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About Robert

Robert Meade acts on international disputes in the oil and gas exploration, midstream and downstream sectors, as well as disputes related to infrastructure, construction and international trade. His experience includes representing clients in disputes concerning joint operating agreements, production sharing contracts and construction contracts and on issues arising out of joint ventures and asset acquisitions. Robert has acted on a number of international arbitrations, including under the LCIA and ICC rules, as well as disputes in the English high court. Robert was recognised as a “*Rising Star*” in Legal 500’s 2019 International Arbitration Powerlist: United Kingdom and described as “*one of the most promising young counsel on the London scene.*”

Recent Notable Matters

Independent power company — defects, delay, liquidated damages and termination issues arising from the construction of a power plant in West Africa

Developer of renewables projects — numerous force majeure issues arising under PPAs and EPC Contracts in relation to wind and solar projects in the Middle East

Independent power company — dispute with a West African national electricity company concerning deemed capacity charges and other amounts due under a PPA

Developer of renewables projects — disputes with the construction contractors regarding defects, delay and liquidated damages claims in relation to a wind project in the Middle East

Independent energy company — dispute concerning the performance and termination of a contract for the supply of onshore 3-D seismic services

International oil and gas company — dispute with an oilfield services contractor concerning a contract for the supply of services in relation to a North Sea field

International E&P company — LCIA arbitration concerning the recovery of operator costs under a JOA

Operator of an onshore block — dispute with a drilling contractor over issues relating to performance and payment of invoices

International oil and gas company — dispute concerning the interpretation of the send-or-pay provisions of a long term gas transportation and processing agreement

Upstream company — English high court proceedings arising from a dispute between parties to a joint operating agreement in relation to costs chargeable to the joint venture account

Major international oil and gas company — concerning liability to tax following the sale of an African asset, including advising on potential arbitration

Major international oil and gas company — concerning the disputed calculation of the completion account following an asset sale

European exploration and production company — concerning the liability of a joint venture partner for certain exploration costs under the applicable production sharing contract following its withdrawal from the joint venture. LCIA arbitration proceedings. English law applied.*

Global exploration and production company — application of the joint operating agreement pre-emption regime to its sale of an African oil and gas asset

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Global exploration and production company — concerning liability to tax in Bangladesh following the sale of a subsidiary, including advising on potential investment treaty claims. Bangladesh law applied.*

International exploration and production company — relating to the acquisition of North Sea assets and the applicable pre-emption regime*

Waste-to-energy company — dispute with the Low Carbon Contracts Company concerning the interpretation of the Contract for Difference. LCIA arbitration. English law applied.*

Interserve Construction Limited — English high court proceedings in relation to the termination of a construction contract for a new waste-to-energy plant in Worcestershire*

Rockover Resources Limited — English high court proceedings concerning the calculation of a royalty payment linked to the total production from an asset in Gabon*

National oil company — dispute relating to its acquisition of an interest in an African oil and gas exploration license and its standing under the joint operating agreement, including advising on potential ICC arbitration proceedings in London*

Global engineering and construction company — distressed restructuring of two power station projects in South East Asia, including advising on termination and delay issues and on potential ICC arbitration proceedings*

Major international oil and gas company — successful defense of domestic Nigerian arbitration proceedings concerning the re-determination of the tract participation of a unitized off-shore oil field. Nigerian law applied.*

European supermajor — successful defense of ICC arbitration proceedings, concerning its standing as a party to a JOA and the application of the pre-emption regime. Papua New Guinea law applied.*

International exploration and production company — ICC Arbitration with an oilfield services company over a failed seismic survey in east-Africa, which was eventually resolved via mediation. English law applied.*

Major international oil company — ICC arbitration concerning the under balanced drilling of an oil well in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. English law applied.*

* Work completed prior to Bracewell

Publications and Speeches

Challenges in Arbitration, *LexisNexis Butterworths*, November 2019.

"Knock-for-Knock Indemnities: Risk Allocation in Offshore Oil and Gas Contracts," *LexisPSL*, November 27, 2019.

"Iran: Re-Imposed US Sanctions Fall-Out," *Petroleum Review*, March 2019.

"Economic Sanctions: Implications for International Arbitration," *The Middle Eastern and African Arbitration Review*, April 2017.

"Pre-Emption Rights – Do They Add Value?" *International Energy Law Review*, July 2016.

Education

The College of Law, London, LPC
2008 – *distinction*

University of Reading, LL.B
2007 – *first class*

Noteworthy

The Legal 500 United Kingdom, Dispute Resolution - International Arbitration, 2020

The Legal 500, International Arbitration Powerlist: United Kingdom, 2019

Bar Admissions

Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales