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Educational / Professional Memberships	<p>B.A. HONS (OXON) – MODERN HISTORY SOLICITOR ENGLAND & WALES- 1979 to 2017 SOLICITOR HONG KONG – 1984 to 1999 FELLOW CIarb ACCREDITED CEDR MEDIATOR MEMBER LCIA FOUNDER MEMBER OF IPBA MEMBER OF SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAWYERS LMAA SUPPORTING MEMBER FREEMAN OF THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF ARBITRATORS MEMBER DIFC COURT USERS' COMMITTEE (2006 - FEB 2011 and 2014 to 2016) CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND TRUSTEE- DIFC ARBITRATION INSTITUTE (November 2015 to 20 September 2021) MEMBER OF LCIA COURT (from June 2015 to June 2020) VICE CHAIRMAN – ICC-UAE COMMISSION ON ARBITRATION & ADR (2016 to 2019) AND COMMITTEE MEMBER (ongoing) MEMBER OF SAUDI CENTER FOR COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (2019 onwards) & SAUDI CENTER FOR COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION COURT (SCCA COURT) (Nov 2022 - ongoing)</p>	<p>Member of the following Panels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADCCAC • ADGM Arbitrators Panel • AIAC (formerly known as KLRC) (& certified adjudicator) • ARIAS - ASIA • BCDR-AAA • CMAC • CRCICA • DIAC • EMAC • HKIAC • KCAB • SIAC (INC. EMERGENCY PANEL) • SICAC (Takheem) • SCIA <p>Also appointed under ICC, GCCAC, LCIA, LMAA & DIFC-LCIA Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMIRATES RACING AUTHORITY APPEAL PANEL (2015-2018 & 2020-2022)
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Current Position	Owner/Manager ADR Management Consultancies and Independent Arbitrator
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Professional Experience	<p>Alec spent 40 years with a leading international law firm as an associate and partner in England for 6 years, Managing Partner in Hong Kong for almost 13 years, International Partner in London for 3 years, and finally 18 years in Dubai, for the first half as head of the firm’s MENA Dispute Resolution practice and then as a part-time consultant and member of the firm’s global arbitration executive whilst also conducting his independent practice as an arbitrator.</p> <p>After leaving his former firm Alec has practiced as a full-time arbitrator since January 2018 when he established ADR Management Consultancies, which holds a Dubai Economic Department professional licence.</p> <p>Although qualified as an English Solicitor, Alec has valuable experience of working for most of his career in dispute resolution in Asia and the Middle East. He is therefore very familiar with different cultural approaches as well as with both civil and common law.</p> <p>As a lawyer he handled shipping and marine insurance & energy arbitration and litigation, general commercial and insurance disputes (including commodities), insolvency and commercial frauds. Since moving to the UAE his work also encompassed shareholder disputes, joint ventures, M&A disputes distributorship, investment, telecoms and infrastructure.</p> <p>He was also a Trustee and Chief Executive of DIFC Arbitration Institute from November 2015 to 20 September 2021.</p>
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Arbitration Experience

Acted as party counsel for claimants or respondents in hundreds of institutional and ad hoc arbitrations for more than 30 years, involving shipping and ship building, insurance, international trade, energy, commercial contracts, agency & distributorships, joint ventures, investments, real estate, telecommunications and infrastructure.

Since 2008 he has sat as an arbitrator in more than 220 arbitrations under ADCCAC, DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, EMAC, GCCCAC, ICC, LCIA, LMAA and SIAC rules as well as in UNCITRAL and other ad hoc arbitrations.

Appointments over the last few years include:

- Chairman in a DIAC shareholder dispute between three UAE parties (US\$ 100 million+)
- Chairman of LMAA Tribunal in London in relation to a long-term rig charterparty dispute (US\$ 250 million+).
- Sole Arbitrator in ad hoc Hong Kong Arbitration between an Australian boat builder and a Hong Kong entity arising from a contract for in excess of 20 new builds.
- Co-Arbitrator in a DIAC subcontract dispute relating to the provision of certain technical services to a major telecoms company.
- Co-Arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration in Singapore relating to the construction of a terminal and pipeline (US\$ 50m).
- Co-Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration in Muscat relating to works for gas supply facilities.
- Sole Arbitrator in a DIFC-LCIA arbitration in Muscat relating to the operation and maintenance of a desalination plant (about OMR 4.5 million / US\$ 11.7 million).
- Sole Arbitrator in a SIAC arbitration in the maritime sector relating to a loan and share sale agreement (US\$ 9.5 million).
- Chairman of the first EMAC arbitration which was an AED 45 million charterparty dispute.
- Sole Arbitrator in a DIFC-LCIA arbitration arising out of a warehousing and distribution contract in a MENA country.
- Co-Arbitrator in a consolidated DIFC-LCIA arbitration with a London seat arising out of a shareholders' agreement and a share purchase agreement for fast food franchised restaurants around the GCC.
- Co-Arbitrator in an UNCITRAL Rules arbitration between a Cayman company & a Luxembourg S.A. arising out of the hire of a drill-rig unit (US\$ 16 million).
- Co-Arbitrator in LCIA Rules dispute in relation to supply and installation of audio-visual systems for a project in Doha with values in dispute of about GBP 7 million. QFC seat and venue and Qatar Law.
- Sole Arbitrator in ICC Rules dispute between Iraqi and S. Korean parties in relation to a water supply construction contract in Iraq. Paris seat, English language and Kurdistan Law.
- Presiding Arbitrator in a DIFC-LCIA arbitration between a UAE subsidiary of a global oil field services supplier and a company based in Saudi Arabia arising out of a representation agreement subject to the laws of Saudi Arabia and with DIFC as the arbitral seat (amount in issue US\$ 70 million).
- Co-Arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration with London seat and Abu Dhabi venue with claims of about US\$ 59 million arising out of a construction contract in the energy sector.
- Co-arbitrator in an ICC Rules dispute between a multinational main contractor j.v. and a subcontractor in relation to a refinery project in Kuwait (US\$25 million).
- Co-Arbitrator in ICC Rules Muscat seated arbitration arising from subcontract dispute in relation to an airport construction project.
- Co-arbitrator in DIAC Rules arbitration concerning the sale & purchase of a plot of land with a hotel to be constructed.
- Co-Arbitrator in ADCCAC Rules arbitration in relation to a construction dispute (AED 275 million).
- Chairman in a DIAC Rules construction dispute relating to a major residential villa and facilities development for about AED 300 million between the employer and main contractor.
- Co-Arbitrator in a DIAC Rules shareholder dispute between the seller of shares in a retail group and the purchaser (about AED 18 million).
- Co-Arbitrator in ICC Rules Doha seated arbitration arising from a dispute between two professional firms.
- Co-Arbitrator in ADCCAC Rules Arbitration seated in Abu Dhabi arising from a construction subcontract dispute.
- Chairman of Tribunal in an ad hoc infrastructure arbitration seated in Dubai between a main contractor and employer for a claim of about USD100 million.
- Co-Arbitrator in a Doha seated LMAA arbitration in relation to the detention of a vessel and dispute with the vessel's agents.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Arbitrator in a Dubai seated DIAC Rules construction dispute arising from a hotel construction contract with claims and counterclaims around AED163 million. • Sole Arbitrator in an LCIA Rules arbitration with a Singapore seat arising out of an English law agency contract between a UAE company and an Australian company in connection with services in Egypt. • Co-arbitrator in an ICC Rules construction sub-contract arbitration with a value of about AED 14 million arising out of the construction of a hotel and apartments in UAE. Dubai seat and UAE law. • Co-Arbitrator in a Muscat seated ad hoc arbitration arising out of a contract for construction of a grid substation and overhead transmission lines, subject to Oman law. • Co -Arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration with a DIFC seat relating to a settlement agreement of a shareholder dispute, subject to English law. • Co-Arbitrator in a Dubai seated ad hoc arbitration in connection with a dispute between members of a professional services firm, subject to UAE law. • Chairman in an LCIA arbitration with a London seat relating to a commodity contract dispute in Europe. • Co-arbitrator in an ad hoc arbitration subject to Indian procedural law and proper law between service providers in the education sector. • Sole Arbitrator in SIAC English law expedited arbitration seated in Singapore arising out of a term sale contract for propane and butane. • Third arbitrator in documents only English law, London seat, ad hoc arbitration arising out of a time charter following the withdrawal of the vessel from hire in a North African Country. • Co-arbitrator in a Dubai seated LCIA arbitration in connection with the financing of certain telecommunications infrastructure in an African Country. • Co-arbitrator in an LMAA arbitration arising from cancellation of the sale & purchase of a tanker under English law with a London seat. • Co-arbitrator in an ICC Rules construction sub-contract dispute arising out of desalination plant works in the Middle East. • Co-arbitrator in an ADCCAC Rules arbitration which is a claim by a hotel developer against architects. • Co-arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration arising from alleged breaches of a tanker charterparty. • Co-arbitrator in a QICCA Rules arbitration in relation to a highway construction subcontract dispute • Co-arbitrator in an LMAA C/P arbitration as a result of alleged contamination of gas oil. • Sole Arbitrator appointed by DIFC Courts in an English law DIFC seat charterparty dispute for unpaid hire and bunkers. • Sole Arbitrator in an Omani ad hoc arbitration between contractors and a government entity arising out of a long running dispute in previous arbitration and the courts and relating to a hotel construction contract. • Co-arbitrator appointed by SIAC as the appointing authority under the Singapore International Arbitration Act 1994 between a UAE claimant and an Indonesian respondent arising out of a contract for a purchase of coal.
Articles	<p>Authored many articles for trade publications and client updates. Has appeared on business radio and T.V. programmes as an arbitration and regional legal expert. Speaks at many international trade, legal and arbitration conferences on diverse topics.</p> <p>Author of Lexis Nexis Users' Guide to ADCCAC Rules 2014 and DIFC-LCIA Arbitration Centre Rules 2016 & 2021.</p>
Languages	English; French (working knowledge sufficient for commercial documents)
Recognition	<p>Listed as a leading individual for arbitration from 2009 to date by GAR/WWL. Chambers Global have described Alec as "disputes czar...". Legal 500 described him as "incredibly knowledgeable"; Newton Arbitration as "the dean of arbitration".</p> <p>He was also recognised in Who's Who Legal for mediation, transport and insurance/reinsurance and as a highly recommended individual for the UAE in PLC Which Lawyer in the field of Dispute Resolution. He features on the GAR Arbitrator Research Tool ("ART") and is platinum ranked on the Newton Arbitration platform.</p> <p>He also features in Chambers 2021 & 2022 Directories as one of the most in demand UAE arbitrators.</p>