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John Gilbert resolves disputes across the energy sector through litigation, arbitration, expert determination and mediation. He advises on a broad range of disputes related to oil and gas exploration and production, the construction and operation of pipelines and the downstream sector. John has particular experience representing clients locked in disputes over gas sales agreements, including price reviews and on the operation of take-or-pay provisions. In addition, he advises on a broad range of disputes relating to power generation, both conventional and renewables.

John advises on the protection of investments through bilateral and multilateral investment treaties and has represented clients in claims made under treaties.

John has also represented clients in issues concerning ESG, including matters concerning business and human rights, anti-bribery and money laundering obligations and on conducting investigations. For six years, John previously served as in-house counsel in the dispute resolution team of an oil and gas supermajor.

John has been ranked by *Chambers UK* each year since 2020 and by *The Legal 500 United Kingdom* each year since 2018, where clients report that he is “extremely bright and goes to great lengths to ensure his clients get the service they deserve.” (2022).

Industries

[Energy](#)

Practices

[Litigation](#)

[Construction Litigation](#)

[International Arbitration](#)

[Oil & Gas](#)

Credentials

Education

- Oberlin College, L.P.C., 1998

- University of Dallas, B.A., 1997, *with honors*

Bar Admissions

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Registered to conduct proceedings before the DIFC Courts

Chambers Global

- UK – Energy & Natural Resources: Disputes, 2024

Chambers UK

- Energy & Natural Resources: Disputes, 2020 – 2025
- International Arbitration, 2025

The Legal 500 United Kingdom

- Dispute Resolution – International Arbitration, 2018 – 2025
- Dispute Resolution – Commercial Litigation, 2020 – 2025
- Finance – Emerging Markets, 2024 – 2025
- Projects, Energy and Natural Resources – Oil & Gas, 2022, 2025 (Leading Partner, 2025)
- Projects, Energy and Natural Resources – Power (including Electricity, Nuclear and Renewables), 2020, 2024

Lawdragon Inc.

- *Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Litigators*, International Litigation & Arbitration, especially Energy, 2023 – 2024

Resources

Dispute Resolution in the Oil and Gas Sector: Q&A

Article

Predictable Unpredictability: Stranded Assets and the Scope for Disputes under PSCs

Blog Post

VERSION 2 UNPUBLISHED: Predictable unpredictability: stranded assets and the scope for disputes under PSCs

Blog Post

Strategic Use of International Arbitration & Mexico

Video

All's Well That Ends Well? NSTA Launch Investigation Into Oil Well Decommissioning Delays

Blog Post

Oil Spot Trading: Whose Terms Apply – The Incorporation of English Jurisdiction Clauses in Oral Agreements

Blog Post

DSAs: Calculating Security and the Role of Expert Determination

Blog Post

Challenging Policy on Climate Change Grounds

Article

Expert Determination in the Energy Sector – When Will the Courts Intervene?

Blog Post

The ENRC Saga – Not Just a UK Concern

Blog Post

Recent UK Court Rulings on Scope 3 Emissions: Have the Floodgates to Climate Change Litigation Fully Opened?

Blog Post

LNG Delivery Disputes

Article

Publications & Speeches

- “LNG Delivery Disputes,” *The Law and Business of LNG, Fourth Edition*, Globe Law and Business, 2024.
- “Joint Venture Disputes in the Energy Sector,” Energy Arbitration Club, January 2024.
- “Joint Venture Disputes in the Energy Sector,” AIEN & LCIA Dispute Resolution in the International Energy Business, October 2023.
- Co-Author, *Joint Venture Disputes in the Energy and Natural Resource Sectors*, Oxford University Press, September 2023.

- “Corporate joint venture dispute – dealing with deadlock: initial considerations,” *Lexis PSL*, March 2023.
- “Dispute Resolution in the Oil and Gas Sector: Q&A,” *Thomson Reuters*, February 2023.
- “Challenging Policy on Climate Change Grounds” *Energy Voice*, April 2022.
- “Arbitration in the energy sector—an introduction” *LexisPSL*, March 2021.
- “A Global Review of JOA Disputes - A Fireside Chat,” *AIPN*, December 15, 2020.
- “A Global Review of Joint Operating Agreement Disputes,” *AIPN Research Paper*, June 2020.
- Challenges in Arbitration, *LexisNexis Butterworths*, November 2019.
- "Joint Operating Agreements in the International Oil & Gas Industry: ICC Arbitral Awards," *ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin*, 2019, Issue 3.
- "Joint Operating Agreement Disputes," *AIPN & ICDR Dispute Resolution in the International Oil & Gas Business Conference*, October 22-23, 2019.
- "Iran: Re-Imposed US Sanctions Fall-Out," *Petroleum Review*, March 2019.
- "Use it or Lose it," *Petroleum Review*, May 2018.
- "Taming Price Review Clauses: Lessons From the Transactional and Arbitration Battlefields," paper for LNG 18 International Conference & Exhibition on Liquefied Natural Gas, April 2016.
- "Influence of the State in Upstream Disputes" and "Gas Price Disputes," Conference on Energy Arbitration & Dispute Resolution in the Middle East & Africa, March 2016.
- "Multi-Party and Multi-Contract Arbitration," a chapter in *Arbitration in England* (Kluwer, 2013).