



ABOUT US

The arbitrator members of our sports law team regularly sit on arbitration panels in all the main areas of professional sport with particular expertise in professional football (Premiership and Football League), rugby (Union & League), Formula 1, other motor sports, horse racing, equestrian, athletics, sailing, cycling, golf, cricket, boxing and skiing. These members are regularly appointed by specialist arbitration institutions or ad hoc to determine disputes in the UK and internationally. Their experience includes disputes before the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Europe and Oceania.

In addition to arbitration work, our members are frequently appointed as panel chairmen and members in disciplinary tribunal proceedings domestically and internationally, in particular in professional football (FAPL, FA, EFL, FIFA), athletics and sailing.

Our arbitration members have inquiry experience and are also appointed by specialist mediation institutions to mediate disputes domestically and internationally.

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FORMER JUDGES



LORD DYSON

Lord Dyson was Master of the Rolls for four years until he retired in 2016. He was a Justice of the Supreme Court from April 2010 until October 2012. He was a Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal from 2001 until

2010. He was a Judge of the High Court from 1993 until 2001, and the Judge in charge of the Technology and Construction Court from 1998 until 2001. He was a Recorder from 1986 until 1993. Lord Dyson was called to the Bar in 1968 and was appointed QC in 1982. At the Bar, he had a diversified practice, which included sports law, and acted in many high profile cases. In his judicial career, he decided many cases across the whole range of civil law, including contract, construction and commercial law, general common law, international law, and public law. Lord Dyson is now a full time mediator and arbitrator and accepts appointments for both domestic and international arbitrations. He also accepts appointments as Chairman of Independent Inquiries and Investigations. He is a member of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), the Sport Resolutions Arbitration Panel, The Football Association's Judicial Panel and the LCIA. Lord Dyson has sat in a number of high-profile Sports Tribunals cases, including *Saracens v PRL* and most recently *Sheffield Wednesday FC v EFL*.



SIR WYN WILLIAMS

Sir Wyn has extensive experience in sports law as a barrister, judge, mediator and arbitrator. As a QC, Sir Wyn was regularly represented the Welsh Rugby Union in a variety of disputes. He was appointed a judicial officer

by World Rugby, Six Nations Rugby and European Cup Rugby in which capacity he conducted many disciplinary hearings. He was a judicial officer at the 1999 and 2007 Rugby World Cups. While a High Court Judge, Sir Wyn tried a claim by a football club against its manager and disputes between boxers and their agents/promoters relating to their contractual arrangements. Sir Wyn re-joined 39 Essex Chambers as a full time arbitrator and mediator. His mediation experience includes being appointed as the independent chairman of a committee constituted by the Welsh Rugby Union and the four regional clubs in Wales to oversee professional rugby in Wales. He is also a member of the Sport Resolutions Arbitration Panel and is appointed on ad hoc sports arbitrations.



SIR DAVID FOSKETT

Sir David is a member of Sport Resolutions' Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators, both domestically and internationally, having been a member of the Sports Dispute Resolution Panel's Panel of Mediators and

Arbitrators prior to his appointment as a High Court Judge in 2007. He is a member of the Premier League Judicial Panel, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a CEDR-trained mediator and Chair of the Civil Mediation Council. He is now is a full-time arbitrator and mediator. As a judge, he had extensive experience of medically-related cases, employment, disciplinary and contractual issues and tried a number of cases involving sporting and leisure-related matters. As a QC he represented a kick-boxer in a damages claim and at one stage in his career at the Bar he was Standing Counsel to the British Horse Society. He has wide sporting interests with cricket, golf, rugby and athletics predominating.

SILKS



EDWIN GLASGOW
CBE QC
(Call 1969, Silk 1987)

Edwin's career has spanned 45 years during which time he has amassed extensive experience in sports law. He acted as counsel in: Diane Modhal appeal; Bradford

and Hillsborough Inquiries and litigation; a large number of domestic disciplinary cases ranging from ping-pong to rugby; Czechoslovakian cycle team appeal to CAS; TGU claims to the employment tribunals arising from the Newmarket stable-lads "strike". As an arbitrator and mediator, Edwin has sat on a large number of sports arbitrations and/or appeals for the LCIA, Premier League, FA, RFU, Welsh and Irish RFUs, LTA, MSA and TCCB. He has also mediated numerous sports cases – mostly commercial cases between clubs and/or managers and/or agents (and the second Wembley arena construction). Edwin has also been the Chairman of RAC Stewards since 1995, and sits as President of the FIA International Tribunal; and Vice-President of the FIA Court of Appeal. Edwin is the current Chairman of Sport Resolutions.



CHARLES MANZONI QC
(Call 1988, Silk 2009)

Charlie has been a CAS panel arbitrator since 2011. He is past Chairman of the International Sailing Federation Disciplinary Panel investigating four allegations of cheating

during the 34th America's Cup. He has been on the committee of the World Sailing Constitution from 2012 and sat on the World Sailing disciplinary structure for four years. He is current Chair of the World Sailing Judicial Board. Charlie has acted for a professional golf tour in dispute with another tour over tournaments and prizes as well as for a Gold club over the design and provision of a golf course. As an arbitrator he has acted in a US\$40 million dispute over the supply of official sponsored branded goods for the FIFA World Cup; a sponsorship dispute in Formula 1 racing; a dispute between an individual driver and a sponsor in Formula 1; a dispute between a national Basketball Association and players concerning appearance rights and payments; a dispute between two clubs and the National Football Association concerning the right to participate in a competition.



WILLIAM NORRIS QC
(Call 1974, Silk 1997)

William Norris QC is an experienced arbitrator and mediator in sports law and is one of the panel chairmen for Sport Resolutions and of the National Anti-Doping Panel, World

Athletics, The Football Association (including Rule K arbitrations), the British Horseracing Authority and the Hurlingham Polo Association. He continues to act as a litigator in related contractual and other disputes with a sporting (and, in particular, equine) background. He is also chairman of the Injured Jockeys Fund and a Director of Salisbury Racecourse.



PETER REES QC
(Call 2014, Silk 2009)

Peter specialises in international commercial arbitration and is widely recognised as one of the leading practitioners in this area in the world. He has extensive experience,

both as arbitrator and counsel, in handling large scale and complex disputes in many commercial sectors and diverse jurisdictions. He has been an emergency arbitrator in a dispute between a Formula 1 team and its driver and an arbitrator in a dispute over the construction of a football stadium in Ukraine.

JUNIORS



PAUL HAYES QC
(Call 2005, Silk 2018)

Paul advises and appears in cases at trial and appellate levels in all areas of sports law. On the regulatory side, he acts in doping, integrity, misconduct, eligibility and selection cases. In

a broader disputes context, his work includes commercial / contract litigation, arbitration, insurance and defamation. These cases are conducted in multiple jurisdictions (including the Court of Arbitration for Sport), but primarily London, Lausanne and the Asia Pacific region. He is the author of numerous publications and articles on sports law, is the Founder and Editor of the Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Journal and is a Senior Fellow of the University of Melbourne (Faculty of Law) where he lectures in the subject 'Sports Dispute Resolution'. He is also a Co-opted judge of the Federation Internationale de Automobile International Court of Appeal and a panel member of the International Biathlon Union Court of Arbitration and Anti-Doping Panel and the World Rugby Anti-Doping Judicial Panel.



JONATHAN BELLAMY
(Call 1986)

Jonathan is an active practising Chartered Arbitrator in the commercial sports sector, a FA Rule K and EFL arbitrator and an arbitrator for Sport Resolutions' Commercial,

Football and Integrity & Discipline Panels. He has experience in many professional, and also Olympic, sports sectors with particular focus and experience in professional football, rugby union, horse racing and motor sports. He has arbitrated a wide variety of commercial contract disputes in the sports sector, including player-club, player-agent, club-club, service contracts, marketing, sponsorship and online gaming. He is described in the Legal Directories as "A first rate football litigator and a renowned arbitrator." He also chairs and sits on sports disciplinary panels including for the EFL. He has mediated disputes in professional football and athletics.



KATHERINE APPS
(Call 2006)

Katherine has a wide ranging sports law practice and her experience as counsel includes: regulatory and disciplinary issues; governance; employment and discrimination;

safeguarding; commercial disputes including Arena hire; immigration; selection disputes; doping. Katherine acted for Dwain Chambers in his 2008 bid to run for team GB at the Beijing Olympics: *Dwain Chambers v British Olympic Association* [2008] EWHC 2028 (QB). Katherine is a member of the Disciplinary Panel of the Premier League Judicial Panel. She is also on the Sport Resolutions Panels of Arbitrators for Integrity and Discipline, Commercial Disputes, Employment and Discrimination and the National Safeguarding Panel. She was appointed as member of the Board of Appeal for Table Tennis England and to the Pro Bono Panel of the 2012 London Olympics. She has presented to the Annual Player Contracts Conference on Child Safeguarding in Sport.



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