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Peter specialises in international commercial arbitration and litigation and is widely recognized as one of the leading construction disputes lawyers in the world. He has been recommended as a leading expert in commercial arbitration and litigation by, amongst others, the *Euromoney Guides to the World's Leading Litigation Lawyers and Experts in Commercial Arbitration* and in the *Legal Business Report on Legal Experts* as an Expert in Arbitration, Commercial Litigation and Construction and in the *Chambers "Leaders in their Field"* as an expert in construction.

He has extensive experience of large scale and complex disputes in many industrial and commercial sectors and diverse jurisdictions and subject to a wide variety of governing laws, including Bahraini, Bulgarian, German, Irish, Laotian, Libyan and Turkish in addition to the many cases he has handled subject to English law.

Peter advised CERN over a period of 10 years on the construction and procurement aspects of the particle accelerator, The Large Hadron Collider, drafted all the civil engineering consultancy and construction contracts for that project and represented CERN in resolving the disputes which arose from its construction.

Peter has extensive expertise and experience in anti-bribery and corruption law and led one of the teams in the largest and most extensive corporate internal investigation into bribery and corruption, namely the investigation into Siemens, which resulted in that company paying over \$1 billion in fines to regulators.

Peter Rees QC was Legal Director of Royal Dutch Shell plc from 1 January 2011 until he stepped down at the beginning of 2014. In that role he had ultimate responsibility for the Shell global legal function and for advising the Shell Group management on all legal matters of group-wide importance.

Prior to joining Shell Peter spent 27 years at Norton Rose, including 8 years as Head of Global Dispute Resolution, and 5 years as a litigation and arbitration partner at Debevoise & Plimpton.

In 2009, Peter was appointed Queen's Counsel, one of very few Solicitors to have been so appointed.

ADR

"An *arbitration expert*." Legal 500 2014

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Peter is a Member of the Court of the London Court of International Arbitration, a former Member of the Governing Body of ICC Court of Arbitration, a Member of the Board of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

"Peter Rees is one of the most highly nominated individuals overall. He has a 'superb legal mind' and was especially recommended for his international construction disputes work in both litigation and arbitration – he is one of a small group of individuals to appear as a leading figure across three of our practice area publications." Who's Who Legal – Commercial Litigation 2009

AWARDS

- 2009 – TeCSA Clare Edwards Award for Contribution to the Practice of Construction Law.
- 2012 – Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution Corporate Leadership Award.
- 2013 – Association of Corporate Counsel – European Corporate Counsel of the Year – Litigation.
- 2013 – Association of Corporate Counsel – Global Corporate Counsel of the Year – Litigation.
- 2013 – Director's Roundtable World Recognition of Distinguished General Counsel.

PUBLICATIONS

- The legal textbook "Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments – Briggs & Rees" (from First Edition (1993) to Fifth Edition (2009) – with Adrian Briggs) (Lloyds of London Press).
- Chapter on Negotiating Architects Appointments (Lloyds of London Press).
- Chapter on "The Vienna Convention on the International Sale of Goods" (Kluwer).
- Chapter on "European Community Public Procurement Obligations in the Construction Industry" (Kluwer).
- Chapter on UK Public Procurement in "International Public Procurement" (Oceania).
- Chapter on Construction Contracts in "Structuring International Contracts" (Kluwer).
- The Conduct of International Arbitration in England: the Challenge has Still to be Met (Arbitration International (LCIA)).
- Arbitration Awards "Through the Looking Glass" (with apologies to Lewis Carroll) (with Louise Byrne) (IBA Arbitration Committee Journal).
- Dissenting Opinions; Can they Fulfil a Beneficial Role? (with Patrick Rohn) (Arbitration International (LCIA)).
- The Revised IBA Rules of Evidence (Arbitration (CI Arb)).
- Dispute Management – Going Global (with Kathy Bryan) (Alternatives (CPR)).
- Mediators: Fit for Purpose? (Arbitration (CI Arb)).

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- Revenue Transparency: Global not Local Solutions (Journal of World Energy Law and Business).
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RECOMMENDATIONS

Peter has been recommended as a leading expert in commercial arbitration commercial litigation and construction by various directories including Chambers UK, Chambers Europe, the Euromoney Guides to the World's Leading Litigation Lawyers and Experts in Commercial Arbitration, UK Legal 500, Legal Experts and Who's Who Legal.

CASES

Disputes which Peter has handled either as counsel or arbitrator include:

- ICC arbitration subject to English law in relation to a dispute in excess of \$100 million arising out of disputed rights to participating interests in an oil field in the Middle East pursuant to an AMI Agreement.
- ICC arbitration subject to English law in relation to a contractors claim for an extension of time and loss and expense in the region of US\$ 70 million in connection with the installation of an oil pipeline processing facility, roads and port facilities in a Middle Eastern country.
- ICC arbitration subject to Libyan law in relation to a dispute in the region of \$100 million arising out of the installation of an extensive pipeline, telecommunications and Data Control System in North Africa.
- ICC arbitration subject to English law arising out of an oil drilling project in South America.
- International ad hoc arbitration subject to German law relating to a claim in the region of US\$ 30 million arising out of a major construction project in South America.
- ICC arbitration subject to Turkish law arising out of a major construction project in Turkey.
- English law ad hoc arbitration in relation to a claim of about US\$ 100 million arising from failed turbines in a nuclear power station.
- International ad hoc arbitration subject to English law arising out of the construction of a brewery in Egypt.
- ICC arbitration subject to Laotian law in relation to a dispute of about US\$ 50 million arising out of a hydropower project in the Far East.
- International ad hoc arbitration subject to Bahraini law in relation to a claim of approximately US\$ 15 million arising out of the construction of a shopping development in the Middle East.
- ICC arbitration subject to English law between an English sub-contractor and the Japanese main contractor in relation an infrastructure project in the Middle East.
- ICC arbitration subject to Bulgarian law in relation to a claim of about US\$ 10 million against an Eastern European Government Agency arising out of the privatisation of the petro-chemical industry.
- Two LCIA arbitrations subject to English law in relation to a dispute in the region of \$50 million arising from the termination of long-term commodity supply contracts to an Eastern European industrial entity.
- ICC arbitration subject to Libyan law in relation to a dispute in the region of US\$ 100 million arising out of the installation of an extensive telecommunications and Data Control System in North Africa.
- English law ad hoc arbitration over the creation of a web-site for an automotive manufacturer.
- English law ad hoc arbitration in respect of damage claimed in the region of US\$10 million to a wharf and vessels resulting from the collapse of a crane at a European port.
- ICC arbitration subject to English law in relation to a sub-sea pipe laying project in the Mediterranean.
- English law UNCITRAL arbitration arising out of an infrastructure project in the Middle East.

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- LCIA arbitration subject to English law in relation to a dispute in the region of US\$170 million arising out of the sale purchase agreement and option agreement to purchase shares in the parent company of a Kyrgyz mobile phone company.
- LCIA arbitration subject to English law over the supply of goods by a UK company to a US company.
- ICC arbitration subject to Irish law in relation to rights and obligations under a hotel management agreement.
- LCIA arbitration subject to English law in relation to a dispute in the region of US\$70 million arising from the termination of a currency trading joint venture.

APPOINTMENTS

Former Member of the Governing Body of ICC Court of Arbitration
 Former Chair – International Construction Projects Committee, International Bar Association
 Former Chair – Technology and Construction Solicitors’ Association
 Former Vice Chair of the European General Counsel’s Association
 Former Solicitor Representative – Technology and Construction Court
 Former Chair – Board of Management of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
 Former Council Member – Section on Business Law, International Bar Association
 Member of the Council of ICC UK
 Member of the Court of the London Court of International Arbitration
 Member of the Board of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution
 Member of the Board of Trustees of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
 Panel Member Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration
 Panel Member Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre

QUALIFICATIONS

MA (Law – Downing College, Cambridge University)
 MBA (Nottingham Trent University)
 Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales
 Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
 Chartered Arbitrator
 Accredited Mediator – ADR Chambers
 Accredited Adjudicator – TeCSA
 Queen’s Counsel

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