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OVERVIEW

Declan Gallivan is a senior associate in the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice. He helps clients resolve crises and commercial disputes, from the first signs of a problem through to negotiated resolution or trial/final hearing.

Declan has acted in litigation before the English courts–including the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court–and in international arbitration under the major arbitral rules, including the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Rules. His matters are typically high-value and technically complex, often with a significant international dimension.

His experience includes energy disputes (particularly involving Liquefied Natural Gas pricing and supply, operations and shipping), shareholder and boardroom disputes, funds and asset management-related disputes, technology and infrastructure projects, and directors' duties claims.

At every stage, Declan works closely with clients to understand their options, assess risk and make clear decisions in high-pressure situations. He invests in long-term relationships with his clients, getting to know their businesses and their people beyond any single matter, so that his advice reflects their legal position and their wider business priorities.

Legal 500 United Kindgom 2027 (Commercial Litigation: mid-market) notes: “Declan Gallivan is active before the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court, and has been key in high-value arbitrations.”

A recent client testimonial, Legal 500 United Kingdom 2027 (International Arbitration):

“Declan has developed highly specialized experience as a senior team member in international disputes over the last few years, both in the energy industry and in a variety of other industry sectors. He is excellent at running the associate team and ensuring the complex process delivers submissions and evidence that result in the best possible case being presented to Tribunals.”

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Declan obtained a first-class law degree (LLB) from the University of Bristol. He completed his training contract at K&L Gates during which he gained experience in the competition and EU regulatory, commercial disputes, real estate and investigations, enforcement and white collar practices.

Prior to joining the firm, Declan was an intern at a Public Defender's Office in South Florida working on death penalty cases. In addition, he was a paralegal in the litigation department of a London law firm.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised by *The Legal 500 United Kingdom* as a Recommended Lawyer in London
  - Commercial Litigation: Mid-Market, 2026-2027
  - International Arbitration, 2025-2026

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member, Junior LSLA
- Member, ICC Young Arbitration and ADR Forum
- Member, LCIA Young International Arbitration Group

EDUCATION

- Legal Practice Course, BPP Law School, 2015 *(Distinction)*
- LL.B., University of Bristol, 2013 *(First Class Honours)*

ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- January 2026, Arbitration World
- 4 December 2025, Arbitration World: Efficient and Effective Proceedings – A Discussion With Two Leading Arbitrators - Part 1
- 4 December 2025, Arbitration World: Efficient and Effective Proceedings – A Discussion With Two Leading Arbitrators - Part 2
- 4 December 2025, Arbitration World: Efficient and Effective Proceedings – A Discussion With Two Leading Arbitrators - Part 3

- 4 December 2025, Arbitration World: Efficient and Effective Proceedings – A Discussion With Two Leading Arbitrators - Part 4
- December 2024, Arbitration World
- 19 July 2024, Consumer Rights Can Render an Otherwise Valid Arbitration Award Unenforceable
- 11 September 2023, Arbitration World: A Spelling Error in Vienna
- 27 July 2022, Crypto Alert – Service of English Court Orders by 'NFT Airdrop,' and Could Crypto Exchanges be Constructive Trustees?
- 5 July 2022, Important Privy Council Ruling on Enforcement of an Arbitration Award and Article V of the New York Convention
- 8 March 2021, Changes are Coming in Trial Witness Statements in the UK Business and Property Courts
- 26 January 2021, Recent Development in Expert Evidence: The English Court Provides Guidance on Experts' Conflicts of Interests and Highlights the Potential Pitfalls in the use of Financial Damages Models
- 7 February 2017, European Commission Opens Investigation into Suspected Price Restrictions by Electronic Goods Producers

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Testing The Limits Of English Courts' Pro-Arbitration Stance," *Law360*, 16 September 2024
- "Digital Assets: Novel Dispute Solutions for Novel Technologies," *Corporate Disputes Magazine*, October-December 2021

AREAS OF FOCUS

- International Arbitration
- Commercial Disputes
- Construction and Infrastructure Dispute Resolution

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Liquefied Natural Gas
- Oil and Gas
- Technology

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Energy and Commodities

- **LNG Price Review:** Acting for an LNG buyer, a major multinational commodity trading and mining company, in a London-seated LCIA arbitration regarding a price review under a long-term LNG supply and purchase agreement.
- **LNG Price Review - Shipping:** Advising an LNG buyer in a price review dispute concerning the shipping cost component of the contractual pricing formula under a long-term DES LNG supply agreement into Asia.
- **LNG Failure to Deliver:** Advising an LNG buyer on claims arising from a seller's failure to deliver LNG under a mid-term LNG supply agreement, including in LCIA arbitration proceedings concerning liability.
- **LNG Short Deliveries:** Acting for an LNG buyer in relation to claims arising from short deliveries under a long-term LNG sale and purchase agreement.
- **LNG Facility:** Representing the owner and operator of an LNG facility in Africa in London-seated, LCIA administered arbitration under UNCITRAL Rules, regarding a claim in respect of alleged delays and defects in the construction of the plant against the contractor, with total sums in issue valued at over US$2 billion.

Corporate, Shareholder and Boardroom

- **Boardroom:** Acting for the defendant and counterclaimant in a high-profile boardroom dispute before the Commercial Court, conducted on an expedited basis (Stobart Group Ltd v Tinkler [2019] EWHC 258 (Comm)).
- **Shareholder:** Advising a shareholder in a shareholder and governance dispute concerning an investment and asset management business.
- **Shareholder:** Advising a maritime shipping logistics company on a multi-jurisdictional shareholder dispute.
- **Directors' Duties:** Advising a former director of a major plc, now in administration, defending allegations of breach of directors' duties.

TECH AND MEDIA

- **Media:** Acting for the respondent, a leading international news broadcaster, in an LCIA arbitration arising from a major technology transformation project involving the overhaul of its broadcasting systems, IT infrastructure and operational workflows.
- **Media:** Acting for the Claimant, a global broadcasting business, in an LCIA arbitration regarding a series of television licence and broadcasting agreements.
- **Media:** Advising an independent US entertainment company in a dispute with a film and television production and distribution company.
- **Tech:** Advising a data management automation business on the unwinding of a major business processing agreement in the asset management industry.

- **Tech:** Advising a workflow software developer in a dispute concerning the copyright, intellectual property rights and passing off of its software platform.

CONSTRUCTION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS

- Acting for the Claimant, a global engineering/consulting company, in a Doha seated ICC arbitration. The dispute concerned the design/construction of a major public infrastructure project in Doha.
- Acting for a major state-owned railway network on a number of technical disputes concerning rail infrastructure, operations and associated contractual arrangements.
- Acting for an Asian maritime logistics and ship-owning company in a Section 69 AA 1996 challenge to an arbitration award in the High Court.

LIFE SCIENCES

- Advising a pharma company on joint-development, licensing, and distribution disputes regarding a product in the development phase, involving clinical trials methodologies and delays in securing marketing authorisations.
- Acting for the Claimant, a leading pharmaceutical company, in a Section 68 AA 1996 challenge before the High Court.
- Acting for the Claimant, a leading pharmaceutical company, in a successful application to enforce a New York arbitration award in the High Court.

OTHER COMPLEX DISPUTES

- **Aviation:** Acting for a major materials supplier in three inter-related but unconsolidated ICC arbitrations (seated in London, Paris and Geneva) under English law and German law, in successfully defending claims brought against it by a major manufacturer of commercial passenger and military aircraft, related to the supply of alleged defective products, in which the claims alleged (for damages and an indemnity) were quantified at over US$1 billion. The defences we advanced on behalf of our client ultimately prevailed with a favourable costs award against the unsuccessful claimant.
- **Consumer:** Advising a consumer products company in a cross-border distribution dispute.
- **Finance:** Acting for the Claimant, a financial lender, in a High Court dispute concerning funding for a property development.
- **Franchise dispute:** Acting for a large US gym-group, in a dispute with franchisees.
- **Fraud:** Advising pension plans and individuals in connection with multi-jurisdictional fraud claims arising from alleged dividend arbitrage trading.
- **Funding:** Acting for litigation funders successfully resisting security for costs in the RBS Rights Issue Litigation [2017] EWHC 1217.
- **Private Equity:** Advising a family office in a dispute with a portfolio company.

- **Public International Law:** Acting for one of eighteen defendants, accused of conspiracy by Syrian claimants, in successful challenge to jurisdiction on grounds of state immunity, Hashwah & Ors -v- Qatar National Bank & Ors [2022] EWHC 2242.
- **Sport:** Acting for a major motor sport entity in a London-seated ICC arbitration.