

## David Breslin Partner

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## Overview

David Breslin is a partner in the Dispute Resolution department at Fladgate.

He specialises in commercial disputes and international arbitration in the insurance, financial services, energy and international trade sectors. He has conducted numerous arbitrations both ad hoc and in accordance with common institutional rules (including UNCITRAL, ICSID, ICC, LCIA and ARIAS). He has represented sovereign state bodies in investor-state arbitration under bilateral and multilateral investment treaties (including under the Energy Charter Treaty). David also advises on all aspects of insurance and reinsurance dispute resolution with particular expertise in financial risks insurance, including professional liability, D&O and conventional fraud insurance products, cyber-risks, trade credit insurance and marine and non-marine reinsurance coverage disputes.

David acts for clients across a number of business sectors including insurers and reinsurers, brokers, financial services policy holders, marine and energy interests, international infrastructure and defence companies and sovereign state bodies in international arbitration claims.

David is recommended in the leading UK legal directories including Legal 500, Chambers UK Directory, Super Lawyers Guide, Best Lawyers (UK) and Euromoney's Expert Guides on the World's Leading Lawyers.

David is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb) and the Chartered Insurance Institute.

## Expertise

### Banking & Finance Law

- [Banking & Financial Litigation](#)

### Commercial Law

- [Contracts](#)

### Construction & Engineering Law

- [Construction Disputes](#)

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# Experience

- Advising the Republic of Albania in an investor-state treaty ICSID arbitration under the multilateral Energy Charter Treaty in defence of claims arising from infrastructure concession contracts relating to waste-to-energy and hydroelectric projects.
- Advising the Republic of Albania in international arbitration under the ICC Rules (seat Paris) concerning claims arising from energy concession contracts and infrastructure projects involving hydroelectric development.
- Advising US and Bermuda excess professional liability insurers in international arbitration proceedings in Bermuda (UNCITRAL) in respect of claims from a US financial institution arising from US class actions.
- Advising a US insurance group in respect of disputes arising from marine and energy excess of loss reinsurance protections for losses sustained following Hurricane Irma.
- Advising a South Korean defence and infrastructure group in respect of claims in ad hoc international arbitration (seat Oman) arising from the construction of a water treatment plant in the Middle East.
- Advising a Finnish metal and minerals technology group in respect of contractor all risks insurance claims arising out of losses sustained in the construction and operation of a titanium smelting plant in Saudi Arabia.
- Advising Canadian mining interests in respect of the arbitration of infrastructure construction claims subject to ICC arbitration rules (seat Canada).
- Advising a South Korean financial services group in international arbitration proceedings under LCIA rules (seat London) on trade credit insurance claims arising from refund guarantees following the collapse of shipbuilding interests.
- Advising a South Korean financial services group on English Commercial Court litigation in coverage disputes on trade credit reinsurances arising out of South Korean shipbuilders' insolvency.
- Advising US excess liability insurers in ad hoc UNCITRAL arbitration on coverage for claims of a professional advisers' captive arising from US tax shelters.
- Advising Ukrainian state interests in international arbitration under ICC Rules (Swiss seat) against contracting parties in respect of energy sale and purchase contracts.
- Advising maritime and international trade interests in numerous arbitrations under the English Arbitration Act and under trade association rules including LMAA, GAFTA and LME.
- Advising Bermudan marine and energy reinsurers on losses arising from the Macondo oil spill ("Deepwater Horizon") and from the total loss of the Costa Concordia in respect of London JELC arbitration disputes under Industry Loss Warranty products provided by hedge fund capital market transactions.
- Advising in respect of D&O and E&O policy coverage issues, in particular relating to fund management liability programmes, multinational multimedia liability programmes, investment advisers and financial institutions package insurance.
- Advising a listed UK financial institution in respect of insurance claims under a fraud and professional liability policy for claims arising from fraudulent activity.

# International

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# Testimonials

David Breslin “is highly regarded”.

*Legal 500 - International Arbitration 2019*

David Breslin “is highly regarded insurance practitioner known for his handling of complex disputes”.

*Chambers UK 2019*

David Breslin has considerable experience across a range of complex insurance and reinsurance coverage disputes. “David is approachable, pragmatic and has an in-depth knowledge of the market”.

*Chambers UK 2018 – Insurance Contentious Claims & Reinsurance*

David Breslin was recognised as co-Head of International Arbitration in a previous law firm

*Legal 500 – International Arbitration 2017*

Practice head David Breslin is “very insightful with respect to the London market” and also excels in industry loss warranty claims, multijurisdictional disputes and Bermuda Form arbitration. He has been acting in marine reinsurance, D&O and property damage matters.

*Legal 500 2017 – Insurance & Reinsurance Litigation*

David Breslin handles insurance and reinsurance matters ranging from D&O and E&O claims through to major marine and energy disputes. He has particular experience in Bermuda Form arbitration. Clients say he is “pragmatic” and “very approachable,” and that he has a “good understanding of the issues and possible outcomes.”

*Chambers UK 2017 – Insurance: Contentious Claims & Reinsurance*

David Breslin is very well regarded by the market and frequently handles major international disputes for global reinsurers. “He is a very pragmatic lawyer who is a good strategist and approachable, with an excellent knowledge of the market”, said one commentator.

*Chambers UK 2015 – Insurance: Contentious Claims & Reinsurance*

The “very good and very high quality” David Breslin is singled out for his reinsurance practice, which includes marine and non-marine coverage disputes. He also handles direct insurance claims. Clients highlight his “market savvy and outstanding insight into insurance, reinsurance and the law”.

*Chambers UK 2014 – Insurance: Contentious Claims & Reinsurance*

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