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NATIONALITY

British & Irish citizen. US Permanent Resident.

BAR ADMISSIONS

England & Wales (2007), New York (2011) District of Columbia (2016)

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

International arbitration lawyer as counsel in commercial and investor-state disputes. International counsel in miscellaneous transnational litigation matters. Representative cases below.

Jones Day, Washington, D.C.

Partner, Global Disputes, January 2022-date

Associate, Global Disputes, February 2013-December 2021

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Washington, DC

Associate, International Arbitration Group, February 2011-February 2013

Clifford Chance LLP, London & Tokyo

Senior Associate, International Arbitration, September 2010-February 2011

Associate, International Arbitration, March 2007-September 2010

Trainee Solicitor, March 2005-March 2007

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

LLM (International Legal Studies), Dean's List, May 2010

BPP Law School, London

Legal Practice Course, May 2004

Graduate Diploma in Law, May 2003

University of Oxford – St. Peter's College, Oxford

Bachelor of Arts (French & Portuguese), Upper Second Class Degree, May 2002

Eton College, Windsor: *A-Levels: French, Spanish, Economics & Political studies, General Studies all at "A" grade, June 1998; GCSE & AO: 10, all at "A*" or "A" grade, June 1995 & 1996*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

University of Maryland, Baltimore, *Adjunct Professor of Law (International Arbitration), 2015-present*

CURRICULUM VITAE

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Included on the roster of arbitrators of the Arbitration Center of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce (2016-present)

Assistant Editor, ICSID Review, (2013-2016)

Institute of Transnational Arbitration, North America Representative for “Young ITA”, (2018-2019)

Assistant Reporter to the Institute of Transnational Arbitration on English arbitration-related court rulings (2007-2011)

Member: Various international arbitration groups including the ITA, Rising Arbitrator’s Initiative, LCIA and ICC Users Groups etc.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMERCIAL & INVESTOR-STATE ARBITRATION, TRANSNATIONAL LITIGATION MATTERS

Current

Representation of U.S. energy company in multiple “bet the company” ICC arbitrations pertaining to take-or-pay agreements with various different customers located around the world. Brazilian, Swiss, Spanish, Italian, English & Delaware law, Geneva seat, commercial contracts.

Representation of U.S energy company, as international counsel, in criminal investigation in Egypt & related civil proceedings in Egypt and Switzerland.

Representation of a Canadian company in an ICSID arbitration against Kazakhstan in relation to its investment in the country’s gold mining industry.

Representation of U.S. hospitality company, as international counsel, in Labor and Employment proceedings before the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago.

Past

Representation of U.S. energy company in ICC arbitration with Indian company. English law, London seat, mining. Acted for the same U.S. energy company as international counsel supervising successful appeal of an arbitration-related local court holding before the Indian Supreme Court.

Representation of international oil company in ICC arbitration proceedings against the Venezuelan national oil company. Venezuelan law, New York seat, oil & gas.

Representation of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan in LCIA arbitration with UK company. English law, London seat, commercial.

Representation of a Romanian energy company in ICC arbitration proceedings against a Russian oligarch. English law, London seat, commercial.

Representation of twelve Kazakh nationals in an ICSID arbitration against Uzbekistan in relation to their investment in the country’s cement industry.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Representation of U.S. company and individual in an ICSID arbitration against Panama in relation to their investment in the country's construction industry.

Representation of a Turkish company and individuals in an ICSID arbitration against Uzbekistan in relation to their investment in the country's national gas industry.

Representation of a Canadian company and individual in an UNCITRAL arbitration against Kazakhstan in relation to their investment in the country's uranium mining industry.

Representation of an Estonian company in an ICSID arbitration against Kazakhstan in relation to its investment in the country's construction industry.

Representation of a Canadian company in an UNCITRAL arbitration against Kazakhstan in relation to their investment in the country's gold mining industry.

Representation of English & U.S. companies in an UNCITRAL arbitration against Bolivia in relation to their investment in the country's electricity sector.

Representation of a Canadian company in ICSID Additional Facility arbitration against Venezuela in relation to its investment in the country's gold mining industry.

RELEVANT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Interviewed (in Portuguese) for Canal Arbitragem, "Arbitragem Na Pratica" Interview Series. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FueS89xsL3E>

"Is Brazil an Arbitration-Friendly jurisdiction for foreign investors?", 2nd Georgetown Arbitration Day, Washington, D.C. (January 26, 2023)

"International Arbitrations arising in Brazil: Best Practices for Identifying and Mitigating Local and International Risks", São Paulo Arbitration Week (speaking in Portuguese) (October 19, 2022)

Speaker on Various International Arbitration Matters, Young ITA Global Forum 2022 (February 22, 2022)

"The United States and Investment Treaties: The Next Ten Years", Young ITA Talks, Washington, D.C. (October 3, 2018)

"US Law and International Commercial Arbitration: A Changing Landscape", Young ITA Talks, New York (September 25, 2018)

"A Tour Around the Arbitration World", 30th Annual ITA Workshop, Dallas, Texas (June 20, 2018)

American Society of International Law, Young Arbitrator Debate Series, Debater of the Motion: "This house believes that no conflict arises when an arbitrator is appointed to decide a case that raises an issue on which that arbitrator has already issued an opinion or a decision", Washington D.C. (March 15, 2018)

"Business Lawyering for All Stages of the Company Life Cycle", 43rd Annual Advanced Business Law Conference, Virginia (April 23, 2016)

CURRICULUM VITAE

“*India’s Model Bilateral Investment Treaty – A Critical Analysis*”, Nani Palkhivala Arbitration Centre, Annual International Conference: Emerging Frontiers of Arbitration Law, Mumbai, India (February 13, 2016)

“*Is the Definitive Arbitral Award No Longer What it Used to Be? Arbitral Appeals, Annulment or Quality Control of Arbitral Awards*”, V Encontro Internacional de Arbitragem de Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal (speaking in Portuguese) (October 9, 2015)

“*Oil and Gas Investment Arbitrations, Structuring Against the Risk of Adverse Continental Shelf Decisions*”, Houston Oil & Gas Investment Arbitration Conference, Houston, Texas (October 31, 2014)

“*Is Investment Treaty Arbitration a Mechanism to Second-guess Governments’ Exercise of Administrative Discretion: Public Law or Lex Investitoria?*”, Eighth Annual Investment Treaty Arbitration Conference, Washington, D.C. (March 28, 2014)

“*Current Issues in Investor-State Arbitration*”, Georgetown University Law Center, International Arbitration Month. (February 11, 2014)

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

“*The Year in Review*”, ABA Section of International Law, Disputes, International Arbitration, Brazil (Forthcoming)

“*Is Denial of Justice the Only Substantive Standard Theory of Liability for Judicial Measures?*”, Judicial Measures and Investment Treaty Law, TDM 2 (2019)

“*Cyclical Criticisms – A Report from the 2017 IIA Workshop*”, Global Arbitration Review (June 22, 2017)

“*Taming the ‘Mercantile Adventurers’: Third Party Funding and Investment Arbitration – A Report from the 14th Annual IIA-ASIL Conference*”, Kluwer Arbitration Blog (April 21, 2017)

“*Apotex Holdings Inc and Apotex Inc v The Government of the United States of America: The Adoption by International Tribunals of a Substantive/Transactional Approach to Res Judicata – A New Paradigm in International Dispute Resolution?*”, 30(3) ICSID Review (2015)

“*Is Investment Treaty Arbitration a Mechanism to Second-guess Governments’ Exercise of Administrative Discretion: Public Law or Lex Mercatoria?*”, 8 Investment Treaty Arbitration and International Law 271 (2015)

“*Apotex Inc. v. The Government of the United States of America: Will Barriers to Jurisdiction Inhibit an Emerging Trend?*”, 30(1) ICSID Review (2015)

“*The Year in Review*”, ABA Section of International Law, Disputes, International Arbitration, Vol. No. 48 ABA/ISIL YIR (n.s.) page nos. 119-134 (2014)

“*Steps in the Right Direction*”, Latin Lawyer (January 22, 2014)

“*Ecuador and the anti-investment arbitration movement*”, Global Arbitration Review (July 25, 2013)