



## David Matthias KC

Call: 1980 QC: 2006 [Public Access](#)

### Practice areas:



## Practice Profile

With over 20 years experience as a qualified arbitrator and fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – an international centre of excellence for the practice and profession of alternative dispute resolution – David has a wealth of experience of arbitration both as an advocate and as a sitting arbitrator in both national and international commercial and property related disputes.

Rated in the professional guides ('Legal 500' and 'Chambers and Partners') as a "leading silk" and "exceptional barrister, who is incredibly well clued up on the law" and as a "great technical barrister" who is "hugely rated in the Supreme Court", David takes a flexible and constructive approach to arbitration and will tailor the process to cater for the particular demands of the dispute and reasonable requirements of the parties, in order to deliver his final award with appropriate expedition.

Recent large arbitrations include a lengthy international commercial arbitration concerning contracts for the supply of helicopters to a foreign state to service its oilfields, a large commercial arbitration involving a multi million pound claim being brought by a service provider against an English local authority, and a claim by a real estate developer against a local authority alleging breaches of a multi-party agreement regarding a proposed 'garden village' development on the outskirts of a major city which included allegations of misuse of the authority's planning powers in order to frustrate the development.

David is also a fully qualified mediator, having achieved LSM Accreditation, and is hugely experienced in this form of dispute resolution.

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## Qualifications and Appointments

- David Matthias K.C. FCI Arb:
  - Called to the Bar of England and Wales – 1980
  - Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – 1998
  - Queen's Counsel – 2006
  - LSM Accredited Mediator – 2018
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## Quotes

*"Leading silk"*

The Legal 500

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The Legal 500

*"Strong both technically and legally... always prepared to muck in and work hard for the clients..."*

The Legal 500

*"Great technical barrister."*

The Legal 500

*"Has made a name for himself" for being "subtly persuasive in court."*

Chambers and Partners

*"His broad practice includes an active public law portfolio, and he has conducted a number of important judicial reviews in the past year."*

Chambers and Partners

*"He has unrivalled knowledge of licensing law."*

Chambers and Partners

*"A top-notch barrister who is very easy to work with."*

Chambers and Partners

*"He is a force of nature and incredibly effective in court – Judges are convinced by his arguments."*

Chambers and Partners

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