

Public International Law

Our public international law team, which is co-led from London, Paris, and Washington, D.C., has secured major successes in international trade, investment treaty, and commercial disputes before the WTO, the United Nations, the World Bank, and other international institutions. We also act on sanctions, human rights, and export control matters. We act on the most significant public international law matters and are consistently ranked by the market.

Public international law today plays a large and growing role in the decision-making of multinational companies with respect to their global investments. Furthermore, controversies between investors and states have increased in their complexity and importance.

Representative experience

Successfully acting for the Slovak Republic, against Achmea in the CJEU, achieving a landmark judgement on investor-state arbitration clauses.

Successfully defended the government of Vietnam in three investment treaty disputes across multiple sectors, including health, food, and tourism.

We have advised both governments and private sector clients in several WTO disputes, including with respect to the GATT and the TRIPS.

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Practices

International Arbitration

International Trade and
Investment

Acted for Iberdrola S.A. in an investment treaty dispute and settlement negotiations with the government of Bolivia relating to the nationalization of the electricity sector.

Latest thinking and events

Insights and Analysis

Practical tips on drafting arbitration clauses

Insights and Analysis

The arbitration of ethics: the IBA gives its position on the future of ESG-related disputes

News

Reinforcing Madrid as an attractive seat for international arbitration: CIAM approves new Rules for 2024

News

Impact of Russian Sanctions on International Arbitration – An update

Webinar

The EU Foreign Subsidy Regulation, in between burden, threat, and opportunity – How should undertakings operating from the U.S. navigate through it?

Insights and Analysis

Shared views on international arbitration in Senegal: exploring promising developments