

J William Rowley QC

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Overview

Bill is a highly experienced international arbitrator.

He joined Twenty Essex in 2002. Bill's practice at the Bar covered all aspects of international commercial law, including competition, contracts, banking, oil industry, insurance, corporate governance, and arbitration law and practice.

Bill was elected Chairman of the Canadian firm, McMillan LLP in 1996 and Chairman Emeritus and Special Counsel on his retirement from the partnership in 2009. He relinquished these roles in 2014. While at McMillan, Bill headed the firm's competition law group from its inception and oversaw the development of its arbitral practice.

He has chaired or participated as a tribunal member or counsel in over 200 international arbitrations. These have involved a variety of national laws and investment treaty systems including those of ICSID, NAFTA and ECT.

Recent arbitrations have included disputes involving offshore oilfield production sharing agreements, long term liquefied natural gas supply contracts, hydroelectric concessions, timber industry licenses/investments, gas concession contract disputes, petroleum industry joint ventures, wind turbine farms, international trademark licensing, Bermuda Form insurance/re-insurance claims, gas pricing/repricing formulae, international telecom licensing, telecom joint ventures, AMIs/PSCs and long term supply contracts, power supply projects, defence industry contracts, water and sewage services investment, gasoline additives investment, telecom investment, oil and gas supply contracts and steel industry

Publications

- General editor of The Guide to Energy Arbitrations (3rd edn, Law Business Research, forthcoming).
- General editor of The Guide to Challenges and Enforcement of Arbitration Awards (1st edn, forthcoming).
- Founding editor, and general editor 2004–2012, of Arbitration World: Jurisdictional Comparisons (6th edn, Thompson Reuters 2018).
- Founding editor, Business Law International (International Bar Association).
- Chair of editorial board (2006–present) Global Arbitration Review (Law Business Research).
- International Mergers – the Antitrust Process loose-leaf service (Sweet & Maxwell) (co-author).

Panel memberships

- American Arbitration Association (ICDR)
- Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration

investment.

He was a member of the LCIA court for two terms, serving as chairman of the Board of Directors, until 2017.

Education

- University of Ottawa: LLD, Magna Cum Laude, Gold Medalist (1968)
- Carleton University: undergraduate studies (1965)

- German Institute of Arbitration
- HKIAC
- ICSID
- Indian Council of Arbitration
- ICC in Canada
- Korean Commercial Arbitration Board
- Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration
- SIAC
- Vienna International Arbitral Centre

Professional memberships

- Antitrust and Trade Regulation Report, Washington DC: former member of editorial advisory board (1980–2008)
- Competition Policy Record, Toronto: member of editorial board
- Global Forum on Competition and Trade Policy, London and Washington DC: co-founder and co-chairman
- International Bar Association (IBA), Antitrust Committee: Chair (1991–1994)
- IBA: Councillor Emeritus (2004–)
- IBA, Global Competition Forum: Co-chair
- IBA: Life Member (2005–)
- IBA, Section on Business Law: Chairman, Vice-chair, Treasurer (1995–2001)
- LCIA Board: Chairman (2012–2017), member of the board (2007–2017)
- LCIA India: member of the board of Directors (2009–)
- NAFTA, Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes: former member

Recommendations

A brilliant arbitrator on top of his game. [The Legal 500 UK Bar 2022](#)

He case manages excellently and arrives at an intellectually honest result. [The Legal 500 UK Bar 2020](#)

A superb arbitrator who is very efficient and extremely charming. [Chambers Global 2018](#)

One of the very best in the international market. [Who's Who Legal 2019](#)

Well respected, with a reputation for style. [Chambers UK Bar 2018](#)

A top-tier arbitrator. [The Legal 500 UK Bar 2017](#)

He boasts 'a giant reputation' in the international arbitration space. [Who's Who Legal 2018](#)