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### **Christopher Newmark, Partner**

Chris Newmark, is a partner with Spenser Underhill Newmark LLP, a London-based niche practice specialising in international arbitration and ADR. He has wide experience as both an arbitrator and a mediator. He sits regularly as chairman, panel and sole arbitrator under the rules of the leading arbitral institutions and in ad hoc proceedings, and was the first emergency arbitrator to be appointed under the 2012 ICC Rules of Arbitration. He conducts his mediation practice through CEDR Chambers, one of the UK's leading groups of mediators. He is a mediator and arbitrator panellist for Sport Resolutions UK and a member of the panel of mediators of the Lausanne-based Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Mr Newmark is the current Chair of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, a position to which he was appointed in January 2014, after six years as Vice-Chair. During his time as Chairman, the ICC Commission has introduced task forces working on Emergency Arbitration and on the Probative Value of Witness Evidence and has published reports on Decisions on Costs and on Financial Institutions and Arbitration. Mr Newmark also co-chaired the ICC task force on reducing time and cost in arbitrations, whose work led to the frequently referenced report, 'Techniques for Controlling Time and Costs in Arbitration'.

Mr Newmark writes and lectures regularly on arbitration and ADR and has contributed to leading publications on these subjects. He is a Senior Visiting Lecturer at the School of International Arbitration, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University, London.

After graduating in law from the University of Birmingham in the UK, Mr Newmark was admitted as a solicitor and joined the law firm Baker & McKenzie, where he was a partner for ten years, before co-founding his current firm.