



## Alexander A. Yanos

**Partner, Co-chair, International Arbitration Group,  
Alston & Bird, New York, NY, United States**

As co-leader of Alston & Bird's International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Team, Alex Yanos focuses on complex international disputes in court and before arbitral tribunals.

Alex's arbitration practice includes commercial, financial, and treaty-based disputes, particularly in the energy and mining sectors and in Latin America. He obtained a finding of unlawful expropriation in one of the

largest investment treaty cases ever filed before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in an arbitration against Venezuela. In another decision against a sovereign state, the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the award of a British multinational oil and gas company client against Argentina. He has also obtained results for clients in disputes involving governments around the world. He has advocated for his clients before nearly every international arbitration tribunal, including the ICSID, International Chamber of Commerce, London Court of International Arbitration, American Arbitration Association, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission, International Court of Justice, and Stockholm Chamber of Commerce.

Alex also has considerable experience representing clients in the securities, banking, antitrust, and insurance industries facing multijurisdictional disputes. He is fluent in six languages.

He has been ranked as one of the top international arbitration lawyers by Chambers USA, Chambers Global, and Chambers Latin America and recognized by The Legal 500 United States.



## **Alexander G. Fessas**

**Secretary General, ICC International Court of Arbitration; Director, ICC Dispute Resolution Services, Paris**

Alexander G. Fessas is the Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration.

As Secretary General, he is responsible for the operational management and coordination of the ICC Court's Secretariat and other dispute resolution services in Paris, Hong Kong, New York, Sao Paulo and

Singapore.

He joined the Secretariat in late 2011 and held consecutive positions in three case management teams, of which two as counsel. Prior to his appointment as Secretary General, he was the Secretariat's Managing Counsel over a three-year term.

He read law at the University of Athens, Greece having specialized in international commercial transactions and conflict of laws.

Prior to joining the ICC Court, he practised as counsel out of Athens where he established a sole practice in 2008. He was previously an associate at an Athens-based law firm. During the same period, he was also the editor-in-chief of the *Revue hellénique de droit international*.

He is admitted to the Athens Bar and speaks English, French and Greek.



## **Alice Slayton Clark**

**Senior Vice President, Trade, Investment, and Digital Policy, USCIB, New York, NY**

Alice Slayton Clark is USCIB's Senior VP of Trade, Investment and Digital Policy. She is a seasoned international trade professional with a strong background working with the Executive Branch, US Congress, and multilateral organizations.

Clark's career includes roles as Senior Government Relations Advisor, International Trade Consultant, International Trade Specialist at some of the biggest US law firms, where she gained deep experience developing and implementing successful strategies for companies, associations, and foreign governments. She also represented client issues before federal and foreign officials, business leaders, business associations, government committees, and trade conferences. She began her career promoting constituent interests and new policy proposals as a foreign affairs and trade legislative advisor in the House and Senate.

Clark serves as the Vice Chair for the Business at OECD Trade Committee, shaping policy positions and speaking on behalf of the business community of the 38 OECD countries. She is a member of the Women's Trade Policy Forum and Washington International Trade Association where she has led panel discussions on current trade topics. She also held numerous leadership roles, including as the President of the Women in International Trade (WIIT) group, where she recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Alice holds a Master of Arts in International Relations from Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Spanish from Oberlin College. She has lived and worked overseas in Europe and Latin America and is fluent in Spanish with basic German proficiency.



## **Alison G. Fitzgerald**

**Partner, Bennett Jones, Ottawa, Toronto, Canada**

Alison FitzGerald's practice focuses on international arbitration and international trade and investment. She takes a practical approach to advising clients, seeking to understand their business needs as well as their legal needs, their risk appetite, and their strategic goals. She is a passionate advocate for her clients and their interests.

Alison's arbitration practice includes experience as senior counsel in complex international commercial and investor-state arbitrations. She has also served as tribunal secretary in precedent-setting arbitrations, and brings unique insight to her counsel practice through years of experience working with some of the world's preeminent arbitrators. In the course of her arbitration work Alison has gained knowledge and depth of experience in a number of industry sectors, including upstream oil and gas, construction, infrastructure, mining, natural resources, aerospace/defence procurement, software licensing, railways, and chemicals.

Alison's international trade and investment practice includes experience advising clients on treaty interpretation, navigating trade rules and enforcing trade rules through trade remedy actions. She also regularly advises clients and advocates on their behalf in complex matters relating to economic sanctions, export controls, modern slavery, and business ethics/anti-corruption.

She has leveraged her background in public international law and constitutional law to advise and represent clients in complex cases involving potential human rights abuses under international law in connection with foreign operations, and both prosecuting and defending claims under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Alison has appeared before the Federal Courts of Canada, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, the Ontario Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Canada in domestic litigation proceedings. She has also appeared before the Canada Border Services Agency and Canadian International Trade Tribunal in trade remedy proceedings. More recently, she has guided clients through the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise's human rights complaint process.



## Brody Greenwald

**Partner, White & Case LLP, Los Angeles, CA, United States**

Brody Greenwald is a partner based in Los Angeles, where he specializes in resolving complex, high-stakes disputes through international arbitration, mediation, and litigation. He is widely recognized as a leading practitioner in international arbitration.

Brody represents clients across a broad range of commercial, construction, and investment arbitrations under all major institutional and ad hoc rules. His practice spans key industries including technology, mining, energy, infrastructure, manufacturing, financial services, and sports. In addition to dispute resolution, he advises clients on drafting arbitration agreements and structuring investments to optimize dispute risk.

Brody's litigation practice focuses on the enforcement of arbitral awards and on data privacy matters under the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). He counsels Meta Platforms in international civil litigation involving large-scale mass claims.

Brody is a prominent leader of California's international arbitration community. He is a founding member of California Arbitration (CalArb) and serves as its Second Vice President, with an active role on its Executive Committee and Board of Directors. He sits on the AAA-ICDR's International Panel of Arbitrators and is a long-standing member of the Advisory Board of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA). He also serves on the planning and host committees for the 2028 ICCA Congress in San Francisco.

Brody is deeply committed to developing the next generation of international arbitration practitioners. Since 2020, he has served as a Senior Lecturing Fellow on international arbitration at Duke Law School. He also has lectured at the University of Chicago, Harvard, Penn, Berkeley, USC, and Miami. He speaks regularly at conferences around the world and contributes to leading publications including the Los Angeles Daily Journal, Bloomberg Law, LexisNexis, and prominent international arbitration journals.

Brody began his career in Washington, D.C., before relocating to Los Angeles to build out the Firm's arbitration capabilities on the West Coast and across the Pacific Rim.



## **Catherine Amirfar**

**Partner, Co-Chair, International Dispute Resolution & Public International Law Groups, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, New York, NY, United States**

Catherine Amirfar is Co-Chair of Debevoise & Plimpton's International Dispute Resolution and Public International Law Groups. With more than 20 years of experience, she represents states, international organizations, NGOs, and multinational companies in public international law, international arbitration, and complex cross-border litigation. She has appeared before U.S. courts, the International Court of Justice, and

arbitral tribunals worldwide.

Widely regarded as a leading practitioner in her field, Ms. Amirfar is ranked Band 1 for International Arbitration and recognized as a Star Individual in Public International Law by Chambers, and is consistently ranked among the top international arbitration lawyers globally. She has also been recognized by Legal 500, Who's Who Legal, and Benchmark Litigation, including being named International Arbitration Litigator of the Year in 2021.

Beyond her client work, Ms. Amirfar is Past President of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) and serves in numerous leadership roles, including on the U.S. Department of State's Advisory Committee on International Law and the Governing Board of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA).

She maintains an active pro bono practice focused on human rights and media freedom, including work with the Clooney Foundation for Justice on behalf of unlawfully imprisoned journalists. Prior to rejoining Debevoise in 2016, she served as Counselor on International Law at the U.S. Department of State, where she advised on major international law and foreign relations matters.

Ms. Amirfar earned her J.D. cum laude from New York University School of Law and her B.A. with honors from Stanford University.



## **Cecilia Azar**

### **Partner, Galicia, Mexico; Vice-Chair, ICC Arbitration & ADR Commission**

She joined Galicia as a partner, focusing her practice on complex domestic and international commercial disputes. She has developed extensive experience, particularly in cases related to energy, infrastructure and shareholder conflicts. Among her clients are national and foreign companies that have entered into agreements related to energy or construction and infrastructure matters. Her recent cases involve complex disputes arising from PPA and public/private work

agreements.

Cecilia is recognized for her expertise and record of accomplishment in complex, arbitration-related judicial proceedings before Mexican courts, such as enforcement of awards and interim measures, among others. In close collaboration with other practice areas of the Firm, she advises clients in Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) matters, specifically by analyzing investment protection provisions in Investment Treaties to which Mexico is party.

Currently, Cecilia is on Mexico's list of conciliators in ICSID proceedings and is Vice-Chair of the World Arbitration & ADR Commission of the ICC. In 2023, she was appointed as Co-chair of the ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy for Latin America, whose purpose was to train and guide 40 selected candidates as arbitrators with a particular focus on ICC Arbitration Rules. In addition, she is a member of the Steering Committee of the Latin America Working Group created by the IBA Arbitration Committee. Previously, she served as President of the Mexican Institute of Mediation (IMM) and of the Mexican Arbitration Institute (IMA), Secretary General and Counsel of the Mexican Arbitration Center (CAM), Vice-president of Mexico's ICC Arbitration Commission and a consultant for Mexico's Mediation Project sponsored by the American Bar Association and USAID.

Cecilia is recognized as an expert and leading lawyer by renowned international publications, such as Chambers Latin American Guide and Chambers Global Guide, in the practice of Dispute Resolution: Arbitration. Since 2021, she is part of the Most in Demand Arbitrators list of said guide, being the first Mexican woman to join it. She is also considered a leader in her practice by The Legal 500 Latin American Guide. Leaders League and Latin Lawyer recognize her as a leader in the national and international legal market because of her experience and recognition by her clients.



## **Charline O. Yim**

**Partner, Gibson Dunn, New York, NY, United States**

Charline Yim is a partner in the New York office of Gibson Dunn and a member of the firm's International Arbitration and Litigation Practice Groups. She specializes in international arbitration, representing clients in investment treaty and international commercial disputes under major arbitration rules, including ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC, LCIA, SCC, SIAC, ICDR and others. She has particular experience in complex, high-stakes disputes involving the energy, telecommunications, construction, pharmaceutical, consumer products, financial services and banking

industries.

Charline is recognized by Chambers USA and Chambers Global for International Arbitration, Law360 as an International Arbitration "Rising Star," Benchmark Litigation's 40 & Under list, Lawdragon500 X – The Next Generation for International Arbitration, Lexology as an Arbitration Future Leader, and The Best Lawyers in America® for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

In addition to international arbitration, she has represented clients in global investigations, white collar matters and civil litigation, including investigations by the DOJ, CFTC and European Commission, and proceedings relating to the enforcement of arbitral awards.

Charline maintains a significant pro bono practice focused on public international law, international human rights, asylum and immigration matters. For her commitment to pro bono work, she has received Gibson Dunn's Frank Wheat Memorial Award and the Legal Aid Society's Pro Bono Publico Award.

She earned her law degree from Harvard Law School in 2011 and graduated summa cum laude from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2008. Charline is admitted to practice in New York and before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. She has working knowledge of Spanish and Portuguese.



## **Christian Leathley**

**Partner, Head of International Arbitration, US, London,  
New York, Latin American Group, Herbert Smith  
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United States**

Christian has over 25 years' experience focusing on international commercial and investment arbitration. Christian represents corporations and sovereign states across all major industry sectors, and in particular energy, mining, engineering, technology, construction, sports and telecommunications. As well as his leadership roles in international arbitration and the Latin America Group, he is also co-head of HSF Kramer's Public International Law Group. He has worked at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in Washington, DC., and is recognised as an accomplished advocate and regularly appears before international arbitral tribunals including the ICC.

Christian is qualified in both England & Wales, and New York. He is the author of *International Dispute Resolution in Latin America: An Institutional Overview* (Kluwer Law International), a leading text on the region. He also sits as arbitrator in English and Spanish language arbitrations.



## **Claudia Salomon**

**President, ICC International Court of Arbitration,  
Paris**

Claudia Salomon is the President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. She is the first woman to lead the world's most preferred arbitral

institution in its almost 100-year history.

Ms. Salomon is also an independent arbitrator, specialising in international, investor-state and complex commercial disputes. She is widely recognised as one of the leading arbitration practitioners of her generation.

Ms. Salomon has experience as arbitrator and counsel in some of the most complex, high value and significant disputes. Her cases span a broad range of industry sectors, including construction, energy and natural resources (oil and gas, hydroelectric, solar, wind farm), financial services, hospitality, life sciences, technology, and telecommunications. She is particularly adept at multi-party, multi-contract claims involving complex financial agreements, post-M&A disputes and intellectual property rights.

Additionally, Ms. Salomon is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She is a sought-after speaker and writer on international arbitration and the co-editor of *Choice of Venue in International Arbitration*, published by Oxford University Press.

Ms. Salomon is a member of the New York Bar and a solicitor in England and Wales. She graduated from Harvard Law School, cum laude, and Brandeis University, summa cum laude with honours. She also studied at Somerville College, Oxford University.

## Craig Chiasson

**Partner, BLG, Vancouver, Canada; Chair, ICC Canada Arbitration Committee**



Craig has extensive experience as counsel and arbitrator in international and domestic commercial arbitration, as well as considerable experience in investment treaty arbitration.

He has appeared as counsel in a variety of disputes, including complex commercial, construction and energy disputes including arbitrations under the Rules of ICC, UNCITRAL, ICSID, SCC, HKIAC, LCIA, ICDR, VanIAC and in ad hoc arbitration proceedings. Craig has acted as a sole arbitrator and tribunal chair in international and domestic arbitrations, both institutional and ad hoc. He has also appeared at all levels of court in Canada, including the Supreme Court of Canada and the British Columbia Court of Appeal.

Craig is the current Chair of the ICC Canada Arbitration Committee and was the recipient of the 2022 Excellence in Arbitration Award from the Vancouver International Arbitration Centre. Craig was also recognized in 2023's BC500 – a publication that profiles the 500 most influential business leaders in British Columbia. Craig embodies the values of modern leadership that BIV looks out for: engagement, trust, corporate citizenship and inclusion.

Commentary on him includes: Craig "is one of the leading figures in Canadian arbitration" (2026 Lexology Index: Arbitration), "he is excellent, scholarly and a thoughtful advocate" (2025 Lexology Index: Arbitration) and from a client, Craig's "profound understanding of arbitration proceedings and the energy industry market stands out".



## **Gaela K. Gehring Flores**

**Partner, Chair of International Arbitration Practice Group, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, Washington, D.C., United States**

Gaela Gehring Flores is Chair of Hughes Hubbard's International Arbitration practice group in the Washington, D.C., office. Gaela has over 25 years of experience focused on representing both multinational corporations and sovereign states in international commercial and investment arbitrations. She has handled over 60 high-stakes

international disputes before some of the best-known investment treaty arbitrations administered by the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes and the Permanent Court of Arbitration, as well as before private international commercial tribunals in arbitrations administered by the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, the London Court of International Arbitration, and the American Arbitration Association's International Centre for Dispute Resolution. Gaela also demonstrates a commitment to pro bono services through her work with immigrant and undocumented communities.

Gaela advises clients in a variety of disputes in such fields as energy, intellectual property and artificial intelligence, natural resources, construction, government contracts, and transportation. She also advises clients on arbitral award enforcement, effective contractual dispute resolution clauses, dispute prevention, and strategy, and public international law issues, including discovery and foreign sovereign immunity, in international proceedings. Gaela's practice is strengthened by her experience, native Spanish skills and bicultural background.

Gaela is recognized as a leading practitioner of international arbitration in Chambers Global, Chambers Latin America, Chambers USA, Global Arbitration Review, The Legal 500, Latin Lawyer 250, The Am Law 200, Euromoney, along with many others.



## **Julia Kiechel**

**Vice President, Commercial Litigation, Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, NJ, United States**

Julia Kiechel leads Johnson & Johnson's Commercial Litigation team. In that role, she is responsible for Johnson & Johnson's global portfolio of commercial disputes, including arbitration and litigation of contract, tax, antitrust, regulatory, and cybersecurity matters.

In her seven years at J&J, she has served as Assistant Corporate Secretary and as Senior Counsel supporting the Innovative Medicine and Medical

Technology businesses.

Before joining Johnson & Johnson, Julia worked at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, where she handled a diverse portfolio of litigation and advisory work for companies in the financial services, entertainment, and healthcare industries.



## **Kabir Duggal**

**Partner, International Arbitration Practice, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, New York, NY, United States; Lecturer-in-Law, Columbia Law School; Council Member, ICC Institute of World Business Law**

Professor Duggal is a partner in Akin's international arbitration practice based in New York. He has extensive experience as counsel in complex, high-stakes investor-state and international commercial arbitrations across regions and industries. His practice spans disputes arising under bilateral and multilateral investment treaties and sophisticated commercial contracts, involving states, state-owned entities and multinational corporations, in the energy, infrastructure, construction, mining and telecom, media and technology (TMT) sectors.

Alongside his work as counsel, Kabir has served as arbitrator in more than 70 disputes. He is a Chartered Arbitrator, a Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) accredited mediator and is listed on, or appointed to, the rosters of leading arbitral institutions worldwide.

Kabir has taught international arbitration at Columbia Law School for over 15 years, where he serves as a Senior Fellow and Advisor to the Center for International Commercial and Investment Arbitration. He is also an adjunct professor at Fordham Law School and has been a visiting professor to the University of São Paulo, Universidad de Los Andes, Universidad Externado de Colombia and the National Law School of Jodhpur.

Kabir is a widely cited authority and keynote speaker on international arbitration and public international law. He has authored over seven books and 50 articles, with his work frequently cited by arbitral tribunals and national courts. He serves as an expert before arbitral tribunals and has spoken at over 500 conferences, symposia and professional events around the world.

Beyond his practice and scholarship, Kabir is deeply engaged in arbitration policy, institution-building and capacity development. He is appointed to the United Nations Steering Committee for Least Developed Countries and works closely with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Commercial Law Development program. He has advised and trained governments and institutions worldwide on treaty negotiation, dispute prevention, and Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) strategy. His public international law experience includes work with the World Bank and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).



## **Lindsay Gastrell**

**Independent Arbitrator / Member, Arbitration  
Chambers, New York, NY, United States / London,  
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Lindsay is an independent arbitrator and member of Arbitration Chambers specializing in international dispute resolution, with experience spanning private practice, institutional service, and academia. Her cases have included complex investment treaty disputes and high-stakes commercial disputes, often exceeding USD 1 billion in value. She

has served as arbitrator in cases administered by HKIAC, ICC, JAMS, LCIA, SCC and SIAC, as well as in cases under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and fully ad hoc arbitrations.

Lindsay is dual qualified in New York and England & Wales and educated in both the civil law and the common law traditions. Before joining Arbitration Chambers, Lindsay represented clients in investor-State and commercial arbitrations at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in New York and London and then served as Legal Counsel at ICSID.

For the last decade, Lindsay has taught arbitration and investment law as Adjunct Professor of Law at American University, Washington College of Law, and she regularly lectures at other institutions. Among her many roles in the arbitration community, Lindsay is the Practice Notes Editor of the ICSID Review and rapporteur of the ICCA Judiciary Committee.



## **Marek Krasula**

**Director, Arbitration and ADR, North America, ICC  
Dispute Resolution Services, New York**

Marek Krasula is Regional Director for North America at the ICC International Court of Arbitration (SICANA, Inc.) in New York. He leads the Educational Services team and promotes ICC dispute resolution services throughout the United States and Canada.

Prior to his role as Regional Director, Marek headed the North American case management team of the ICC International Court of Arbitration (SICANA, Inc.) as Counsel where he administered hundreds of arbitrations in relation to a broad range of industries. He has served as a lecturer in international arbitration at the Université de Montréal law faculty and Deputy Counsel in the ICC Secretariat's Paris office. Before joining the ICC, Marek was executive assistant to Mr. Justin P. J. Trudeau, now Prime Minister of Canada, a research assistant in the Senate of Canada and a consultant at the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development (Rights & Democracy). Marek is a member of the Quebec Bar (Canada) and holds an LL.M. from Georgetown University. He is also a member of the New York City Bar International Commercial Disputes Committee.



## **Matthew Holmes**

**Executive Vice President & Chief of Public Policy, ICC  
Canada / Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Ottawa,  
Canada**

Matt Holmes is Executive Vice President, International & Chief of Public Policy for the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, where he leads domestic and international policy, as well as the economics team at the Chamber's Business Data Lab.

With over 20 years of experience in public advocacy and strategy development, Matt has led national trade associations, served on Canadian and international boards, and worked within higher education, research and innovation, agri-food, international trade, and the culture and media sectors. A frequent speaker, writer and media commentator, he was named to The Hill Times' list of top 50 foreign policy influencers in Canada. In 2025, he was awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal for his leadership in the Canadian business community. Matt holds degrees from Mount Allison University and the University of Victoria, with executive training from the Ivey Business School at Western and the Smith School of Business at Queen's.



## **Michael Bishop**

**Vice President, Litigation, Applied Materials, Inc.,  
Washington, D.C., United States**

Mike serves as Vice-President of Litigation for Applied Materials. Mike leads a team that manages global commercial litigation, IP disputes, and government enforcement matters. His team also includes an in-house forensics and litigation support function with resources across the United States and Asia.

Mike obtained his undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University and attended law school at The George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC. He began his career with a focus on government contracts litigation during a clerkship at the US Court of Federal Claims. He entered private practice as a litigator at Steptoe & Johnson and then served as a trial attorney for the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division where he handled both merger matters and other anticompetitive conduct investigations.

Mike later transitioned in-house with the General Electric Company. Over 18 years at GE, Mike supported a number of business units and handled a diverse range of litigation, arbitration, and government enforcement investigations. He led the litigation function for GE Aviation for multiple years before transitioning to Applied Materials. He is currently based in Washington, DC and splits time in Santa Clara, California.



## **Michael Ostrove**

**Global Co-Chair of International Arbitration, DLA Piper LLP (US), New York, NY, United States; Vice-President, ICC International Court of Arbitration**

Michael Ostrove is the Global Co-Chair of DLA Piper's International Arbitration group and a Vice President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. He also served from 2021 to 2025 as a member of the World Bank Sanctions Board. Since 2014, he has taught a course on international arbitration as an adjunct professor at the University of Paris-Panthéon-Assas.

Widely recognized as a leader in the arbitration field, Michael has led English and French-language, commercial, investment and public international law disputes for over 30 years – including over 25 years based in Paris. He also handles French, US and other court litigation, including before the CCJA and the Court of Justice of the European Union – primarily related to enforcement and annulment of arbitral awards.

Michael routinely acts as lead counsel in investment disputes on behalf of both sovereign states and investors. He has advised on issues under a wide array of bilateral investment treaties (BITs), the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT), and national investment laws. Michael has deep experience with arbitrations administered by the ICC, ICSID, the PCA and the LCIA – and with ad hoc arbitrations pursuant to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. Michael also has worked extensively on multinational corruption investigations on behalf of corporations and state authorities.

Michael also sits as an arbitrator.



## **Mona Dajani**

**Partner, Global Co-Chair of Energy, Infrastructure and AI, Cooley LLP, New York, NY, United States**

Mona is a partner and the co-chair of Cooley's infrastructure, energy and real estate practice. Dual-qualified as a lawyer in the US (New York and Illinois) and in England and Wales, and as a licensed professional engineer, she brings a distinctive combination of legal and technical experience to complex energy and infrastructure transactions. Over a 25-

year career, she has led some of the largest and most complex energy and infrastructure transactions globally, with a focus on project finance and development, mergers and acquisitions, and tax equity and corporate finance.

Mona represents developers, investors, corporates, private equity funds, utilities and financial institutions across the full spectrum of energy and infrastructure assets, including solar, storage, wind, transmission, and oil and gas, as well as data centers and digital infrastructure platforms driven by artificial intelligence (AI) and the convergence of energy and technology. She has led numerous financing, acquisition, disposition and project development transactions involving M&A, tax credit and tax equity structures, and corporate finance.

Mona has particular depth in sophisticated infrastructure projects at the intersection of data, AI and digital transformation. She has been consistently recognized as a leading lawyer by Chambers USA, The Legal 500, The Best Lawyers in America, Law360 and other publications.



## **Paul di Pietro**

### **Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, United States**

Paul is Counsel at the North America case management team of the International Court of Arbitration at International Chamber of Commerce.

Originally qualified in Venezuela, Paul joined the ICC International Court of Arbitration in 2015 as Deputy Counsel for Latin America, Spain, and Portugal, and was stationed at the ICC headquarters in Paris.

In July of 2020, Paul assumed the role of ICC Counsel for North America, where he currently leads the case management team based in New York City. In this capacity, he oversees a diverse portfolio of over 200 pending arbitration proceedings spanning various sectors, including energy, construction, telecommunications, and life sciences.

Prior to his tenure at the ICC, Paul clerked with prominent multinational firms working in international arbitration hubs including Paris, Geneva, and London. Paul studied law in Venezuela, Spain, and France and holds a Master's degree in Economic Law from the Paris Institute of Political Studies.



## **Peter J.W. Sherwin**

**Partner, Proskauer Rose LLP, New York, NY, United States; Chair, USCIB/ICC USA Arbitration Committee; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration**

Peter Sherwin is a partner in the Litigation Department, head of the International Arbitration Group, and head of the Commercial Real Estate Litigation Group.

Peter counsels clients in complex cross-border disputes, often involving a joint venture, a licensing or distribution relationship, or an acquisition, most of which are resolved in international arbitration and the rest in federal and state courts in the United States. He has significant experience in the real estate, lodging, pharmaceutical and sports industries and, when necessary, regularly takes cases through evidentiary hearings.

Peter also regularly serves as an arbitrator in proceedings before the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR). He is the U.S. member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and the Chair of the ICC U.S.A. Arbitration Committee.

Chambers USA and Chambers Global rank Peter as one of the top International Arbitration lawyers nationwide, reporting that he "is an elegant and unflappable advocate in challenging situations—he is poised, composed and very articulate" and that he "is a strategist and has the ability to keep an eye on and control the ultimate outcome" and "is amazing at formulating cohesive and well-thought-out arguments."



## **Rachel Howie, FCIArb**

**Partner, National Practice Group Co-Leader, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Dentons Canada LLP, Calgary, Canada**

Rachel Howie is the co-leader of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution group in Canada and the national Alternative Dispute Resolution and Arbitration group. Her practice focuses on international and domestic arbitration and litigation, primarily in the energy, mining and natural resources industries.

Rachel has experience advising clients at all stages of a matter, helping them protect and operate their business. She frequently assists domestic and international clients with drafting dispute resolution clauses in transactional

documents, works with ADR mechanisms to resolve or prevent disputes and advocates on behalf of her clients in arbitration and litigation proceedings. Due to her extensive expertise, she is recognized by clients as a “real thought leader in international arbitration for energy, adept at handling cross-border issues and well positioned to deal with domestic and international matters” (Chambers Canada). Her clients appreciate her practical advice and solutions that align with their commercial goals, describing her as “brilliant, focused and incredibly skilled at quickly digesting and responding to new information, making her an invaluable asset to any project” (Chambers Canada).

Rachel has acted on matters involving energy, mining and resources issues across North and South America, Central Asia and South-East Asia. She has experience under several institutional rules, including ICC and ICSID, as well as ad hoc proceedings.

Rachel has handled a wide range of disputes involving industry relationships and agreements including joint venture agreements, supply agreements, farmout agreements, ownership and operating agreements, electricity purchase and sale agreements, oil and gas asset purchase and sale agreements, transportation agreements, royalty agreements, services agreements, seismic licensing agreements, marketing arrangements and agreements and confidentiality agreements. Additionally, Rachel handles matters involving environmental issues, such as claims for contribution to remediation and issues relating to water and soil contamination, along with matters of accounting and audit rights, purchase price adjustment disputes, claims of force majeure, disputes arising from production on aboriginal lands, shareholder disputes, product liability claims and distribution agreements. In construction disputes, Rachel has experience in mechanical and engineering issues, submittal review processes, change orders, damages quantification, and milestone payment regimes.

Rachel also acts as arbitrator in domestic and international disputes. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a member of the NextGen Roster of Arbitrators at Arbitration Place and a listed arbitrator on the rosters of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) Canada, Vancouver International Arbitration Centre and the ADR Institute of Canada (ADRIC). Rachel currently serves as a Vice-Chair on the ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR Steering Committee, as a director for the Western Canada Commercial Arbitration Society and is a frequent speaker and author on international and domestic arbitration matters.



## **Samaa A. Haridi**

**Partner, King & Spalding LLP, United States; Vice-President, ICC International Court of Arbitration**

Samaa Haridi is a civil and common law-trained, trilingual lawyer with over 20 years of experience representing clients from all over the world in international commercial and investment arbitration, under the rules of all major arbitral institutions.

Samaa has been singled out by clients for being “spectacular”, “outstanding,” “energetic and determined,” a “magnificent lawyer,” and “really, really phenomenal” (Chambers USA). Sources also acknowledge her as being a “first-class arbitration lawyer; one of the best in the region” (Who’s Who Legal) and a “global leader” whose “reputation is sky rocketing” (Who’s Who Legal). She is one of fifteen international arbitration practitioners in North America singled out by Who’s Who Legal as a Global Elite Thought Leader – Arbitration.

In addition to her work as counsel, Samaa frequently sits as an arbitrator in international commercial and investment disputes. She is also currently serving as an officer in a number of arbitral organizations, including as Vice-President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, past Senior Co-Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association, and a member of ICCA’s Governing Board.

Samaa is a member of the New York, California, and England & Wales bars. She is fluent in French and Arabic, and conversant in Spanish.



## **Stephanie Cohen**

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Stephanie regularly speaks and writes about arbitration, including as faculty for arbitrator training courses. She served, for example, as Co-Chair for the inaugural North American edition of the ICC's Advanced Arbitration Academy and, since 2019, has conducted fundamentals training for new AAA arbitrators. She is also well-known for her work on technology impacting arbitration procedure. Stephanie chaired the Working Group on Information Technology in International Arbitration for the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and is a member of the ICCA-NYC Bar-CPR Working Group on Cybersecurity that drafted the Cybersecurity Protocol for International Arbitration. She is also the author of early-pandemic model procedures for virtual hearings and an award-winning article on cybersecurity.



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Will is ranked "Band 1" by Chambers USA for international arbitration, where clients say "We prize Will above all others" and describe him as "the most universal and versatile attorney I have ever worked with" possessing "everything you can ask for in outside counsel." He "combines depth of knowledge and commercial awareness with international experience and cultural empathy and understanding, without ever discounting effectiveness and efficiency."

Clients value Will's practical, business-oriented approach, immersing himself in their immediate issues, while never losing sight of their long-term strategic goals. He works with general counsel, industry and political leaders, journalists, and academics to study ways to mitigate and manage corporate geopolitical risk, particularly in emerging markets. Through a six-year appointment to the ICC's Commission on Arbitration and ADR, he helps shape rulemaking and policy in international disputes. Where appropriate, he leverages the strength of practitioners in government relations, public affairs, and communications to achieve results for clients – especially in high-profile, political, and hostile environments.

Will has extensive experience in global asset recovery, where he has been instrumental in developing the law of enforcement of arbitration awards and judgments, the New York Convention, sovereign immunity (FSIA), parallel actions, and 1782 discovery for foreign suits, in matters worth billions of dollars. He is an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown Law, where he offers a course that delves into the cultural, political, and strategic considerations of disputes involving sovereigns.

Will strongly supports the Global Fairness Initiative, which is dedicated to raising the standard of living for the world's working poor and is a founding member of the American Cancer Society's Judicial Advocacy Initiative.