



Speaker Biographies



Kathryn Barnes

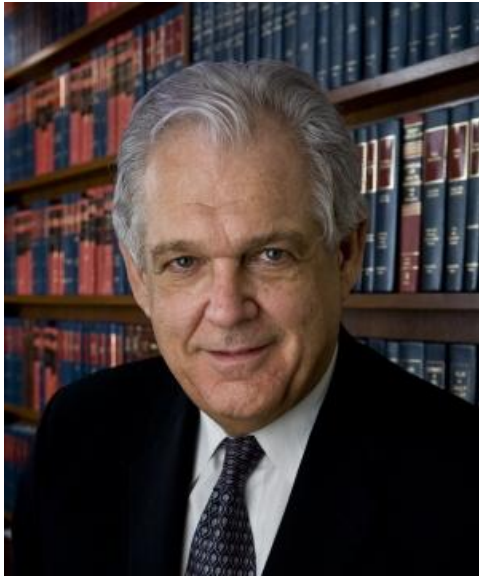
Senior Counsel, Chevron, San Ramon, CA, United States

Kathryn McQueen Barnes is Senior Counsel at Chevron, where she has served since 2008. With over three decades of legal experience spanning corporate, litigation, and energy law, she is recognized for her longstanding leadership and strategic legal counsel in the energy sector.

Ms Barnes began her legal career as an Associate at Pettit & Martin, where she developed foundational expertise in commercial litigation. She went on to become a Partner at Thelen LLP, formerly Thelen Reid & Priest and later Thelen Reid Brown Raysman & Steiner LLP, where she advised major clients across sectors including construction, infrastructure, and energy for nearly a decade. Prior to entering legal practice, she worked as a Staff Auditor at Deloitte & Touche, laying the groundwork for her sharp financial and analytical skills.

At Chevron, Ms Barnes brings together her financial acumen and legal depth to support global operations, particularly in managing regulatory, commercial, and transactional risks. Her enduring tenure at Chevron reflects her adaptability and continued value as the company navigates evolving energy markets and legal landscapes.

Ms Barnes holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Lehigh University, where she also studied at the College of Business. During her undergraduate studies, she participated in an international exchange program at the University of Buckingham in the United Kingdom, affirming her global outlook early on.



George A. Bermann

Walter Gellhorn Professor of Law & Jean Monnet Professor of European Union Law, Director, Center for International Commercial and Investment Arbitration (CICIA), Co-Director, European Legal Studies Center, Colombia University School of Law, United States

George A. Bermann is the Walter Gellhorn Professor of Law and Director of the Center for International Commercial & Investment Arbitration at Columbia Law School. A globally recognized authority on comparative law, European Union law, transnational litigation, and international arbitration, Professor Bermann has been a leading voice in the field for over four decades.

Since joining the Columbia Law faculty in 1975, Professor Bermann has played a central role in advancing international legal scholarship and practice. He founded the Columbia Journal of European Law and the European Legal Studies Center, which he continues to direct. He also teaches at Sciences Po Law School in Paris and the MIDS Program in Geneva, reflecting his commitment to international legal education. Professor Bermann has acted as an arbitrator in hundreds of international commercial and investor-state disputes across sectors including energy, construction, telecommunications, intellectual property, and competition law. He is frequently appointed as an expert witness in arbitration-related court proceedings around the world.

Among his many leadership roles, he served as Chief Reporter for the American Law Institute's Restatement of the U.S. Law of International Commercial and Investor-State Arbitration, the first ALI Restatement on international arbitration, completed in 2019. He is co-author of the UNCITRAL Guide to the New York Convention, Chair of the Global Advisory Board of the New York International Arbitration Center (NYIAC), Co-Editor-in-Chief of the American Review of International Arbitration, and a founding member of the governing body and standing committee of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. Professor Bermann received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1971, where he served as editor of the Yale Law Journal. He earned his B.A. from Yale College in 1967, graduating summa cum laude with exceptional distinction in political science. From 1973 to 1975, he was a Jervey Fellow at the Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law.



Alfredo del Carril

**Vice President & Chief Legal Officer,
AES Andes, Chile**

Alfredo del Carril is the Vice President and Chief Legal Officer at The AES Andes, where he provides legal leadership on complex corporate matters in the energy sector. With over two decades of experience spanning private practice, development finance, and in-house legal departments, Mr. del Carril brings deep regional expertise and a strong international outlook to his role.

Before joining AES Andes, Mr. del Carril served as Legal Director at AES-Gener from 2018 to 2022. Prior to that, he held a unique hybrid position at ENAP, Chile's national energy company, where he simultaneously managed all legal matters and led business development from 2016 to 2018. This dual responsibility enabled him to merge legal and commercial strategy, offering a comprehensive perspective on the company's operations and objectives.

Mr. del Carril began his legal career in private practice at Pozo Gowland & Koch and Rosso Alba, France & Ruiz Moreno in Argentina. He later worked as a consultant to the World Bank and took on in-house legal roles in major infrastructure and energy multinationals. Notably, he served as Legal Advisor for Latin America at Skanska, the Swedish construction group, and then as Head of Legal for South America at Danish wind energy company Vestas. These positions gave him significant experience in corporate law, dispute resolution, joint ventures, and international negotiation.

Mr. del Carril holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the University of Virginia School of Law and a Doctor of Law (J.D.) from Universidad Austral in Buenos Aires. He also studied as an exchange student at Università di Roma Tor Vergata in Italy. His academic path reflects his commitment to cross-border legal learning and global engagement.

Known for his strategic thinking, global perspective, and ability to bridge legal expertise with business acumen, Mr. del Carril is widely regarded as a valuable asset in the international energy legal community.



Craig Chiasson

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

Craig has extensive experience in international and domestic commercial arbitration and investment treaty arbitration, as well as considerable experience in complex commercial disputes and construction and energy disputes.

He has appeared as counsel in ICC, UNCITRAL, ICSID, SCC, HKIAC, LCIA, SIAC, VanIAC and ad hoc arbitration proceedings, and in the British Columbia Appeal Court, Provincial Courts of British Columbia and Supreme Court of Canada.

Craig is 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.

Craig was the recipient of the 2022 Excellence in Arbitration Award from the Vancouver International Arbitration Centre. Craig is the current Chair of the ICC Canada Arbitration Committee.



Stephanie Cohen

**Independent Arbitrator, New York, NY,
United States; Member, ICC International
Court of Arbitration**

Stephanie has over 20 years of experience specializing in the arbitration of complex commercial disputes. Since 2012, she has practiced exclusively as an arbitrator, serving as tribunal chair, sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator, emergency arbitrator, and appellate arbitrator, with appointments under arbitration rules of the ICC, ICDR, AAA, HKIAC, UNCITRAL, ADR Institute of Canada, and Society of Maritime Arbitrators. Prior to establishing her practice as an arbitrator, Stephanie was Counsel at White & Case LLP in New York, where she was a member of the Firm's pre-eminent international arbitration practice. Her current leadership activities include serving as a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and as Chair of the International Commercial Disputes Committee of the New York City Bar Association. Stephanie is also a member of the ICDR/AAA's International and Commercial Panels of Arbitrators, a CPR Distinguished Neutral, a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and former Chair of its New York Branch.



William H. Crosby, Jr.

**SVP, Associate General Counsel, Managing
Attorney and LATAM Regional Coordinator,
Interpublic Group, New York, United States**

William (Bill) Crosby, Jr. is Senior Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Managing Attorney at Interpublic Group, a New York based advertising and marketing company with over 50,000 employees worldwide. At Interpublic, where he has been since 2002, Bill oversees global litigation, manages the Latin American legal operations, and serves as the Chief of Staff for the global legal department. He was an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell from 1993 until 1995, and at Kay, Collyer & Boose (now defunct) from 1995 until 2002. Bill also serves as an arbitrator and has presided over more than 230 domestic and international disputes involving a variety of contractual and intellectual property issues. Bill is a frequent speaker on arbitration related issues (from the in-house and the arbitrator perspectives), as well as litigation and compliance issues. Bill is a 1990 graduate of Yale College and a 1993 graduate of Stanford Law School.



Justin D'Agostino

**Global CEO, Herbert Smith Freehills
Kramer; Member, ICC Executive Board,
Hongkong**

Justin D'Agostino is the Global CEO of Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer, where he leads the firm's global strategy across client relationships, talent development, practice growth, and innovation. He oversees a team of more than 5,000 professionals and works closely with many of the firm's largest clients, both in his leadership capacity and through his personal legal practice.

Throughout his 23-year tenure, Justin has been instrumental in the development of several high-performing business units, notably the firm's market-leading Disputes practice and its rapid expansion across Asia. He works closely with many of the firm's largest clients, both through his personal legal practice and in his capacity as a regional and global business leader, guiding a team of over 5,000 professionals worldwide.

A recognized thought leader and seasoned practitioner in arbitration and dispute resolution, Justin has appeared before tribunals across the globe and frequently serves as an arbitrator. His expertise and leadership have earned him a respected position in the international legal community.

Justin is also a passionate advocate for diversity and inclusion. In 2007, he founded Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer's first LGBT+ network, and he continues to champion initiatives that promote equity within the firm and the broader legal profession. Under his leadership, the firm's Asia region achieved its 30% target for women partners, and he sponsored the launch of the Asia Multicultural Network.

Currently chairing the firm's Global Executive, Justin also holds several influential roles in the legal and business communities, including:

- Member of the Executive Board of the International Chamber of Commerce
- Co-chair of the Host Committee for ICCA 2024 in Hong Kong
- Co-chair of the Global Steering Committee of the Arbitration Pledge, advocating for gender equity in arbitrator appointments

Justin's career reflects a deep commitment to excellence, innovation, and inclusion—values that continue to shape the future of Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer and the legal industry at large.



John W.H. Denton AO

Secretary General, ICC, Paris

John W.H. Denton AO is the Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Denton is a global business leader and international advisor on policy. He is also a legal expert on international trade and investment.

Mr Denton is also a Board member of IFM Global investors - one of the world's major infrastructure investors. He is a Board member of the United Nations Global Compact. Mr. Denton is Co-Chair of the Financing Growth and Infrastructure Task Force for Argentina B20 2019.

Mr Denton is the former Partner and Chief Executive Officer of Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Australia's leading independent law firm. He is a founding member of the B20, the Australia - China CEO Roundtable and chair of UNHCR in Australia. Mr Denton also co-led the Australian Government's White Paper on Australia in the Asian Century and previously Chaired the APEC Finance and Economics Work Group.

Mr Denton is the out-going Chair of the Global Engagement Taskforce of the Business Council of Australia. Mr Denton is a former diplomat and an Alumnus of Harvard Business School and the University of Melbourne. He is a founder of Human Rights Watch (Australia) and teach for Australia.

In 2015 Mr Denton was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia for his services to the business community, the arts and the rights of refugees.



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



D. Jason File

Director of Legal Affairs and General Counsel, United States Council for International Business (USCIB), New York, United States

Jason File is Director of Legal Affairs at the US Council for International Business (USCIB) in New York, where he advances the global interests of USCIB members in the international dispute resolution arena. He leads the US national

committee for international arbitration at the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the US delegation to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, and the USCIB delegations to UNCITRAL Working Group III and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Jason has worked as a trial attorney in public and private international law since 2005. After serving as a law clerk for the Hon. Denise Cote of the US District Court for the Southern District of New York, he began his international law career at WilmerHale in London, where he appeared in international commercial and investor-state arbitrations related to post-M&A disputes, LNG repricing, trade secrets, and expropriation of intellectual property in industries including telecommunications, computer technology, and energy. Jason subsequently served as a war crimes prosecutor at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague.

More recently, Jason acted as counsel in international commercial arbitrations and investor-state arbitrations at Cooley in New York, where he represented technology, life sciences, and natural resource companies in disputes related to mining and minerals, seafloor resource exploration, digital advertising, cryptocurrency, pharmaceutical manufacturing, LiDAR technology, chemicals, IT monitoring and analytics, and technology company founders' disputes. Jason has also regularly appeared in U.S. courts on matters involving the Federal Arbitration Act and the New York Convention.

Jason has taught graduate-level courses in international law at the École Supérieure de Commerce de Paris (ESCP Europe) and has spoken at conferences around the world. A licensed attorney in New York, the District of Columbia, and England & Wales, Jason is a graduate of Yale University (B.A.), the University of Oxford (M.Phil.) and Yale Law School (J.D.). He speaks English and French.



Kate Gonzalez

**Senior Legal Counsel, Airbus Americas,
United States**

Kate Gonzalez is Senior Legal Counsel at Airbus Americas. She also serves as Assistant Corporate Secretary to Airbus Americas. Kate works closely with the General Counsel of Airbus Americas to provide legal support to business functions, including sales, contracts, customer services, procurement and engineering, with a particular focus on corporate governance, M&A, restructuring, and commercial disputes. Kate is a dual qualified lawyer admitted to practise as an Avocat at the Paris Bar and as a Solicitor in England & Wales. Kate is also a member of the Virginia Bar (Corporate Counsel, Pt II). Prior to joining the Airbus group legal team in 2019, Kate specialized in dispute resolution and practised with law firms for over a decade in London and Paris. Kate is a fluent French speaker and holds a Masters in Business Law from the Paris Sorbonne University (France), a Masters in Arbitration from the University of Montpellier (France) and an LLB English Law with French Degree from the University of Birmingham (United Kingdom).



Abbey Hawthorne

**Deputy Director, Arbitration and ADR, North
America, ICC International Court of Arbitration,
New York**

Abbey joined the ICC in 2022 as the Deputy Director of Arbitration and ADR. She is based at the ICC's New York City office, SICANA, Inc. In her role representing the ICC in North America, Abbey interfaces with in-house and law firm teams, provides educational programming for audiences ranging from students to experienced practitioners, is on the planning committee for the annual ICC New York Conference, and researches, writes, & speaks about ICC arbitration and the arbitration industry as a whole.

Abbey holds a J.D. from Arizona State University (ASU) focused on international commercial arbitration & alternative dispute resolution. She has completed fellowships with the U.S. Department of State, ASU's Center for the Study of Religion & Conflict, and the Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations. Abbey's most recent research has focused on female representation in the legal fields in the U.S. & Australia and the role of cross-cultural communication in mediation. Before the ICC, she taught legal writing & advocacy at ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, was a law clerk at several international firms, and worked for 6 years in project & program management.



Marek Krasula

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

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

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, the previous 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



Sophie Nappert

**Independent Arbitrator, 3
Verulam Buildings, United
Kingdom**

Sophie Nappert is an internationally recognized arbitrator in independent practice based in London, dual-qualified as an Avocat at the Bar of Quebec and a

Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. With a distinguished career spanning both civil law and common law jurisdictions, she is widely commended by Who's Who Legal as "most highly regarded" and a "leading light" in the field of international arbitration. Before becoming a full-time arbitrator in 2007, she led the International Arbitration practice at Denton Wilde Sapte LLP and previously worked as a solicitor at both Masons LLP and Norton Rose LLP.

Sophie specializes in complex disputes in the energy, investment, and natural resources sectors, and is a trailblazer in the intersection between arbitration and legal technology. She completed the Oxford Blockchain Strategy Programme and co-founded ArbTech, a global forum promoting cross-disciplinary dialogue on law, technology, and justice, which was nominated for GAR's "Best New Development" in 2022. A sought-after speaker and lecturer, she was the first female recipient of the GAR Award for Best Speech and has been shortlisted for multiple GAR Awards. She is also the author of a Commentary on the 2010 UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and regularly lectures at institutions such as Columbia, Harvard, and McGill Law Schools.

Sophie holds a Master's degree in Law (LL.M.) from King's College London, dual law degrees in Common and Civil Law from McGill University, and a diploma in Public International Law from the USD Institute at Magdalen College, Oxford. She is fluent in English, native in French, and also speaks Spanish and Russian.



Joseph E. Neuhaus

Independent Arbitrator, Neuhaus Arbitration LLC, New York, NY, United States

Joe Neuhaus is an independent arbitrator and has served as chair, co-arbitrator and sole arbitrator in more than 35 arbitrations since his first appointment in 2001. He is regularly ranked in “league tables” of leading arbitrators, and is now listed in Band 2 of the Chambers Global ranking of international arbitration arbitrators in the United States.

Joe was a partner in the litigation group of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP for 30 years, from 1992-2021, and served as head of the firm’s arbitration group.

Joe is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and has had leadership roles in numerous arbitral institutions and organizations. He was chair of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration and remains on the ITA’s Executive Committee.

Joe also chaired the New York City Bar Association’s International Commercial Disputes Committee and has led various projects for that Committee. He was co-chair of the subcommittee that wrote the ground-breaking 2024 report on costs in international arbitration, and chair of the subcommittee that wrote a report on procedures for asserting and evaluating privilege claims in international arbitration.

Joe co-chaired the International Bar Association Arbitration Guidelines and Rules Subcommittee when it revised the IBA Rules of Evidence. Joe is an adjunct professor at NYU Law School, teaching Professional Responsibility.

A graduate of Dartmouth College and Columbia Law School, Joe was Editor-in-Chief of the Columbia Law Review and clerked for Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr. of the United States Supreme Court and for Judge Howard M. Holtzmann on the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal.



John V. H. Pierce

Partner and Global Co-Chair of the International Arbitration Practice, Latham & Watkins LLP, New York, United States

John V.H. Pierce, Global Co-Chair of the International Arbitration practice, represents a global client base from a wide variety of industries and business sectors in high-stakes, complex international arbitration and litigation matters in venues around the world.

With more than 20 years of experience representing clients in institutional and ad hoc arbitrations seated in both common and civil law jurisdictions, Mr. Pierce has extensive experience with international arbitral procedure and advocacy. He has been involved as lead counsel or arbitrator in arbitrations pending before all major arbitral institutions and under a wide variety of procedural and substantive laws.

He regularly guides clients through disputes involving joint venture and shareholder matters, post-M&A issues, IP, financial services, energy and chemical supply contracts, as well as commercial and corporate matters. He also advises clients on the international enforcement of arbitration awards and judgments, and on the protection of foreign investments.

In addition to his counsel work, Mr. Pierce regularly serves as an arbitrator in international disputes. Mr. Pierce is widely recognized by clients and competitors as a leading authority in the field of international arbitration and dispute resolution. This recognition is reflected in numerous industry publications, including Chambers Global and Chambers USA, Who's Who Legal, Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration, Best Lawyers in America, and The Legal500 US.



Ina C. Popova

**Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton
LLP, United States**

Ina C. Popova is a Partner in the International Dispute Resolution Group at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP. Her practice focuses on international arbitration, cross-border litigation, and public international law. She is admitted to the New York and Paris Bars and

has represented sovereign states, multinational corporations, and individuals in complex disputes before international tribunals and U.S. courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

Ms. Popova acts as both counsel and arbitrator under the rules of all major arbitral institutions, with extensive experience in the energy, mining, and TMT sectors. She is particularly active in matters involving Latin America and Africa and frequently leads multilingual proceedings in English, French, and Spanish. She also advises investment funds on the legal dimensions of international claims and arbitration awards.

In addition to her client work, Ms. Popova holds leadership roles in the field of international arbitration. She is a Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, serves on the Court of the Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Center (CIMAC), and chairs the Corporate Counsel Task Force of the Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Center (SVAMC). She has also been actively involved in programming for ASIL, ICCA, and the Institute for Energy Law, and has contributed to working groups of the IBA and ICCA on arbitration standards and case law.

Committed to legal education and pro bono advocacy, Ms. Popova has taught at Sciences Po in Paris and received multiple awards for her representation of refugee and immigrant children, including recognition as a 2020 Attorney of the Year by Kids in Need of Defense (KIND).

Ms. Popova earned graduate degrees from Harvard Law School and the University of Cambridge, where she graduated with First Class Honours from Trinity College. She also holds a Maîtrise en droit comparé from Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas. She is fluent in French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, and Bulgarian.



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.



Ank Santens

Partner, White & Case LLP, United States; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration

Ank Santens is a partner in the International Arbitration Practice at White & Case, where she acts as counsel and arbitrator in commercial, investment, and construction arbitrations across the globe. She has handled cases under all major international arbitration rules, as well as regional and ad hoc rules. Ank's

experience spans industries such as energy and infrastructure, telecommunications, mining, life sciences, financial services, insurance, pensions, and consumer goods. She represents companies and sovereign states from Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, and the United States. Recognized as a top-tier arbitration practitioner, Ank is praised by clients and peers alike for her strategic insight, analytical rigor, and industry expertise. She has been described as “a formidable opposing counsel” (Chambers USA 2024), “a trusted advisor,” and “an excellent professional” with deep knowledge of her clients’ industries (Legal 500 Latin America 2023). Ank is known for her proactive, client-centered approach to dispute prevention and resolution, regularly advising on the drafting of international arbitration clauses and investment structuring. She is the chief editor of The CPR Corporate Counsel Manual for Cross-Border Dispute Resolution, and has a proven track record of achieving early resolution through negotiation and mediation. She began her career in the legal department of a pharmaceutical company and worked in White & Case’s Paris office from 2004 to 2006.

Ank serves as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA), a Member of the ICC Court of International Arbitration (Belgium), and is on the boards of the CPR Institute, New York International Arbitration Center (NYIAC), and other global arbitration institutions. She has held past leadership roles at the LCIA, IBA Arbitration Committee, and ICCA-Queen Mary Task Force on Third Party Funding, among others. She sits on the arbitrator panels of ICDR, CPR, CIESP/FIESP (Brazil), and the Lagos Court of Arbitration (Nigeria), and is listed on the IEL Energy Arbitrators List.

Fluent in Dutch, English, French, German, and Spanish, Ank holds an LL.M. from Columbia Law School, a Master in Law and a Bachelor in Philosophy from KU Leuven (both cum laude), and studied at the University of Granada and Harvard Law School’s Executive Education Program. A committed advocate for pro bono and community service, she serves on the board of the International Senior Lawyers Project (ISLP), and is a recipient of ISLP’s Global Impact Volunteer Award for her contributions to arbitration reform in Haiti and Africa. Within White & Case, she has held numerous leadership roles, including Chair of the New York Women’s Network and Secretary of the Firm.



Peter J.W. Sherwin

**Partner, Proskauer Rose LLP., New York,
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, head of the Commercial Real Estate Litigation Group, and a

member of the Latin America Practice.

Peter counsels clients in complex cross-border commercial 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) and 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."



Effie D. Silva

SVP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Fresh Del Monte, United States

Effie D. Silva is Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary at Fresh Del Monte, a role she has held since 2022. In this position, she oversees the company's global legal, risk management, food safety, government affairs, and corporate reporting functions. A seasoned public company executive, Ms. Silva advises boards and senior leadership on a wide range of matters, including corporate governance, compliance, litigation, DEI, and transactional issues.

Prior to joining Fresh Del Monte, she led Ethics and Compliance for Cargill's \$50B Protein and Salt division, where she provided strategic counsel to the board and managed enterprise-wide risk mitigation efforts. She previously served as Vice President and Associate General Counsel at Tyson Foods, overseeing legal matters for its \$10B Prepared Foods business and sustainability function.

Ms. Silva also brings 20 years of experience as a business lawyer in global law firms, having served as a partner at McDermott Will & Emery and Duane Morris, and as a senior attorney at Baker McKenzie. Her legal expertise spans corporate governance, M&A, compliance, and international arbitration. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb), a qualified arbitrator with AAA, CPR, and FINRA, and Board Certified in International Litigation and Arbitration by the Florida Bar.

With bilingual fluency and global experience across LATAM, APAC, and EMEA, she is widely recognized for her cross-border dispute resolution acumen. Ms. Silva holds a J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law and a B.A. in International Relations from Wellesley College.



Thomas Stouten

**International Arbitration Partner,
Houthoff; Member, ICC
International Court of Arbitration
Amsterdam, Netherlands**

Thomas specialises in international arbitration under the auspices of the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, DIAC, UNCITRAL, ICSID, UNUM, and NAI and also court litigation, including post-arbitration litigation (both in the Netherlands and on the Dutch

Caribbean). He has extensive experience in complex disputes, often with multi-jurisdictional aspects, covering a broad range of issues arising from both commercial and corporate transactions. Because of his international law practice, Thomas also worked in both the New York and London offices of Houthoff.

The ICC World Council appointed Thomas as member of the ICC Court of International Arbitration in Paris for the Netherlands. Legal 500 has recognised Thomas as Next Generation Partner in the field of Arbitration law.

Thomas also acts as an arbitrator. He gives lectures regarding arbitration and frequently speaks at arbitration conferences. He publishes in the Dutch Journal on Arbitration, the Dutch Journal on Property Law, Arbitration World (5th and 6th edition), the Dispute Resolution Journal of the AAA/ICDR and the Handbook on Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration.

He was also recognised as one of the Future Leaders in the Netherlands by Who's Who Legal: Litigation and Global Arbitration Review, and Who's Who Legal: Arbitration, in view of his capability in post-arbitration litigation and arbitration.



S.I. (Stacie) Strong

K.H. Gyr Professor of Private International Law, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, United States

S.I. Strong is the K.H. Gyr Professor of Private International Law, specialising in private international law, international commercial arbitration, international commercial mediation, and comparative procedural law. Strong has taught at law schools worldwide and practised as a dual-qualified (England-US) lawyer with major international law firms. She has authored over 130 works and consulted for various organisations.

Before joining Emory, Strong held professorships at the University of Sydney, the University of Missouri, and the University of Cambridge and Oxford. She has also been a visiting professor at several universities and holds an adjunct professorship at Georgetown University.

Strong has been a US Supreme Court Fellow and held fellowships at various prestigious institutes. Her scholarship has earned numerous awards, including the 2022 ABA Dispute Resolution Section's Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work and Academic of the Year (2021) in the Australian ADR Awards.

In her legal practice, Strong worked with Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP and Baker & McKenzie LLP, handling complex commercial disputes and representing clients in international arbitrations.

Currently, Strong serves as an arbitrator, mediator, and expert witness in complex commercial disputes. She provides expert advice to various bodies and played a key role in developing the proposal for the Singapore Convention on Mediation.

Strong is a member of numerous academic and policy-making organisations and is admitted to practice in New York, Illinois, the US Supreme Court, and as a solicitor in Ireland and England and Wales. She is proficient in Spanish and holds degrees from several prestigious universities.



Dan Tan

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Dan Tan is the principal of Dan Tan Law, a leading international arbitration boutique with offices in New York, San Francisco, and Singapore, consistently ranked among the top 100 arbitration practices globally by Global Arbitration Review. With over a decade of experience at major international law firms including Latham & Watkins, O'Melveny & Myers, and Lovells, Dan has represented clients in complex international

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