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Iain Sheridan is a versatile civil law barrister who originally trained in the Chambers of Richard ('Dick') Ferguson at One Crown Office Row. He practises principally in five core areas:

- Civil litigation
- Financial services regulation
- Technology regulation
- Climate-related regulation
- International arbitration

Iain is dedicated to trials in the Business and Property Courts, accepting direct and law firm instructions. He conducts cases in London, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Leeds, Manchester, and Newcastle. Clients include architects, asset managers, banks, construction firms, engineers, entrepreneurs, the Formula 1/Formula E community, high net worth individuals, and publicly listed companies.

## Expertise

## Regulation

### Financial services regulation

He accepts instructions to act both for and against regulatory bodies, including FCA, PRA, AIM, FOS, FRC, FSCS

LME, Pensions Regulator, and Takeover Panel. Iain can also take instructions to appear before the FCA's RDC and in the Upper Tribunal, whether for asset managers, banks, individuals, or the regulator. He also has experience in highly complex commercial crime cases.

Since training in the financial services practice group at Allen & Overy (now A&O Shearman), Iain's expertise has developed from advising *ABN AMRO, Bank of America, Barclays, Citadel, Citi Group, Columbia Threadneedle Investments, CQS, Deutsche Bank, Fidelity International, Freetrade, and Société Générale*. His hands-on capital markets experience is built on acting as legal counsel on three trading floors including responsibility for complex derivatives. He was also head of legal (EMEA and APAC) for the boutique investment bank *Fox-Pitt Kelton*.

Instructions have included advising on the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (FSMA) and subsequent legislation, MIFID, DORA, UK operational resilience rules, section 166 FSMA skilled persons' reviews, and the senior managers regime. His practitioner book 'Financial Regulation and Technology' (*Elgar Publishing, 2022*) is relied on by high court judges, law firms, and regulators.

### Technology regulation

In the Technology sector, Iain has advised or represented clients on a variety of cross-border contractual or dispute resolution matters. His expertise encompasses export controls licensing, intellectual property, and the National Security and Investment Act 2021. He has acted on behalf of, against or alongside *Accenture, Bloomberg, IBM, Orange Business, Intel, Lenovo, Rockley Group, Thomson Reuters, Verizon Communications* and *Wall Street Systems*.

Further, he has contributed practical articles and chapters to books on innovative technologies for more than two decades on diverse topics ranging from AI, crypto assets, derivatives trading platforms, GPS, and prosecuting fraud over the Internet. His practitioner book 'Semiconductors: Law, Strategy and Tax' (*Elgar Publishing, 2025*) has been endorsed by, among others, Lord Willetts the UK's former science minister.

### Climate-related regulation

Iain frequently serves clients on sustainability-related issues in the contexts of litigation risk and court representation. He can take instructions to appear on behalf of businesses, environmental organisations, local authorities, or the regulators. His expertise includes advising board members of regulated firms on climate change and sustainability requirements such as downstream greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel development.

His climate change knowledge is based on an MPhil in geoscience from Cambridge, the data science elements of which were published by the *Royal Society*. He also holds the *CFA Institute* Sustainable Investing certificate. Further, Iain has contributed a chapter entitled 'Climate Change and Sustainability Litigation in English Courts' analysing recent Court of Appeal and Supreme Court judgments, in the practitioner book 'Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Disputes: Litigation and Arbitration' (*Kluwer International, 2025*).

## International Law

### International arbitration

Iain spent two years in Vienna growing an international arbitration practice. He has been instructed by both the

*United Nations* and the *OECD* to teach international arbitration to High Court judges in Lebanon and Ukraine. He is familiar with ICC, LCIA, and VIAC rules, and has acted as a tribunal secretary on a EUR 200m LNG price review arbitration, supporting leading arbitrators, including Christoph Liebscher and Julian Lew. His expertise in financial services and technology make him a rational choice as cross-examining counsel or arbitrator in disputes concerning these areas.

### International taxation

He has been involved in advising businesses on complex, high value decisions, such as corporate tax, transfer pricing, and VAT. His professional tax qualifications awarded by the UK Chartered Institute of Taxation include an advanced diploma in international tax for the jurisdictions of Australia, China, Hong Kong (SAR), and Singapore. His practitioner book 'Semiconductors: Law, Strategy and Tax' (*Elgar Publishing*, 2025) covers multiple intellectual property and tax issues.

## Education

MBA – Exeter College, Oxford University.

## Memberships

Financial Services Lawyers Association (FSLA) – Executive committee member

Global Chip Law Association (GCLA) – Chair

Inner Temple Education & Training Department – Volunteer

## Publications

Financial Regulation and Technology – A Legal and Compliance Guide, 2022 (*Elgar Publishing*)

Semiconductors: Law, Strategy and Tax, 2025 (*Elgar Publishing*).