

Michael Davison

Deputy CEO
London

Biography

Michael Davison is Deputy CEO of Hogan Lovells. For close to 30 years, he has been helping clients avoid disputes and from 2014 to 2020 he was the sole head of the firm's global Litigation, Arbitration and Employment practice, comprising 200 partners and 800 lawyers across 45+ offices. The team has advised 73 of the Fortune 100, 40 of the FTSE 100 and 24 of the DAX 30. As a London arbitration lawyer he has handled some of the most complex international cases. Michael has tried cases under the rules of all 10 major arbitration centres – in Latin America, Europe, Russia, Ukraine, the Middle East, and South East Asia. Before relocating to London, Michael worked in the firm's Paris office for six years, where he qualified as a French avocat. He is also a Solicitor Advocate and trained mediator.

Michael acts regularly in arbitrations for clients in the automotive, aerospace, defense, energy, and telecom industries. He has a particular interest in energy and commodities law. Michael sits as an arbitrator, acts as a mediator, and lectures on arbitration topics.

Described by *The Legal 500* as "undoubtedly one of the leading practitioners in Europe", and by Chambers UK as "absolutely brilliant", Michael is frequently invited to speak at conferences on arbitration issues.

Representative experience

Acting for Victor Pinchuk in an arbitration between him and Ukrainian business interests.



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Languages

English
French

Practices

Commercial Litigation
Energy Disputes
International Arbitration
Litigation Services
Business and Human Rights
Sovereigns

Industries

Automotive and Mobility
Energy

Acting for telecommunications companies in disputes in a Cairo Centre arbitration with its seat in Cairo.

Acting for an automotive manufacturer over a collapsed alliance in an ICC arbitration with its seat in London.

Acting for investors and governments in various investment treaty cases.

Acting for a major pharmaceutical company in a dispute over its share purchase agreement arising out of business in Eastern Europe.

Acting for an oil company terminating joint ventures in North Africa, through ICC arbitrations with their seat in Paris.

Acting for a major project management company in a dispute over an infrastructure project in the Middle East.

Acting for a Russian telecommunications company in three parallel LCIA arbitrations arising out of share purchase transactions with their seat in London.

Acting for companies making applications under the English 1996 Arbitration Act.

Acting for companies involved in the enforcement of awards in off-shore jurisdictions, including Cyprus, BVI, Cayman and Bermuda.

Acting for a Romanian media company in an ICC arbitration arising out of a share purchase agreement in an ICC arbitration with its seat in London.

Awards and rankings

- Named in the International Arbitration Power List, *Legal 500*, 2019
- Dispute Resolution, Band 1 Ranking Practice, *Chambers Global*, 2019
- Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration, Leading Individual, *Legal 500 UK*, 2018

Latest thinking and events

Technology

Areas of focus

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Mining and Resources

Oil and Gas

Public International Law

Education and admissions

Education

MA Jurisprudence, University of Oxford, Lincoln College, 1985

Bar admissions and qualifications

Paris

Court admissions

Senior Courts of England

Supreme Court of the Republic of Ireland

Accolades

"Global litigation and arbitration head Michael Davison is very smart and an excellent operator"

Legal 500 2018

'Incredibly skilled'

Legal 500 2015

- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells reports strong, steady growth driven by key, strategic investments across its practices, sectors, and regions — achieving nearly US\$3 billion in global revenue

- Insights and Analysis
 - Privilege overview

- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells Pro Bono team brings war crimes claims against the Russian Federation

- Insights and Analysis
 - Introduction to Civil Proceedings in England and Wales

- Press releases
 - Deputy CEO of Hogan Lovells to head up new specialist committee at the City of London Law Society focused on arbitration law

- News
 - Energy Disputes Global Trends and Perspectives

'Maintains a distinguished practice ... singled out for his solution-oriented approach'

Chambers UK 2015

'Undoubtedly one of the leading practitioners in Europe'

Legal 500 2012
