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Robert Meade acts on international disputes in the oil and gas, power and renewables sectors. He represents clients on international arbitrations, including under the LCIA, ICC and DIAC rules, and on disputes in the English high court. He has particular experience on issues arising out of joint ventures, asset acquisitions and crude oil sales agreements, as well as on international construction disputes. He also advises on international trade, sanctions and anti-bribery and corruption issues. *The Legal 500 UK* has described him as “clever, commercial and great to work with” (2021), a “standout individual” (2022) and “incredibly good, easy to work with, and very collaborative...hugely responsive, commercially savvy and tactically minded” (2024).

### Industries

[Energy](#)

### Practices

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## Experience

### International infrastructure company

- ICC arbitration in respect of disputes concerning the acquisition of interests in two Brazilian solar projects

### Oil trading company

- Two LCIA arbitrations concerning the non-payment of monies due from an African E&P company pursuant to the terms of a loan agreement and related guarantee

### Oil trading company

- DIAC arbitration concerning non-payment for a cargo of gasoline

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## **EPC project company**

- in respect of disputes arising under an EPC Contract for the construction of a large project in the Middle East concerning delay, liquidated damages, defects and calls on a performance bond

## **International E&P company**

- on the bilateral investment treaty protection available in the context of a proposed acquisition of African oil and gas assets

## **Nigerian oil & gas company**

- on the application of pre-emption rights under an operating agreement and on a potential expert determination concerning the value of those rights

## **International oil company**

- dispute concerning the price re-determination provisions of two crude oil sale and purchase agreements

## **International E&P company**

- two sets of related ICC arbitrations (now consolidated) relating to amounts payable by non-operating parties under the accounting procedure to a number of JOAs concerning West African assets

## **Independent energy company**

- conducting an internal investigation in respect of an unsubstantiated corruption allegation linked to a major transaction in Africa

## **Oil trading company**

- dispute with an African purchaser concerning non-payment for a cargo of crude oil

## **Various international E&P companies**

- concerning the impact of an Iraqi Supreme Court decision on production sharing contracts entered into with the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

## **International oil company**

- LCIA arbitration concerning claims under the leakage and warranty provisions of a SPA for the entire issued share capital of an oil and gas company

## **UK energy company**

- expedited LCIA arbitration concerning the application of pre-emption rights to the acquisition of North Sea oil and gas assets

## **International consultancy**

- LCIA arbitration concerning non-payment of fees in respect of consultancy services concerning a North African nuclear power station

## **National oil company**

- dispute under a crude oil supply agreement relating to the delivery of contaminated crude oil

## **Supermajor**

- dispute arising under warranties in an agreement for the sale of an upstream business in Latin America

## **International E&P company**

- LCIA arbitration relating to amounts payable by non-operating parties under the accounting procedure to a JOA concerning a North African asset, including advising on the default mechanism under the JOA

## **Independent power company**

- defects, delay, liquidated damages and termination issues arising from the construction of a power plant in West Africa

## **Developer of renewables projects**

- numerous force majeure issues arising under PPAs and EPC Contracts in relation to wind and solar projects in the Middle East

## **Developer of renewables projects**

- disputes with the construction contractors regarding defects, delay and liquidated damages claims in relation to a wind project in the Middle East

## **Independent energy company**

- dispute concerning the performance and termination of a contract for the supply of onshore 3-D seismic services

## **International oil and gas company**

- dispute with an oilfield services contractor concerning a contract for the supply of services in relation to a North Sea field

## **Operator of an onshore block**

- dispute with a drilling contractor over issues relating to performance and payment of invoices

## International oil and gas company

- dispute concerning the interpretation of the send-or-pay provisions of a long term gas transportation and processing agreement

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## Credentials

### Education

- The College of Law - London, L.P.C., 2008, *with distinction*
- University of Reading, LL.B., 2007, *first class*

### Bar Admissions

- Registered to conduct proceedings before the DIFC Courts
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

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## Recognition

### *The Legal 500 United Kingdom*

- Dispute Resolution – International Arbitration, 2020 – 2025
- Dispute Resolution – Commercial Litigation: Premium, 2024 – 2025

### *The Legal 500*

- International Arbitration Powerlist: United Kingdom, 2019

### Lawdragon Inc.

- *Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Litigators*, International Litigation & Arbitration, especially Energy, 2024

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## Resources

### **ICLG: UK Renewable Energy Law and Regulations 2022**

Article

### **Predictable Unpredictability: Stranded Assets and the Scope for Disputes under PSCs**

Blog Post

### **VERSION 2 UNPUBLISHED: Predictable unpredictability: stranded assets and the scope for disputes under PSCs**

Blog Post

## **How to Make Informed Performance Bond and International Arbitration Decisions in Dubai and Saudi**

Video

## **Liquidated Damages in the Context of a Termination: Supreme Court Reverts to the Status-Quo**

Update

## **DSAs: Calculating Security and the Role of Expert Determination**

Blog Post

## **Performance Bonds – Call Me?**

Article

## **ICLG: UK Renewable Energy 2023**

Article

## **Knock-for-Knock Indemnities: Risk Allocation in Offshore Energy Contracts**

Article

## **ICLG: England & Wales Renewable Energy 2024**

Article

## **Does Your Arbitration Agreement ‘Matter?’: Recent Guidance From the English Supreme Court**

Blog Post

## **Rethinking Safeguards in Arbitration?**

Blog Post

## **Expert Determination in the Energy Sector – When Will the Courts Intervene?**

Blog Post

## **ExxonMobil Strikes Back: Energy Companies Take a More Proactive Approach to Activist ESG Shareholders**

Blog Post

## **Protecting Energy Investments in Europe: UK Announces Withdrawal From the Energy Charter Treaty**

Blog Post

## **Greenwashing: Emerging Compliance and Cross-Border Legal Risks**

Blog Post

## **Fifty Shades of Green? ESG Pressure vs the Risk of Greenwashing**

Article

## **Recent UK Court Rulings on Scope 3 Emissions: Have the Floodgates to Climate Change Litigation Fully Opened?**

Blog Post

## **Renewable Energy Laws and Regulations 2025: United Kingdom**

Article

## **What Did I Miss? Key UK Sanctions Updates From Q3-4 2024**

Article

## **Reinforcing the Regime: Key Updates to Arbitration in England and Wales**

Blog Post

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## **Publications & Speeches**

- "Renewable Energy Laws and Regulations 2025: United Kingdom," *ICLG: Renewable Energy*, September 2024.
- "Fifty Shades of Green? ESG Pressure vs the Risk of Greenwashing," *ThoughtLeaders4 Disputes Magazine*, June 2024.
- "Knock-for-Knock Indemnities: Risk Allocation in Offshore Energy Contracts," *LexisPSL*, April 2024.
- "England and Wales: Renewable Energy 2024," *International Comparative Legal Guide*, September 2023.
- "Performance Bonds – Call Me?" *Project Finance International*, January 2023.
- "United Kingdom: Renewable Energy 2023," *International Comparative Legal Guide*, September 2022.
- "United Kingdom: Renewable Energy 2022," *International Comparative Legal Guide*, September 2021.
- "Arbitration in the energy sector—an introduction," *LexisPSL*, March 2021.

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- "United Kingdom: Renewable Energy Laws and Regulations 2021," *International Comparative Legal Guide*, September 2020.
- Challenges in Arbitration, *LexisNexis Butterworths*, November 2019.
- "Knock-for-Knock Indemnities: Risk Allocation in Offshore Oil and Gas Contracts," *LexisPSL*, November 27, 2019.
- "Iran: Re-Imposed US Sanctions Fall-Out," *Petroleum Review*, March 2019.
- "Economic Sanctions: Implications for International Arbitration," *The Middle Eastern and African Arbitration Review*, April 2017.
- "Pre-Emption Rights – Do They Add Value?" *International Energy Law Review*, July 2016.