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Ed Murphy is an arbitrator and trial lawyer. He has extensive international and domestic experience in litigation and arbitration, as an advocator and arbitrator. He advises clients on maritime operations and chartering matters. He has tried to verdict numerous jury and bench trials throughout the United States and has participated in the defense of clients in international venues. He has been involved with more than 100 arbitrations in the United States and internationally, and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitration, a member of the American Arbitration Association Commercial Panel, and serves on domestic and international arbitration panels.

He has been an arbitrator since 2019 and began transitioning his practice to arbitration.

Notable Work

International Arbitration: Represented an integrated energy company in international arbitration regarding construction of two ultra-large crude carriers.

Energy: Represented a major U.S. energy company in defending a multi-billion dollar fraud and breach of contract suit arising from the failed sale of a large producing oil field.

State Owned Chinese Company: Represented a national trading company of the People's Republic of China in defending against the enforcement of an arbitration award and civil sanctions regarding the failed financing and construction of a chemical facility in Pakistan.

Consumer Class Action: Represented a national consumer service company defending against a Texas class action suit alleging misrepresentations to consumers throughout the United States.

Areas of Experience

International Litigation and Arbitration
Energy and Infrastructure
Financial Services
Commercial Disputes
Insurance Litigation
Litigation
Product Liability and Mass Torts
Oil & Gas: Downstream and Petrochemical
Oil & Gas: Environmental
Oil & Gas: Midstream
Oil & Gas: Upstream
Professional Liability
Economic Sanctions and Export Controls

Education

J.D., St. John's University School of Law, 1974
B.S., United States Merchant Marine Academy, Marine Transportation, 1969

Admissions

Bars

Texas
New York

Courts

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of International Trade
U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Related Content

Currency Transactions: Represented an accounting firm defending against allegations of negligence and other claims in leveraged foreign currency option transactions.

Prior Professional Experience

- Senior Vice President, Coscol Petroleum Company
- Senior Vice President, Coscol Marine Ltd.
- USNR (ret.)
- USCG Merchant Marine license, Any Ocean, Any Tonnage

Published Work and Lectures

- Mr. Murphy has spoken at many continuing legal education seminars regarding trial strategies, tactics, and principles of jury management. He also has spoken on numerous oil, gas, energy, and maritime topics.
- Texas Bar CLE: 8th Annual Advanced Insurance Law Course, Co-author, "A Curt Primer for London Court of International Arbitration Proceedings," February 28, 2011

Affiliations

- The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Fellow
- American Arbitration Association, Commercial Panel
- London Court of International Arbitration
- Atlanta International Arbitration Society
- Texas Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit
- Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Defense Research Institute

Honors and Distinctions

- Fellow, The Chartered Institute of Arbitration
- Commercial Panel, American Arbitration Association
- *Best Lawyers,* 2023-2027, Listed in Texas for Arbitration, Litigation – Insurance, Oil and Gas Law, Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2019, Listed in Texas for Business Litigation

Record Number of Akerman Lawyers Named to *Best Lawyers* 2026 Guide
August 21, 2025

Record Number of Akerman Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2024 Guide
August 22, 2023

Texas Lawyer Legal Department of the Year Awards
November 01, 2016