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Current Employer-Title

Arnold and Porter – Senior International Arbitration Advisor Columbia Law School – Lecturer-in-Law Fordham Law School – Adjunct Professor American Review of International Arbitration – Managing Editor

Profession

Arbitrator (Domestic and International), Attorney, Educator at Columbia Law School, Mediator

Work History

Senior International Arbitration Advisor, Arnold & Porter LLP, 2018 – Present; Senior Associate, Baker McKenzie LLP, 2015 – 2018; Senior Associate, Curtis Mallet-Prevost Colt & Mosle LLP, 2008 – 2015; Consultant, The World Bank Group, 2008 – 2008; Consultant, UNICEF, 2004 – 2006.

Experience

Experience in a broad range of disputes, domestic and international, both in mediation and arbitration, including: energy (oil and gas); telecommunications (mobile and satellite); financial services (banking and investment); technology (intellectual property, licensing, outsourcing), accounting; taxation; complex contractual matters (breach of terms; breach of representation & warranties); business associations (partnerships, corporations; joint ventures), hospitality, life sciences.

Commercial contracts: broad range of commercial disputes including payment, pricing, defective deliverables, delays, deficient services, fraud, commercial code, warranties.

Pharmaceuticals, Health Care, Life Sciences: product development, royalties, M&A, distribution, marketing, pricing, rebates, manufacture, delivery, licensing, recall, FDA issues.

Intellectual property: IP licensing, R&D, ownership disputes, patent infringement, trade secret misappropriation, trademark infringement, trade dress, laches.

Corporate mergers, acquisitions, dissolutions, shareholder disputes: reps and warranties, post-closing adjustments, earn-outs entitlement, violation of non-compete, asset valuation, fraud.

Energy: electricity production, pricing and distribution, service contracts, photovoltaic/solar, wind turbines, hydraulic fracturing (fracking), renewable energy credits (RECs), oil spills.

Environmental: remediation responsibility, defective remediation systems, oil spills, superfund, infrastructure disputes, RECs, environmental assessments, storm water management.

Financial matters: bank/broker/customer, debt obligations, fees, tax, guarantees, hedge fund, private placement, private equity, mortgage backed securities, structured products, broker fees.

Telecommunication: carrier services, mobile phone software infringement, off-shore customer services, FRAND disputes, licensing disputes, executive stock options, post M&A disputes.

Aviation: defective parts supply claims, warranty claims, failure to supply and delay, intellectual property, aviation R&D, ownership claims, sales commission for aircraft sales.

Partnerships and Joint Ventures: payments and ownership, accounting, mismanagement and misappropriation, breach of non-compete, removal of general partner, fiduciary duties.

Franchises/distributorships/agencies: terminations, failure to support, royalty payments, noncompete; exclusive arrangements, coop advertising, best/commercially reasonable efforts, targets.

Hospitality: development projects, motel and fast food franchisee and distributorship disputes.

Sports: Experience in sports arbitration and related franchise disputes.

Mediator Experience

Involved in large, complex international and domestic arbitrations and mediations that cumulatively exceed US\$80 billion under numerous bilateral/multilateral investment treaties and contracts in South Asia, Latin America, Central Asia, Middle East, Europe, and Africa.

A CEDR certified mediator and an IMI qualified mediator, involved in several domestic and international mediation in all sectors including commercial, international, employment, among others.

Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator

Participated in a six month international mediation for a South Asian Government against an international telecommunications company incorporated in Mauritius. Amount in dispute: USD 2 billion.

Participated in a Med-Arb procedure representing a Central Asian Government against an international oil consortium in the energy sector. Amount in dispute: USD 6 billion.

Advised the Government of a South Asian country on a mediation strategy based on nationalization of certain energy and telecommunication contracts. Amount in dispute: USD 1 billion.

Participated in an international mediation involving a Kazakh bank for failure to make payments. Amount in dispute: USD 4 million.

Acted as a mediator in an employment dispute. Amount in dispute: USD 20 million.

Acted as a mediator in a breach of contract dispute. Amount in dispute: USD 30 million.

Preferences

Mediator Style & Process I am a facilitative mediator willing to assist the parties in evaluating their cases. The hallmark of mediation is the flexibility of the process. The role of the mediator is to provide the parties with the opportunity to freely and confidentially discuss the dispute and explore a broad range of options for resolution. The mediator is a facilitator and guide in the communication between or among the parties. An effective mediator helps the parties to thoroughly understand and prepare for mediation, defines and refines the process to maximize the opportunities for resolution and encourages the parties to persevere in the sometimes difficult task of understanding each other's views and the risks and benefits of settlement options and alternatives to settlement. In other words, I view mediation as a party-driven process. I am flexible to adopt any approach that the parties deem appropriate.

Education

Harvard Law School (SJD Candidate (Doctoral Degree in Law), International Arbitration-Since 2019); Leiden Law School (PhD, International Arbitration – 2019); NYU School of Law (LLM, Hauser Global Scholar; Transitional Justice Fellow – 2008); University of Oxford (BCL, Master's Degree in Law/DHL-Times of India Scholar – 2007); NALSAR (Diploma in Humanitarian Law,

Gold Medal – 2006); University of Mumbai (Diploma in Human Rights Law, Gold Medal – 2005; LLB, Gold Medal, 5 awards – 2004).

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: New York (2010), District of Columbia (2017); Admitted as a Barrister: England and Wales (2021; prior to that a Solicitor in England & Wales); Admitted to the Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa, India (2004).

Professional Associations FELLOWSHIPS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- o Chartered Arbitrator (C.Arb), Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2022).
- o Chartered Arbitrator, Asian International Arbitration Centre (formerly the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA)) (2022).
- o Dispute Resolution Experts (DREx) Talks, Fellow (2022).
- o Certified Mediator, Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) (2020).
- o Fellow, Kovise Foundation Conflict Resolution International (FAP-KFCRI) (2020).
- o Fellow, Arbitrators and Mediators Institute of New Zealand (AMINZ) (2020).
- o Fellow, Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (2020).
- o Fellow, College of Commercial Arbitrators (2020) (youngest member to be admitted).
- o Fellow, Prime Dispute (FPD) (2019).
- o Senior Fellow, Bali International Arbitration and Mediation Center (BIAMC) (SFBiAm) (2019).
- o Higginbotham Fellow, American Arbitrator Association (2018).
- o Fellow, Royal Society of Arts(FRSA)(2018).
- o Fellow (FAIADR), Asian International Arbitration Centre (formerly the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA)) (2018).
- o Fellow (FCIArb), Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2018).
- o Fellow, American Bar Foundation (2018).
- o American Bar Association, Section of International Law, Inaugural Diversity Fellow (2015).
- o Fellow, Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (since 2014).

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

- o American Society of International Law (ASIL), Signature Topics Initiative (2022).
- o American Arbitration Association/International Centre for Dispute Resolution Foundation, Ambassador (2022).
- o Brill Perspective in International Investment Law and Arbitration, Associate Editor (2022).
- o Law360, International Arbitration, Editorial Board (2022).
- o American Bar Association, Section of International Law, India Conference Co-Chair (2022).
- o International Commercial Disputes Committee, New York City Bar, Affiliate Member (2022), International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR), Procedures and Challenge Task Force (2022).
- o International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR), Challenge Review Board (2022).
- o International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)'s USCIB, Academic Taskforce Co-Chair (2022).
- o African Journal of International Arbitration, Distinguished Associate Editor (2022).
- o Law360, 2022's International Arbitration Editorial Board (2022).
- o Council For National and International Commercial Arbitration & Mediation Center (CNICA), Advisory Board Member (2021).
- o Delos Disputes Tag Time webinar series, Moderator (2020).
- o International Legal Materials, American Society of International Law, Corresponding Editor
- o Investment and Commercial Arbitration Review, Advisory Board (2020).
- o Auro Journal of Legal Research, Advisory Board (2020).
- o Equal Representation for Arbitration (ERA) Pledge, Young Practitioner's Subcommittee (2020).
- o Jus Mundi, Editor (2020).
- o Boston International Arbitration Council, Advisory Committee (2020).
- o Belt and Road Commission, International Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador(2020).
- o Pledge for Greener Arbitrations, Steering Committee (2020).
- o International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), Publications Committee (2020).
- o International Bar Association Arbitration Subcommittee on updating the 2010 IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence (2019).
- o California International Arbitration Council, Inc. (CIAC), Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and Academic Council (since 2019).
- o Bali International Arbitration and Mediation Center (BIAMC), International Liaison Officer (since 2019).

- o ICSID Review, Associate Editor (since 2019); Peer Review Board (since 2014).
- o Young Mumbai Center for International Arbitration (MCIA), Board Member (since 2018).

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

Publications:

Published over 70 articles and 7 books in international arbitration. Spoken at over 350 events all over the world:

- -"Practical Insights on Expert Evidence," Kluwer Practical Insights (2021);
- -"Model Investment Agreements and Human Rights: What can we learn from Recent Efforts?," The Bulletin: Columbia Journal of Transnational Law (2021);
- -"International Courts: The Year in Review," Annual Publication of the ABA Section of International Law/SMU Dedman School of Law, (co-author) (2021);
- -"Evolution of 28 U.S.C. § 1783: An Unexplored Tool to Support International Arbitration," Journal of International Arbitration, Vol 38(4);
- -Book Review: "A Guide to the ICDR International Rules," American Review of International Arbitration (Vol.31(3));
- -"Regulating the Regulators: Exploring the Draft UNCITRAL/ICSID Code of Conduct," Corporate Disputes Issue (co-author) (2021);
- -"Adding New Ingredients to an Old Recipe: Do ISDS Reforms and New Investment Treaties Support Human Rights," Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law (Vol. 53(1)) (2021);
- -"Consequences of Crisis and the Great Re-Think: COVID-19's Impact on Energy Investment, Sustainability and the Future of International Investment Agreements," Journal of World Energy Law & Business (2021);
- -"Human Rights and Investor—State Dispute Settlement Reform: Fitting a Square Peg into a Round Hole?," Journal of International Dispute Settlement (2021);
- -"The Evolution of Brazilian CFIAs from 2015 to 2020: Like Wine, Does It Get Better with Time?," Journal of International Arbitration, Vol 38(2);
- -"Who Represents Whom? Looking at the Representation of States in Investor-State Arbitration," La Revue Des Juristes De Science Po No. 20 (2021);
- -"2020 in Review: The Pandemic, Investment Treaty Arbitration, and Human Rights," Kluwer Arbitration Blog (2021);
- -"When the Answer is Becoming the Question: Impact of Arbitrations on the Environment," Kluwer Arbitration Blog (2020);
- -"Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards in the U.S. post Daimler AG v. Bauman," Kluwer Arbitration Blog (2020).

Teaching Experience/Consultancies

- -Lecturer in Law, Columbia Law School (2013 Present), Assistant Lecturer (2011 2013);
- -Managing Editor, The American Review of International Arbitration, Columbia Law School (2016 Present);
- -Legal Consultant to the United Nations Office of the High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS on the investment program (since 2016);
- -Lecturer on specific topics at the Georgetown University Law Center (2013-date); Fordham Law School (2014 Present);
- -Visiting Professor, Madrid International Arbitration Summer Course (Spain) (since July 2016);
- -Visiting Professor, National Law School, Jodhpur (India) (2016);
- -Lecturer, International Arbitration Workshop, Harvard Law School (since 2017).

Speaking Engagements

- -Speaker, "Evidence in International Arbitration," ICDR and Athens Law School (2020);
- -Speaker, "Dispute Resolution in Regional & International Trade: Arbitration or Litigation?," 4th Annual Law Conference, Uganda Law Conference (2021);
- -Speaker, "Developments in ISDS: The Roaring 20s?," Young ITA Speaker Series (2021);
- -Speaker, "Developments in International Arbitration," ADR Society of Nigeria (2021);
- -Moderator, "Careers in International Arbitration," Columbia International Arbitration Association (2021);
- -Speaker, "Enforcement and Annulment in International Arbitration," Certificate in International Commercial and Investment Arbitration in Rome (2021);
- -Speaker, "International Arbitration: Training for Kosovo," US Department of State's Commercial Law Development Program and USAID (2021);
- -Speaker, "Diversity in Arbitration Week 2021 : Charting the Way Tackling Intersectionality and Beyond #LetsGetReal" Asian International Arbitration Centre's Diversity in Arbitration Week

2021 (2021).

Mediation Rate \$650 Per Hour

Languages Hindi, English

Citizenship United States of America

Locale New York, NY

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