

William Godwin QC Curriculum Vitae

Education/Professional Qualifications

Appointed Queen's Counsel 2017

Called to Bar of England & Wales 1986, Benefactors' Senior Law Scholar Middle Temple

DPhil (PhD) University of Oxford 1984

BPhil University of Oxford 1980

BA University College London (First Class) 1978

Professional Experience

William Godwin is a practising Queen's Counsel in Arnold & Porter's London office with over 25 years' experience in construction, technology and engineering disputes including EPC/turnkey projects and off-shore structures.

He was legal member of the official FIDIC Updates Task Group responsible for writing the second (2017) editions of the FIDIC Red, Yellow and Silver Books, the main international engineering standard forms.

His arbitration experience includes acting as counsel in numerous institutional and ad hoc construction and commercial arbitrations including under the ICC and LCIA rules and where the applicable law may be other than English law. He has sat as sole arbitrator in a London domestic construction arbitration and in 2016 sat as party nominated arbitrator in a major DIAC construction arbitration. He also acts as adjudicator on the panel of the English Technology & Construction Bar Association.

He has appeared as counsel in a number of important arbitration law cases. These include *LG Caltex Gas Co and Contigroup Companies v China National Petroleum Corporation and China Petroleum Technology Development Corporation* [2001] BLR 235 (effect of s 67 Arbitration Act 1996); *North Range Shipping Ltd v Seatrans Shipping Corp (The Western Triumph)* [2002] 2 Lloyd's Rep 1 (duty to give reasons in refusing leave to appeal under s 69 Arbitration Act 1996); *Peterson Farms Inc v C&M Farming Ltd* [2004] 1 Lloyd's Rep 614 (first reported decision on power under s 70(7) Arbitration Act 1996 to secure award pending appeal or challenge; guidelines).

He is described by UK Legal 500 as 'An expert on FIDIC contracts and related arbitration,' and 'He has established good credentials in the arbitration communities of China and Asia'. Visiting lecturer (dispute resolution) at City, University of London.

Publications

The 2017 FIDIC Contracts: *the Second Editions of the Red, Yellow and Silver Books* (Wiley Blackwell 2020)

International Construction Contracts: *a Handbook* (Wiley Blackwell 2013)

Construction Contracts: *a Handbook for Chinese Parties* (China Architecture and Building Press Beijing 2008)

'Challenging Awards in China-sited Arbitrations' International Arbitration Law Review October 2007

'A Puzzle About Powers: the Arbitration Act 1996, s. 67' Lloyds Maritime & Commercial Law Quarterly Part 3, August 2002

'Ad Hoc Agreements and the Arbitration Act 1996: the LG Caltex Case' International Arbitration Law Review Vol 5 Issue 1 March 2002

'Arbitration and Reasons: the North Range Decision' International Arbitration Law Review Vol 5 Issue 4, October 2002 (British Institute paper May 2002)

'Challenging Arbitrators' Jurisdiction' Disputes 2002

'Arbitration or Litigation? Multi-party Disputes and Arbitration Clauses' in **Construction Law: Themes and Practice** (Sweet & Maxwell 1998)

'Transferable Letters of Credit: the effect of Lariza' Journal of Business Law January 1990

Languages (in addition to English) : German