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Languages spoken

English | French



About Henry

Henry Spence is an associate in the International Dispute Resolution Practice Group based in London.

He advises on high-value international disputes across a broad range of sectors, including renewable energy, natural resources and international trade. In those matters, and in related enforcement proceedings before the Senior Courts of England & Wales, Henry frequently acts on behalf of both sovereign states and corporates.

Henry has acted for clients before several major arbitral institutions, including the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), Grain and Feed Trade Association (GAFTA), Federation of Oils, Seeds and Fats Associations (FOSFA) and London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA).

Henry was previously based in the firm's Singapore office.

Experience

- Acting for the Republic of Kazakhstan in a multibillion UNCITRAL arbitration arising out of a consortium of oil majors' alleged failure to develop an oil field, recovery of costs in breach of their obligations under a production sharing agreement and multiple breaches of their environmental obligations.
- Acting for a BVI investment company in an SIAC arbitration arising out of non-disclosure and non-circumvention agreements related to the exploration of a Russian coal mine with claim values exceeding US\$1 billion.
- Acting for a Chinese LNG buyer in a UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) arbitration administered by the HKIAC arising out of an LNG sale and purchase agreement (SPA) regarding the use of additional shipping capacity.
- Acting for a Singaporean LNG buyer in an LCIA arbitration arising out of an LNG SPA and confirmation notices regarding an alleged failure to take delivery of LNG Cargoes.

- Advising multiple Asia-based energy buyers in ongoing LNG price review negotiations and pre-dispute contract review processes.
- Represented a Japanese energy company in an LNG gas price review arbitration under the LCIA Rules.
- Acting for a Chinese LNG buyer in an ICC arbitration in relation to cargo deliveries under a long-term gas supply contract with an Asia Pacific-based seller.
- Advising an Angolan oil and gas company in relation to arbitration claims valued in excess of US\$250 million arising out of contracts for the supply of services and tools.
- Representing a Saudi Arabian conglomerate in enforcement proceedings before the Senior Courts of England & Wales arising out of an Egyptian arbitration award.
- Acting for the Cameroonian national oil refinery in complex litigation valued at over US\$100 million arising out of contracts for the supply of crude oil to a Nigerian energy conglomerate.
- Acting for a Middle Eastern defence company in an ICC arbitration related to the improper termination of a contract for provision of long-term after-sales support and logistics services in a large-scale defence project for the national armed forces.
- Providing ad hoc advice in connection with a potential claim under Article 1 of Protocol 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights arising from an expropriation of assets.
- Counsel to the Federal Republic of Nigeria in enforcement proceedings arising out of a Nigerian arbitration award relating to the development of a free trade zone.
- Counsel to a Nigerian state entity in enforcement proceedings arising out of a Nigerian arbitration award before the Technology and Construction Court in London.
- Counsel to a Korean trading company in an SIAC arbitration arising out of an agency agreement with an Australian grain trader.
- Acted for the local subsidiary of a Japanese medical services company in an SIAC arbitration against a Mongolian SOE for damages for the wrongful termination of a long-term hospital management contract.

Credentials

Education

- BPP University Law School, L.P.C., 2021
- BPP University Law School, G.D.L., 2019
- University of Edinburgh, M.A., first class, French, 2017

Admissions

- England and Wales, 2023

Expertise

Services

- International Dispute Resolution

Publications &

Speaking Engagements

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Working in International Law", IE Law School & Squire Patton Boggs, 2025
- Fireside Chat, "Challenges Facing Legal Professionals in London", Instituto de Estudios Bursátiles & Squire Patton Boggs, 2025
- Speaker, "Interview Workshop", Let's Chat Law, 2023

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