

Edward Ho

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Practice Overview

Edward advises on commercial disputes of all kinds, in particular those with a public or private international law element, and has appeared as sole counsel in the Court of Appeal, High Court and in arbitration. Across Chambers and the Legal 500 Edward is identified as a leading junior in six practice areas: Commercial Dispute Resolution; International Commercial Arbitration; Public International Law; Civil Fraud; Energy; and "the English Bar Offshore". He won Junior of the Year by Legal 500 in 2025, and was shortlisted for the International Arbitration category at the Chambers and Partners UK Bar awards 2025.

In recent editions of the legal directories he is described as:

- *"Edward Ho –Brick Court Chambers 'He is academically brilliant but also brings terrific tactical nous. He has a real gift for knowing what issues the bench will care about.'" Commercial litigation – Legal 500 2025*
- *"A junior who is very good at taking highly complex and technical issues and distilling them into easily understandable points." Energy- Legal 500 2025*
- *"Exceptionally easy to work with, not fazed by anything and extremely quick to identify key issues." Fraud- Legal 500 2025*
- *"Ed is excellent at cross examination, he knows which lines of questioning to pursue, when to press a witness, and when to keep his powder dry. Ed is also very good at going through large volumes of highly technical or complex data and pulling out the best points for use at a hearing. He is very good at breaking down those technical and complex issues for the tribunal." International arbitration: counsel: Legal 500 2025*

- *"Ed is excellent at cross examination and at distilling complex and highly technical issues into easily digestible points for the tribunal."* Public international law: Legal 500 2025
- *"Edward is a very strong lawyer, hard working and goes the extra mile."* The English Bar Offshore: Legal 500 2025
- *"...absolutely fantastic. He's unbelievable"* – Chambers; Energy (2024)
- *"...simply sublime. The brightest of his generation"* Legal 500; Public International Law (2024)
- *"Everything a solicitor prays for in a barrister – next-level intelligence, but also pragmatic and down to earth. Destined for greatness."* Legal 500; Commercial Litigation (2024)
- *"Incredibly sharp, smart and a very fast thinker. He is responsive and his drafting skills are excellent. On top of that, he has a very calm and persuasive way to deal with the most difficult clients – he finds a way to make them listen to him"* Legal 500; Fraud: Civil (2024)
- *"...a great barrister; he is extraordinary and very clever"* – Chambers; International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance (2024)
- *"...excellent – very good drafting skills, very approachable and pleasant to work with ."* Chambers; Public International Law (2024)

Edward has been consistently recognised as one of the leading juniors at the Commercial Bar:

- In 2023, Edward won International law Junior of the Year at the Legal 500 Bar Awards 2023 and was shortlisted for the third time in five years for International Arbitration Junior of the Year in the Chambers & Partners Bar Awards 2023.
- In 2022, Edward was shortlisted for Junior of the Year in the Legal 500 Bar Awards 2022.
- In 2020, Edward won International Arbitration Junior of the Year in the Chambers & Partners Bar Awards 2020.
- Between 2017 and 2019, Edward was twice shortlisted for International Arbitration Junior of the Year in the Legal 500 Awards (2018 & 2020) and was shortlisted for International Arbitration Junior of the Year in the Chambers & Partners Bar Awards 2019.
- In 2017, The Lawyer Magazine placed Edward in its "Hot 100", an annual list of the magazine's top 100 UK lawyers which aims to recognise extraordinary lawyers who have completed ground-breaking work in the past 12 month.
- In 2016, Edward was named by Legal Week as one of the "Stars at the Bar 2016", where he was described as *"probably one of the best brains at the junior Bar "*, *"responsive, bright and easy to deal with"* and with *"a keen sense for litigation strategy that belies his call"*.

Commercial

Edward is ranked by both Chambers & Partners and the Legal 500 as a leading junior for Commercial Dispute Resolution where he has been described as "*Everything a solicitor prays for in a barrister – next-level intelligence, but also pragmatic and down to earth. Destined for greatness.*" (Legal 500 – 2024).

Edward has a wide-ranging commercial practice, with a particular focus on disputes with an international element, including those with a public international law element, disputes involving allegations of civil fraud, and disputes in the energy, insurance and shipping sectors. Examples of his current and recent work include:

- *Russian Aircraft Litigation* – Acting (led by Mark Howard KC and Stephen Midwinter KC) for AerCap, the world's largest aircraft lessor in their multi-billion dollar claims against (a) their own insurers and (b) the reinsurers of policies taken out by Russian airlines, to recover the agreed values of aircraft and engines leased by AerCap which have not been returned by Russian airlines following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The claims raises a number of significant legal issues and factual issues (including the cause of aircraft being detained in Russia; the involvement of the Russian government in their detention; and whether there is a serious risk that the lessor claimants would be unable to obtain a fair trial in Russia of certain of their claims).
- *Virgin Aviation TM Ltd v Alaska Airlines Inc* [2023] EWHC 322 (Comm) – Edward (led by Tom Weisselberg KC) acts for Alaska Airlines, the fifth largest domestic carrier in the US, in a dispute about the payment of US\$150+ million in royalties to the Virgin Group. Following a 1 week trial in October 2022 in the Commercial Court, Alaska's appeal will be heard in early 2024.
- *Lakatamia Shipping Company Ltd v Su & Ors* [2023] EWHC 1874 (Comm) – Acting unled (against a senior silk and senior junior) for the Third Defendant in an application to challenge the jurisdiction. The challenge raised a number of involved legal and factual issues, including the situs of English judgment debts and the correct test for intention for the purposes of unlawful means conspiracy, unlawful interference, and the Marex tort.
- *Bin Obaid & Ors v Al-Hezaimi & Ors* [2022] EWHC 2460 (Ch) – Acting unled (against a senior silk and senior junior) for the Defendants in a multi-million dollar dispute about the construction and rectification of a settlement agreement. At first instance the Claimants' rectification case was rejected, but they succeeded on construction. The Defendants have obtained permission to appeal the Judge's findings on construction, and their appeal will be heard in Q2 2024.
- *PTPY Energy Invest Ltd v Mehrotra* [2022] EWHC 1015 (Comm) – Acting unled for the judgment creditor in committal proceedings under CPR r.71.8 against a judgment debtor who had failed, in breach of the Court's order, to disclose information about his assets. The

judgment debtor was ultimately committed to prison for 12 months for his various contempts.

- Advising (unled) a world-champion sportsman on confidential issues arising from the licensing of image and likeness rights for use in a video game.
- *Wong v Grand View PTC & others* – Edward acted for the Defendant trust companies (led by Mark Howard QC & Jonathan Adkin QC) in what is believed to be the largest claim ever brought before the Bermudian Courts and one of the largest civil disputes globally. The litigation concerned the creation of five trusts worth in excess of US\$15 bn, and raised a wide range of complex legal and factual issues including allegations of undue influence, forgery, capacity, choice of law, mistake and limitation. Following an 18 week trial in 2021, judgment was handed down in June 2022. As well as the main trial, Edward was also involved in a number of heavy interlocutory applications, including appeals to the Bermudan Court of Appeal.
- *Avonwick Holdings Ltd v. Azitio Holdings Ltd* [2020] EWHC 1844 (Comm) – Acting for the Claimant (led by Neil Calver QC) in an 8 week, US\$1+ billion dollar Commercial Court trial concerning a deceit claim arising from misrepresentations allegedly made by the Claimant's former business partners during the sale of the Claimant's share in one of Ukraine's largest industrial corporations. The Defendants made a number of wide-ranging counterclaims which include allegations of conspiracy, dishonest assistance and breach of trust (under both English and Ukrainian law).
- *SKAT v Solo Capital Partners LLP & Others* – Edward acted for three of the Defendants (led by Tim Lord QC) to a £1.5 billion + claim by SKAT, the Danish tax authority, concerning allegedly fraudulent tax repayment claims generated as a result of 'cum/ex' dividend trading.
- *Integral Petroleum SA v. Petrogat FZE & Others* [2018] EWHC 2686 (Comm) – Edward (led by Stephen Cogley QC) acted for five Respondents to an application to commit them to prison for contempt of court. The Respondents were alleged to be de jure, de facto or shadow directors of two companies who were the subject of an English interim injunction, which the companies allegedly breached.
- Representing (unled) a major clothing brand in an urgent application for interim-injunctive relief against a well-known celebrity following an alleged breach of an exclusive endorsement agreement.
- Representing an ultra-high net worth individual, in breach of confidence proceedings against various defendants who are alleged to have obtained and retained confidential information belonging to the Claimant. Edward (unled) obtained an interim injunction against the Defendants requiring delivery up of the confidential information in the Defendants' possession, as well as ancillary relief including a gagging order.
- *Petrosaudi v. Novo Banco* [2017] EWCA Civ 9 (led by Mark Howard QC); [2016] EWHC 2456 (led by Luke Parsons QC) – Edward acted for two of the defendants following an allegedly fraudulent call for payment by the claimant of US\$129 million under a standby letter of credit.

- Acting on behalf of a leading developer of online video-on-demand platforms in a multi-faceted dispute concerning the delivery-up of source code and related claims and counterclaims for breach of contract.
- Acting for the H&M insurers in a claim by the insured following the seizure of the insured vessel by pirates.
- Advising defence companies in a number of confidential/classified matters concerning (by way of example) the sale of intelligence gathering equipment; the sale of radar components; and the development of an IT system for a government department.

Arbitration

Edward has a broad range of arbitration experience and has acted in ICSID, PCA, LCIA, ICC, UNCITRAL, LMAA, GAFTA, FOSFA, Bermuda Form and *Ad Hoc* arbitrations. Edward is ranked in Tier 1 for International Arbitration by both Legal 500 and Chambers, and was named International Arbitration Junior of the Year in the Chambers & Partners Bar Awards 2020.

Examples of Edward's current and recent work include:

- ICC Arbitration (2023) – Acting (unled) for one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies in multi-million dollar dispute concerning alleged breaches of contract following the sale of a pharmaceutical product.
- LCIA Arbitration (2023) – Acting (led by Helen Davies KC) for a group of investors in a multi-million dollar dispute arising from investments in a failed initial crypto-currency offering.
- SIAC Arbitration (2023) – Acting for the seller in a dispute arising from the sale of coal in bulk. Edward appeared, unled and against a Silk, for the seller at a three day merits hearing.
- ICC Arbitration – Edward (leading Kyle Lawson) acted for a national airline in a multi-million dollar dispute concerning Hajj and Umrah pilgrimage flights from Israel via Jordan to Saudi Arabia.
- Edward has considerable experience advising upon, and appearing as an advocate in, international investment treaty arbitrations. Further details can be found in the "Public International Law" tab.
- *Ad Hoc*, UNCITRAL Rules Arbitration – Representing a major national oil company in a US\$300+ million dispute under a drilling services contract.
- Acting for the excess insurers in a \$25 million Bermuda Form arbitration (led by Philip Edey QC) concerning claims by an insured drug company following their settlement in the USA and Nigeria of mass tort product liability litigation.
- A five-week, LMAA arbitration concerning the construction and sale of two semi-

submersible drilling rig. The dispute involved a wide range of issues including allegations of misrepresentation, deceit, delay and breach of contract.

- An LCIA Arbitration representing the Claimant financier in a US\$40 million+ claim arising under a trade credit and supply agreement related to the operation of a tank farm and refinery.
- An LCIA arbitration acting for a Ukrainian businessman. The proceedings concerned a US\$50+ million dispute under a financing agreement and involved a heavy application to discharge a world-wide freezing injunction.
- An LCIA arbitration acting for the majority shareholder in a shareholder / joint venture dispute raising issues of unfair prejudice.
- An LCIA arbitration (unled) concerning an alleged failure to pay consultancy fees due to the Claimant as a result of assistance provided them during the sale & purchase of a Russian oil & gas company.

Edward also has considerable experience of applications and appeals/challenges in court under the Arbitration Act 1996, and of claims for anti-suit injunctions in support of English arbitral proceedings. Examples include:

- *Gold Pool JV Ltd v Republic of Kazakhstan* [2021] EWHC 3422 (Comm) - Edward (led by Graham Dunning KC and Malcom Shaw KC) acted for the successful Claimant investors on a s.67 Arbitration Act 1996 challenge to the Award of a Permanent Court of Arbitration Tribunal. The challenge concerned whether Kazakhstan had succeeded upon the dissolution of the Soviet Union to a bilateral investment treaty between the former USSR and Canada, and involved numerous points of public international law, as well as a close analysis of the conduct of Kazakhstan upon independence.
- *Republic of Kazakhstan v World Wide Minerals Ltd & Anor* [2020] EWHC 3068 (Comm) - Edward (led by Vernon Flynn KC) acted for the respondent investors to a s.68 Arbitration Act 1996 challenge to findings made by an ad hoc UNICTRAL Tribunal under a BIT. The s.68 challenge raised important substantive law questions of public international law concerning the basis and approach to the assessment of damages where an investment has been lost as a result of breaches by the State of its treaty obligations, in particular where loss is being claimed on a "sunk cost" basis.
- *State A v Party B & Anor* [2019] EWHC 799 (Comm) – Edward (led by David Foxton QC) acted for the investors in a s.67 Arbitration Act 1996 challenge by a State to a finding by an *ad hoc* UNICTRAL Tribunal that the Tribunal had jurisdiction under the relevant BIT to hear the investors' claims. The State contended that newly discovered evidence rendered the Tribunal's Partial Award on Jurisdiction incorrect and sought permission under s.80(5) AA 1996 for an extension of time within which to bring their challenge.
- *Perkins Engines Company Ltd v. Ghaddar Machinery Co. SAL* [2018] EWHC 1500 – Edward

acted for the claimant in proceedings to obtain an interim, and subsequently a final, anti-suit injunction on the basis of the parties' English arbitration agreement.

- *National Iranian Oil Company v Crescent Petroleum Company International Ltd & Anor* [2016] EWHC 510 (Comm): Edward acted for NIOC in a substantial s.67 and s.68 Arbitration Act 1996 challenge.
- *Tedcom Finance Limited & Another v. Vebabet Holding Limited & Others* [2011] EWCA Civ 191: Edward appeared alone in the Court of Appeal for the successful appellants on an urgent without notice appeal concerning the service of arbitration claim forms outside of the jurisdiction.

Public international law

Edward's public international law practice is focused primarily on Investment Treaty disputes, but also encompasses public international law issues before the English courts, including state and diplomatic immunity. Edward has considerable experience advising upon, and appearing as an advocate in, international investment arbitrations, including under the auspices of ICSID, the Permanent Court of Arbitration and *ad hoc*. He is ranked by Chambers and Legal 500 as a leading junior for Public International Law, and won International Law Junior of the Year at the Legal 500 Bar Awards 2023.

Examples of Edward's public international law work include:

- *Patel Engineering Limited v. Republic of Mozambique* (PCA 2020-21) – Edward acted, unled and as co-counsel, at a 10 day merits and jurisdiction hearing for the Claimants in a PCA arbitration under the Mozambique – India BIT. Edward led the advocacy on the quantum aspects of the case, cross-examining three expert witnesses and making oral closing submissions on quantum (including on a novel claim under public international law for negotiation damages, the first time such a claim appears to have been advanced in an investor-state arbitration).
- *Gold Pool JV Ltd v Republic of Kazakhstan* [2021] EWHC 3422 (Comm) – Edward (led by Graham Dunning KC and Malcom Shaw KC) acted for the successful Claimant investors on a s.67 Arbitration Act 1996 challenge to the Award of a Permanent Court of Arbitration Tribunal. The challenge concerned whether Kazakhstan had succeeded upon the dissolution of the Soviet Union to a bilateral investment treaty between the former USSR and Canada, and involved numerous points of public international law, as well as a close analysis of the conduct of Kazakhstan upon independence.
- *Federal Elektrik Yatirim ve Ticaret A.S. and others v. Republic of Uzbekistan*, Case No. ARB/13/9 (ICSID) – Edward acted for the Claimants in an ICSID arbitration against Uzbekistan seeking millions of dollars of compensation under the Energy Charter Treaty and the Turkey-Uzbekistan bilateral investment treaty. Edward cross-examined a number of

factual witnesses and one expert in the course of the two week hearing.

- *Alhambra Resources Ltd. and Alhambra Coöperatief U.A. v. Republic of Kazakhstan* (ICSID) – Edward was instructed by the investor in an ICSID arbitration against the Republic of Kazakhstan. The claims arose from a gold mining operation in Northern Kazakhstan, and compensation was sought for breaches of the 2002 Agreement on Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investments between Kazakhstan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the 1994 Foreign Investment Law of Kazakhstan.
- *Gold Pool JV Limited v. The Republic of Kazakhstan* – PCA Case No. 2016-23 (UNCITRAL Arb Rules 1976) – Edward acted as co-counsel for a Canadian mining company in an UNCITRAL arbitration against the Republic of Kazakhstan, cross-examining three expert witnesses in the course of the two week hearing. The claims arose from a mining operation in Kazakhstan, and compensation was sought for breaches of the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments entered into force on June 27, 1991.
- *State A v Party B & Anor* [2019] EWHC 799 (Comm) – Edward acted for the investors in a s.67 Arbitration Act 1996 challenge by a State to a finding by an *ad hoc* UNCITRAL Tribunal that the Tribunal had jurisdiction under the relevant BIT to hear the investors' claims. The State contended that newly discovered evidence rendered the Tribunal's Partial Award on Jurisdiction incorrect and sought permission under s.80(5) AA 1996 for an extension of time within which to bring their challenge.
- Representing the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in a dispute concerning the sale of gas power turbines to a Pakistani research lab allegedly involved in secretive nuclear weapons development. The case raised significant issues of state and diplomatic immunity.
- Advising the estate of a deceased individual the subject of an HMRC tax fraud inquiry on the deceased's entitlement to diplomatic immunity.
- Advising the proposed claimants in a highly confidential prospective dispute under a BIT concerning, amongst other things, the expropriation of investments by the Respondent state.

Civil fraud

Edward is ranked by Legal 500 as a leading junior for Civil Fraud, where he is described as "*Incredibly sharp, smart and a very fast thinker. He is responsive and his drafting skills are excellent. On top of that, he has a very calm and persuasive way to deal with the most difficult clients – he finds a way to make them listen to him*". Examples of Edward's civil fraud work include:

- *Wong v Grand View PTC & others* – Edward acted for the Defendant trust companies (led by Mark Howard QC & Jonathan Adkin QC) in what is believed to be the largest claim ever

brought before the Bermudian Courts and one of the largest civil disputes globally. The litigation concerned the creation of five trusts worth in excess of US\$15 bn, and raised a wide range of complex legal and factual issues including allegations of undue influence, forgery and document suppression. Following an 18 week trial in 2021, judgment was handed down in June 2022. As well as the main trial, Edward was also involved in a number of heavy interlocutory applications, including appeals to the Bermudan Court of Appeal.

- *Lakatamia Shipping Company Ltd v Su & Ors* [2023] EWHC 1874 (Comm) – Acting unled (against a senior silk and senior junior) for the Third Defendant in an application to challenge the jurisdiction. The challenge raised a number of involved legal and factual issues, including the situs of English judgment debts and the correct test for intention for the purposes of unlawful means conspiracy, unlawful interference, and the Marex tort.
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- *Integral Petroleum SA v. Petrogat FZE & Others* [2018] EWHC 2686 (Comm) – Edward (led by Stephen Cogley QC) acted for five Respondents to an application to commit them to prison for contempt of court. The Respondents were alleged to be de jure, de facto or shadow directors of two companies who were the subject of an English interim injunction, which the companies allegedly breached.
- Acted for one of four defendants (led by Thomas Plewman QC) in a dispute concerning the collapse of the claimant company (a developer of autonomous underwater drones and mobile sensors for use in the oil and gas, and defence industries). The claimant sought approximately US\$180m in damages and has advanced claims which include dishonest assistance, conspiracy (lawful and unlawful means) and intentionally causing harm by unlawful means.
- Acted for one of Romania's wealthiest men in relation to the discharge of a worldwide freezing order (with Mark Howard QC and Joanne Box).
- Edward was instructed on various parts of the *BTA Bank v Ablyazov* litigation (one of the

largest pieces of litigation then before the Commercial Court) – including *Pukhlikov v. Ablyazov & Another*, concerning the purchase and ownership of an oil and gas transhipment facility and port in northern Russia; and *JSC BTA Bank v Ablyazov & Ors* [2011] EWHC 2500 (Comm) a complex application for security for costs.

- An LCIA arbitration acting for a Ukrainian businessman in a US\$50+ million dispute under a financing agreement. The matter raised claims of illegality and deliberate asset stripping.
- Advising upon a wide range of issues (including unlawful means conspiracy, unjust enrichment and mistake, and the fraud exception to privilege) arising from the termination of an exclusive distribution and licensing agreement between Hong Kong and English wine merchants (led by Michael Todd QC).
- Acting and advising on a range of confidential interim applications spanning injunctions to prevent the replacement of a company's director following his physical intimidation, to freezing injunctions and preservation of property orders to resisting the continuation of a passport delivery up order and the granting of an electronic quasi-search order.

Energy

Edward is ranked by Chambers (Band 1) and Legal 500 as a leading junior for Energy, where he is described as "... bright, articulate and very user-friendly. Meticulous and thoughtful, he will go on to great things.". Examples of his work in the energy sector include:

- A significant proportion of Edward's international investment arbitration work concerns investments in the energy and mining sectors. Edward has appeared, and cross-examined expert witnesses, in cases concerning gold mining, coal mining, mining finance, gas meter valuation and evaluation, and the valuation of mining assets. Further details can be found in the "Public International Law" tab.
- A five-week, LMAA arbitration concerning the construction and sale of two semi-submersible drilling rig. The dispute involved a wide range of issues including allegations of misrepresentation, deceit, delay and breach of contract.
- Representing a major national oil company in a US\$300+ million UNCITRAL arbitration in a dispute under a drilling services contract.
- Representing the Claimant financier in a US\$40 million+ LCIA arbitration arising under a trade credit and supply agreement related to the operation of a tank farm and refinery.
- *National Iranian Oil Company v Crescent Petroleum Company International Ltd & Anor* [2016] EWHC 510 (Comm): Edward acted for NIOC in a substantial s.67 and s.68 Arbitration Act 1996 challenge.
- *CH Offshore Ltd v PDV Marina SA & Ors* [2015] EWHC 595 (Comm): Acting for PDVSA

Petroleo SA on an application challenging the jurisdiction of the English court to hear an approx. US\$90 million claim arising under a Services Contract for the supply of two AHTS vessels & a platform supply vessel.

Private international law

- *Lakatamia Shipping Company Ltd v Su & Ors* [2023] EWHC 1874 (Comm) – Acting unled (against a senior silk and senior junior) for the Third Defendant in an application to challenge the jurisdiction. The challenge raised a number of involved legal and factual issues, including the situs of English judgment debts and the correct test for intention for the purposes of unlawful means conspiracy, unlawful interference, and the Marex tort.
- *Tedcom Finance Limited & Another v. Vebabet Holding Limited & Others* [2011] EWCA Civ 191: Edward appeared alone in the Court of Appeal for the successful appellants on an urgent without notice appeal concerning the service of arbitration claim forms outside of the jurisdiction.
- Acting for two of the respondents to an application for the examination of an English domiciled witness in support of Californian court proceedings concerning a joint venture between Boeing and various Russian entities for the development of an off-shore platform for the launching of satellites and spacecraft
- *CH Offshore Ltd v PDV Marina SA & Ors* [2015] EWHC 595 (Comm) : Acting for PDVSA Petroleo SA on an application challenging the jurisdiction of the English court to hear an approx. US\$90 million claim arising under a Services Contract for the supply of two AHTS vessels & a platform supply vessel.

Publications

'Proof in Investment Arbitration' , Max Planck Encyclopedias of International Procedural Law, (July 2020) with Michael Swainston QC, Klaus Reichert SC, Zahra Al-Rikabi and David Heaton.

'Civil Litigation for Human Rights Violations' , ILA Committee on Civil Litigation and the Interests of the Public Interim Report, August 2010.

Co-drafted chapters for R. Plender & M. Wilderspin, *The European Private International Law of Obligations*, (3rd ed., 2009) on the choice of law rules governing assignment (Rome I), product liability, unjust enrichment and *negotiorum gestio* (Rome II), public policy and mandatory rules and the scope of the Rome I and Rome II Regulations.

Education & Qualifications

- BA (Law), Downing College, Cambridge, (Double First Class Hons.)
- BVC, Inns of Court School of Law, (Very Competent)
- Hague Academy of International Law (Directed Studies in Private International Law)
- Senior Harris Scholar & College Prize, Downing College (2007)
- Queen Mother Scholar, Middle Temple (2007)
- Harris Scholar & Harris Prize for Especial Distinction, Downing College (2006)
- Rebecca Flower Scholar, University of Cambridge (2006)
- The Times Law Awards, Runner Up (2007, 2005, 2004)

Directory Quotes

"Edward is top-notch. He is really willing to get into the weeds with technical details but is still able to keep the bigger picture in mind." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Edward is great to deal with, clients like him and he shows good judgement." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Ed is just fantastic, he's incredibly smart, very well prepared and operates at the level of a KC." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Edward Ho is very customer-oriented, and he did cross-examination that was very successful, sufficient and intelligent." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Edward brings a strategic outlook." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Edward is a very bright and able junior." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Ed is incredibly smart and well prepared." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Edward Ho has a strong practice which sees him regularly act for claimants in high-level investor-state disputes, focusing on Central Asian states." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Edward Ho is regarded as being one of the top juniors at the Bar for international arbitration work. He provides representation in Energy Charter Treaty arbitrations and disputes under the auspices of bodies such as ICSID and UNCITRAL. He has notable expertise in the energy, mining and commodities markets. He takes instruction as sole counsel as well as in his capacity as a junior." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Ed is a go-to junior for litigation. He is remarkably bright and consistently delivers exceptional work. His advocacy is head and shoulders above that of his peers. He is the perfect junior." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Edward Ho is sharp-witted and bright. He is a very good advocate who is really excellent in court. He is also user-friendly." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Edward is an outstanding junior. Hard working, clever, insightful, good tactically and a pleasure to work with. His advocacy is measured but forceful when required." (Legal 500 2026)

"Ed is incredibly bright but user-friendly, always very responsive and pragmatic. He is unflappable in conference, giving clear and succinct advice and instilling confidence among instructing solicitors and clients." (Legal 500 2026)

"Edward is an amazing advocate. He is able to dig into complicated technical matters and distil them into easily understandable and persuasive points." (Legal 500 2026)

"Edward Ho is a great barrister; he is extraordinary and very clever." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"He is fantastic." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"Edward Ho has an amazing ability to grasp essential issues quickly and present them concisely and persuasively." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"Edward Ho is absolutely fantastic. He's unbelievable." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"He drafts well, works hard and gives the people who lead him a lot of support." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"Edward is excellent - very good drafting skills, very approachable and pleasant to work with." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"Edward Ho breaks down difficult cases and works out the answer." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"Edward is a very strong lawyer, hard working and goes the extra mile." (Legal 500 2024)

"Ed is extremely intelligent. He is able to very quickly process vast amounts of information and zoom in on the key points. He is also very responsive and easy to work with. The quality of his written advocacy is outstanding." (Legal 500 2024)

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"Ed is bright, articulate and very user-friendly. Meticulous and thoughtful, he will go on to great things." (Legal 500 2024)

"He's an excellent lawyer." (Chambers & Partners 2023)

"He is beyond his years in terms of how he formulates his advocacy." "He's a great team player who is very responsive to client and solicitor queries. He is also highly commercial and very detail-oriented. This latter quality means he is perfectly suited for the intellectually rigorous task of cross-examining experts." (Chambers & Partners 2023)

"A superstar junior who is very commercial, clear in his thinking and someone who writes beautifully." "A barrister of really good quality, who applies assured thinking to each and every case." (Chambers & Partners 2023)

"He has an encyclopedic knowledge of the Arbitration Act, and is great for challenges and appeals." "He's first class in all respects." "He's very commercial, clear-thinking and writes beautifully." (Chambers & Partners 2023)

"Ed is extremely intelligent. He is able to very quickly process vast amounts of information and zoom in on the key points. He is also very responsive and easy to work with. The quality of his written advocacy is outstanding."

"Ed is very detail-oriented, quickly able to formulate a forensic understanding of the most complex of legal and technical issues. This allows him to act as a formidable advocate for his clients, able to pick holes in both key witness testimony and the densest of expert reports." (Legal 500 2023)

"Up and coming international lawyer with particular skill in investment treaty matters. He will go far." (Legal 500 2023)

"He has a keen eye for detail and he has the formidable advocacy skills to poke significant holes in the other side's case." (Legal 500 2023)

"He is diligent and bright and a great team player. Warmly recommended in this field." (Legal 500 2023)

"Exceptionally clever, and really knows how to pitch an argument so as to appeal to a particular judge. Exceptional written advocacy." (Legal 500 2023)

"He is the most amazing advocate." "A man with a fantastic mind who is extremely hard-

working." (Chambers & Partners 2022)

"He is very good in cross-examination." "Edward is superb. He is highly intelligent and a strong team player." (Chambers & Partners 2022)

"His intellect is razor sharp; cuts to the heart of the dispute; very client-friendly and proactive." (Legal 500 2022)

"He has a really first class brain and gets to the crux of an issue very quickly. He gives you solutions. He is very articulate and presents well before judges." (Legal 500 2022)

"A superb draftsman and strategic thinker with a great commercial mind, and clearly very bright." (Legal 500 2022)

"A first-rate lawyer, who combines a great strategic mindset with hard work and thorough research. He is great to work with too." (Legal 500 2022)

"Ed is remarkable. He has attention to detail and is a magician with quantum and industry experts." "Fantastically hard-working, analytical and extremely popular." "He has got gravitas and finesse to his cross-examination skills." (Chambers & Partners 2021)

"Excellent, intelligent and a lawyer who really gets to the bottom of a case." "He is a very good advocate who is unflappable and really practical. In addition he works his socks off." (Chambers & Partners 2021)

"A brilliant lawyer, who provides first class support to his leader." (Legal 500 2021)

"A real team player and a first-rate barrister with a unique ability to distil a mountain of factual information down to the key issues." (Legal 500 2021)

"He has a true knack for complex fraud cases. Still a genius and absolutely go-to at that level, he's an absolute trojan." (Legal 500 2021)

"His ability to cross-examine experts on the most technical of points and expose inconsistencies or holes in their opinions is second to none." (Legal 500 2021)

"He's an absolute rocket scientist, and on any case involving arbitration, private international law or battleground litigation, you get a silk's advice from someone who is only ten years' call." (Chambers & Partners UK & Global 2020)

"He is incredibly responsive, very smart and has brilliant ideas. He's incredibly nice to work with and clients really like and respect him." "Extremely able and an exceptional advocate." (Chambers & Partners UK & Global 2020)

"His drafting is superb, and he appreciates and assimilates the information provided quickly and accurately." (Legal 500 2020)

"One of the best junior barristers at the Bar – a brilliant legal mind and a wisdom far beyond his years." (Legal 500 2020)

"Great instinct." "He is very hardworking and the quality of his written work is very, very high." (Chambers & Partners 2019)

"Extremely thorough in his approach, and his input and guidance on strategy is excellent." (Legal 500 2018-19)

"Brilliant. Very clever indeed and not afraid of getting into the mind of the case and digging out all the difficulties and addressing them head on." (Chambers & Partners 2018)

"Very user-friendly and bright." (Legal 500 2017)

"An excellent junior; very bright, quick and responsive." (Chambers & Partners 2017)

"Excellent – really bright and his written product is astonishing." (Legal 500 2016)