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**“International Arbitration Junior of the Year 2019”**

(Legal 500 2019)

**“Creative and innovative in how he approaches problems”**

(Chambers and Partners 2018)

**“He has a grasp of the law which is bullet-proof so having him in your corner is a massive reassurance”**

(Chambers and Partners 2017)

**“He has an extraordinarily strong legal mind”, has a “very solid work ethic” and is “very reliable.”**

(Chambers and Partners 2017)

**“[A]n excellent lawyer with stellar advocacy skills” and “always a pleasure to deal with”**

(Who’s Who Legal 2017)

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## Practice Overview

Dr Tariq Baloch is a barrister at 3 Verulam Buildings, one of England’s leading chambers. He is one of a small group of five UK barristers aged under 45 recognised by Who’s Who Legal as “the future leaders of the international arbitration community”. In 2019 Tariq won **the International Arbitration Junior of the Year** award at the **Legal 500 Awards** (the award is based on input from law firms and the bar). His practice encompasses international arbitration public international law and general commercial litigation. He has represented or advised private parties and states under all the major arbitral rules including the ICC, LCIA, SCC, ICSID, UNCITRAL and DIAC rules, in a range of sectors including construction, oil and gas, mining, banking, insurance and reinsurance and telecommunications and energy. His experience includes acting for some of the world’s largest companies in high value complex arbitrations involving disputes around the world. He also sits as an arbitrator and has been appointed by the LCIA and ICC to do so in a number of disputes. In 2012 he was nominated to the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators. He has extensive experience of litigating disputes in the Middle East, having worked there

for a number of years. He is also adept at dealing with political cases involving states and state owned entities.

Prior to entering practice, he was a full time academic and had been a lecturer and tutor at the University of Oxford and assistant professor at the London School of Economics. He regularly writes and speaks on international arbitration, international law, and law of obligations including at the Harvard Law School and the British Institute for International and Comparative Law. His book *Unjust Enrichment and Contract* (Hart, Oxford, 2009) is cited in leading English texts, including *Chitty on Contracts* and *Goff and Jones: The law of Unjust Enrichment*, and was described by the professor of English law at Oxford as the “definitive” work in the area. He was educated at the University of London (Herchel Smith Scholar), Harvard Law School (Kennedy Scholar) and the University of Oxford (Graduate Scholar), where he obtained his PhD.

### **International arbitration**

Some highlights of his international arbitration cases include representing:

- one of the world’s leading property developers in multiple construction disputes in connection with artificial islands.
- Areva in its long running multi-billion dollar disputes (multiple ICC arbitrations) with TVO over the construction of the Okiluto 3 nuclear power plant.
- a Middle Eastern national oil company in a LCIA construction arbitration about the expansion and operation of an oil refinery.
- a leading Gulf business development company in its successful ICC arbitration for commission against one of Asia’s largest construction companies in connection with the construction of a prestigious metro project in the Gulf region.
- Libya in a series of ICC arbitrations commenced by Turkish contractors in connection with the construction of the Great River Man Made Project, the world largest irrigation project.
- one of the world’s largest manufacturing conglomerates in its successful ICC arbitration against its Brazilian licensee.
- Danone in its successful multi-billion dollar SCC arbitration against its Chinese joint venture partners, which has been described in the press as "arguably the largest Sino-West business dispute yet".
- Crescent Petroleum (Sharjah) in two multi-billion dollar ICC arbitrations against the National Iranian Oil Company in connection with the non-supply of gas.
- a New Zealand oil company in a claim brought by a Latin American State Oil company in connection with claims relating to development of oil fields (claims include inter alia gross negligence and veil piercing).
- Greek investors in a more than one billion Euro ICSID claim against Cyprus under the Greece-Cyprus BIT, in connection with the demise of Cyprus’s second biggest bank.
- a third party funder in their successful LCIA arbitration concerning the interpretation of the underlying funding agreement.

- a major French shipping company against an Asian state (UNCITRAL rules) in connection with an investment in the ports sector.
- a European multinational in a treaty claim against an Asian state (UNCITRAL rules) in connection with an investment in the telecommunications sector.
- a large telecommunications company in a treaty claim at ICSID against an African state arising out of a number of government measures, including taxation measures, customs blockades, and the commencement of a formal nationalisation process. The dispute relates to a multi-billion US dollar investment in the telecommunications sector.
- a UK investor in a treaty claim against a Baltic state concerning administrative measures taken against a large bank.
- a large industrial conglomerate against a European state in connection with measures taken against an investment in a mining operation with one of the largest copper and precious metal reserves in Europe (UNCITRAL rules).