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Hilary Heilbron KC

YEAR OF CALL: 1971 **YEAR OF SILK**: 1987

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Practice Overview

Hilary Heilbron now practises as an international arbitrator. With approximately 140 appointments as arbitrator combined with a distinguished career as a commercial barrister and King's Counsel she brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the resolution of arbitral disputes. She is widely recognised not only for her keen understanding and handling of the complex business and legal challenges that disputing parties face globally, but also for her strong command of the procedural skills necessary to conduct an arbitration efficiently and fairly.

She has been described recently as having a "stellar reputation" and being an "amazing arbitrator". She has recently been nominated as Senior Arbitrator of the Year in the Legal 500 Bar Awards 2025.

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Arbitration

Hilary Heilbron has accepted appointments both as presiding arbitrator and party-appointed arbitrator in arbitrations administered by the ICC, LCIA, SCC, SIAC, KLCBA, HKIAC, AIAC, ICDR and AAA as well as in ad hoc arbitrations and including arbitrations involving various foreign governing laws (both civil law and common law).

She has substantial experience of many business areas including energy (gas, oil, water, nuclear and solar power); joint ventures; share purchase and subscription disputes; corporate mergers and acquisitions; pharmaceutical; telecommunications; banking and finance; insurance; international sale of goods, hotel management as well as other issues arising from international commercial contracts.

Some recent appointments include:

- Presiding arbitrator in two related arbitrations concerning a failure to pay for goods (ICC)
- Presiding arbitrator in two related arbitrations seated on the African continent involving approx. half a billion dollars
- Sole arbitrator in relation to substantial claim concerning refitting of aircraft (ICC)
- Presiding Arbitrator in relation to claim for breach of contract in relation to sale of goods and under a guarantee (AAA, Commercial Arbitration Rules)
- Presiding arbitrator relating to a two billion Euro gas transmission claim in Eastern Europe (SCC).
- Party-appointed arbitrator in a very large claim relating to the nuclear industry (KCAB).
- Party-appointed arbitrator relating to a USD 300 million bank takeover on the African continent (ICC).
- Presiding arbitrator in very substantial claim relating to a national telephone operator in a Middle Eastern country (ICC).
- Presiding arbitrator in a reinsurance claim for a sum in excess of USD 150 million (ad hoc).
- Party-appointed arbitrator in a hotel management claim relating to a major worldwide hotel operator (ICC).
- Presiding arbitrator in a claim relating to the sale of metals (AAA).
- Party-appointed arbitrator in a commission claim relating to activities in a South American country (LCIA).
- Presiding arbitrator in a very substantial claim relating to a joint operating agreement in the oil industry on the African continent (ad hoc).
- Presiding arbitrator in a claim relating to a share purchase agreement (LCIA).

As a barrister Hilary Heilbron not only used to appear regularly in the English Commercial Court and before arbitral tribunals, but also represented national and international clients in the Court of Appeal, Privy Council, House of Lords (now the Supreme Court), including acting as leading counsel in the Supreme Court in the leading case on enforcement of foreign awards, Dallah Real Estate Tourism Holding Co v Government of Pakistan [2010] UKSC 46 as well as other notable cases relating to arbitration and other commercial legal issues.

Publications

Hilary Heilbron speaks regularly to international audiences about international arbitration and writes on the subject, most recently an article entitled " *Managing the Unexpected in International*

Arbitration", Arbitration International June 2023 and a chapter on *"Assessing Damages in International Arbitration"* in the current edition of *"The Leading Arbitrators' Guide to International Arbitration*". She is also the author of *"A Practical Guide to International Arbitration in London "* 2008, Informa.

Past prestigious lectures include the keynote lecture at Fordham University School of Law, New York, the annual Clayton Utz lecture in Sydney, Australia, and the Annual Unidroit/University of Roma lecture.

She is also the author of the biography of her mother entitled " *Rose QC, the Remarkable Story of Rose Heilbron, Trailblazer and Legal Icon"*, Hart Publishing. Re-issued in paperback November 2019.

Qualifications and Further Information

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MA (Oxon)

Call July 1971.

QC 1987.

Previous positions held

- Deputy High Court Judge.
- Member of the LCIA Court.
- Member of the ICCA/IBA Joint Task Force on Data Protection in International Arbitration Proceedings.
- Member of the ICCA-ASIL Task Force on Damages.
- Member of the AAA-ICDR European Advisory Committee and the ICDR Working Group on Arbitration of Technology and Life Sciences Disputes.• Member of the ICC UK Arbitration and ADR Committee.
- Member of the Council of ACICA, Sydney, Australia.
- Senior Vice-Chair of the IBA Rule of Law Forum.
- Vice-Chair of the International Litigation Committee of the ABA section of International Law.
- Chair of the City Disputes Panel (2006-07).
- Vice-Chair IBA International Litigation Committee (2003-04).
- Member of the CEDR Advisory Panel (1996 - 2002).

- Member of the Civil Justice Council (1998 - 2002).
- Member of the Bar Council (1991-99).
- Chair of the International Practice Committee of the Bar Council.
- Vice-Chair of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission (1998-2002).
- Chair of the London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association (1991-93).
- Chair of the independent working party into Civil Justice set up jointly by General Council of the Bar and the Law Society (1993).
- Department of Trade and Industry Inspector into Blue Arrow plc (1989-91).

Current positions held

- Legal Practitioner in New South Wales, Australia. Member of the New South Wales Bar Association.
- Bencher of Gray's Inn.

Directory Quotes

Hilary Heilbron KC has glowing recommendations as an international arbitrator in many of the most respected directories as set out below. Currently ranked in Band 1 for International Arbitration: Arbitrators (Chambers & Partners 2027). She is currently ranked as a Thought Leader in arbitration in Lexology.

- "Hilary Heilbron was very good at rolling up her sleeves and dealing with the detail." (Chambers & Partners 2027)
- "Hilary is no nonsense, efficient and has a very broad expertise across all sectors of law." (Chambers & Partners 2027)
- "Hilary is very precise in her questioning and very careful as well." (Chambers & Partners 2027)
- "Hilary Heilbron is clearly a very experienced, knowledgeable and confident lawyer." (Chambers & Partners 2027)
- "Hilary Heilbron KC is widely considered to be a heavyweight in international arbitration who has expertise in cases concerning the energy, banking, telecommunications and pharmaceutical industries. She has been appointed under the rules of the ICC, the LCIA, the LMAA and SIAC, and has considerable experience acting as an ad hoc and emergency arbitrator. She also accepts appointments as sole arbitrator, party-appointed arbitrator and chair of the tribunal." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

- "Hilary is a hugely experienced commercial arbitrator. She has a first-class intellect and is able to get straight to the heart of a complex dispute." (Legal 500 2026)
- "Hilary is very diligent and makes thoughtful and valuable contributions." (Legal 500 2025)
- "Hilary is very careful, bright and turns documents around quickly." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "She is very experienced, no-nonsense and drives cases forward extremely efficiently." (Chambers & Partners 2024)
- "She is a first-rate arbitrator with vast experience of international arbitration. She is a superb lawyer and a very experienced arbitrator who keeps cases moving with diligence, skill and good humour. She is a hard-working and responsive arbitrator with exceptional legal skills and the sharpest of minds." (Legal 500 2024)
- "Authoritative and efficient and makes an excellent chair." (Legal 500 2023)
- "She is highly rated, very impressive and hugely independent-minded." "She is very well prepared and highly responsive. She is a top choice for difficult commercial arbitrations." (Chambers & Partners 2022)
- "Hilary has a wealth of experience of arbitration and combines diligence, resourcefulness and a collegiate manner with the strength and skills to control the parties closely." (Legal 500 2022)
- "She is remarkable, very hands-on, deals with things as they come and performs beautifully at a hearing." (Chambers & Partners 2021)
- "Widely considered to be a heavyweight in international arbitration." (Chambers & Partners 2021)
- "Her rulings were well-written and thoroughly considered, and counsel were treated with utmost courtesy and professionalism." (Legal 500 2021)
- "Hilary Heilbron KC is “in the first rank” of arbitration specialists, laud peers who rate her breadth of sector-knowledge. (Who's Who Legal - UK Bar: Arbitration 2020)
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- "Handles matters with diligence and aplomb – she belongs in the A* list of arbitrators." (The Legal 500 2020)
- Hilary Heilbron KC has a stellar reputation and is lauded for her fantastic ability on

international transport, energy and joint venture disputes. (Who's Who Legal - UK Bar: Arbitration 2019)

- "Easy to work with and diligent. She works hard on the case and has an affable manner." (Chambers & Partners 2019)
- "Smart, hardworking, and decisive but collegial." (The Legal 500 2018-19)
- Hilary Heilbron KC wins praise as “an amazing arbitrator” who is “very effective as chair” and is “always on top of things”. She is also recognised for her excellent counsel work in international proceedings. (Who's Who Legal - UK Bar: Arbitration 2018)
- Widely considered to be a heavyweight in international arbitration who has expertise in cases concerning the energy, banking, telecommunications and pharmaceutical industries. She has been appointed under the rules of the ICC, AAA, ICDR and LCIA and has considerable experience of acting as an ad hoc and emergency arbitrator. She also accepts appointments as sole arbitrator, party-appointed arbitrator and chair of the tribunal."She has a great reputation as an arbitrator and she deserves it. She is smart, hard-working, decisive and collegial." (Chambers & Partners 2018)

Privacy Notice

A privacy notice for Hilary Heilbron KC referable to sitting as an Arbitrator can be found here.