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Henry Page's considerable experience, hands on approach and flexible fee arrangements is appreciated by many to provide rapid and cost effective solutions and, where necessary, representation before the Courts and Arbitrators in London and Paris for reasonable fees without any sacrifice in quality.



Henry Page' practice now includes (1) Aviation including aircraft purchase, leasing, finance, contracts and disputes with maintenance providers and other aviation related matters; negotiating maintenance agreements for airframe and engines; regulatory requirements with the DGAC, engine leases and parting out, (2) Shipping, including Bill of Lading and charterparty disputes, pollution, salvage, sale and purchase and disputes of all nature arising in the context of maritime business, (3) Banking, including Letter of Credit and guarantee problems as well as acting as regular counsel for a number of banks established in France, including on employment law and their regulatory requirements, (4) Advice on tax structures, tax related disputes and certain criminal matters including problems relating to customs and tax authorities, (5) Acting for and against Sovereign States, (6) Construction disputes before the ICC and other jurisdictions and (7) Advising on appropriate structures for holding real property and other private client type matters.

Henry Page was qualified as an English Solicitor in 1977 and a French avocat in 1991, Henry Page was in General practice in a firm in England until 1981 when he joined Holman, Fenwick and Willan, the shipping law specialists. He spent approximately 10 years at Holman, Fenwick and Willan, Paris office, dealing with shipping law disputes of all nature including charterparty and Bill of Lading disputes, salvage, conservatory arrest of vessels and other assets, arbitration and court work in different jurisdictions.

In 1995 Henry Page was invited to take over as resident partner of Penningtons Law Office in Paris. In 2005 Penningtons Paris office became a separate entity under the name of Penlaw Selarl. By then the firm was recognised as expert in aviation related matters.

Henry Page, given his dual qualification and practice in France for about 25 years, is well placed to advise clients in matters where more than one jurisdiction is concerned (for example advising English clients on French matters or French/ French speaking clients on English matters). He deals with significant arbitrations and court work in various jurisdictions. He has strong connections with the Middle East and acts for Middle East Airlines as well as other airlines, ground handling companies and aviation related enterprises. He also acts for and against foreign States in disputes relating to a variety of different matters.

In April 2014, Henry Page established together with Philipp Hermes the European economic interest group *BHM Penlaw EWIV – EEIG*.

Henry Page offers advices in English and French.

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Major cases in which Henry Page has acted:

In England:

- Societe Eram Shipping Co Limited -v- Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation & others, House of Lords, (2003) 2003 2 All ER (Comm) 65
- Sabena Technics v Singapore Airlines, High Court, 11.06.2003
- The Republic of Kazakhstan -v- Istil Group Inc., Court of Appeal [2005] EWHCA Civ 1468 CA (Civ Div)
- The Republic of Kazakhstan -v- Istil Group Inc, High Court [2006] EWHC 448 (Comm) [click here to go to All England Law Reports](#)
- President and Republic of Equatorial Guinea v Royal Bank of Scotland & Others, Privy Council, 8 March 2006
- Amalgamated Holdings v Anglo-World Finance Ltd, High Court, 21.06.2004
- Sacor Maritima v Repsol S.A., High Court, 14.03.1997
- Chailease Finance Corp v Credit Agricole Indosuez, High Court, 28.01.2000

In Spain:

- Seguibat S.A. v Iberia Airlines
- Republic of Equatorial Guinea v Severo Moto

In France:

- HRH the Duchesse of York v Paris Match, Tribunal de Grande Instance, 9.12.1992
- Fercometal SARL v Banque de Development Local, Court of Appeal, (Letter of Credit case)
- Seguibat S.A v Iberia Airlines, Tribunal de Grande Instance, (conservatory arrest)
- MTR Metals v Republic of Kazakhstan, Court of Appeal
- Enforcement against Central Bank of Nigeria, Tribunal de Grande Instance
- Talbotts v Soclima, Tribunal de Grande Instance (construction/equipment dispute)
- Bank of India v Autoteam, Tribunal de Grande Instance
- Roy v Leroux & Lots, Court of Appeal
- Baroukh v Port Autonome de Rouen, Court of Appeal
- Geo Robson (UK) v Jacobs Seret (construction dispute)
- All Shipping Services v Gros SA (sub-contractor -insolvency of main contractor)