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- Ian studied in the United Kingdom, Scandinavia and America. His first degree was from Oxford University in Classical Languages and Philosophy. He also studied at the University of Uppsala in Sweden.
- He qualified in Law at the College of Law in London and became a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales in 1981.
- He has been a Partner in a large, multinational law practice but for the past 20 years, has run his own practice in International Law in Lincoln's Inn and Temple.
- Most of his career he has dealt with international claims for clients around the world which have an English connection. For example, he has dealt with a large number of arbitration disputes not only in London, but also with the Seat of Arbitration elsewhere, including Stockholm and Helsinki.
- He has also taken cases to the High Court of Justice and beyond. His better known cases are the Viking Line case (C-438/05) which is still a leading Trade Union case and which went to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. He also handled the O2 dispute (C-58/08) which also went to the European Court of Justice on the issue of roaming charges.
- For the past ten years, a lot of the cases with which Ian has been involved, have been resolved by mediation and ADR, as the English Courts and international arbitrators have introduced those mechanisms to a wide ranging number of disputes as a means of achieving quicker and less expensive solutions.
- He has worked with most of the leading mediators in London and is himself a trained mediator.
- His special interest is in preparing international clients for the mediation process, either in London or elsewhere and the different considerations which apply to the mediation procedure

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compared to conventional High Court proceedings and conventional arbitration proceedings, whether institutional or ad-hoc.

- He is a keen follower of Liverpool Football Club and played twice himself at Wembley when representing the University of Oxford against the University of Cambridge.
- Ian was Chairman of the Finnish British Chamber of Commerce and received a Knighthood from the President of Finland for services to Anglo-Finnish Industry.