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## Introduction

Stephen Bate is a British citizen, a Chartered Arbitrator with a UK domestic and international commercial arbitration practice carried on through ARBDB, arbitration chambers in London: [www.arbdb.com](http://www.arbdb.com). His professional background is as a barrister at the English Bar, with many years' experience in a range of civil and commercial matters, specialising in media, telecommunications & entertainment law and acting for and against well-known individuals and companies.

Stephen is a member of the Presidential Panel of arbitrators at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; he is on the panel of arbitrators maintained by the Dubai International Arbitration Centre, a panel arbitrator for Sport Resolutions and also for Phonographic Performance Ltd, the trade association of record companies and performers.

He was accredited as a mediator in the UK by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) in 2002 and has since mediated well over 100 cases with values up to £250M in a very wide range of commercial disputes, with a settlement rate of about 70%. His mediation practice is carried out through CEDR Chambers: [www.cedr.com](http://www.cedr.com).

## Arbital and Other Appointments

These include the following -

- Dispute over performance of a shareholders' agreement of a telecommunications company, arbitration under UNCITRAL Rules. Award of US\$130M (one of three arbitrators).
- Dispute over exercise of pre-emption rights over further shares in the same company; arbitration under UNCITRAL Rules. Claim value c. US\$80M (one of three arbitrators).
- Sole arbitrator in contract dispute concerning the supply of education services to the Middle East, claim value c. £2M.
- Sole arbitrator in patent licence dispute.



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- Sole arbitrator in dispute concerning the supply of advertising services.
- Sole arbitrator in contractual loss of profits dispute in the fashion industry.
- Sole arbitrator in sale of goods case.
- Sole arbitrator in disputes concerning partnership retirement and enforceability of restrictive covenants against a leaving partner.
- Sole arbitrator in partnership disputes relating to accountancy practice.
- Sole arbitrator in dispute concerning contracts for the provision of facilities for the UK National Health Service.
- Sole arbitrator in contract dispute in the soft drinks industry.
- 15 ABTA documents-only arbitrations in holiday and travel cases.
- Chairman of arbitrators appointed by the English Football Association in disputes between player and player's agent under Rule K procedures.
- Chairman of English Football League's Disciplinary Commission (FDC) in arbitration between football clubs over the poaching of a management team.
- FDC Chairman in disputes between (i) club and youth player over player's registration and (ii) clubs and player over liability to pay 'signing on' fee.
- Member of the Licensing Committee of UK horse racing's regulator (the British Horseracing Authority) 2007-2016, hearing numerous applications under 'fit and proper person' jurisdiction of the regulator.
- Legal Assessor, sitting with and advising fitness to practise panels and tribunals of UK healthcare regulators (General Dental Council, Health and Social Care Tribunal Service; previous experience sitting as Legal Assessor in racing corruption cases.
- Approximately 70 documents-only adjudications for CISAS under UK Communications Act 2003.
- 50 expert determinations for Nominet in registration disputes over *co.uk* internet domain name registrations.

### Areas of Arbitration Work

Fields of work covered include commercial contracts, defamation, ICT (information, communications and technology), intellectual property, leisure and travel, manufacturing, media & entertainment, partnership/shareholder, property, pharmaceutical, NHS, healthcare and other regulatory matters, sport and telecommunications.

The above include/further areas are: sale of goods, supply of services, distribution agreements, licensing agreements in various fields, such as telecommunications, media, entertainment and intellectual property licensing (e.g. patent and trade mark) disputes, copyright infringement; franchise agreements, gas supply contracts, computer contracts, employment contracts, restrictive covenant disputes, insurance claims, guarantee claims, contract disputes in many other different fields, e.g. sale of companies, warranty claims

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under sale and purchase agreements, joint venture contracts, agency agreements, contracts for advertising services; landlord & tenant, professional negligence (solicitors), partnership disputes, shareholder disputes, competition claims, claims for breach of statutory duty, sponsorship and other sports-related agreements; breach of confidence, privacy and data protection.

### **Previous History**

- 1980 – 1981 Passed Bar Finals exams and called to the English Bar.
- 1979 – 1980 Diploma in Law, City University.
- 1976 – 1979 Magdalene College, Cambridge; M.A Foreign Languages (French and German).
- 1992 -1997 Member of Monckton Chambers, Jeremy Lever QC
- 1997-2017 Member of 5RB chambers, Desmond Browne QC.

Interests include sports, reading history and membership of the Royal Geographical Society.

### **Contact**

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