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Practice areas

- Construction & engineering
- Energy

Member of LCIA Users' Council

Registered as an advocate in the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts

Recommendations

Sean is recommended in the Legal Directories, including Chambers & Partners global, where comments include:

- If you want someone to come out swinging, then you want to use Brannigan
- He offers not only intuition and sharp analysis but also a very commercial, genial and disarmingly charming manner
- Able to concoct forceful and ingenious arguments at a moment's notice
- A force to be reckoned with

Practice

Sean's practice concentrates upon large scale arbitrations concerning Energy and Engineering/Construction projects where the highest standards of preparation, teamwork and advocacy are required. He has extensive experience of working in the Middle East and Hong Kong, and is well known for his experience of dealing with sensitive allegations of fraud arising in relation to such projects and with performance bonds.

Recent work includes:

- Representing a major supplier of power station components in an arbitration concerning allegations of fraud and the payment of commission in relation to the procurement of the supply contract in question;
- Representing a major European contractor in an ICC arbitration with seat in Paris in relation to a €200m dispute arising from the early termination of a contract to build a power station in Bulgaria;
- Representing a Dubai government entity in a high value DIAC Arbitration arising from the early termination of a major contract for the construction of canals: involved consideration of the application of lump sums and valuation of variations;
- Representing a major international contractor in relation to a complex series of disputes arising from the rebuilding of a power plant. The disputes turned largely on very detailed consideration of programme analysis and delay and disruption, and upon damages flowing from alleged wrongful termination;
- Representing a specialist hirer of drilling rigs in relation to a charter dispute arising from allegations that the rigs were not fit for their purpose and/or required repair during a period when they were on hire;

- Representing a contractor in relation to an ICC Arbitration concerning over \$10 million in relation to the construction of a Biofuel Plant in Chile;
- Representing a sub-contractor in an ICC Arbitration in relation to over US\$75m of claims in relation to the construction of a petrochemical refining plant in the Middle East: governed by Swiss Law;
- Representing an Estonian governmental agency in relation to a claim for over €25m arising from the refurbishment of two gas fired power generating plants;
- Representing a major developer of gas processing facilities in an ICC Arbitration in relation to a dispute arising from the cost of constructing a gas processing plant in Libya;
- Representing a company engaged in the business of developing specialist equipment for testing the content and quality of gases for use in gas processing plants and power stations in relation to extensive claims arising from the reliability of such equipment: resolution of that dispute involved representing that company in long running ICC Arbitration proceedings with its seat in New York;
- Representing the supplier of building materials in a series of Arbitrations and related actions in the Texas courts arising out of allegations of defects in those materials;
- Representing a European governmental agency in relation to US\$300m of claims brought in a series of long running and extensive ICC Arbitrations by EPC contractors building an oil pipeline (including pumping stations) through that European country, and the 'passing up' of those claims via an ICSID Arbitration.