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Fred G. Bennett is a senior partner with Quinn Emanuel, the largest law firm in the world specializing exclusively in business litigation and arbitration, with over 700 lawyers. He created and headed the arbitration practice at Quinn Emanuel for many years, and is currently the Global Vice Chair and U.S. Chair of the firm's international and domestic arbitration practice. Prior to joining Quinn Emanuel, he was a senior partner and head of the worldwide ADR practice group at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.

Work History

Senior Partner; former Chair and current Global Vice-Chair, International Arbitration Practice; Chair, U.S. Arbitration Practice; Chair, Defense Contractor and Satellite/Aerospace Disputes Practice, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, 1998-present

Senior Partner/Partner/Associate, Chair, Worldwide Alternative Dispute Resolution Group (Litigation Department), Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, 1973-98

ADR Experience as Arbitrator and Advocate

Mr. Bennett has over 35 years' experience as an arbitrator and an advocate in international and domestic arbitrations. He is an arbitrator for the ICC and the ICDR, and is a member of the AAA's Commercial Panel, Construction Panel and Aerospace, Aviation and National Security Panel for Large Complex Case Disputes. He has served as an arbitrator for ad hoc arbitrations, including UNCITRAL disputes. He is also a member of the AAA's Master Mediation Panel. As an advocate, Mr. Bennett has arbitrated as lead counsel over thirty major disputes to award.

Mr. Bennett's experience as an arbitrator, advocate or mediator in arbitrations has covered disputes in many areas of business endeavor, including (alphabetically) the following:

Alternative energy (e.g.s., solar, wind power, biomass fuels and nuclear)

Aviation

Computer hardware and software

Construction / engineering / architectural (e.g.s., oil refinery, airport, copper mine, San Diego Padres ballpark; semiconductor plant, casino project; mixed use commercial and residential projects)

Distributor / franchisee

Entertainment (e.g.s., creation of foreign tv series; breach of managerial contract)
Insurance coverage
Intellectual property (trademark, tradename, unfair competition, licensing and branding)
Investment (securities and financial structures)
Investor-state (ICSID)
Legal and professional malpractice
Manufacturing, supply and distribution
Mergers and acquisitions
Mining
Oil Exploration and production
Partnership/joint venture/shareholder actions
Real estate development (commercial and residential)
Satellite and aerospace technology

These include disputes under rules of most major arbitration institutions, including the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC); American Arbitration Association (AAA); International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR); London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA); International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID); Stockholm Chamber of Commerce; Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC); Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC); Japan Arbitration Association; national arbitration statutes of countries in Europe, South America, and Asia; and ad hoc arbitrations under UNCITRAL.

Mr. Bennett is a member of the U.S. National Committee responsible for administering ICC arbitrations within the U.S., and the current chair of its Southwest Subcommittee. He sits as a U.S. representative on the ICC Commission. He is formerly a member of the AAA's national Board of Directors, its Executive Committee, and its Nominating and Governance Committee. He served as Chair of the Task Force to modify the AAA Commercial Arbitration Rules, adopted in 2014. He is also a fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators.

Awards and Honors

International Law Office Client Choice Award Winner, "Outstanding U.S. Practitioner in Arbitration", 2010, 2014

Lexology USA and Canada Client Choice Award, "Outstanding North America Practitioner in Arbitration", 2013

"Guide to World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration", Legal Media Group, London, UK, 2008-09, 2011-16

"Best Lawyers in America", 2009-2014

"Who's Who Legal –Arbitration", 2013-16

Super Lawyers of Southern California (Alternative Dispute Resolution), 2003-

“Outstanding Trial Lawyers of America”, Chambers USA

Professional Associations

Fellow, College of Commercial Arbitrators, 2017--

Member, ICC National Committee on Arbitration for U.S. (U.S. Council for International Business), 1984-2007, 2011 to present; Chairman, Western Subcommittee, 1989-2006; Chairman Southwest Subcommittee, 2011-present

Member, ICC Commission (U.S. Representative), 2012-present

Arbitrator, International Chamber of Commerce

Member, American Arbitration Association, Board of Directors, 2003-2015; Executive Committee, 2007-2015; Nominating and Governance Committee, 2008-2015

Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association International Centre for Dispute Resolution ("ICDR") Panel

Arbitrator, AAA Large Complex Case Panels (Commercial, Construction, and Aerospace, Aviation and National Security Panels)

Chair, AAA Task Force to Amend AAA Commercial Arbitration Rules, 2013 (Rules adopted October 2013)

Member, AAA Task Force to create ICDR guidelines for “exchange of information” in international arbitration (AAA, ICDR), 2008; Task Force to amend ICDR Rules, 2014

Member, International Bar Association

Member, Advisory Board, Institute for Transnational Arbitration

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Inter-Pacific Bar Association

Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association

Board of Directors, Town Hall Los Angeles, 2014-present

Publications and Speaking Engagements

Redfern and Hunter on International Arbitration (5th Ed., 2010), Principal Co-Editor

The Guide to Energy Arbitration, Global Arbitration Review (GAR), 2016 (contributing author)

"*Arbitration Trends*", quarterly arbitration newsletter of Quinn Emanuel LLP, editor-in-chief

"*The New AAA Commercial Arbitration Rules, Practical Do's and Don'ts*", ABA Annual Conference, Los Angeles, California, 2014

"*Lessons from the Front – Friendly Suggestions from Arbitrators to Advocates*", ICDR-CCCB Conference, Bogota, Colombia, October 2012

"*Practical Do's and Don'ts for Corporate Counsel in International Arbitration*", ITA Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas, June 2012

"*Drafting Arbitration Clauses for Complex IP Disputes*", ICC Asia-Pacific Conference, March 2012

"*The Case Against Arbitration—Can It Stick?*" (Quinn Emanuel Newsletter), November 2011

"*Challenges to Enforcing an International Arbitration Award under the New York Convention*", Cal State Bar Conference (International Arbitration Section), Los Angeles, California, 2011

"*What's a Creative Party (or Lawyer) To Do? The Perils and Rewards of Customizing Appeal Rights For an Arbitration Award*," ARIAS Conference, October 2008

"*Successful Mediation Techniques For The Advocate In International Arbitration Proceedings*," ICDR International Arbitration Conference, Miami, Florida, 2007

"*Practical Challenges of Obtaining Interim Relief (Ex Parte and On Notice) in Arbitrations*," ICDR Debates in International Arbitration in the Asian Pacific Region, San Francisco, California, 2007

Redfern & Hunter, Law and Practice of International Commercial Arbitration (4th edition, 2004), Contributing Editor

"*Ethical Disclosure Rules for Arbitrators*," LCCP Continuing Education Program, American Arbitration Association (November 2002)

"*Guidelines for Writing a Reasoned Award*," LCCP Continuing Education Program, 2002

"*Obtaining the Injunctive Relief You Need When You Need It in Arbitration*," *Business Litigation Report* (Quinn Emanuel Newsletter), February 1999

"*Characteristics of ICC Arbitrations*," ICC National Seminar, San Francisco, California, April 17, 1998

"*Handling Tough Evidentiary Objections*," LCCP Continuing Education Program, American Arbitration Association, April 1998

"*Drafting Arbitration Clauses*," *Business Litigation Report* (Quinn Emanuel Newsletter), February 1998

“Role of the Panel Chair in Conducting a Preliminary Hearing,” AAA National Neutrals Conference, Orlando, Florida, 1998

“Appealing an Arbitral Award,” LCCP Continuing Education Program, American Arbitration Association, October 1997

“Dispositive Motions in Arbitration,” LCCP Continuing Education Program, American Arbitration Association, October 1996

“Arbitration Discovery,” LCCP Continuing Education Program, American Arbitration Association, May 1996

Professional Licenses

California State Bar; U.S. District Court, District of California, Southern District of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals: Second, Fifth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits

Citizenship United States of America

Language English

Locales Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Washington D.C., Tokyo, Hong Kong, London, Paris, Moscow, Shanghai, Sydney

References

Gerald Aksen, international arbitrator and former member of ICC Court of Arbitration, New York

Martin Hunter, international arbitrator and co-author of Hunter & Redfern on International Arbitration, London, England

John Beechey, former President, ICC Court of Arbitration, Paris, France

James Carter, senior counsel and arbitrator, WilmerHale, New York; co-founder of New York International Arbitration Center

Yves Derains, Derains & Gharavi Arbitrage, former Secretary-General of the ICC, Paris, France

Stephen Bond, former Secretary-General of the ICC, Paris

Eric Schwartz, former Secretary-General of the ICC, Paris

Mark Beckett, Chadbourne & Park, Chair of USCIB Committee on Arbitration

Lucy Reed, former global head of arbitration, Freshfields, Hong Kong and New York

Paul Friedland, global head of arbitration, White & Case, New York

Peter Turner, head of arbitration group, Freshfields, Paris

Michael Pryles, arbitrator, Melbourne, Australia and Maxwell Chambers, Singapore

India Johnson, CEO, American Arbitration Association

Eric Tuchmann, General Counsel, American Arbitration Association

William Slate III, former CEO, American Arbitration Association

Edna Sussman, Arbitrator and former President, College of Commercial Arbitrators

(Other references available on request)