



Ben sits full time as arbitrator and mediator. He is a Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and he is on the panel of arbitrators of several arbitration institutions throughout the world. Since 2009 he has been appointed as arbitrator in more than 35 arbitrations as presiding, party-nominated, sole and emergency arbitrator.

Ben graduated from the University of Oxford and subsequently completed a Postgraduate Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration at Queen Mary University of London.

Ben has been a lawyer for 27 years, completing his training with Ashurst LLP where he became a partner in 2009. He worked in the Ashurst London office for 12 years and in the Ashurst Singapore office for 7 years. While in Singapore, he was the Asia Head of Dispute Resolution for Ashurst, and the Asia Head of International Arbitration. In 2018, he joined Mishcon de Reya LLP in London as a partner in its International Arbitration team; and in 2020 he joined Fox Williams LLP in London as a partner, and later became that firm's Head of Dispute Resolution.

He has worked in international arbitration almost exclusively during his career with a very broad practice, working in many sectors including: technology, energy, renewables, construction, mining, M&A, commodities, shipping and professional services. He has worked in disputes all over the world, including in Africa, Europe, the Gulf region, the Americas and the Asia-Pacific region.

As counsel and arbitrator his experience has included disputes under the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, HKIAC, UNCITRAL and ICSID Rules, as well as in ad hoc cases.

He has held various positions in ADR organisations including as the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), Chair of the London Branch of the CIArb, a member of the Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators and a member of the Board of Directors of London International Disputes Week.

Ben is ranked as a leading individual in international arbitration in various legal directories including Chambers, Legal 500, Expert Guides and Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal). He has written many articles about international arbitration and he is the co-author of *The Arbitration Act 1996: A Commentary* (6th Edition, 2025).

Qualifications

- MA, Trinity College, Oxford University
- Postgraduate Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration (School of International Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London)
- Chartered Arbitrator
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Associate Mediator, Singapore Mediation Centre

- Solicitor-Advocate, All Higher Courts of England & Wales

Career

- Partner (and former Head of Dispute Resolution), Fox Williams LLP (September 2020 to present date)
- Partner, Mishcon de Reya LLP (February 2018 to September 2020)
- Partner, Ashurst LLP London (June 2016 to February 2018)
- Partner and Asia Head of Dispute Resolution/International Arbitration, Ashurst LLP Singapore (April 2009 to June 2016)
- Associate/Senior Associate, Ashurst LLP London (September 2001 to April 2009)
- Trainee Solicitor, Ashurst LLP London (September 1999 to September 2001)

Appointments and memberships

- Chair and Member of Board of Trustees, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (and former Chair of the CI Arb London Branch/former Chair of Technology Committee)
- Court Member and Liveryman, Worshipful Company of Arbitrators
- Member, International Committee of the Law Society of England and Wales
- Advisory Board Member, London Chamber of Arbitration and Mediation
- Member of Board of Directors, London International Disputes Week
- Tutor and Examiner for Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Panel of Arbitrators, Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)
- Presidential Panel of Arbitrators, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Panel of Arbitrators, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Panel of Arbitrators, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA)
- Panel of Arbitrators, London Chamber of Arbitration and Mediation (LCAM)
- Panel of Foreign Arbitrators, Badan Arbitrase Nasional Indonesia (BANI)
- Member, International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
- Editorial Board, Lexis PSL Arbitration

“WHAT OTHERS SAY”

"Ben is ... on top of the issues " "He is responsive and efficient"
Chambers and Partners 2026

Leading Partner - International Arbitration
Legal 500 2026

Thought Leader - 2026
Lexology (formerly Whose Who Legal)

"Ben Giaretta is internationally recognised for his mastery of complex arbitration, combining deep technical expertise with calm strategic judgment across the most demanding cross-border commercial and treaty disputes. Clients value his global perspective, authority as both counsel and arbitrator, and his ability to steer high-value disputes with clarity, precision and confidence at every stage."

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Professional and arbitration experience

Presiding arbitrator

- ICC arbitration between a Japanese company and an American company concerning lease fees (seat of arbitration in London)
- ICC arbitration between a Japanese company and a UAE company concerning a sale and purchase agreement (seat of arbitration in London)
- SIAC arbitration between a group of individual vendors and a Mauritius company concerning a sale and purchase agreement in the solar power sector (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- SIAC arbitration between a Japanese group of companies and a Mauritius company concerning a sale and purchase agreement in the travel industry (seat of arbitration in Singapore)

Party-nominated arbitrator

- SIAC arbitration between an Indian company and a US company concerning the construction of a solar power project (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- ICC arbitration between a Singapore company and a Qatari company concerning an airport construction project (seat of arbitration in Qatar)
- SIAC arbitration between an India company and a US company concerning a construction guarantee (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- ICC arbitration between a Mauritius company and an Indian group of companies concerning a shareholders agreement in a solar power construction project (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- ICC arbitration between a Singapore company and an American company concerning an oilfield licence (seat of arbitration in London)
- ICC arbitration between a Singapore company and an Australian individual concerning a petrochemical process (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- SIAC arbitration between a Spanish company and an Australian individual concerning the operation of toll roads in India (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- ICC arbitration between a Mauritius company and Indian promoters about investment in a technology company in India (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- LCIA arbitration between a Swiss trust and a Dutch company about a shareholders agreement in the travel industry (seat of arbitration in London)
- LCIA arbitration between a Chinese company and a Swiss company about the sale and purchase of nickel (seat of arbitration in London)
- SIAC arbitration between Singapore and UAE companies about the sale and purchase of ultra-low sulphur diesel (seat of arbitration in Singapore)

Sole arbitrator

- SIAC arbitration between an Indian company and a Singapore company concerning the sale of palm oil (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- Ad hoc arbitration between a Hong Kong company and a Singapore company concerning the sale of stainless steel (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- ICC arbitration between a South African company and a Vietnamese company concerning the sale of steel (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- Ad hoc arbitration between a Singapore company and a Chinese company concerning the sale of mung beans (seat of arbitration in Singapore)

- ICC arbitration between a Hong Kong company and a Vietnamese company concerning a sale and purchase agreement (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- Ad hoc arbitration between a Thai company and a Singapore company concerning the sale of grain (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- ICC arbitration between a Korean company and a Cambodian company concerning an airport services agreement (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- Ad hoc arbitration between a Singapore company and a Chinese company concerning the sale of iron ore (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- SIAC arbitration between a Chinese company and a Singapore company concerning the sale of chrome ore (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- SIAC arbitration between a Singapore company and a Canadian company concerning a licensing agreement in the restaurant sector (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- ICC arbitration between a Korean company and an American company concerning a tunnelling construction project (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- SIAC arbitration between a Hong Kong company and a Russian company concerning an IT contract (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- Ad hoc arbitration between a UK football club and a UK stadium owner concerning force majeure as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic (seat of arbitration in London)
- Ad hoc arbitration between a British individual and a UK technology company concerning a technology prototype (seat of arbitration in London)
- LCIA arbitration between a Ukrainian company and a Saudi company concerning the sale of soybean oil (seat of arbitration in London)

Emergency arbitrator

- SIAC arbitration between a Korean company and a Chinese company concerning a home shopping joint venture (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- SIAC arbitration between a Singapore company and a Brunei party concerning the purchase of a UK company (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- SIAC arbitration between a Dutch company and a Hong Kong company concerning a supply agreement (seat of arbitration in Singapore)
- SIAC arbitration between a Singapore company and an Indian company concerning a sale and purchase agreement in the technology sector (seat of arbitration in Singapore)

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