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Partner James Rogers and Special Counsel Ronan O'Reilly discuss international arbitration key developments of 2024 and emerging trends for 2025 in an article published by Law.com.

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Sanctions-related issues were a major focus in arbitration cases before English courts in 2024, particularly regarding anti-suit injunctions (ASI) to prevent foreign court proceedings violating arbitration agreements, with the Russian courts' approach to sanctions disputes being a key catalyst. Notable rulings include the Supreme Court's decision in UniCredit Bank v RusChemAlliance, affirming the English court's power to grant ASIs in foreign-seated arbitrations, and RTI Ltd v MUR Shipping, where the Supreme Court ruled on the interpretation of force majeure clauses in the context of US sanctions.

Looking ahead to 2025, reforms to the UK Arbitration Act and growing trends in ESG, energy sector, and raw materials disputes are expected, along with a rising focus on arbitrators' disclosure obligations and the impact of AI tools on arbitration practices.

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