

Recognised as a leader at the Bar in all of his areas of practice, Stuart is regularly singled out in legal directories for his outstanding legal and technical abilities. Noted as having a practice of international standing, he is also commended for his 'tactical head' and as being a 'strong litigator' and 'superb tactician' who 'gets results that others only dream of'.

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From his office in Singapore, Stuart can advise on all aspects of English and European law within his expertise and deal in an advisory and representative capacity with all arbitration matters. From his well-known London Chambers, he can handle all other advisory, litigation and arbitration matters.

Now, as the first London QC to open an office in Singapore, he can provide fast, on-the-spot, top class legal advice and representation to professional and lay clients in Singapore and throughout South-East Asia.

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Stuart Isaacs QC is a leading London barrister who now also has an office in Singapore. He is an expert in commercial law, particularly banking and insurance, arbitration and competition law. As well as advising and representing clients, he accepts appointments as an international commercial arbitrator and mediator.

Practice

In over 30 years of practice, Stuart has appeared as counsel in hundreds of court cases and arbitrations in London and around the world. Since becoming a Queen's Counsel in 1991, he has been appointed to numerous arbitration tribunals. He also sits as an accredited mediator.

Stuart is the first London QC to have been authorised by the Attorney General to practise as a foreign lawyer in Singapore. Opening an office in Singapore, as an adjunct to his London practice, will enable him to better serve clients in the region.

His litigation practice in London is exclusively in the appellate courts and in the High Court, mainly the Commercial Court and the Chancery Division. In 2004, he was appointed a Deputy High Court Judge in the Queen's Bench and Chancery Divisions.

His clients include major banks, securities houses and other financial institutions, insurance and reinsurance companies and the Lloyds market, commodity houses, multinationals, professional firms, high net-worth individuals, several governments and government agencies and various trade bodies.

Stuart has given expert evidence on English law in a number of overseas jurisdictions.

He is a member of the Commercial and Chancery Bar Associations and a former member of the Bar Council International Relations Committee and British Council Law Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the New York Bar.

Commercial law

Stuart has experience of all types of banking and financial disputes, international trade, insurance, the energy sector, civil fraud, professional negligence and insolvency. A particular interest lies in jurisdictional and private international law issues and freezing orders. He has also been involved in several commercial judicial review cases mainly involving regulatory issues.

Disputes over lending, securities, letters of credit, bills of exchange, coverage and avoidance issues in the marine and non-marine insurance sectors, charterparties and bills of lading, commercial fraud and accountants' and solicitors' negligence have all been part of his work.

His cases have arisen not only in London and Singapore, but in other jurisdictions, notably Hong Kong, Malaysia, Bermuda and several Caribbean countries.

Arbitration and Mediation

Stuart has extensive experience of international commercial arbitration, both as counsel and, since becoming a Queen's Counsel, as an arbitrator, for which he is much in demand.

He conducts commercial arbitrations under the Rules of SIAC, the ICC, UNCITRAL and the LCIA amongst others.

He has also been involved in several ICSID disputes under bilateral investment treaties and many ad hoc arbitrations in a variety of fields.

Swift resolution of disputes is his forte. When sitting as sole arbitrator or on an arbitral panel, he strives to deal with pre-hearing matters, hearings and the production of awards speedily and efficiently, making himself constantly available to the parties. Often, he is willing to travel at short notice in order to reduce the parties' own costs.

He is a Fellow of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA) and a member of SIAC's International Panel and of the arbitrators' panel of the Mauritius International Chamber of Commerce.

He has chaired or sat on tribunals deciding disputes under the laws of England, Singapore, Hong Kong, Switzerland, New York and Nigeria and has conducted hearings in most of those countries and also in Dubai, Paris and Canada.

Stuart is also an accredited ADRGroup mediator. He is a Principal Mediator for the Singapore Mediation Centre and has lectured extensively on the subject of mediation and alternative dispute resolution.

European law

His European law practice centres on EU competition law. He can call on a team of competition law economists as needed. His practice also covers the free movement of goods and services and EU external relations.

He has appeared in over 20 cases in the European Court of Justice and Court of First Instance in Luxembourg, as well as many cases in the English domestic courts involving European law issues.

Amongst other publications in the EU law field, he is the co-author of *The EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings* (OUP, 2nd edition, 2008), *EC Banking Law* (Lloyd's Press, 2nd edition, 1994), and *Banking and the Competition Law of the EEC*.