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### Areas of practice

- Construction & Engineering
- Arbitration

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### Practice overview

Richard Fernyhough QC has been a barrister specialising in construction and engineering law for over 35 years and is recognised as one of the leading figures in his field. He has appeared as counsel in many of the landmark cases in the field of construction law including several notable cases in the House of Lords. He has acted on countless heavy court cases and arbitrations over the years on claims relating to a wide range of projects including airports, commercial properties, hotels, oil rigs, power stations, process plants, railways, and tunnelling projects.

Since 1990 Mr Fernyhough has also been in practice as an adjudicator and arbitrator. He is recognised internationally as a leading commercial arbitrator who is well known for quickly and efficiently handling the heaviest and most complex disputes. He has been appointed in over 100 of arbitrations during his career as either sole arbitrator, panel member and, on many occasions, as Chairman. Mr Fernyhough is frequently appointed by such bodies as the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), DIAC, SIAC, the Cairo Regional Centre for Commercial Arbitration. Mr. Fernyhough is a strong believer in delivering the award as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the hearing.

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## Appointments as Arbitrator

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Mr Fernyhough has sat on the Tribunals in over 100 arbitrations, most of which have been international in character. Amongst these are the following:

- Disputes relating to alleged defects in design of combined cycle gas turbines supplied to a British power station.
  - Two concurrent arbitrations relating to the construction of several roll on roll off passenger ferries designed for the North Sea routes.
  - Appointed sole arbitrator for disputes arising out of a joint venture agreement subject to the law of the Kingdom of Bahrain.
  - Disputes arising from the decommissioning of laboratories at a military installation in the United Kingdom.
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*“A prominent practitioner who specialises in construction and engineering law. He is often instructed in project-related claims in the energy, leisure and transport sectors.”*

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- Appointed sole arbitrator for a dispute between German contractor and an African state over a road construction project.
- Co-Arbitrator of dispute between Russian parties over purchase of land for development in Moscow subject to Russian law.
- Appointed as tribunal member in an arbitration concerning disputes over wind turbines in an off-shore location.
- Appointed both as Chairman and as co-arbitrator in several arbitrations involving delays to and the termination of various ship building projects.
- Co-arbitrator of a dispute in the Gulf region over the Termination of the contract for the design and construction of a major hospital development.
- Chairman of Tribunal in a dispute over claims arising from a hospital development in the Caribbean
- Arbitration over construction of three office buildings in Moscow the subject of three contracts, two of which were subject to Russian law.

Richard Fernyhough has worked as arbitrator in France, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Malaysia, Egypt, Dubai, Bahrain, the USA, the Bahamas, Pakistan and Singapore. He has also worked on cases involving Abu Dhabi, Anguilla/St. Nevis, Australia, PR of China, Denmark, Germany, India, Italy, Jamaica, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Russia and Malawi.

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## Education & Professional Career

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Head of Keating Chambers	1997-2002
Approved Arbitrator, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre	1999
Called to the Bar, Hong Kong	1994
Deputy High Court Judge	1992
Called to the Bar, Singapore	1991
Queen's Counsel	1986
Joined Keating Chambers	1972
Called to the Bar (Middle Temple)	1970
LL.B. University College, London	1966