

Thomas Kendra

Partner

Paris

Biography

Partner in Hogan Lovells' Paris international arbitration practice, Thomas' knowledge and skills are focused on the energy, life sciences, TMT, aerospace, mining, finance and construction sectors, as well as in investment arbitration, in which he has acted for both States and investors. He is dual-qualified in England and France.

Thomas is passionate about encouraging the growth of alternative dispute resolution, notably in Africa and Asia, where he has worked. This has led him to collaborate in establishing the Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC) in Rwanda in 2012, for which he was shortlisted for Solicitor of the Year by the Law Society, and he remains an active member of KIAC's Board. Thomas also co-leads Hogan Lovells' Paris-Afrique Group, a cross-practice desk established within the Paris office, and he has recently been elected co-president of AfricArb, a non-profit organisation of practitioners aiming to promote the development of arbitration in Africa.

Thomas presents and publishes widely on international arbitration topics, as well as teaching at Sciences-Po, Queen Mary and Versailles University. Thomas has been said to "lead the market" in relation to arbitrations in Francophone Africa by Who's Who Legal, 2017, and is ranked by Chambers, with sources noting his "ability to combine a bird's-eye perspective on the case with



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Languages

English
French
Spanish

Practices

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Energy Disputes
Technology Litigation
Our legal work in Africa

Industries

Technology and Telecoms
Life Sciences and Health Care
Aerospace and Defense
Automotive and Mobility

sufficient attention to detail" [Chambers Europe 2019] and his "very well-prepared and effective cross examinations"[Chambers Global 2018]] .

Representative experience

Representing a central Asian state in an UNCITRAL arbitration brought by a Canadian mining company under the Energy Charter Treaty relating to uranium mining licenses.

Representing a Latin American state in relation to two ICSID arbitrations brought by companies in the coffee and fertilizer industries.

Representing a French company in an ICSID arbitration under a BIT against an Eastern European State.

Representing a global oil company in ICC mediation proceedings against an African state regarding tax issues linked to the application of its concessions.

Awards and rankings

- International Arbitration (France), *Chambers Global*, 2021
- Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration, Next Generation Partner, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019-2020
- International Arbitration (France), Up and Coming, *Chambers Global*, 2018-2020
- "Up and Coming" in International Arbitration, *Chambers Europe*, 2018-2020
- Future Leader: Arbitration, *Who's Who Legal*, 2020-2021
- Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2020
- Shortlisted for Solicitor of the Year 2012, *Law Society*, 2012

Latest thinking and events

- Insights and Analysis
 - Shared views on international arbitration in Senegal: exploring promising developments

Energy and Natural Resources
Financial Institutions

Areas of focus

Oil and Gas: Exploration and Production

Oil and Gas: Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

Oil and Gas: Pipelines and Midstream Facilities

Oil and Gas: Refinery and Petrochemical Projects

Oil and Gas: Supply, Marketing, and Trading

Nuclear Power

Public International Law

Education and admissions

Education

European Legal Studies, University of Bristol

Université de Bordeaux

University of Salamanca

Memberships

Founding Board member of the Kigali International Arbitration Centre

Member of LCIA (YIAG) and ICC

Shortlisted for Solicitor of the Year 2012 (Law Society)

- News
 - Approaching a rapprochement?
- Insights and Analysis
 - ICSID and UNCITRAL's new joint Code of Conduct: a clear path forward for arbitrators?
- News
 - Zooming in on the Investment Protocol to the AfCFTA: a new era for investment disputes across Africa?
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells secures important victory in French human trafficking case
- News
 - Food fight – French and English courts clash over correct law to apply to arbitration agreement

Bar admissions and qualifications

Paris

Court admissions

Supreme Court of England and Wales
