
Our International Arbitration Practice

Our international arbitration team currently handles arbitrations with a total value in excess of US\$6 billion, involving 22 jurisdictions, and the rules of all the major arbitral institutions. These disputes involve a variety of industries, including energy, infrastructure, oil & gas, mining, engineering & construction, financial services, insurance, media, manufacturing, telecommunications, and pharmaceuticals.

In addition to our broad commercial arbitration practice, we have deep expertise in public international law, including with claims for breaches of investment treaties and other investment protections. We have represented both investors and sovereigns before ICSID tribunals and in other leading fora. Based on this expertise, we regularly advise on investment structuring, risk mitigation, and claim negotiations.

Our lawyers also have hands-on experience in arbitration-related litigation, including enforcing arbitration awards and agreements, obtaining interim relief, seeking discovery, and managing parallel multi-jurisdictional claims. Several members of our team also sit as arbitrators.

The firm's arbitration practice is recognized by the USA and Latin America editions of *Chambers* and *Legal 500*, as well as by *Global Arbitration Review*, *Who's Who* and other industry guides. Chaffetz Lindsey was awarded *Global Arbitration Review's* "Small Law Firm of the Year" in 2011, and *Chambers USA's* International Arbitration Client Service award in May 2014.

"A great alternative to the established industry heavyweights."

- Chambers USA

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

Our experience includes representing the following:

- Power plant owner in Guatemala in an ICC arbitration against a Chinese contractor over complex construction/project finance claims, winning US\$300 million and defeating claims of US\$900 million.
- European pharmaceutical company in an NAI arbitration with a major global company concerning a commercialization agreement, obtaining a US\$200 million+ award.
- Turkish telecommunications company in a US\$1 billion ICC arbitration in Geneva and disputes in other jurisdictions over a failed corporate acquisition.
- Brazilian private equity firm in an ICC arbitration in Sao Paulo involving a \$100 million dispute with one of the world's largest hedge funds.
- Korean construction sub-contractor in an ICDR arbitration against the US prime contractor arising out of a FIDIC contract for a road project in Afghanistan.
- Brazilian firm in an ICC arbitration arising out of its construction of a floating oil and gas production, storage and offloading vessel.
- US energy company in a Singapore-seated SIAC arbitration of post-acquisition claims for breach of warranties/fraud arising from the purchase of a power plant in Pakistan.
- United Nations in an arbitration under UNCITRAL Rules against a Japanese construction company concerning design issues for a project in Timor-Leste.

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COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION (continued)

- Italian subcontractor in an ICC arbitration in Miami with a Spanish contractor, as well as related US litigation, arising out of a hydro project in Central America.
- US managing partner in a AAA arbitration concerning complex taxation issues arising under a partnership agreement for a power generation entity.
- Multinational energy company in successfully settling LCIA claims arising out of the purchase of oil and gas assets in Argentina, Peru, Colombia, and Venezuela.
- US power company against an instrumentality of an Indian State Government in an ad hoc arbitration seated in India, successfully defending multi-million dollar indemnity claims.
- Multinational energy company in an ICDR arbitration concerning allocation of taxes in an LNG project JV, with parallel local litigation.
- US pharmaceutical company in a London-seated WIPO arbitration concerning breaches of a commercialization and licensing agreement for a new drug.

INVESTMENT ARBITRATIONS & PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Our experience includes representing the following:

- US energy investor in a US\$600m ICSID arbitration against Argentina over BIT breaches, including novel issues in the power generation sector.
- Spanish construction company in an ICSID arbitration against Ecuador over BIT breaches arising from the expansion of Ecuador's largest gas refinery.
- Liberia in an ICSID arbitration in connection with a gold mining concession with a North American investor.
- Dutch investor in noticing breaches by Turkey of its obligations under the Energy Charter Treaty and certain BITs, arising out of the imposition of a special tax on generators.
- Multinational bank in BIT and NAFTA claims against Mexico arising out of debt restructuring, and negotiating a favorable settlement.
- Canadian investor in an UNCITRAL arbitration against Venezuela arising out of BIT and investment law breaches concerning a long term coal supply agreement for a power plant.
- Counsel in two cases before the Iran-US Claims Tribunal, securing the first damages award against the US.
- Counsel in two cases involving submissions to the ECHR against Spain for interference with property rights.
- Advising clients on investment structuring to maximize international law protections.

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