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About Stuart

Stuart McInnes is a consultant to the Sports team in the London office.

Stuart is a litigator with over 40 years of experience, and is instructed in relation to complex, high-value cross-border disputes.

Stuarts particular specialisms include:

- **Sports Arbitration** – Disputes arising out of corporate and marketing agreements relating to sport, regulatory issues and contractual disputes between athletes and clubs.
- **Commercial Arbitration** – Disputes between states and commercial entities, stakeholder and shareholders in private companies.
- **Commercial Litigation** – Cross-border claims acting for high-net-worth individuals and companies and financial institutions.
- **Disputes Relating to Offshore Trusts** – Disputes (including injunctive relief) against trustees, directors and managers arising from breaches of trust deeds and management agreements, breach of fiduciary duties, team moves and theft of confidential information.

Stuart sat as an arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne for 18 years, and sat on in excess of 200 effective cases as president of the panel. He is president of the Ordinary Division of the Qatar Sports Arbitral Tribunal in Doha and sits in the Saudi Sports Arbitration Centre in Riyadh, as well as other arbitral courts around the world.

Stuart was one of the 12 CAS Arbitrators, and the only UK representative, on the special *ad hoc* division of CAS for the London 2012 Olympic Games and has sat on other tribunals for major sporting events.

Prior to joining Squire Patton Boggs, Stuart was a managing partner of a London-based international law firm, where he was joint head of both the dispute resolution team and the sports and leisure sector team.

Experience

Sports Litigation

- Acting for an equine stud in the United Arab Emirates subject to an investigation into Equine Doping undertaken by the Emirates Racing Authority.
- Sitting as president of the panel in the Saudi Sports Arbitration Centre in a dispute between two clubs seeking to retain the services of Cristiano Ronaldo.
- Representing the Saudi Arabian Football Federation in a dispute with the kit supplier for the Qatar World Cup.
- Representing the state of Qatar in proceedings before the International Olympic Committee, in relation to possible exclusion.

Commercial Arbitration

- Acting for a Saudi-based company servicing the military sector in a €3 billion dispute with the government of France.
- Acting for the Liquidator of a UK vehicle manufacturer in proceedings against the licensing authority in Germany.
- Acting for the beneficiaries of the estate of individuals imprisoned in concentration camps In World War 2 seeking restitution of assets, including paintings, property and the value of requisitioned businesses.

Other Work Examples

- Drafting legislation for a foreign state encouraging participation in sport to avert the future consequences of obesity and cost of treatment.
- Drafting statutes and policies for an assortment of sports federations globally.

Credentials

Education

- University of Madrid, LL.M., International Sports Law,
- University of Hull, LL.B.,

Admissions

- England and Wales, 2002

Recognitions

The Legal 500 UK and *Chambers UK* testimonials include:

- "Great lawyer who commands respect from all who deal with him who is relatable on a practical and sensible level".
- "An excellent and experienced commercial litigator able to strategise from the outset of a claim with constant eye on minimizing cost".
- Stuart was appointed MBE in 2006 in recognition of his charity work In the City of London
- He is a Visiting Professor to the Instituto Superior Derecho Y Economica in Madrid, where he has taught part of the world-renowned LLM Masters in International Sports Law for the past 20 years.

Expertise

Services

- Litigation

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