

MICHAEL GEOFFREY COLLINS Q.C.

CURRICULUM VITAE

BORN: 4th March 1948, Howwood, Renfrewshire, Scotland

EDUCATION: 1956 – 1960: Eagle School, Umtali, Southern Rhodesia
1961 – 1966: Peterhouse, Marandellas, Southern Rhodesia
1967 – 1970: University of Exeter, Devon, England

DEGREE: LLB. (Hons) 1st Class
Council of Legal Education (Bar Finals): 1970-1971

**CALLED TO THE BAR
OF ENGLAND & WALES:** Gray's Inn, November 1971

QUEEN'S COUNSEL: April 1988

RECORDER: 1994 – 2001

BENCHER: Gray's Inn: 1999

NATIONALITY: British

MARRIED TO: Bonnie Gayle Bird (US Citizen)

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

May 2006 – PRESENT Special Legal Consultant, Crandall, Hanscom & Collins P.A., Rockland, Maine, specializing in international arbitration

April 2002 – April 2006 Special Legal Consultant, Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P., Washington, DC

October 1972 – March 2002 Barrister, practising in commercial law from Essex Court Chambers, London

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Arbitration
Insurance (marine & non-marine) and reinsurance
Shipping (including shipbuilding disputes, ship sale and purchase, bill of lading and charterparty disputes, cargo claims, limitation actions, etc.)
Conflicts of laws
Commercial and technical contract and tort disputes generally

AFFILIATIONS:

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
Member of the Advisory Board of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration
London Court of International Arbitration
London Maritime Arbitrators Association (supporting member)
Singapore Maritime Arbitrators' Association
ARIAS-US
Lloyds Arbitration Scheme
British Insurance Law Association
British Maritime Law Association
American Bar Association (associate member)
International Bar Association
Commercial Bar Association

CEDR Accredited Mediator

SELECTED ARTICLES, LECTURES AND TALKS

What's New in Insurance Law? Agents' Duties – Where will the ripples end? (1995 IBC Insurance Seminar)

Privacy & Confidentiality in Arbitration Proceedings: (1995) Texas International Law Journal, Vol. 30/1, p. 121; Arbitration International, Vol. 11/3, p. 321

Misrepresentation and Non-disclosure in Insurance and Reinsurance Contracts (1996 Combar Seminar)

Repudiating Invalid Claims: Defenses – Warranties and Policy Conditions (1997 IBC Insurance Seminar)

The Role of the Leading Underwriter (1999: British Insurance Law Association Annual Conference)

The Remission of an Arbitration Award under English Law (2000: Oslo University)

Ascertaining the Intention of Parties to a Contract (2000: Lecture to Norwegian Shipowners' Association)

Do International Arbitral Tribunals have any Obligations to Encourage Settlement of the Disputes Before Them? (2003) *Arbitration International* Vol 19/3, p. 333.

RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Selecting the Arbitral Tribunal: A Commentary on the ICC Rules and Practice regarding the Appointment and Removal of Arbitrators: Charlottesville, Virginia (June 2005)

Enforcement of Arbitral Awards under the New York Convention: Washington College of Law, American University, DC (October 2007)

CONTACT DETAILS

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APPOINTMENTS AS ARBITRATOR/MEDIATOR:

Mr. Collins has over 18 years' experience of sitting as an arbitrator in international commercial arbitrations. He regularly acts as an arbitrator in ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, LMAA, SIAC, AAA, ARIAS and other institutional and *ad hoc* cases in jurisdictions such as London, Singapore, Hong Kong, Bermuda, Switzerland, Canada and the United States. He is a Fellow of both the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration. He is also a CEDR-accredited mediator and has acted as a mediator in a variety of insurance, reinsurance and technical disputes in London, Sydney and Washington D.C.

Within the last few years Mr. Collins' arbitration appointments have included the following:

- Sole arbitrator in an ICC arbitration concerning a dispute between the parties to a limited partnership agreement (Bermuda law; Tokyo seat)
- Chairman of the panel in an ICC arbitration concerning interruptions in the supply of natural gas under long term supply agreements; claims under related guarantees; questions of *force majeure*; and various damages issues (New York law + seat)
- Chairman of the panel in an insurance coverage dispute arising out of Hurricane Katrina (New York law; London seat)
- Chairman of the panel in an insurance coverage dispute arising out of Hurricane Rita (English law; London seat)
- Chairman of the panel in an *ad hoc* arbitration concerning a software licensing agreement (Ontario law; Toronto seat)
- Party-appointed arbitrator in an insurance dispute arising under several employment practice liability policies (New York law; London seat)
- Sole arbitrator in an ICC arbitration arising out of a custodian agreement (English law; Paris seat)
- Sole arbitrator in six closely related UNCITRAL arbitrations concerning coverage disputes between a captive insurer and several of its reinsurers in relation to drug-related product liability losses (Bermuda law + seat)
- Chairman of the panel in an ARIAS-US reinsurance case concerning the aggregation of claims settled pursuant to an ADR award under the Wellington Agreement (Massachusetts law, Boston seat)
- Chairman of the panel in an ICC arbitration concerning the alleged breach of a joint venture and operating agreement relating to the sale and distribution of

licensed products into North, Central and South America and the Caribbean (Delaware law, New York seat)

- Chairman of the panel in an *ad hoc* insurance dispute between a large manufacturing conglomerate and one of its excess loss insurers arising out of a class action in Alabama (New York law, London seat)
- Chairman of the panel in an *ad hoc* insurance dispute between a motor manufacturer and one of its excess loss insurers concerning liabilities arising out of a post-collision fuel fed fire (New York law, London seat)
- Party-appointed arbitrator in an ICC arbitration arising out of a stock purchase agreement between two companies in the wireless telecommunications industry (New York law + seat)
- Member of the panel in an UNCITRAL arbitration concerning licensing and technology agreements relating to a chemical plant (Indonesian law; Singapore seat)
- Member of the tribunal in an LMAA arbitration concerning a claim by a commission agent in respect of the shipment and delivery of oil cargoes pursuant to a series of supply contracts made by the supplier with its principal (English law; London seat)
- Sole arbitrator in a AAA (ICDR) arbitration arising out of a software services agreement and software licensing agreement relating to a worldwide integrated transport and supply chain management services network (Californian + Ontario law, divided Californian / Toronto seat)
- Chairman of the panel in an LMAA arbitration relating to the construction and delivery of two semi-submersible oil drilling rigs (English law; London seat)
- Member of the tribunal in a SIAC arbitration concerning the repair of structural damage to a vessel damaged while in dry dock (Singapore law + seat)
- Sole arbitrator in an *ad hoc* arbitration concerning a franchise agreement relating to the supply and sale of a distinctive range of furniture and home accessories (German law; London seat)
- Chairman of the panel in thirteen consolidated AAA (ICDR) reinsurance disputes concerning claims of professional negligence brought against a firm of accountants (Bermuda law + seat)

RECENT ENGAGEMENTS AS COUNSEL INCLUDE:

A substantial ICC arbitration scheduled to be held in San Francisco, concerning breach of a joint venture agreement between two oil companies; the calculation of petroleum reserves in an as yet undeveloped field; the ascertainment of the costs of development; and other related damages issues.

Two separate LCIA arbitrations, both to be held in London, concerning (i) operation of the credit card business; breaches of a joint venture agreement; fiduciary and other duties and the calculation of damages; and (ii) non-implementation of an agreement to sell and distribute digital satellite television services to the Middle East; repudiatory breach; damages.

A major shipping arbitration, held in London, concerning the long-term supply, shipment and delivery of LNG into the United States; the producability and valuation of unextracted gas reserves; the availability of and charter rates for specialized LNG tankers in Europe and the Atlantic Basin over the life of the agreements; and numerous associated damages issues.