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PROFILE

International arbitration practitioner with extensive experience as Arbitrator, Counsel and Tribunal Secretary in high-value commercial and investment disputes conducted in English across Asia, Europe, the Americas, including Latin America and the Indian Ocean Region. Practice grounded in the UNCITRAL Model Law and UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules with substantial experience under the ICC, ICSID and ICDR frameworks, including investor-State claims against Latin American sovereigns. Sector expertise spans construction and infrastructure, real estate, corporate and commercial contractual disputes, banking and finance, energy and technology, reflecting the cross-border, industry-driven character of disputes typically referred to institutional arbitration in the region. Institutional and tribunal-support experience at the highest level, including as Special Legal Consultant at ICSID and Tribunal Secretary to Professor Jan Paulsson.

BAR ADMISSIONS & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Bar Admissions: New York | District of Columbia | England & Wales (Solicitor) | India

Professional Memberships: Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) | Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA) | International Chamber of Commerce

EDUCATION

- **LL.M., International Legal Studies** (with Distinction; Dean's List) - Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.
- **Master of Arts in Law** - Cambridge University, United Kingdom

ARBITRATOR EXPERIENCE

International Arbitrator | Washington, D.C. **2024 – 2026**

- Appointed as Arbitrator in international arbitration proceedings across the United States, India and the United Kingdom, applying procedural frameworks consistent with the UNCITRAL Model Law and conducted in English.
- Appointed as Arbitrator by the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) for .IN domain name disputes.
- Empaneled as Arbitrator with leading arbitral institutions across the world, including the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC), the International Arbitration Centre, Kazakhstan (IAC), the Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA), the Indian Institute of Arbitration & Mediation (IIAM) and the Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration (MCIA).

- Extensive experience administering and conducting arbitrations under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules across multiple jurisdictions and sectors, including construction, real estate, corporate and technology disputes.
- Represented Fortune 500 companies in high-stakes arbitration proceedings seated in New York, London, Geneva, Singapore and Washington, D.C., in disputes exceeding USD 5.4 billion.
- Former Special Legal Consultant at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), World Bank Group.

Wiley Rein LLP | Washington, D.C. **2020 – 2023**

- Extensive counsel experience across all major institutional rules: ICC, ICSID, UNCITRAL and ICDR.
- Represented a New York-based developer in a multi-billion-dollar ICC arbitration against a Korean construction major, a cross-border dispute involving complex contractual and construction-sector issues comparable to real estate and EPC disputes referred to commercial arbitration institutions across the Americas.
- Represented a Guinean company in ICC arbitration concerning mining sector disputes.
- Represented a leading renewable energy company in settlement negotiations with a Korean energy corporation.
- Represented the Reserve Organisation of America before the Supreme Court of the United States as amicus curiae.

Three Crowns LLP | Washington, D.C. **2018 – 2019**

- Represented ExxonMobil and other oil majors in parallel investment and commercial arbitrations arising from multibillion-dollar tax claims against the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- Represented Chevron in an USD 800 million investment treaty claim against the Republic of Ecuador, gaining direct experience in investor-State arbitration involving a Latin American sovereign.
- Represented Apple Corp. in a USD 760 million manufacturing dispute, advising on and achieving a successful settlement, experience directly relevant to technology and corporate-sector disputes.

Dechert LLP | Washington, D.C. **2015 – 2018**

- Represented MOL Hungarian Oil and Gas Company in ICSID arbitration against the Republic of Croatia, concerning corporate control, gas market regulation, license revocation and related criminal proceedings.
- Successfully represented MOL Hungarian Oil and Gas Company in UNCITRAL proceedings initiated by the Republic of Croatia concerning corruption, breach of contract and corporate law violations.
- Represented Amazon.com in an ICDR Independent Review Process against ICANN concerning a top-level internet domain name.
- Represented Afilias LLC in a USD 135 million domain name dispute (.WEB), gaining substantial experience in technology and telecommunications disputes.
- Advised an Indian company on potential ICSID annulment proceedings.

TRIBUNAL SECRETARY & INSTITUTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Served as Tribunal Secretary and Assistant to leading international arbitrators, including Professor Jan Paulsson, internationally regarded as a pre-eminent figure in international arbitration.
- Assisted Meg Kinnear, Secretary-General of ICSID, and other senior figures at the forefront of international arbitration administration, including investor-State matters involving Latin American States.
- Former Special Legal Consultant at ICSID, World Bank Group, Washington, D.C., providing direct insight into institutional arbitration administration at the highest level.
- Assisted Professor Jan Paulsson in the preparation of expert reports in ICSID proceedings.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Institutional & Procedural Frameworks

- International Commercial Arbitration (ICC, LCIA, SIAC, ICDR, UNCITRAL)
- UNCITRAL Model Law-Based Proceedings.
- Investor-State Arbitration (ICSID, UNCITRAL) and Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) Claims, including matters involving Latin American States

Sector & Subject-Matter Expertise

- Real Estate & Commercial Property Disputes
- Corporate & Commercial Contractual Disputes
- Construction, Infrastructure & EPC Disputes, including Resort and Tourism Development
- Banking & Finance Disputes
- Technology, Telecommunications & Domain Name Disputes
- Shareholder, Partnership & Joint Venture Disputes
- Oil & Gas / Energy and Power & Renewables (IPP) Disputes
- Shipping & Maritime Disputes
- Insurance & Reinsurance Disputes
- Regulatory & Public International Law Disputes
- Trade & Export-Import Disputes
- Taxation & Sovereign Measures Disputes

PUBLICATIONS & ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENTS

- “Remedies in Intellectual Property Investment Arbitration: A Return to Restitutio in Integrum,” Juris Conference.
- “A Delicate Dance: How to Win Cases and Influence Courts Applying Foreign Law,” JSTOR.
- Winner & Best Speaker, LL.M. International Arbitration Moot Competition.

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent) | Hindi (Fluent) | Urdu (Fluent) | Bengali (Conversational)