

## CHARLIE LIGHTFOOT, Partner

*Charlie Lightfoot is the managing partner of the London office and chair of the firm's International Arbitration Practice. He has extensive experience handling high-value complex claims in both international arbitration and commercial litigation proceedings.*

Mr. Lightfoot has appeared as advocate both in the English High Court and in many arbitral proceedings. His international arbitration practice encompasses both commercial and investor/state work. His recent experience includes advising on international disputes in a variety of sectors, including energy, defence, infrastructure, mining and telecommunications. He is also a frequent speaker and author concerning matters of international arbitration and both private and public international law.

Mr. Lightfoot is listed in the annual *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* guide featuring the foremost arbitration practitioners aged 45 and under, which notes that he is "a well-known and effective advocate" endorsed for his "brilliant strategic mind and masterful advocacy". He is also ranked by *Chambers and Partners UK*, named a "leading individual" by *The Legal 500 UK* and included in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom* for his work in international arbitration.

Some recent representations include:

- Representing a Russian oil major in arbitration proceedings arising out of his client's purchase of a group of companies in Turkey's liquid fuel sector;
- Acting for a claimant in ICC arbitration proceedings in London, regarding a contractual dispute concerning gas fields in Colombia;
- Acting in LCIA arbitration proceedings in London, relating to a contractual dispute over oil rights in the Gulf region;
- Representing an Italian investor in an investment claim against an Eastern European state regarding real estate projects;
- Representing a defence contractor in an ad hoc international arbitration related to a claim arising out of a state entity's cancellation of a contract;
- Acting for a Caribbean state entity in ICC arbitration proceedings in London regarding a dispute with an industrial contractor; and
- Acting for a claimant in arbitration proceedings in Stockholm in relation to a contractual dispute following industry privatization by a foreign state.

### Awards

- Lawdragon 500 Global Litigation Lawyers, 2021
- *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration*  
Future Leader - 2017, 2018, 2020



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### PRACTICE GROUPS

Aviation and Aerospace  
Energy  
Financial Services Litigation  
International Arbitration  
Litigation  
Public International Law

### EDUCATION

Oxford University, MA, 2002

Oxford University Institute of Legal Practice,  
LPC, 1998

Keble College, Oxford University, BA, 1997

### ADMISSIONS

England and Wales

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- *Best Lawyers*  
International Arbitration - 2020
- *Legal500 United Kingdom*  
International Arbitration - 2019
- *Chambers Global and UK Guide*  
Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration (UK), 2020, 2021  
International Arbitration (UK-wide), 2020

## Publications

- Co-Author, "Offshore Disputes: Which Way Is the Wind Blowing?" *New Power Report*, January 2020
- "International Arbitration Experts Discuss The Most Significant Development In 2019," *Mealey's International Arbitration Report*, December 2019
- Co-Author, "England & Wales," *The European Arbitration Review 2020*, October 2019
- "Tips for Those Seeking Third-Party Funding," *Global Arbitration Review*, August 19, 2019
- Co-Author, "Prevention of Asset Stripping: Worldwide Freezing Orders," *The Guide to Challenging and Enforcing Arbitration Awards*, July 2019
- Co-Author, *Updated Guide on Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards and Court Judgments in England and Wales* (2nd ed.), November 30, 2018
- England and Wales chapter, *The European Arbitration Review*, November 20, 2018
- "Summary Awards In International Arbitration - Slow Getting Up to Speed?" *Mealey's International Arbitration*, December 2017
- European Arbitration Review 2018, *Global Arbitration Review*, November 20, 2017
- New Guides on Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards and Court Judgments in the United States and England and Wales, October 2017
- "Litigation Funding Update," *Investor Review*, May 2, 2017
- Client Alert: "Brexit: Early Observations and Impacts", July 11, 2016

## Speaking Engagements

- Moderator, "Political Risk: Navigating the Volatile Economic and Political Climates in the Modern Era," Commercial Litigation & Arbitration Forum 2019, November 05, 2019
- "Arbitration vs. Litigation: How to Choose and Manage your Dispute Resolution Strategy." *The Lawyer's Managing Risk and Litigation Conference*, November 20, 2018
- "Avoiding and Handling Disputes in Cross-Border Contracts," Managing Risk and Litigation, *The Lawyer*, December 05, 2017
- "Cyber Liability: Insurance coverage, the Market and Recent Claim Developments – Will Your Claim be Covered?" Jenner & Block and Willis Towers Watson, February 02, 2017

- Panelist, “Avoiding and Handling Disputes in Cross-Border Contracts,” Managing Risk and Litigation, The Lawyer, London, November 30, 2016
- “The GAR Live Debate,” 4th Annual GAR Live Paris, November 25, 2016
- The GC Futures Summit 2016, November 01, 2016