



## Matthew Bate

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Matthew is an experienced trial lawyer who represents and counsels clients in international arbitration matters worldwide. His practice focuses on the resolution of complex, high-value disputes arising out of major infrastructure projects, joint ventures, shareholder agreements, M&A transactions, and other cross-border commercial activity across a wide variety of sectors, including energy, mining, construction, civil engineering, transportation, and technology and telecommunications. Fluent in three languages, his experience spans a wide array of geographies including Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia.

Matthew is a U.S.-trained trial lawyer with decades of experience advising and representing clients in international arbitration matters around the world. Matthew has acted as lead counsel in a wide array of international commercial arbitrations and investor-State arbitrations under the major institutional rules (AAA/ICDR, ICC, ICSID, LCIA, SCC,

UNCITRAL, etc.), arising under a variety of substantive laws. He has handled cases in the leading arbitral seats including London, Paris, Geneva, Zurich, Stockholm, Singapore, Hong Kong, Dubai, Washington D.C., and New York. He has also sat as arbitrator.

Matthew has been recognized as a leading practitioner in the field of international arbitration in numerous publications, including *The Legal 500 International Arbitration Powerlist*. An impressed source says that he is “*hugely capable and a delight to work with*”. Clients also note his abilities as a “*strategic thinker who understands how to navigate efficiently through multi-layered disputes with cross-jurisdictional implications*”.

Matthew is a member of the firm’s Technology, New Media and Telecommunications Industry Group.

## Key Matters

*Some of the experience represented below may have been handled at a previous firm.*

Matthew’s significant representations include the following:

### International Commercial Arbitration

- lead counsel to a subsidiary of one of the world’s leading online food delivery groups in a multi-billion Euro arbitration under DIFC-LCIA Rules (Dubai seat, English governing law) and ancillary litigation arising out of a shareholders’ agreement;
- acting for a global asset manager in a US\$250M ICC arbitration (London seat, English governing law) and ancillary litigation in New York arising out of an alleged breach of a non-competition clause in the parties’ shareholders agreement relating to a Turkish retail investment;
- acting for a UK private equity firm in LCIA arbitration (London seat, English governing law) arising out of the enforcement of a put option in relation to shares in a UK heritage consumer brand;
- acting for a Dutch finance company in a multi-billion-dollar ICC arbitration (Geneva seat, Swiss governing law) to resolve a multi-billion-dollar disputes over corporate control of key telecommunications assets in Poland;
- acting for one of the world’s leading power plant manufacturers in parallel ICC arbitrations (Zurich seats, Swiss governing law) arising out of two projects in Germany and Poland with a combined dispute value of over €150M;
- acting for a Turkish joint venture in a €85M ICC arbitration (Paris seat, Swiss governing law) arising out of the supply of a tunnel boring machine for use on a high-speed rail project in Turkey as part of the “One Belt One Road” initiative;
- acting for a U.S.-based technology company in a US\$50M ICC arbitration (Singapore seat, New York governing law) arising out of an agreement to license the company’s proprietary technology for manufacturing polysilicon to one of Asia’s leading producers of solar panels and semiconductors; and
- acting for an oil and gas consortium in a multi-billion-dollar SCC arbitration (Stockholm seat, English governing law) arising out of an alleged breach of a shareholders agreement with a global energy major; and
- acting for a leading Swiss watch brand owner in an AAA/ICDR arbitration (New York seat, New York governing law) to resolve a contract dispute with its U.S. distributor.

### Investor-State Arbitration

- acting for a publicly-listed junior mining company in an ICSID arbitration against the Republic of Panama under the U.S.-Panama Bilateral Investment Treaty arising out of the company’s investment in a mineral concession in Western Panama;

- acting for the Republic of Poland in multi-billion-Euro UNCITRAL arbitration under the Netherlands-Poland Bilateral Investment Treaty arising out of the privatization of Poland's largest state-owned insurance company;
- acting for a private equity firm in a UNCITRAL arbitration under the BLEU Czech-Republic Bilateral Investment Treaty arising out the client's investment in a network of Czech television stations;
- advising one of the world's largest publicly listed mining companies on potential investment treaty claims against a sub-Saharan African State arising out of the company's investment in a copper and cobalt mine; and
- advising an energy company in relation to investment treaty claims against a Central Asian State arising out of the construction of oil and gas infrastructure and the purchase of related gas receivables pursuant to a Soviet-era international treaty.

## Recognitions

Matthew is recommended as a leading partner in *The Legal 500 UK* where he is described as a “*standout partner, who is a solid and diligent worker*”.

Matthew has been recognized for International Arbitration in *Lawdragon's* “500 Leading Global Litigators” guide from 2023–2024.

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## Activities

Matthew has served as an adjunct lecturer at the Geneva Masters in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) Program. He is also an active member of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) and other international arbitration associations.

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## Credentials

### EDUCATION

Matthew received a B.A. in Philosophy and Germanic Studies in 1996 from the University of Chicago and a J.D. in 2001 from Harvard University.

### ADMISSIONS

- New York

## Related Insights & News

### Speaking Engagements

- “Complex Financing of Dispute Resolution,” 2018 CPR European Congress on Business Dispute Management, May 2018.
- “Creating Effective Memorials and Witness Statements in International Arbitration,” Practising Law Institute's International Arbitration 2022 Conference, Panelist, June 6, 2022.

### Publications

- “Investment Treaties: What Every Emerging Market Investor Needs to Know,” *EMPEA Legal & Regulatory Bulletin*, Spring 2015.
  - “Swiss Federal Tribunal Renders Noteworthy Decision on Impact of Foreign Bankruptcy on International Arbitration,” *The European and Middle Eastern Arbitration Review*, November 2010.
  - “East, Meet West: Report on The International Arbitration Congress in Almaty, Kazakhstan,” *Stockholm International Arbitration Review*, June 2006.
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## CLIENT ALERT

International Arbitration Boost in the UK: The Freshly Passed 2025 Arbitration Act

MARCH 13, 2025

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## RECOGNITIONS

Winston Lawyers Featured on the 2024 *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Global Litigators List

JULY 25, 2024

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## PRO BONO IN ACTION

Winston’s London Office Supports Zambian Government’s Goal of Serving As a Leading Global Arbitration Center

APRIL 2024

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## RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *Global Arbitration Review*’s GAR100 17<sup>th</sup> Edition

MARCH 22, 2024

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## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Winston Supports SOBAL Conference 2023

NOVEMBER 30, 2023

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## RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 UK* 2024

OCTOBER 4, 2023

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## RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Featured on *Lawdragon*’s 500 Leading Global Litigators List 2023

JULY 21, 2023

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## CLIENT ALERT

Winston & Strawn’s 2023 Pocket Guide to International Arbitration

MAY 2023

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## NEWS

**RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *Global Arbitration Review's* GAR 100 16th Edition  
APRIL 18, 2023

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Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 UK* 2023  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

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**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT**

Matthew Bate Speaks at PLI's International Arbitration 2022  
JUNE 6, 2022

# Capabilities

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International Arbitration

Commercial Litigation & Disputes

Project Finance

Public Companies

Technology, Media & Telecommunications

Energy

Cryptocurrencies, Digital Assets & Blockchain Technology