

The Honourable Barry Leon

Arbitrator and Mediator

The Honourable Barry Leon is an independent arbitrator and mediator based in the British Virgin Islands and working in the Caribbean, Canada, the U.S, the U.K and other international arbitration centres.

From March 2015 – March 2018 Mr. Leon, a Canadian, was the High Court Judge (Commercial Division), Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, in the British Virgin Islands, known as the BVI Commercial Court. In that capacity he was a founding member of the Judicial Insolvency Network.

Prior to his appointment to the BVI Commercial Court, Mr. Leon was a Partner and Head of the International Arbitration Group at Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall LLP, a leading international arbitration firm based in Ottawa, Canada. Until 2009 he was a Partner with Torys LLP in its Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice in Toronto, Canada, and for many years served as Coordinator of the Practice. He has more than 30 years of experience as counsel, acting on many complex and significant cases for a wide variety of clients and involving many different industries including financial services, natural resources, energy, technology, intellectual property, manufacturing and construction.

For many years before his judicial appointment in BVI, he also served as an arbitrator and mediator, which he continued to do occasionally following his appointment.

Mr. Leon is a member of Arbitration Place in Canada. He is a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), an International Mediation Institute (IMI) Certified Mediator, and a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Mr. Leon received numerous professional recognitions in international arbitration and other areas including from *Global Arbitration Review's GAR 100*; *Chambers Global*; *Lexpert/American Lawyer's Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada*; *PLC Which Lawyer?*; *The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration*; *The Best Lawyers in Canada*; *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*; *Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration*; *Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada*; and *Who's Who Legal - Canada*.

In 2013 he received CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution's "Award for Outstanding Contribution to Diversity in ADR".

Mr. Leon has been an active member of numerous international arbitration organizations, serving in executive positions and on task forces and commissions, and organizing conferences and events. He was Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, ICC Canada (Canadian National Committee of the ICC) and Co-Chair of The Advocates' Society's Arbitration and Mediation Advocacy Practice Group. Barry is a member of the Caribbean Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He regularly chairs conferences and panels and speaks and writes extensively on arbitration, commercial litigation and mediation topics. Barry's 2018 arbitration event participation, including moderating and speaking on some programmes, was in Guyana, Jamaica, Toronto, Washington, New York, Paris, London and Sydney.

Mr. Leon is a non-practising member of the Bar in Ontario, Canada (Law Society of Ontario). He holds a law degree from the University of Toronto, an MBA degree from the Ivey Business School at Western University, and a BA (Political Science; Economics) from the University of Alberta.