

Ben Holland

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OVERVIEW

Ben Holland is a practice area leader for the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice and a lead for the firm's energy industry group.

Ben works exclusively on energy-related disputes, with a particular emphasis on LNG and natural gas. The American Lawyer's Arbitration Scorecard has recognised three of Ben's LNG and gas-sector arbitrations as among the largest in the world.

Ben is experienced in hydrocarbon supply and pricing disputes under long-term international LNG, gas, oil, and coal sale agreements and the impact of economic and regulatory change on the commercial balance under them. He also focuses on disputes arising out of fluctuations in demand for energy and the price of crude oil and the consequential impact on the price of LNG, natural gas, oil products, coal, and other commodities.

Active in the oil, gas, LNG, power and utilities, renewables, and mining sectors, Ben advises on disputes concerning the construction, operation, and decommissioning of oil, gas, and LNG production facilities and equipment, production sharing agreements, operating agreements, joint ventures, mining projects, pipelines, international trading, onshore and offshore engineering, offshore wind, and power and renewables facilities. He also handles electricity regulatory work, power, and network code related disputes. His clients include power and utilities companies, national oil companies, international oil companies, energy sector investors, mining investors, and oil and gas marketers.

Based on his experience in the resolution of international energy disputes, Ben consults on project advisory, risk avoidance, and dispute strategy at senior executive level, with the majority of his work reporting directly to the CEO/beneficial owner.

Ben is a member of the Energy Institute, the International Bar Association, the UK Energy Lawyers' Group, the Energy Related Arbitration Practitioners (ENERAP) and is a ranked lawyer in *Chambers UK, Chambers Global,* and *The Legal 500*.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Ben qualified as a lawyer in 2000 and became an energy disputes partner in a London headquartered international law firm in 2007. He has been a global energy disputes lawyer, based in London, throughout his career.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised by *Chambers UK,* UK-wide
  - Energy & Natural Resources: Disputes, 2014-2027
  - International Arbitration, 2017-2027
- Recognised by *Chambers Global* in the UK
  - International Arbitration, 2024-2026
  - Energy & Natural Resources: Disputes, 2026
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- Recognised by *The Legal 500 United States* as a Recommended Lawyer, 2025-2026
  - Energy Litigation: Oil and Gas - Mid-Market ($0-500m)
  - Energy Regulation: Oil and Gas
- Recognised by *The Legal 500 United Kingdom* as a Recommended Lawyer in London
  - Oil and Gas, 2024-2027
  - International Arbitration, 2020, 2024-2027
- Recognised in *The Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom*™ for Energy & Natural Resources Law, and International Arbitration, 2024
- Recognised in *The Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom*™ for Energy & Natural Resources Law, 2015-2021

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Ben is a member of the Association of International Energy Negotiators, the Energy Institute, the International Bar Association, and the UK Energy Lawyers' Group.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Moderator, “Best practices and bug bears: A world tour of in-house counsel perspectives on international arbitration” London International Disputes Week, June 2025

- Panelist, speaking on “Green fuels–the future of commodity price disputes” as part of “Managing volume and pricing risk in commodity supply contracts: LNG and beyond” London International Disputes Week, June 2024
- Panelist, “Managing LNG in the Energy Transition,” K&L Gates LLP, Wood Mackenzie and Japan Institute for Overseas Investment's Route to Zero Emission: Opportunities in the Evolving Power Markets Seminar, Tokyo, September 2023
- “Gas/LNG price reviews in the context of current market volatility,” Energy Arbitration Club, London, July 2022
- “Arbitration vs Mediation, the Various Alternative Dispute Resolutions in UK/Europe," Global Litigation & E-Discovery Confex, London, June 2022
- “Caspian Sea Energy Forum,” FTI Consulting, London, September 2019
- “'There's no law in gas pricing arbitration,' speaking against the motion,” GAR Live, London, June 2017
- “East, West, North and South – Regional Perspective on Energy Arbitration in Africa,” LCILP Conference, London, May 2017
- “Decommissioning Liability – A Growing Concern,” C5 Upstream Oil & Gas Legal Forum, London, January 2017
- “Resolving Disputes Between Co-Venturers in Energy Projects,” Ukraine Legal Energy Forum, Kyiv, November 2016
- “Decommissioning in the United Kingdom Continental Shelf: Decommissioning Security Disputes,” UBCEES Oil and Gas Decommissioning Conference, Buckingham, May 2016
- “LNG Price Review Arbitrations – the Future Landscape,” International Arbitration Conference on Energy Disputes, Doha, February 2016
- “Hardship and Force Majeure,” International Arbitration Conference on Energy Disputes, Doha, February 2016

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

“Ben Holland stands out for his deep expertise in the LNG industry and his ability to combine technical legal analysis with strong commercial judgement. Ben is a brilliant lawyer combining legal and industry expertise.”

-Chambers UK 2027 – International Arbitration

“Ben Holland of K&L Gates specialises in assisting clients with international oil and gas claims, including those before arbitral institutions and the Commercial Court. He frequently acts in investment and competition disputes, as well as cases concerning price reviews”.

-Chambers UK 2026 – Oil and Gas

"Ben is always available, knowledgeable and anticipates commercial risks and advantages."

-Chambers UK 2026 – International Arbitration

“Ben Holland of K&L Gates comes recommended for his specialist expertise in gas pricing disputes, which forms part of his commercial arbitration practice. He is sought after by clients in the energy sector and has a particular focus on Europe.”

-Chambers UK 2026 – International Arbitration

“Ben Holland brings a calm authority to difficult conversations and a clarity of thought that inspires confidence even in the most pressured settings. His negotiation acumen, sector-specific insight, and business-aligned thinking consistently set him apart from his peers.”

-Legal 500 2025 – Oil and Gas London

“Ben Holland's ability to anticipate and proactively navigate legal and commercial challenges has proven indispensable in our most critical negotiations.”

-Legal 500 2025 – Oil and Gas London

“Ben Holland has consistently demonstrated a rare and invaluable combination of legal precision, commercial fluency, and personal integrity.”

-Legal 500 2025 – Oil and Gas London

“'Ben Holland is an outstanding energy specialist, with a special focus on LNG. He is extremely pleasant to work with.”

-Legal 500 2025 – International Arbitration London

"Ben Holland of K&L Gates comes recommended for his specialist expertise in gas pricing disputes, which forms part of his commercial arbitration practice. He is sought after by clients in the energy sector and has a particular focus on Europe." "He's a really good energy disputes specialist."

-*Chambers UK* 2022, International Arbitration

"Ben Holland of K&L Gates specialises in assisting clients with international oil and gas claims, including those before arbitral institutions and the Commercial Court. He frequently acts on investment and competition disputes, as well as cases concerning price reviews." "He's a real energy guy focused in the gas space."

-*Chambers UK* 2022, Energy & Natural Resources Disputes

"Ben Holland specialises in assisting clients with international oil and gas claims, including those before arbitral institutions and the Commercial Court. He frequently acts on investment and competition disputes, as well as cases concerning price reviews."

- *Chambers UK* 2021, Energy & Natural Resources: Disputes

"Ben Holland comes recommended for his focused experience in gas pricing disputes, which forms part of his commercial arbitration practice. He is sought after by clients in the energy sector."

- *The Legal 500 Global* 2021

"Ben Holland is experienced in assisting clients with international oil and gas claims, including those before arbitral institutions and the Commercial Court. He frequently acts on investment and competition disputes, as well as cases concerning price reviews." "He is a clever lawyer who is very good on the regulatory side."

- *The Legal 500 United Kingdom* 2021

EDUCATION

- Diploma in Law, Oxford Institute of Legal Practice, 1998
- Bachelor of Jurisprudence, Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford, 1997

ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 11 November 2025, European Union Adopts 19th Package of Sanctions Against Russia
- 15 July 2024, Energy Practitioners Publish Chapter on LNG Arbitration in Global Arbitration Review's Guide to Energy Arbitrations, 7th Edition
- 6 June 2024, Managing Volume and Pricing Risk in Commodity Supply Contracts: LNG and Beyond
- June 2023, Arbitration World
- 12 September 2022, Regulating Heat Networks: Energy Security Bill to the Rescue?
- 5 July 2022, Important Privy Council Ruling on Enforcement of an Arbitration Award and Article V of the New York Convention
- November 2021, Arbitration World
- 1 July 2021, Privy Council Adopts a Restrictive Approach to Public Policy in International Arbitration - *Betamax Ltd v State Trading Corporation* (Mauritius)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Fuelling Change: Innovating Price Review Mechanisms for Green Fuel Contracts," *Pratt's Energy Law Report*, October 2025
- Contributor, "LNG Arbitrations" in "The Guide to Energy Arbitrations – Sixth Edition," Global Arbitration Review (GAR), June 2024
- Contributor, "The Regulation of Decommissioning, Abandonment and Reuse Initiatives in the Oil and Gas Industry," *Energy and Environmental Law and Policy Series*, Vol 38, July 2020

- Co-author, “UK Appellate Rulings Clarify Arbitral Choice of Law,” *Law360*, June 2020
- Co-author, “Eastward movement of gas prices means the transition of LNG disputes from Europe to Asia,” *LNG Journal,* January 2020
- Author, “Decommissioning Disputes,” *LexisNexis Practice Note*, 2019
- Co-author, “Decommissioning in the United Kingdom Continental Shelf: Decommissioning Security Disputes,” *The Denning Law Journal*, Vol 28, 2016
- Co-author, “Beyond Price Reviews: Adjudicating Claims of Financial Hardship,” *The Leading Practitioners' Guide to International Oil and Gas Arbitration*, 2015
- Author, “Excalibur: The Double-Edged Sword: UK Court Grants Foreign Anti-Arbitration Injunction in Parallel Proceedings Case,” *Chartered Institute of Arbitrators*, 2013
- Co-author, “Tailoring the Arbitral Process to Suit Natural Gas Price Reviews: The Case for Two Stage Final Arbitration,” *International Arbitration Law Review*, Vol 16 Issue 3, 2013
- Author, “Oil and Gas in Iraq – The Constitutional Cliff Edge,” *Global Energy Review*, 2013
- Co-author, “Natural Gas Price Reviews: Past, Present and Future,” J*ournal of Energy & Natural Resources Law*, 2012

NEWS & EVENTS

- 15 October 2026, K&L Gates Practices, Lawyers Recognised in *Chambers UK* 2027 Guide
- 15-16 June 2026, Senior Associate Forum: Europe & Middle East | 2026 Cohort
- 12 February 2026, *Chambers Global* 2026 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 16 October 2025, K&L Gates Practices, Lawyers Recognised in *Chambers UK* 2026 Guide
- 13 February 2025, *Chambers Global* 2025 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 17 October 2024, K&L Gates Ranked in *Chambers UK* 2025 Guide
- 15 February 2024, *Chambers Global* 2024 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 19 October 2023, K&L Gates Ranked in *Chambers UK* 2024 Guide
- 22 June 2023, Nearly 50 K&L Gates Lawyers Throughout Europe Recognized in 2024 Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch Editions
- 16 February 2023, K&L Gates Recognized in 2023 *Chambers Global* Guide
- 24 October 2022, K&L Gates Recognized in *Chambers UK* 2023 Guide
- 17 February 2022, K&L Gates Recognized in 2022 Chambers Global Guide
- 3 November 2021, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized in 2022 Chambers UK Guide

- 1 March 2021, K&L Gates Welcomes London Energy Partner

AREAS OF FOCUS

- International Arbitration
- Commercial Disputes
- Energy Disputes

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Hydrogen
- Liquefied Natural Gas
- Maritime
- Offshore Construction
- Offshore Wind Energy
- Oil and Gas
- Power
- Renewables
- Transportation and Logistics

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advising an LNG buyer on an LNG price review under a long-term FOB supply arrangement for deliveries of LNG to Asia.
- Advising an LNG buyer on disputed force majeure notices received from its suppliers under a long-term LNG supply agreement for delivery of LNG to an Asian country.
- Advising an LNG buyer on the timing and validity of dispute notices served in advance of an LNG price review concerning deliveries of LNG to Asia.
- Advising an LNG buyer on the ability to market free from contractual restriction certain surplus LNG stored in its FSU despite obligations to secure a steady supply of LNG to its offtaker.
- Advising an LNG buyer on a LNG price review concerning the element within the contractual price formula concerning the shipping transportation cost of the seller under a long-term DES supply arrangement to Asia.

- Advising a gas buyer as claimant in an ICC arbitration valued at over US$5 billion concerning the cessation of supply by the seller and later termination by the buyer of a long-term gas supply contract for the supply of all of the pipeline natural gas to be supplied to a European country.
- Advising an LNG buyer on an LNG price review in NW Europe under a long-term LNG supply agreement.
- Advising an LNG buyer on an under-supply of LNG including analysis of terminal scheduling issues and shortfall penalties for seller's failure to deliver.
- Advising an LNG buyer on a failure by a seller to deliver under a mid-term LNG supply agreement, including acting on an LCIA arbitration (liability).
- Advising an LNG-to-power consortium on its rights and obligations under various transaction agreements and strategy to adopt in negotiations with counterparties. Transaction agreements include sale and purchase of LNG, the supply of gas and conversion to power, power purchase agreement and various other site, lease government, electricity, and related direct agreements.
- Advising an LNG buyer on LNG price and oversupply, including advising on rescheduling deliveries and avoiding penalties for shortfall during periods where LNG tanks were full due to low power production caused by the pandemic and other factors, and maximising the benefits of volumes to be taken at a later date.
- Advising an Asian LNG buyer on price and volume rebalancing options under a portfolio of long-term LNG supply contracts.
- Advising an Asian LNG buyer on the ability to reopen, through arbitration, the price under a long-term LNG supply contract.
- Advising a CEE gas buyer in an arbitration under the ICC Rules in relation to termination without notice of a long-term gas supply contract that led to emergency governmental intervention.
- Advising a CEE gas buyer in litigation in the Commercial Court concerning a contested shareholder transaction and a claim for loss suffered due to anti-competitive practices under a long-term gas supply contract.
- Acting for the claimant in an arbitration under the UNCITRAL Rules, seated in London, concerning payments for services for locating valuable oil exploration and production asset located in the Republic of Yemen, when the operator refused to make payment as required.
- Acting in an arbitration under the ICC Rules, seated in Paris, for an international oil & gas investor with the largest interest in an oil & gas block against a state in a US$120 million claim arising from the termination of a production sharing agreement and the corresponding claims covering, among others: retrospective laws seeking to impose abandonment and decommissioning obligations, historical audit claims, well-integrity claims, environmental damage claims, and tax claims.
- Advising an oilfield services company on litigation across multiple African and Middle Eastern jurisdictions concerning failures by the purchasers of oil production materials to fully pay for the transferred equipment.

- Advising a Middle Eastern gas company in an arbitration under the ICC Rules in relation to investments in Uzbekistan.
- Advising a commodities trading company on multiple trading disputes, cybercrime disputes, and sanctions advice.
- Advising a leading state-owned oil company in a pricing dispute in Asia regarding a long-term crude oil supply contract with a sum in dispute in excess of US$16 billion.
- Advising a European gas buyer in a “baseball” gas price arbitration in Southern Europe under the ICC Rules relating to a long-term LNG supply contract, leading to final award.
- Advising a European gas buyer in a gas price arbitration in Southern Europe under the ICC Rules relating to a long-term pipeline gas contract with a sum in dispute in excess of US$1 billion.
- Advising a European gas buyer in two consolidated gas price arbitrations in Southern Europe relating to two long-term LNG supply contracts with a sum in dispute in excess of US$1 billion, leading to a final award.
- Advising a European gas buyer in three gas price arbitrations in Southern Europe under the UNCITRAL rules relating to three long-term LNG contracts with a sum in dispute of approximately US$4.5 billion, all of which led to final awards.
- Advising a gas seller in an ad hoc price review arbitration in Northern Europe relating to a long-term pipeline gas contract with a sum in dispute of approximately US$2 billion.
- Advising a CEE gas buyer in a gas price and supply dispute with its gas supplier, including renegotiation of gas supply contract.
- Advising an investment company in six consolidated LCIA arbitrations in relation to oil investments in Kurdistan, Iraq, leading to final awards on both liability and quantum.
- Advising an FPSO charterer in relation to cost and schedule overruns on a US$1.2 billion new-build project offshore Brazil.
- Advising a major UK mining company in relation to a dispute with power station owners over the contract price under long-term supply agreements worth £100 million.
- Advising on an arbitration under the rules of the Electricity Arbitration Association in relation to the introduction of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme on long-term power purchase agreements.