig is listed in *Who's Who Legal Arbitration 2020* and *Who's Who Legal Energy 2019*

Recognised in the *Legal 500's inaugural UK International Arbitration Powerlist (2019)* and *GC Powerlist: Private Practice Powerlist: Africa Specialists (2019)*

Craig Tevendale leads the firm's UK international arbitration group and has notable expertise in Kazakhstan-related disputes. An impressed client reports: "*His incredible legal skill, not only in arbitration but in mediation and amicable negotiations, is second to none.*" *Chambers UK 2020: International Arbitration*

Craig Tevendale leads the firm's arbitration practice and regularly represents joint ventures and oil and gas operators in energy disputes, most notably those involving assets in the Middle East. Clients describe him as "very direct and tactically aware." *Chambers 2020 Energy & Natural Resources: Disputes - UK-wide*

"Craig maintains a high-profile energy disputes and arbitration practice and represents some of the oil and gas industry's biggest companies." *Chambers UK 2019: Energy & Natural Resources: Disputes - UK*

Craig is a recommended lawyer and described as a 'key figure' for International Arbitration by *Legal 500 UK 2019 - International Arbitration*

Craig is a recommended lawyer for projects, energy & natural resources: oil & gas by *Legal 500 UK 2019*

Craig is listed as a Leading Individual for Algeria: Foreign Firms in *Legal 500 EMEA 2018*

Craig is described by sources as "a very proficient oil and gas lawyer who really understands the nuts and bolts of the business." *Chambers UK 2019, Energy & Natural Resources: Oil & Gas*

"Craig Tevendale is a seasoned contentious energy lawyer who is skilled in international arbitration and expert determination matters. He is frequently instructed by oil majors... Sources say: 'He is a very good technical lawyer who knows how contracts and industry agreements work, which is crucial for clients.'" *Chambers Global 2016, Chambers UK 2016 (UK, Energy & Natural Resources: Disputes)*

"Craig Tevendale acts in international arbitration and has a good deal of experience acting for energy clients. One client says: "He is very clever and he really knows the market and the way around the court system." *Chambers Global 2015, Chambers UK 2015 (Energy & Natural Resources, Key Individuals)*

"Craig Tevendale's practice continues to grow with his handling of significant arbitrations in the oil and gas arena" *Chambers Global 2014, Chambers UK 2014 (Energy & Natural Resources, Key Individuals)*

"Hailed as 'extremely responsive, capable and practical,' he is commended for his active international arbitration and disputes practice. Clients appreciate his "very straightforward and honest advice." *Chambers UK 2013* (Energy & Natural Resources, Key Individuals)

"Clients praise his 'very clear and defined advice which is commercially beneficial to our business.'" *Chambers UK 2012* (Energy & Natural Resources, Key Individuals)

'Craig Tevendale "can detect when there is a point in continuing on the legal path and when it is time to find a commercial solution".' *Chambers UK 2011* (Energy & Natural Resources, Key Individuals)