



RAVI ASWANI

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Arbitrator CV

Practice Profile

Both as counsel and increasingly as an arbitrator, a very considerable part of Ravi Aswani's practice has been in the field of International Commercial Arbitration.

In recent years, Ravi has been shortlisted for / awarded a number of prestigious awards in recognition both of the excellence of his legal practice and of his longstanding commitments to equality and diversity and mentoring:

- Winner: 2025 Legal 500 UK Bar Awards - Shipping Junior of the Year
- Shortlisted: 2024 Legal 500 UK Bar Awards - Shipping Junior of the Year
- Shortlisted: 2024 and 2021 Chambers & Partners UK Bar Awards - Shipping Junior of the Year
- Shortlisted: 2023 and 2022 Legal 500 UK Bar Awards - International Arbitration Junior of the Year
- Winner: 2021 Society of Asian Lawyers Awards - Company / Commercial Lawyer of the Year
- Shortlisted: 2020 UCL Alumni Awards - Alumni Volunteer of the Year



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EDUCATION

LLB (First Class), University
College London
MCI Arb; CEDR Accredited
Mediator

LANGUAGE

Gujarati (fluent spoken)

APPOINTMENTS & MEMBERSHIPS

Advocate
Arbitration Ireland
Bentham Association
British Maritime Law Association
CEDR Exchange Network
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – MCI Arb
Commercial Bar Association
FDI International Moot Competition – College
of Arbitrators
ICC Global Commission on Arbitration and
ADR
Indian Maritime Association (UK)
International Bar Association
International Council for Commercial Arbitration
Inter-Pacific Bar Association
London Common Law and Commercial Bar
Association
London Court of International Arbitration –
European Users' Council
London Maritime Arbitrators' Association –
Supporting Member
Scottish Arbitration Centre
Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration –
Individual Member
UK India Business Council – Next Generation
Network Member
Worshipful Company of Arbitrators – Freeman



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Ravi's experience extends across a wide range of industry sectors and rules, including ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, SIAC, LMAA and SCMA. He has experience in both institutional and ad hoc arbitration.

Ravi has acted in disputes arising out of all areas of shipping and international trade, banking and finance, commodities, construction, energy, insurance and re-insurance, shareholder agreements, and various international consortia and joint venture agreements.

Ravi also has considerable experience of dispute resolution in a judicial capacity, having since 2013 sat as a Deputy District Judge in the County Court of England and Wales. Ravi sits in the civil jurisdiction). In 2020 he was authorised to hear specialist Chancery and Insolvency & Bankruptcy matters. He has presided over numerous trials involving consideration of factual and expert evidence.

He frequently speaks on arbitration topics all over the world to law firms and at conferences. He has a very international practice, with a particular interest in Asia in general where he is a frequent visitor and has a growing workload.

Ravi is a co-author of the forthcoming sixth edition of *The Arbitration Act 1996: A Commentary* and a contributor to the forthcoming first edition of *England and Wales Court Judgments on Arbitration: Shaping English Arbitration Law and Practice*.

Ravi has been a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb) since 2012. In 2019 he joined the ICC Global Commission on Arbitration and ADR, representing the UK.

Ravi has a longstanding interest in matters of equality, diversity, inclusion and belonging, and has over the years attended numerous cross-sector and cross-discipline advanced training events and seminars on these topics. Ravi also has a keen interest in mentoring and assisting the next generation of practitioners. He has participated in mentoring programmes run by Young ICCA, UCL and the University of Greenwich and has sat in many moots. He is also often sought out informally as a mentor by young practitioners. He sits on the E&D Committee in Chambers.



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Arbitrator work in the last five years

In the past five years, Ravi has worked on the following arbitrations as arbitrator, in addition to several LMAA arbitrations:

- LCIA Arbitration (English seat, English law) - Co-arbitrator - Award issued 06/23.
- Ad hoc Arbitration (Singapore seat, English Law) - Sole arbitrator (appointed by President of SIAC) - arbitration terminated by consent before final hearing 01/25.
- Ad hoc Arbitration (Mauritius seat, English law) - Co-arbitrator (appointed by President of LCCI) - Award issued 01/25.
- Ad hoc Arbitration (English seat, English law) – Sole arbitrator (appointed by a Judge of the Commercial Court pursuant to s18 of the Arbitration Act 1996) – award issued 08/25.
- SIAC Arbitration (Singapore seat, English law) - Presiding arbitrator (appointed by President of SIAC on nomination by co-arbitrators) - pre-hearing stages.



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Current Directory Testimonials as Counsel



“Ravi Aswani combines technical excellence with a composed and strategic presence in both domestic and international dispute resolution forums.” | “Ravi demonstrates very strong written advocacy.”

Chambers UK / Global Bar 2026 – International Arbitration

“Ravi is an exceptional barrister. He is consistently a first port of call for complex international arbitration matters. His knowledge of this subject is extremely well-developed, coupled with excellent attention to detail. As an advocate, he is highly effective and persuasive, particularly in the arbitration arena. He is calm, incredibly well-prepared, and has a strong presence that allows him to effectively guide tribunals.”

Legal 500 UK Bar 2026 - International Arbitration

“Ravi is an excellent and knowledgeable shipping lawyer who shared his knowledge and assisted with the case in a thorough way.” | “Ravi is an outstanding senior junior who really goes all out for the client. He is a very good advocate and is highly supportive when working with him.” | “Ravi is an able advocate and lawyer.”

Chambers UK / Global Bar 2026 – Shipping and Commodities

“Ravi is particularly skilled at handling complex technical issues and explaining them clearly to clients and opponents.”

Legal 500 UK Bar 2026 – Shipping

“Once Ravi has been instructed it lifts a burden from your shoulders, as he is calm and so well prepared he takes the judge or tribunal with him.”

Legal 500 UK Bar 2026 – Commodities

“He is very user-friendly and communicative.”

Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025 – Shipping and Commodities



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Representative arbitration related Cases of Interest (as Counsel)

- LOF arbitration (English seat, English law, first instance and appeal arbitration) arising out of assistance provided to a vessel carrying Russian oil. Difficult legal issues regarding EU and UK sanctions scheme arising. Led by a senior KC.
- LMAA arbitration (Saudi Arabia seat, English law) arising out of multiple related high value ship management contracts. Difficult legal issues arising – two retired senior common law judges on the tribunal. Unled against a KC.
- SIAC arbitration (Singapore seat, Singapore law) arising out of contract for the sale of a large, high value iron ore cargo. Unled against a senior Indian Senior Advocate.
- LOF arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of massive containership fire, multiple novel issues and unprecedented elements to case, led by a senior KC and leading a junior junior, against three KCs on the other side.
- LMAA arbitrations (English seat, English law, former Master of the Rolls / Supreme Court Justice presiding) arising in the context of the provision of maritime security services, raising challenging questions of alleged foreign law illegality to enforceability of contracts governed by English law. Unled against a KC.
- GAFTA arbitrations (English seat, English law, first tier, appeal board and challenges in Commercial Court) arising out of multiple contracts for the sale of India wheat affected by Indian government measures prohibiting the export of wheat to preserve domestic food security. Unled against a KC.
- LOF arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of the immobilisation of a large containership in the vicinity of a sensitive area of the Mexican coast, acted unled against a KC.
- LCIA arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of resignation of the former CEO of a multinational business.
- UNCITRAL arbitration (Kosovo seat, English law) arising out of mining operation.
- ICC arbitration (English seat, Ghanaian law) arising out of contract for construction of hospitals, acted unled against a senior KC.
- ICC arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of breach of restrictive covenants and infringement of intellectual property rights by former employee.
- SIAC arbitration (Singapore seat, Malaysian law) arising out of a complex operation to relocate a large jack up drilling platform.



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- ICC arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of contract for the supply of military grade industrial components.
- LOF arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of a severe fire on a large containership. Ravi was led though did some interim work without his leader against KCs.
- ICC arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of contract for the supply of agency, logistics and customs clearances services ancillary to the construction of a large factory in West Africa.
- SIAC arbitration (Singapore seat, English law) arising out of an industrial disaster.
- LOF arbitration (English seat, English law) instructed unled against a senior KC in a dispute arising out of a prolonged wreck removal operation.
- LCIA arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of alleged breach of loan facility agreement and ancillary guarantee.
- ICC arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of contract for the supply and commissioning of industrial heat exchangers.
- LOF arbitration (English seat, English law) instructed unled against a senior KC in a dispute arising out of grounding of a vessel in a sensitive area of natural beauty in Greek waters.
- LMAA arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of alleged repudiation of high value shipbuilding contracts.
- LMAA arbitration (English seat, English law) instructed unled against a KC in a multiphase dispute arising out a high value ship sale and purchase in which jurisdiction, liability and quantum were in issue.
- SIAC arbitration (Singapore seat, Malaysian law) arising out of a commodity sale and purchase.
- ICC arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of a heavy machinery and plant sales and marketing joint venture.
- LMAA arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of a number of related contracts for the construction and purchase of jack up oil drilling rigs.
- LCIA arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of a high value ship repair contract.
- LCIA arbitration (English seat, English law) arising out of alleged consultancy agreement.
- GAFTA arbitrations (English seat, English law) arising out of multiple contracts for the sale of soyabean meal and corn, and related challenge to s66 enforcement action on the basis that appeals to the GAFTA appeal board were pending such that the first tier awards could not be enforced.



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International Arbitration Speaking Engagements in the last five years

- September 2025 - “Women in Arbitration” - Breakfast panel and workshop
- June 2025 – “Navigating complexity: arbitration, litigation and investigations in the UK - India Corridor” – seminar at LIDW 2025
- May 2025 – “The Arbitration Act 2025 - an LMAA Perspective” – spring seminar of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association
- September 2024 – “Arbitration and Psychology – Appointing Arbitrators” – session at ArbFest 2024
- July 2024 – “Exploring the New Dynamics of Arbitration: Perspectives and Insights from LCIA” – Global Disputes Summit / LCIA seminar
- March 2024 – “Anti-suit Injunctions – *RusChemAlliance*” – London Shipping Law Centre seminar
- May 2023 – “Hot Topics for Young Arbitrators” – QMUL / RAI Seminar at LIDW 2023
- November 2022 - "IBA Arb40 Award Writing Workshop" - Moderator of breakout session hosted by White & Case (London)
- May 2021 – “Emerging Trends in Arbitration: Looking at Decarbonisation and Diversity” – CEPANI40 / Osborne Clarke seminar

In addition, Ravi has spoken at numerous law firms on various dispute resolution topics, and has appeared on several podcasts.

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