

Arbitration Profile *(updated January 2012)*



Murray Smith

Murray Smith, LL.M., Chartered Arbitrator, received his Master of Laws, International Business Law, in 1989, and was called to the Bars of British Columbia in 1977, Yukon Territory in 1985 and England and Wales in 1990.

Mr. Smith has conducted many international and domestic commercial arbitrations as panel chairman, party appointed arbitrator or as sole arbitrator. He collaborated with Martin Hunter and Alan Redfern in writing the second edition of the leading text "Law and Practice of International Commercial Arbitration" and is a frequent lecturer on the subject of international arbitration practice. Mr. Smith is also an English Barrister. As an arbitrator in complex commercial cases, Mr. Smith recognizes the fundamental importance of due process and equal treatment of the parties while maintaining rigorous procedural oversight.

Currently practising in Vancouver, British Columbia, his practice includes domestic and international commercial arbitration cases as arbitrator. He has acted as arbitrator in international commercial arbitrations under AAA (ICDR), ICC, BCICAC and UNCITRAL Rules.

Mr. Smith's arbitration work has involved him in disputes over the distribution of oil field production profits, gas supply contracts for power generation facilities, mining exploration concession agreements, royalty payments and rights to intellectual property associated with internet commerce, breaches of agreement for the purchase of proprietary technology, computer software use and licensing, intellectual property and technology transfer agreements involving electronic components in the automobile parts industry, domestic and international transportation matters, shareholder rights and the interpretation of commercial and construction contracts.

Mr. Smith has held numerous positions: Chairman of the North American Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2005 to 2008); Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; Member, Board of Directors for the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) May 2006 Montreal Congress; named as a pre-eminent practitioner in the Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration (7th ed.); the Arbitration Committee of the U.S.- Mexico Bar Association; Chairman of the Yukon Economic Council (1986 - 1988); Chair of a public inquiry into charitable gaming in British Columbia (1996-1999); Currently - Royal Roads University - Advisory Board for the School of Peace and Conflict Management; Executive Committee of the North American Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; Board Member of the Canadian Arbitration Congress; and Member - Discipline Committee of the Law Society of Yukon. Over the past decade he has served regularly as the course director for international programs for Fellowship training with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

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