



RAVI ASWANI

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International Arbitration CV


Practice Profile

Ravi Aswani is a commercial dispute resolution barrister. He has a broad practice which covers a number of areas including in particular shipping and international trade, commodities, energy and oil and gas, metals and mining, insurance and re-insurance, banking and finance.

Ravi has an extensive international arbitration practice. He has been instructed in arbitrations seated in several jurisdictions under a number of applicable laws, both ad hoc (in particular LMAA and UNCITRAL Rules) as well as institutional arbitration (in particular ICC, LCIA and SIAC). He is currently instructed in many such arbitrations which are due to be heard in 2026 and 2027.

In addition, he is often instructed in commercial litigation in the Business and Property Courts, primarily the Commercial Court.

Ravi is often instructed as co-counsel with a view to making up a multi-disciplinary international team, and in recent years has been instructed in a number of arbitrations with foreign seats and/or arising out of contracts governed by a law other than English law.

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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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Recent arbitrations he has been instructed on have been seated in Kosovo, Mauritius, New York, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Singapore, as well as in England.

Much of Ravi's work involves him being instructed without a leader against KCs, SCs and SAs in various jurisdictions across the world; he has significant experience of acting without a leader against senior silks. He has been recommended in all the principal legal directories for many years for international arbitration, commodities and shipping (UK, Global and Asia Pacific directories).

Ravi also has a growing arbitrator practice and has been nominated / appointed as arbitrator in over 20 arbitrations to date.

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*.

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



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- Shortlisted: 2021 Chambers & Partners UK Bar Awards – Shipping Junior of the Year
- Shortlisted: 2020 UCL Alumni Awards – Alumni Volunteer of the Year

Ravi is regularly instructed to provide expert evidence on English law for use in foreign courts and arbitral tribunals. He frequently speaks at conferences and at law firms on subjects arising out of his practice areas, both in the UK and abroad.

An early adopter of social media for business purposes, Ravi has a large following within the dispute resolution community (and beyond) on LinkedIn.

Ravi has a longstanding interest in matters of equality, diversity (especially intersectional), inclusion and belonging, and has over the years attended numerous cross-sector and cross-discipline advanced training events and seminars on these topics, observing considerable changes in thinking and practice over that time. 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 participates in a number of schemes aimed at mentoring and promoting a career in law, especially the self-employed bar, to various historically underrepresented groups. He is also often sought out informally for mentorship and career guidance by aspiring / junior practitioners. He has sat on the E&D Committee in his Chambers for over 20 years.



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Current International Arbitration Directory Testimonials



“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





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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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Representative arbitration related Cases of Interest (as Counsel)

- 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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