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James Hope is a dual-qualified Swedish Advokat and English Solicitor-Advocate, with over 30 years' experience of working as a dispute resolution lawyer. He started his career as a solicitor in Scotland and then spent ten years in London – at Simmons & Simmons and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom – before moving to Stockholm in 2006.

James has acted as counsel or arbitrator in more than 100 international arbitration cases, including *inter alia* under LCIA, ICC, SCC, UNCITRAL, ICDR, Danish Institute of Arbitration, and Finnish Chamber of Commerce arbitration rules, as well as under ICSID. He is also a CEDR Accredited Mediator.

In addition to arbitration, James also has long experience of litigation from three different jurisdictions: Scotland, England and now Sweden.

As well as having a busy practice, James is a guest lecturer in arbitration at Stockholm and Uppsala universities. He is also co-chair of the research panel of arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution at the Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law (SCCL). He was previously a member of the LCIA Court, a member of the Board of the SCC Arbitration Institute, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Swedish Arbitration Association.

Practice Areas

- Dispute Resolution

Business Sectors

- Energy
- IT, Technology and Telecommunications
- Trade and Retail

Education

- Edinburgh University (LLB with distinction 1993, DipLP 1994)
- Christ's College, Cambridge University (BA 1991, MA 1994)

Experience

Over 30 years' experience of litigation and arbitration:

- Vinge, Stockholm (Consultant 2006-2011, Partner 2012 -)
- Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP, London (Associate 2002-2005, Counsel 2005-2006)
- 6 month secondment at Vinge, Stockholm (2000 - 2001)
- Simmons & Simmons, London (1996 - 2001)
- Simpson & Marwick WS, Edinburgh (1994 - 1996)

Other qualifications

- Co-chair of the research panel at the arbitration, Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law (SCCL)
- CEDR Accredited Mediator
- Part-time lecturer, ICAL Program, University of Stockholm, Sweden
- Member of the ICDR panel of arbitrators
- Member of the CIETAC panel of arbitrators
- Member of the AIAC panel of arbitrators
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Awards





A selection of some current and recent cases - As arbitrator

SCC arbitration in Stockholm under Finnish law: acting as co-arbitrator in an arbitration between Swedish and Finnish parties concerning nuclear waste (2025 -)

LCIA arbitration in London under English law: acting as co-arbitrator in an arbitration between Spanish and Swiss parties concerning a supply contract (2024 -)

SCC emergency arbitration: acted as an emergency arbitrator concerning a construction dispute between Russian and Swiss parties (2024)

LMAA arbitration in London under English law: acting as co-arbitrator in an arbitration between Swiss parties concerning trade law issues (2023 -)

SCC arbitration in Stockholm under Romanian law: acted as co-arbitrator in an M&A arbitration between Danish and Romanian parties (2022 - 2023)

Ad hoc arbitration in Oslo under Norwegian law: acted as chair of the arbitral tribunal in an M&A arbitration between Norwegian and German parties (2022 - 2024)

ICC arbitration in Stockholm under Swedish law: acting as sole arbitrator in an arbitration between Russian and Hong Kong parties concerning an IT dispute (2022 -)

SCC arbitration in Stockholm under Estonian law: acted as co-arbitrator in an arbitration between Finnish and Estonian parties (2022)

SCC arbitration in Stockholm under English law: acted as co-arbitrator in an arbitration between Russian and Italian parties concerning an IT dispute (2021 - 2023)

SCC arbitration in Stockholm under Swedish law: acted as co-arbitrator in an arbitration between Kazakhstan and Hungarian companies concerning an IT dispute (2021 - 2023)

FAI (Finland Arbitration Institute) arbitration in Helsinki under Finnish law: acted as co-arbitrator in an arbitration concerning mobile telecommunications between Finnish and U.S. parties (2021 - 2022)

SCC arbitration in Stockholm under CISG: acted as co-arbitrator in an arbitration between English and UAE parties concerning sale of goods (2021 - 2022)

SCC emergency arbitration: acted as an emergency arbitrator concerning a financial transaction between Icelandic and Swedish parties (2021)

SCC emergency arbitration: acted as an emergency arbitrator concerning a construction dispute between Polish and Estonian parties (2021)

LCIA arbitration in London under English law: acting as co-arbitrator in an arbitration between two Ghanaian parties arising out of a drilling contract (2020 -)

SCC arbitration in London under English law: acted as sole arbitrator in an expedited arbitration between parties from Canada and Luxembourg (2020 - 2021)

SCC arbitration in London under English law: acted as sole arbitrator in an expedited arbitration between Chinese and Russian parties (2020 - 2021)

DIA (Danish Institute of Arbitration) arbitration in Copenhagen under Danish law: acted as president of the arbitral tribunal in an arbitration concerning the supply of technical services between German and Danish parties (2020)

ICC arbitration in Dubai under English law: acted as president of the arbitral tribunal in a large construction arbitration between Italian, Turkish and Spanish parties (2019 - 2022)

DIA (Danish Institute of Arbitration) arbitration in Aalborg under Danish law: acted as sole arbitrator in payment dispute between Danish and Canadian parties (2019 - 2020)

SCC emergency arbitration: acted as emergency arbitrator in a dispute between two Jersey entities (2019)

ICC arbitration in Oslo under Norwegian law: acted as president of the arbitral tribunal in a large construction arbitration between Spanish and Norwegian parties (2018 - 2020)

A selection of some current and recent cases - As counsel

Ex parte injunction proceedings before the Stockholm District Court: acting for an oil exploration company in a case concerning the termination of a joint venture (2024 - 2025)

Expedited arbitration before the Court of Arbitration for Sport: acting for the respondent in an arbitration concerning selection procedures for the 2024 Olympic Games (2024 - 2025)

SCC arbitration in Stockholm under Swedish law: acting as counsel for the respondents in a contract case concerning allegations of non-disclosure and disloyal conduct (2024 - 2025)

SCC arbitration in Stockholm under Swedish law: acting as counsel for the respondents in a case concerning alleged breach of a non-compete clause (2024)

SCC arbitration in Stockholm under Swedish law: acting as counsel for Saudi Arabian parties in an arbitration concerning the supply of medical equipment (2023 - 2025)

Challenge proceedings in the Svea Court of Appeal: acting for a Kazakhstan company in challenging an arbitral award concerning a dispute with an Italian company (2023 - 2025)

Litigation in Nacka District Court: acting as counsel for the respondent in a dispute concerning a construction project outside Stockholm (2023 -)

ICC arbitration in Stockholm under English law: acted as counsel for a party from Azerbaijan in a construction arbitration concerning a multi-party dispute (2022 - 2025)

ICSID arbitration under a bilateral investment treaty: acting for a European State in defending a claim brought by an Asian telecoms company (2021 -)

SCC arbitration in Stockholm under Swedish law: acted as counsel for the respondent in a dispute between Albanian and U.S. companies concerning sale of goods (2021)

SCC arbitration in Stockholm under Swedish law: acted as counsel in an M&A dispute between Swedish and Finnish companies (2020 - 2021)

Litigation in the Swedish Patent and Market Court: cross-border litigation concerning a negative declaration in respect of competition law damages (2020)

Construction litigation in Solna District Court: acted as counsel for the contractor in a large and complex construction litigation (2019 - 2022)

Challenge proceedings in the Svea Court of Appeal concerning intra-EU investment treaty awards: acted for two different EU States in challenging intra-EU arbitral awards in light of the Achmea decision (2019 - 2024)

ICC arbitration in Stockholm under Swedish law: acted as counsel for a mobile phone manufacturer in a patent licensing dispute against a telecoms company (2018 - 2023)

SCC arbitration in Stockholm under Swedish law: acted as counsel for a large Swedish company in a patent and know-how licensing dispute (2018 - 2021)

Litigation in the Swedish Patent and Market Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court: cross-border litigation concerning a negative declaration in respect of competition law damages (2018 - 2020)