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Imad is an international disputes lawyer who represents and advises sovereigns, multinational companies, state-owned entities, and intergovernmental organizations through all aspects of international dispute resolution. He is particularly experienced in investment treaty and international commercial arbitration under all major arbitral rules, including the ICC, ICDR, AAA, HKIAC, LCIA, ICSID, and UNCITRAL. His practice includes enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards. He frequently publishes articles and lectures on topics related to international arbitration and dispute resolution and serves in leadership of leading international organizations and arbitral institutions.

In addition to international arbitration and complex commercial litigation, Imad's practice extends to handling recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitration awards, including for judgments and awards involving states, state agencies, and state-owned entities which involve state immunity issues. Imad also advises clients in navigating complex discovery involved in international disputes. Imad has a wide variety of experience representing and advising clients across diverse economic sectors, including energy, oil and gas, electricity, renewables, technology, waste management, mining, and pharmaceuticals in numerous arbitrations.

He maintains a deep understanding of his practice by frequently speaking and publishing on topics related to his practice and industry/business-sector focus. He currently holds leadership positions with the ICC International Court of Arbitration, ABA Section of Litigation, American Branch of the International Law Association, and Friends of the Hague Academy. Imad also serves on the Houston Chapter Board of Directors for Developments in Literacy, a non-profit committed to empowering children through education in Pakistan.

## Key Matters

### INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION – INVESTMENT ARBITRATION

- Represented claimant in *Eskosol v. Republic of Italy*, ICSID Case No. ARB/15/50 (Energy Charter Treaty)
- Represented Bulgaria in *EVN AG v. Republic of Bulgaria*, ICSID Case No. ARB/13/17 (Austria-Bulgaria BIT; Energy Charter Treaty)
- Represented Bulgaria in *ENERGO-PRO a.s. v. Republic of Bulgaria*, ICSID Case No. ARB/15/19 (Czech Republic - Bulgaria BIT; ECT)
- Represented Uzbekistan in *Oxus Gold v. Republic of Uzbekistan*, UNCITRAL (UK-Uzbekistan BIT; Uzbek Investment Law)
- Represented claimants in *Edgeboro International, Inc. Global Environmental Sustainability, Inc. v. Kingdom of Morocco* (U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement)
- Represented El Paso in annulment proceedings in *El Paso Energy International Company v. Argentine Republic*, ICSID Case No. ARB/03/15 (US-Argentina BIT)
- Represented Uzbekistan in *Güneş Tekstil Konfeksiyon Sanayi ve Ticaret Limited Şirketi and others v. Republic of Uzbekistan*, ICSID Case No. ARB/13/19 (Turkey-Uzbekistan BIT; Uzbek Investment Law)
- Representing the claimant in *Cascade Investments NV v. Republic of Turkey*, ICSID Case No. ARB/18/4 (Belgium-Luxembourg -Turkey BIT)
- Represented claimants in *Gabriel Resources Ltd. and Gabriel Resources (Jersey) v. Romania*, ICSID Case No. ARB/15/31 (Canada-Romania BIT; UK-Romania BIT)
- Advised a major global telecom. company in an ICSID annulment proceeding
- Advised a dual national regarding potential investment claim against the Arab Republic of Egypt (US-Egypt BIT)
- Advised an information technologies company regarding potential investment claim against Republic of Tunisia (Greece-Tunisia BIT)
- Advised a multinational oilfield services companies regarding potential NAFTA claims
- Advised claimants-side stakeholders in an ICSID arbitration against a Latin American State

### INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION – COMMERCIAL AND CONSTRUCTION ARBITRATION

- Representing state-owned entity in two LCIA arbitrations seated in Houston under Texas law against multinational energy corporations pursuant to the parties' contract for sale and purchase of natural gas based on the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) form contract
- Represented a subsidiary of a global food delivery company in a DIFC-LCIA arbitration arising out of its investment with a leading food delivery company in Saudi Arabia
- Representing a technology company in an aviation industry in an ICDR arbitration seating in NY and governed by NY law

- Representing a multinational technology company against another multinational technology company in an ICC arbitration seating in Singapore governed by Singapore Law. This is a global dispute involving patents in the North America, EU, Africa, and Asia
- Represented an intergovernmental organization against an airline services provider in an UNCITRAL arbitration governed by general principles of international law and the UNIDROIT Principles of international Commercial Contracts
- Represented the respondents in *Eurotec Vertical Flight Solutions, LLC v. Turbomeca, S.A., Turbomeca USA, Inc., Turbomeca Canada, Inc., Safran, S.A., and Safran USA, Inc.* in an ICDR governed by U.S. law
- Represented an international construction contractor against the owner in an ICC construction arbitration governed by Indonesian law
- Represented the master franchisor against sub-franchisee in an ICDR arbitration governed by UAE law
- Represented the owner against a design firm in an HKIAC construction arbitration governed by Hong Kong law
- Represented a supplier against the distributor in parallel DIFC-LCIA/UNCITRAL arbitration governed by DIFC law
- Advised a Chinese turbine manufacturer against wind-farm developer concerning potential ICC arbitration governed by US law
- Advised an international EPC company against the owner concerning potential ICC construction arbitration governed by Indian law
- Advised various energy companies on dispute resolution and forum selection clauses, and remedies available under international law when negotiating E&P contracts, petroleum agreements, and natural gas exploration contracts with Latin American and African State-owned entities

## **PUBLIC/PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW**

- Representing a citizen of England in Eastern District of Texas proceedings seeking the return of his sons to England pursuant to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, a multilateral treaty that seeks to protect children from the harmful effects of abduction and retention across international borders
- Successfully represented a Venezuelan citizen in Southern District of Texas proceedings seeking the return of his daughter to Venezuela pursuant to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, a multilateral treaty that seeks to protect children from the harmful effects of abduction and retention across international borders
- Maritime Boundary Disputes:
  - Advised an international petroleum and natural gas exploration and production company regarding Gulf of Guinea maritime boundary dispute
  - Advised an international petroleum and natural gas exploration and production company regarding Nicaraguan maritime boundary dispute
  - Advised an international oil and gas exploration and production company regarding various maritime boundary claims in West Africa
  - Advised the energy ministry of a Middle Eastern State regarding Iran and Iraq's maritime boundary claims
  - Advised a Middle Eastern State-owned oil and gas company regarding the State's proposed model bilateral investment treaty

## **COMPLEX COMMERCIAL LITIGATION & DOMESTIC ARBITRATION**

- Represented one of the largest electric cooperatives against a multinational power generation conglomerate in a dispute before the Middle District of Florida concerning construction of a power plant and long-term power supply contract

- Represented a global investment bank in a class action securities litigation in Texas state court
- Represented the defendants in a Texas state court action to compel arbitration based on contractual ICC arbitration clause with Guatemalan governing law, as well as in related appeal before Texas appellate court
- Represented an oil and gas company in 13 parallel AAA employment arbitrations
- Represented an energy company in a hydrocarbons drainage suit in the Southern District of Texas
- Represented affiliate companies in an asbestos liabilities and contractual indemnities suit in Texas state court

#### **WHITE COLLAR, REGULATORY DEFENSE & INVESTIGATIONS**

- Represented a leading global information technology (IT) company based in Africa in an investigation by the World Bank's Integrity Vice Presidency (INT) relating to potential sanctionable practices; advising the company on post-settlement matters
- Represented several life sciences companies in antitrust compliance reviews and other internal investigations
- Represented a Pakistani power company in an investigation by the World Bank's Integrity Vice Presidency (INT) relating to potential antitrust violations, as well as related potential cross-debarment by the Asian Development Bank
- Represented an Indian construction company in an investigation by the World Bank's Integrity Vice Presidency (INT) relating to potential sanctionable practices
- Represented an aviation services company's audit committee in internal investigation to determine potential violations of the FCPA
- Represented a construction company in an internal investigation to determine potential violations of the FCPA and the anti-bribery and corruption laws of Texas

# Recognitions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®—Recognized for International Arbitration - Commercial (2025)
  - *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America
    - Recognized for Alternative Dispute Resolution (International Arbitration) and for Commercial Litigation (2021–2024)
    - Recognized for Criminal Defense: White-Collar (2024)
  - *Benchmark Litigation US*—“40 & Under” List for Dispute Resolution (2024–2025)
  - *The Legal 500 US*
    - Recognized as a “Rising Star” for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration (2022–2023)
    - Recognized as a “Key Lawyer” for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration (2021, 2023–2024)
  - *Lawdragon*
    - “500 Leading Energy Lawyers”—Recognized for Global Energy Disputes & Litigation (2025)
    - “500 X – The Next Generation”—Recognized for International Arbitration (2024)
    - “500 Leading Global Litigators”—Recognized for International Arbitration & Litigation (2024)
  - *Houston Business Journal*—Named a “Diversity in Business – Individual Honoree” (2025)
  - *Texas Lawyer* Texas Legal Award—“On the Rise” (2022)
  - *Lexology Index: Arbitration 2025*—Recognized as a “Future Leader” for International Arbitration (2022–2025)
  - *Lexology Index: “Client Choice Award”* for Arbitration in USA, Texas (2024–2025)
  - International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award
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# Activities

- ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin, Editorial Board Member, second term (2021-2024; 2025-2027)
  - ABA International Law Section’s 2024 Americas Conference – The Future of Energy Across the Americas: Helping Lawyers Predict and Adapt, Conference Co-Chair
  - International Law Association Committee, Alternative Dispute Resolution in International Law (2023)
  - American Branch of the International Law Association, Secretary and Board Member
  - The Friends of Hague Academy of International Law, Treasurer and Board Member (2021)
  - Institute for Energy Law (IEL) 2022-2023 Leadership Class, Cohort Member
  - International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), Publications Committee (2020)
  - CIArb North America Branch, Board of Directors and Chair of Young Members Group
  - CIArb Global Young Members Group, Steering Committee Member
  - ICDR Young & International, Executive Board Member
  - Developments in Literacy Houston, Board of Directors
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“ [Imad is] knowledgeable about arbitration issues, is responsive to concerns, and does a good job managing facts. ”

Client Testimonial

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

Imad received his A.B. in English and comparative literary studies from Occidental College in 2007. He received his J.D., *cum laude* from Washington University School of Law and M.B.A. from Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis in 2011. In law school, Imad served as the executive articles editor for the *Washington University School of Law Journal of Law & Policy* and team captain of the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court team.

He also received a Public International Law Certificate from Hague Academy of International Law in 2010.

Imad has intermediate proficiency in French and is conversational in Urdu and Hindi.

### ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Texas
- New York

## Related Insights & News

### PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, “Vacating or Modifying an Arbitration Award in Texas State Court”, Thomson Reuters Practical Law (Sept 2024)
- Co-author, “Supreme Court Significantly Restricts the Use of Section 1782 Discovery For Use In Foreign and International Arbitrations” (June 15, 2022)
- Co-author, *EU Treaty Proposal Constricts Rights Of Energy Investors*, Law360 (May 2020)
- Co-author, *Recent US Federal Court Ruling Permits Discovery in Aid of CIETAC Proceeding*, *The Recorder* (April 2020)
- Co-author, *Arbitration Proceedings In The Age Of Virtual Hearing Rooms*, Law360 (April 2020)
- Co-author, *Agreement on the Promotion, Protection, and Guarantee of Investments Among Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference*, in *World Arbitration Review* (2019)
- Co-author, *The 2017 AIPN Model Dispute Resolution Agreement*, in *International Arbitration in the Energy Industry* (ed. King 2019)
- Acknowledgment, *Arbitration Costs: Myths and Realities in Investment Treaty Arbitrations*, Professor Susan D. Frank (Oxford, 2019)
- Acknowledgment, *Consistency, Efficiency and Transparency in Investment Treaty Arbitration*, IBA Arbitration Subcommittee on Investment Treaty Arbitration (2018) (acknowledgement for editorial and research assistance)

- Co-author, *Challenges to Party Representatives and Counsel Before International Courts and Tribunals*, in *Challenges and Recusals of Judges and Arbitrators in International Courts and Tribunals* (ed. Giorgetti 2015)
- Co-author, *Pleading and Proof of Fraud and Comparable Forms of Abuse in Treaty Arbitration*, in *Legitimacy: Myths, Realities, Challenges*, ICCA Congress Series, Volume 18 (ed. van den Berg 2015)
- Author, *Systematic Integration and Vienna Convention Article 31(3)(c)*, American Society of International Law Cables (2014)
- Co-author, *Doughnut Hole in the Caribbean Sea: The Maritime Boundary between Nicaragua and Colombia According to the International Court of Justice*, 34 *Hou. J. Int'l. L.* 589 (2013)
- Author, *Reemergence of the Falkland Islands Territorial Dispute*, 11 *American Bar Association Energy Litigation Journal* (2012)

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & CHAIRING CONFERENCE**

- “Navigating Ethical Considerations in Litigation Finance (Ethics)” 23rd Annual Energy Litigation Conference, Houston (November 12, 2024)
- “Same Lawyer, Different Suits: Crossover Strategies for Lawyers Bridging Arbitration and Litigation” Young ITA Talks, Houston (November 11, 2024)
- “Using International Investment Treaties to Mitigate Foreign Regulatory Risks in Life Sciences,” Winston & Strawn Healthcare and Life Sciences Summit (June 4, 2024)
- “Energy Professionals Forum: In-House Counsel Perspectives,” American Bar Association (ABA) International Law Section (ILS) Energy Conference, Co-Chair and Panel Moderator (Feb. 28, 2024)
- 13th Young Energy Professionals’ General Counsel Forum and Dinner, Institute for Energy Law, Co-Chair (Nov. 2023)
- “Ethics of Arbitrator Conduct and Challenges,” Panelist, ITA-IEL-ICC Joint Conference on International Energy Arbitration (Jan. 2023)
- “Symposium on Global Business: Business Decision-Making in the Wake of Ukraine”, Moderator, (Jun. 2022)
- International Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference, Speaker, CIARB Kenya Branch (Apr. 2022)
- “International Arbitration in Houston”, Speaker, Hylights Podcast (Apr. 2022)
- “Human Rights Claims and Counterclaims in International Energy Arbitration”, Speaker, 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Energy Law Conference (IEL), The Center for American and International Law (Feb. 2022)
- “Ethical Considerations in International Arbitration”, Speaker, South Texas Law Review’s Ethics Symposium: The Ethical Life Cycle of Arbitration (Feb. 2022)
- “Investor-State Arbitration: Here Today, Gone Tomorrow?” Panelist, American University Washington College of Law’s International Trade and Investment Law Society Distinguished Alumni Honoree Event (Apr. 2021)
- CIARB YMG World Tour 2021: A North America Corporate Counsel Perspective, Moderator (Apr. 2021)
- “Unfogging the Future of U.S. Arbitration Law,” Moderator, International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Symposium, Washington University School of Law (Feb. 2021)
- “New Directions in International Arbitration & Mediation in 2021,” Chair, International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Symposium (Feb. 2021)
- USC Gould Graduate & International Programs International Arbitration Career Panel (Nov. 2020)
- “One Step Forward, Two Steps Back? Mitigating the Impact of Covid-19 on Diversity and Recognizing Opportunities to Level the Playing Field,” ICDR Young & International and Arbitral Women Webinar (Jul. 2020)
- “Corruption and Dissenting Opinions in International Arbitration,” YoungITA Webinar (Mar. 2020)



- “International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Symposium: What Happens Before and After International Arbitration,” Chair, Washington University School of Law in conjunction with the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute, AAA/ICDR, AIAC, ICC, The Claro Group, USA&M, St. Louis, MO (Feb. 2020)
- “Challenging and Enforcing Arbitration Awards,” International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Symposium, St. Louis, MO (Feb. 2020)
- “International Disputes and Arbitration in Practice (Practical Skills Training),” Center for International Investment and Commercial Arbitration, Islamabad, Pakistan (Nov. 2019)
- “The Effect and Relevance of Corruption in International Arbitration,” Center for International Investment and Commercial Arbitration, Islamabad, Pakistan (Nov. 2019)
- “Role of the European Union in Shaping the Future of Investor-State Dispute Settlement Mechanism,” ABILA’s International Law Weekend, New York, NY (Oct. 2019)
- International Energy Disputes: A Year in Review & Future Developments, ICDR Young & International, Houston, TX (Oct. 2019)
- “International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Symposium: Challenges and Controversies in International Arbitration,” Chair, Washington University School of Law in conjunction with the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute, AAA/ICDR, AIAC, ICC, The Claro Group, USA&M, St. Louis, MO (Mar. 2019)
- “The Future of Investor-State Arbitration, International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Symposium,” St. Louis, MO (Mar. 2019)
- “The Trajectory of International Arbitration in Latin America,” Young ITA, Mexico City, Mexico (Feb. 2019)
- “Arbitration Ex Machina – Use of Technology in International Arbitration,” Chair, ICDR-ICC-ICSID Young Arbitrators Forum, Washington, DC (Dec. 2018)
- “Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration,” Boston Bar Association and ICDR Y&I, Boston, MA (May 2018)
- “Important Trends in International Dispute Resolution,” ICDR Y&I, Chicago, IL (Apr. 2018)
- “Young ITA Talks Houston,” Chair, Houston, TX (Nov. 2017)
- “Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration,” ICDR Y&I, Houston, TX (June 2017)
- “Regulation of Counsel Conduct in International Arbitration,” Houston International Arbitration Club, Houston, TX (Jan. 2017)
- 2016’s Hot Topics: Change is in the Air,” ICDR-ICC-ICSID Young Arbitrators Forum, Paris, France (Dec. 2016)

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## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT**

Partners Imad Khan and Keerthika Subramanian Discuss Hot Topics in International Arbitration and Strategic Transactions in India as Part of Practising Law Institute Program

MAY 9, 2025

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## **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston Attorneys Featured on the 2025 *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Energy Lawyers List

MARCH 6, 2025

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## **RECOGNITIONS**

Imad Khan Named a 2025 Diversity in Business Award Honoree by the *Houston Business Journal*

FEBRUARY 11, 2025

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## **SPONSORSHIP**

Winston Sponsors the 13th ITA-IEL-ICC Joint Conference on International Energy Arbitration

JANUARY 16, 2025

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## **RECOGNITIONS**

Imad Khan to Serve Second Term as ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin Editorial Board Member

JANUARY 14, 2025

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## **PRO BONO IN ACTION**

Winston Facilitates Medical Evacuation of a Critically Wounded Girl

DECEMBER 18, 2024

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## **RECOGNITIONS**

Three Winston Partners Recognized by Lexology Index as Client Choice Award Recipients

DECEMBER 12, 2024

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## **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn International Arbitration Partners Recognized in *Lexology Index: Arbitration* 2025

NOVEMBER 22, 2024

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## **BLOG**

Winston Holds DEI Retreat in Nashville

OCTOBER 30, 2024

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## **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 Latin America* 2025

OCTOBER 24, 2024

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## **ARTICLE**

Vacating or Modifying an Arbitration Award in Texas State Court

OCTOBER 4, 2024

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## **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn Recognized in 2025 *Benchmark Litigation*

OCTOBER 3, 2024

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# Capabilities

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Commercial Litigation & Disputes

International Arbitration

Government Investigations, Enforcement & Compliance

Energy

Oil & Gas

Energy Industry Litigation & Investigations

Technology, Media & Telecommunications