

### *Key Qualifications*

William Prast is a commercial and technical consultant to the extractive industries, including petroleum, natural gas, coal and minerals. His work includes participation in contract negotiations, the resolution of contentious commercial disputes, investment analysis, and public policy issues.

He advises the senior management of shareholder-owned corporations and has directed projects to encourage foreign direct investments on behalf of sovereign governments and the United Nations. He has visited more than 60 countries in connection with his work.

### *Representative Assignments*

He is retained by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) in the United Kingdom to review initial public offerings, complex debt issues, and related listing transactions in the energy and minerals industries. Similar services are provided to the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong.

He also advises the FCA and the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) of the London Stock Exchange on questions of market abuse and has given testimony on behalf of the FCA in proceedings in the Royal Courts of Justice in London.

He assists the largest Indian shareholder-owned company, Reliance Industries Ltd, on arbitration and litigation issues associated with a large offshore natural gas field. This work includes contract negotiation sessions and attendance at Appellate Court and Supreme Court hearings in India.

He provides confidential assistance to international risk-assessment consultancies, law firms and insurers on client assignments involving due-diligence enquiries into corporations and individuals.

He is retained by the public company advisory group in the corporate finance department of a leading international accountancy practice, assisting their London office in new business development.

Recent dispute resolution work has ranged from advising on drilling obligations on a Norwegian North Sea field, to a contractual disagreement over an east African exploration programme, and an appraisal of a South American non-ferrous metals mine that is the subject of bankruptcy proceedings.

Dr Prast has given expert witness testimony at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, The Netherlands on behalf of the Government of India, in an arbitration over the tax implications of an oil and gas production sharing contract. He provided expert witness testimony in two related arbitrations for the same respondent, under UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules in London.

*Nationality:* dual national, United Kingdom and USA

### *Education*

BS	Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering	Pennsylvania State University, USA
MS	Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering	Pennsylvania State University, USA
PhD	Mineral Economics	Pennsylvania State University, USA
MSt	Archaeology (with distinction)	Lincoln College, University of Oxford, UK

### *Professional Status*

Chartered Engineer, UK and registered as a European Engineer (*Eur Ing*)  
Fellow, Energy Institute, UK and Fellow, Geological Society of London, UK  
Fellow, Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining, UK  
Member, Legion of Honour, Society of Petroleum Engineers