



Christopher S. Gibson

Christopher Gibson is a Professor at Suffolk University Law School in Boston, where he teaches international arbitration, law and global technology, international business transactions, and Internet law.

ADDRESSES

Boston, MA

London, England

AREAS OF PRACTICE

International Arbitration
Technology and Telecoms
Intellectual Property

EDUCATION

Boalt Hall School of Law,
University of California
J.D., 1988

John F. Kennedy School of
Government, Harvard University
M.P.P., 1984

University of Chicago
B.A. honours, 1982

MEMBERSHIPS

United Kingdom Registered
Foreign Lawyer

State Bar of California

American Bar Association

London Court of International
Arbitration

International Bar Association

Professor Gibson was previously a partner in the London office of Steptoe & Johnson, where he worked with the International Arbitration and Technology/ Telecoms practice groups.

International Dispute Resolution

Mr. Gibson has extensive experience representing clients in a variety of large commercial conflicts, focusing on international arbitration and litigation, and particularly where technology, intellectual property, telecommunications, energy or complex international law issues are involved.

Mr. Gibson's experience as an advocate spans both sides of the Atlantic, as well as substantial experience representing parties from the UK, US, Middle East and Russia. He has acted as lead counsel in a number of arbitrations involving complex international supply and framework contracts, telecom interconnect agreements, investment disputes and arbitral award enforcement. He has also acted a lead mediating expert in a complex dispute between members of a multinational satellite joint venture. He has extensive advocacy experience before various courts, arbitral tribunals, government agencies, international organizations and trademark registries. He is a member of several international arbitrator rosters, including domain name panels, and has been appointed as arbitrator in a number of arbitrations including ad hoc, the International Chamber of Commerce and domain name disputes.

Recent Cases

Successfully represented a Swiss aluminum trading company as lead counsel in claims under complex framework and supply agreements. Stockholm Chamber of Commerce arbitration. (2002-2005) Value: \$350 million.

Successfully represented a Guernsey trading company as lead counsel in enforcement of arbitral award in off-shore jurisdiction, with interim relief obtained in European and off-shore jurisdictions. (2003-2005) Value: \$12 million.

Successfully represented UK telecoms company as lead counsel in ad hoc arbitration with major international telecoms company under UNCITRAL Rules concerning dispute over complex carrier interconnect issues. Obtained favorable settlement. (2004) Value: \$multi-million.

Obtained emergency freezing and attachment orders from French and Bermudan courts (working with local counsel) in proceedings to enforce a \$2 billion judgment of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. (2002-2004)

Successfully represented UK telecoms company as lead counsel in trade mark opposition proceedings against major international carrier. (2001-2003) Value: Company's name at stake.

Member of Steptoe team representing a major telecommunications provider in a product liability dispute under a GSM frame contract involving alleged defects in one of Europe's largest GSM/GPRS networks. ICC arbitration. (2002-2004) Value: \$375 million.

Technology and Intellectual Property

Mr. Gibson also advises clients on a wide variety of issues involving intellectual property, technology and related commercial and regulatory matters. His practice focuses on evaluating intellectual property issues and negotiating/drafting related agreements including licenses and particularly where international issues are involved. Mr. Gibson represents a number of e-commerce and telecommunications companies concerning intellectual property, technology and telecoms issues. He also advises on trade-related intellectual property issues, such as the TRIPS Agreement, anti-counterfeiting and enforcement of IP rights. He acts for a number of industry associations that focus on developing technologies and standards for the Internet and communications sectors.

Mr. Gibson has extensive experience in all aspects of domain name matters, including representing clients in disputes, advising on domain name system (DNS) legal, IP and technology issues, and covering emerging issues arising from convergence of the DNS and telecommunications sectors.

Background

Mr. Gibson has broad background in private commercial and international law and arbitration. Following law school, he clerked for the Honourable Stanley A. Weigel in the U.S. Federal District Court for the Northern District of California, practiced international arbitration and IP litigation with a pre-eminent California law firm in San Francisco, worked as a Legal Assistant at the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in the Hague, the Netherlands, and headed a division of the United Nations Compensation Commission in Geneva dealing with claims arising from the Gulf War.

Publications & Speaking

Mr. Gibson has spoken at more than 70 conferences around the world on the topics of international dispute resolution, intellectual property and technology. He has also presented and taught at numerous workshops and seminars. Several of his recent articles include

The EU Copyright Directive – UK Implementation,
Convergence (January 2003)

“New Numbering Convention by Oftel,” *Convergence*
(February 2002)

“Ralph Lauren Loses String of UDRP Cases.” *Electronic
Business Law* (August 2002)

“Keeping the Confidence in International Arbitration,” *ICC
Members Handbook 2002*

"Digital Dispute Resolution, Internet Domain Names and
WIPO's Role," *Computer and Recht International* (February
2001)

"WIPO Primer on Electronic Commerce and Intellectual
Property," Editor and Principal Author,
WIPO/OLOA/EC/PRIMER (May 2000)

"Awards and Other Decisions," *The American Review of
International Arbitration*, Parker School of Foreign and
Comparative Law, Columbia University, Vol. 9 (1998)

"Enforcement of Foreign Judgments, International Litigation,"
The International Business Lawyer (Summer 1997)

"Arbitration in International Intellectual Property Disputes,"
The California International Practitioner, Vol. 8, No. 1
(1997)