

# Henry Quinlan, FCI Arb

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Henry is an independent international arbitrator based in the Middle East, with over 25 years' experience in international arbitration. He has been a member of the arbitration teams of four global law firms (Hogan Lovells, Skadden, Norton Rose Fulbright and DLA Piper), and was for almost a decade the head of DLA Piper's Middle East litigation, arbitration and investigations practice. He is now in practice on his own, and accept appointments as arbitrator only.

He is listed as one of the “Most In Demand Arbitrators” in the UAE by Chambers Global, who state that “*fellow lawyers regularly praise his deep experience in banking and general commercial disputes*” and describe his as “*a brilliant practitioner.*”

For 15 years, Henry has sat as chair, sole arbitrator or co-arbitrator in both institutional and ad hoc arbitrations, subject to many different laws and under the rules of most of the major arbitral institutions (including the ICC, LCIA/DIFC-LCIA and DIAC). His awards have been upheld, recognised and enforced by the DIFC Courts, the Dubai Joint Judicial Tribunal and the Dubai Court of Cassation. He has particular experience of arbitrations in or relating to the Middle East, Africa and India.

He is a member of the Legal 500 "Hall of Fame" for arbitration, and has for many years been listed as a leading individual in arbitration by both Legal 500 and Chambers Global.

He has acted as counsel and sat as arbitrator in complex, high value, often multi-jurisdictional disputes of all kinds, including disputes involving allegations of fraud, disputes involving highly technical issues, post-M&A disputes, joint venture and shareholder disputes, as well as general commercial disputes.

## CREDENTIALS

### Education

Queen Mary College, University of London: Diploma in International Arbitration

Oxford University: BA (Hons), MA

City University: Common Professional Examination

Bar Vocational Course

### Professional qualifications

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Solicitor of Senior Courts of England and Wales

Dubai Legal Affairs Department registered legal practitioner

Those disputes have encompassed a broad range of sectors, including banking and finance, corporate, projects, hotels and hospitality, technology, media and telecoms, commodities, transportation, energy, mining and real estate.

During his 14 years as a partner at DLA Piper, Henry was instrumental in building that team into a top-rated practice in a number of areas of expertise and jurisdictions. During his tenure, the team became and remained the only Tier 1 ranked practice in the UAE for arbitration, offshore litigation, construction and investigations.

- Member of the *Legal 500 Hall of Fame* for arbitration in the United Arab Emirates
- *Lexology Index* recommended arbitrator
- *Chambers Global* cites Henry's "strong advocacy skills" and "hugely impressive tactical approach and outstanding legal knowledge"
- *What Legal 500 2024*: "At the very top of the profession, widely known and respected by peers and clients".

## EXPERIENCE AS ARBITRATOR

- ICC Arbitration seated in UAE under the Expedited Provisions between Saudi Arabian, UAE and Tanzanian parties concerning the sale and purchase of coal, under English law (Sole)
- DIFC-LCIA Arbitration seated in the DIFC between DIFC and UAE parties concerning financial advisory services providing in the structuring and procurement of US\$ 200 million financing of a major hotel project, involving alleged breaches of fiduciary and regulatory obligations, under DIFC law and DFSA regulations (Award upheld by Dubai Joint Judicial Committee, DIFC Courts and Dubai Court of Cassation) (Sole)
- ICC Arbitration seated in Qatar between Qatari parties concerning a satellite broadcasting agreement, under Qatari law (Chair)
- DIFC-LCIA Arbitration seated in the DIFC between UAE and Lebanese parties concerning restrictive covenants in an agreement in the cloud kitchen sector, under English law (Sole)
- ICC Arbitration seated in Qatar between Qatari parties concerning road improvement (Sole)
- ICC Arbitration seated in the ADGM between Hong Kong and Belgian parties concerning a guarantee relating to the supply of bunker oil, under English law (Sole)
- DIFC-LCIA Arbitration seated in the DIFC relating to dispute concerning the construction, completion and maintenance of a golf course and golf academy under UAE law (Chair)
- DIFC-LCIA Arbitration seated in the UAE between US, UAE and Indian parties concerning a joint venture agreement under UAE law (Co-arbitrator)
- DIFC-LCIA Arbitration seated in Dubai between two UK and one Austrian party concerning a post-M&A / shareholder dispute, involving interim applications for injunctions (Sole)
- ICC Arbitration seated in the UAE between US and UAE parties concerning a c.US\$27 million claim arising from the design, engineering and construction of a hotel and resort connected to a zoo, under UAE law (Co-arbitrator)
- ICC Arbitration seated in the UAE between Sri Lankan and UAE parties concerning the sale, purchase and shipping of fertilizer, under English law (Sole)
- DIAC Arbitration seated in the UAE between Dubai and Abu Dhabi parties concerning the provision of various plant equipment, under UAE law (Sole)
- DIAC Arbitration seated in the UAE between Qatari and German parties concerning the provision of security in Afghanistan, under English law (Chair)
- DIAC Arbitration seated in the UAE between Indian and UAE parties concerning the sale and purchase of real estate in Dubai, under UAE law (Sole)

- Ad hoc Arbitration seated in the UAE between UAE parties concerning the construction of a hotel in Dubai, under UAE law (Chair)
- DIAC Arbitration seated in the UAE between Russian and German parties concerning five property sale agreements, under UAE law (Co-arbitrator)
- DIAC Arbitration seated in the UAE between Indian and UAE parties concerning a real estate purchase in Dubai, under UAE law (Sole)
- DIAC Arbitration seated in the UAE between Dutch and UAE parties concerning the construction of real estate in Dubai, under UAE law (Co-arbitrator)
- DIAC Arbitration seated in the UAE between Liberian, UAE and Finnish parties concerning a shareholders' dispute and a guarantee, under UAE law (Co-arbitrator)
- DIAC Arbitration seated in the UAE between Chinese and UAE parties concerning a real estate purchase in Dubai, under UAE law (Co-arbitrator)
- DIAC Arbitration seated in the UAE between Italian, UAE and Jordanian parties concerning a restaurant in Abu Dhabi, under UAE law (Sole)

A list of cases by sector, rules or applicable law is available on request, or on [www.quinlanarbitration.com](http://www.quinlanarbitration.com), where a list of some of Henry's arbitrations as counsel is also provided.

## PUBLICATIONS

Henry has published articles on issues relating to international arbitration (including in Arbitration International). Before becoming a full-time arbitrator, he wrote regular articles for Practical Law Company on arbitration-related developments in the UAE and DIFC.

Example articles include:

- [Status and operation of arbitration clauses](#) (Oxford Academic)
- [Arbitration enforcement in the United Arab Emirates](#) (Thomson Reuters) (Paywall)
- [New UAE arbitration law welcomed as a qualified success](#) (Thomson Reuters) (Paywall)
- [Dubai court signals intent on foreign arbitration law enforcement](#) (Thomson Reuters) (Paywall)
- [Dubai court of appeal rules DIAC award invalid due to defective arbitration clause](#)
- [Dispute resolution in Bahrain](#) (Kluwer) (Paywall)
- ['Essential details': UAE court of cassation ruling](#) (Thomson Reuters) (Paywall)
- [A time for Dubai arbitration to shine](#) (Construction Week)
- [Procedural steps in Abu Dhabi commercial arbitration](#) (Thomson Reuters) (Paywall)
- [Key stages of dispute resolution in the Middle East](#) (DLA Piper website) (Co-author)
- PLC Practice Note on Enforcing Arbitration Awards in the UAE 2024 (co-author)

## PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

Henry speaks regularly at conferences on arbitration issues.