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David J.A. Cairns is a partner of B. Cremades y Asociados, specialising in international commercial and investment dispute resolution. He acts both as an arbitrator and as counsel.

He is qualified to practise in England & Wales (Solicitor-Advocate, Civil) and Madrid (Abogado), and earlier in his career practised for nine years as a Barrister & Solicitor in New Zealand. David is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London, and an accredited UK mediator.

David works in both English and Spanish, and has extensive experience of disputes in Spain, and Central and South America.

David has had eleven appointments under the ICC Rules, including five as presiding arbitrator, an appointment in an investor-State dispute under the ICC Rules, and extensive experience as counsel in ICC arbitrations. He has also received appointments as an arbitrator under a wide range of other institutional rules.

David has particular experience in construction and infrastructure disputes (heavy plant construction, telecommunications, electricity generation, road and rail infrastructure projects) and in the protection of intellectual property. He is currently the Presiding arbitrator in an ICSID arbitration arising from a major PPP project for the construction and operation of a metro line in Perú (*Metro de Lima Línea 2 S.A. v. Republic of Peru* (ICSID Case No. ARB/17/3)).