

## Winston & Strawn Expands International Arbitration Practice in London

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**LONDON** – Winston & Strawn LLP announced today that Matthew Bate has joined the firm as a partner in its International Arbitration Practice in London. Mr. Bate, who comes to Winston from Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, advises and represents parties in relation to international commercial arbitrations, as well as investment treaty arbitrations.

“With the addition of Matthew Bate to the team, we continue to focus on strategically growing our capabilities within key practice areas and markets,” said Tom Fitzgerald, Winston’s firmwide managing partner. “We are excited by the momentum and growth the firm’s International Arbitration Practice and London office have experienced recently.”

“Matthew’s experience, particularly in energy and infrastructure projects, will significantly expand the reach of our existing practice and contribute to the firm’s strong global platform,” added Ricardo Ugarte, chair of Winston’s International Arbitration Practice. “The enhancement of the international arbitration team in London plays an important role in growing our capabilities across Europe.”

Mr. Bate started his career in New York and has practiced almost exclusively in international arbitration for over a decade. His practice has a particular focus on complex, high-value disputes involving foreign direct investment, major infrastructure projects, joint ventures, and cross-border transactions in the energy, mining, telecommunications, technology, financial, and transportation sectors.

“Winston’s market-leading brand in dispute resolution, combined with its global platform and its increasing focus on energy and project finance, make it a perfect fit for my practice,” said Mr. Bate. “I am excited to be joining the firm in London and look forward to growing its international arbitration offering.”

Mr. Bate joins Michael Stepek, who came over to Winston in London earlier this month. Mr. Stepek said, “I could not be more delighted that Matthew has decided to join me at Winston. We have worked together for many years, and hopefully many more years to come.”

The firm’s London office has been bolstered significantly through a string of recent strategic lateral acquisitions in key practice areas, including: a transportation finance team; Corporate Department attorneys, and a group of project finance attorneys.

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