



Professor Janet Walker, CM

Chartered Arbitrator
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PRACTICE

Professor Janet Walker is a leading international commercial arbitrator based in Sydney, Toronto and London.

Recipient of the CIArb Canada Award for Distinguished Service to Arbitration in 2018, she has been recognised regularly in the legal directories for her skill as an arbitrator since 2010, including in Who's Who Legal and Chambers & Partners.

She is founding co-chair of CanArbWeek and she was a member of the ICCA2018 Sydney executive organising committee. She is chair of the ICC Canada Arbitration Committee, and a member of the boards of CIArb Canada and the International Construction Law Association. Janet is a founding editor of the Canadian Journal of Commercial Arbitration, and she authors the main private international law text in Canada, the most cited private law work in the Canadian courts. Janet is co-author of Commercial Arbitration in Australia Under the Model Law. For more than 20 years, she served as consulting and testifying expert on questions of judicial jurisdiction, the enforcement of judgments and applicable law in cross-border litigation.

Janet is also a distinguished research professor of law and past associate dean of Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto. She is a member of the Order of Canada. She has a good working knowledge of Spanish and French.

ARBITRATION

Janet has served as sole, presiding and co-arbitrator in ICC, HKIAC, ICDR, DIAC, SIAC, KCAB, PCA and ad hoc arbitrations in a variety of seats. Her matters cover a range of industries including construction, heavy equipment, M&A, shareholder disputes, distribution, intellectual property, environmental, finance and employment.

Examples of Janet's appointments include:

CONSTRUCTION AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT

- Sole Arbitrator, ICC Rules, New York Seat, heavy equipment servicing in the Middle East, banking industry
- Co-Arbitrator, ICC Rules, Ottawa Seat, agricultural processing plant in eastern Canada
- Co-Arbitrator, DIAC Rules, Dubai Seat, communications installation in Saudi Arabia
- Co-arbitrator, Ad hoc, PCA, Paris Seat, multi-purpose dam project in Central America involving electricity generation
- Sole Arbitrator, ICC Rules, Philadelphia seat, heavy equipment supply for a rail project in India
- Chair, SIAC Rules, Singapore Seat, grinding equipment manufacturing in China

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- Chair, SIAC Rules, Singapore Seat, solar power project in China
- Sole Arbitrator, SIAC Rules, Singapore Seat, energy trading in Asia Pacific
- Sole Arbitrator, ICC Rules, New York Seat, desulphurisation project in India
- Chair, ICC Rules, New York Seat, environmental, oil processing American Mid-West

COMMERCIAL

Including mergers & acquisitions, shareholder disputes, intellectual property, finance and employment:

- Sole Arbitrator, SIAC Rules, Singapore Seat, shareholder dispute
- Sole Arbitrator, ICC Rules, Singapore Seat, shareholder dispute
- Sole Arbitrator, HKIAC Rules, Hong Kong Seat, professional sports licensing
- Sole Arbitrator, Ad Hoc, UNCITRAL Rules, London Seat, executive employment in financial services
- Sole Arbitrator, ICDR Rules, Toronto Seat, brokerage agreement
- Sole Arbitrator, ICDR Rules, New York Seat, multi-level retail franchising
- Chair, ICC Rules, New York Seat, Post-M&A, waste disposal
- Chair, ICC Rules, Kingston, Jamaica Seat, franchising, travel industry
- Sole Arbitrator, ICC Rules, New York, information technology development
- Emergency Arbitrator, ICC Rules, New York Seat, pharmaceuticals, patent licensing
- Chair, ICDR Rules, Toronto Seat, Joint venture, new regulated health product development
- Co-arbitrator, KCAB International Rules, Seoul Seat, consultancy, electronics industry

- Emergency Arbitrator, ICDR Rules, New York Seat, litigation financing in intellectual property dispute

GOVERNING LAW

The applicable laws in the cases above have included the laws of Canada (Alberta, Ontario), Hong Kong, India, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, United Kingdom, United States (California, New York, Philadelphia) and investment treaties.

ARBITRAL PANELS

American Arbitration Association - ICDR Panel of International Neutrals

Asian International Arbitration Centre Panel of Arbitrators (AIAC)

Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA)

Fellow and Panel Member British Virgin Islands International Arbitration Centre (BVI IAC)

Panel of Arbitrators Canadian Transport Agency Arbitrator

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) Presidential Panel

China Int'l Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)

Panel of Arbitrators Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)

Panel Member Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA)

Panel Member Korean Commercial Arbitration Board International (KCAB)

Panel Member London Chamber of Arbitration and Mediation –

Panel of Arbitrators London Court of International Arbitration

Shanghai International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (SHIAC) Panel of Arbitrators

Shenzhen Commission on International Arbitration (SCIA) Panel of Arbitrators

Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Panel of Arbitrators

Ukrainian Chamber International Commercial Arbitration Court – Recommended Arbitrator

PUBLICATIONS

Janet is a regular presenter and contributor to events and journals around the world. Major publications to note are:

- Co-Author, Commercial Arbitration in Australia Under the Model Law, (Thompson Reuters, 3rd edition 2022)
- Canadian Conflict of Laws (LexisNexis, 5th edition 2001+, 6th edition 2005+)
- Halsbury's Laws of Canada, Conflict of Laws (LexisNexis, 2006-)
- Co-Author, Civil Litigation (Irwin, 2010)

- Editor, The Civil Litigation Process (Emond, 6th - 9th editions 2005-)
- Editor, Class Actions in Canada (Emond, 1st -2nd editions, 2013-)
- Editor, The Vis Book (Juris, 2007)
- Co-editor, Private International Law in Common Law Canada (Emond, 3rd - 4th editions 2010-)
- Co-editor, Common Law, Civil Law, and the Future of Categories (LexisNexis, 2010)

CURRENT POSITIONS

- ICC Canada Arbitration Committee Chair and ICC Commission Member
- CanArbWeek Co-Chair
- Osgoode Hall Law School Distinguished Research Professor
- IBA International Construction Projects Committee Officer
- International Association of Procedural Law Hon Secretary General
- CIArb Canada Executive Board Member
- Max Planck Institute Luxembourg Scientific Advisory Board Member
- International Construction Law Association Board Member

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Arbitralwomen
- Asociación Latinoamericano Arbitraje
- Canadian Bar Association
- International Bar Association
- International Construction Law Association
- ICC Commission
- Juris Roster
- Society of Construction Law North America
- The Advocates' Society
- Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society (formerly Arb Roundtable of Toronto)
- Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Arbitrator (former coach)
- Worshipful Company of Arbitrators, Freeman of the City of London

PREVIOUSLY HELD POSITIONS

2006-15 Common Law Advisor, Federal Courts Rules Committee

2014-15 Academic Advisor, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

2001-14 Foreign Research Professor, Faculté des sciences juridiques de Tunis, Masters in Common Law

2010-14 International Lawyers for Africa, Tunisian National Committee Member

2012-13 ULCC Working Group on Arbitration Legislation Advisory Board

2006-12 CIArb, Founding Chair, Toronto Chapter

2009-11 ILA Canadian Branch President

2007-10 ABA Litigation Section Working Group on Protocols for Parallel Class Actions

2010 University College, Oxford, Leverhulme Visiting Professor

2009 IAPL Conference Co-Chair, "Common Law-Civil Law: The Future of Categories"

2008 Law Commission of Ontario, Scholar-in-Residence

2008 NYU/NUS Joint Program Hauser Global Law Professor

2007 NYU School of Law Hauser Global Law Professor

2007-08 IBA Task Force on International Procedures and Protocols for Collective Redress

2006-08 ILA Committee: International Litigation and the Interests of the Public: Group Actions

2006 ILA Conference 72nd Biennial Conference Co-Chair

2004-06 Uniform Law Commission of Canada: National Class Action Reform Project

1998-04 ALI/Unidroit Transnational Rules & Principles of Civil Procedure Project International Adviser

EDUCATION/QUALIFICATIONS

2017 CIArb Chartered Arbitrator

2015 Legal Consultant, New York State Bar

2002 DPhil, Oxford University (Law) (MA, 2010)

1998 Bar of Ontario, Law Society of Upper Canada

1993 JD, Osgoode Hall Law School

1982 MA, York University

1979 BA (Hons), York University

NATIONALITY AND LANGUAGES

Nationality Canadian, British

Languages English (native), Spanish and French (oral and written comprehension)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Janet has been recognised regularly in legal directories for her skill as an arbitrator including in Who's Who Legal Canada, UK Bar, and Who's Who Arbitration Thought Leader; and in Chambers & Partners, Dispute Resolution: Most in Demand Arbitrators – Nationwide - Canada

"She is hailed by sources as 'an excellent arbitrator' and offers deep knowledge of commercial dispute resolution relating to clients in the construction, finance and environmental industries".
Chambers & Partners, Canada, 2020

"Janet Walker is hailed 'a very strong arbitrator' who ranks highly among peers thanks to her impressive experience as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and chair."
Who's Who Legal, Thought Leader, Arbitration 2020

"I know well the talents that mark a first-rate arbitrator. Professor Walker possesses them all."
Who's Who Legal, 2019

"A force to be reckoned with and a very bright arbitrator."
Chambers & Partners, Global, 2019

"Janet is held in very high regard by the International Arbitration Community as a pre-eminent arbitration practitioner and scholar."
Who's Who Legal, 2019

"Professor Walker was responsive to the parties' queries and submissions at all times, diligently conducted the proceedings through carefully crafted procedural decisions and spearheaded the issuance of an award which ultimately led to an efficient resolution of the parties' dispute."
Who's Who Legal, 2019