Leading the Way

King & Spalding is a world leader in both foreign investment arbitration and international commercial arbitration. King & Spalding’s arbitration practice has gained this position based on experience, cross-office collaboration, effective advocacy and demonstrated results. In the investment arbitration area, King & Spalding has represented clients in more than 60 international arbitration proceedings brought under some 30 different investment treaties, involving a wide spectrum of legal issues and facts. In the international commercial arbitration area, the firm’s lawyers have represented clients in cases arising out of scores of breach-of-contract matters. Lawyers in the group also represent clients in the courts of the United States and Europe in litigation related to arbitration, such as motions to compel arbitration, anti-suit injunctions and enforcement actions.
In-Depth Arbitration Knowledge

King & Spalding’s arbitration practice is one of the most experienced and extensive in the world. The team includes lawyers who have been practicing in the field for several decades, including serving with some of the leading arbitration institutions.

Our lawyers’ track record includes investment disputes arising under contractual agreements as well as under bilateral, regional and multilateral treaties, in regard to foreign investments made in Latin America, Europe, the FSU countries, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. The investment disputes in which we have acted extend to matters brought under the Convention for Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States (the ICSID Convention); the Rules of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC); and the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). In the international commercial arbitration area, the team has represented clients in matters arising out of international energy disputes; international mining disputes; international construction disputes; international disputes relating to the intellectual property and licensing of rights of pharmaceutical, chemical and biotechnology companies; as well as many other breach-of-contract matters. International commercial arbitration proceedings in which King & Spalding has been involved have been conducted under all the major international arbitration rules — institutional as well as ad hoc.

King & Spalding arbitration lawyers are listed as members of the arbitral panels of many of the world’s leading arbitration institutions and are active within the various international organizations that work to promote knowledge and understanding of international arbitration, including the American Society of International Law; the International Bar Association; the International Council for Commercial Arbitration; the Institute for Transnational Arbitration; the ICC International Court of Arbitration; The Court of the London Court of International Arbitration; the Singapore International Arbitration Centre; and the International Law Association. King & Spalding lawyers regularly serve as arbitrators in both investment and international commercial arbitration proceedings, and have published books and scholarly articles on topics related to international arbitration.

Chambers Global selected King & Spalding as one of the top four international arbitration practices globally, quoting clients who say, “their understanding of the law … is unparalleled.”
Valued Counsel

King & Spalding’s arbitration practice is consistently ranked among the top practices in the world—a reputation we have achieved through imaginative strategic thinking, meticulous preparation, creative advocacy and the determination to excel for our clients.

Organizations that rank law firms based on client feedback, *Chambers Global*, *Chambers Latin America*, *Chambers USA*, *Global Arbitration Review* and *Legal 500*, as well as others, regularly report on our technical expertise, drive, client responsiveness and results-oriented practice.

In addition to acting in arbitration proceedings, we advise on the drafting of arbitration clauses and on dispute settlement strategies. Our understanding of facts and legal issues not only enables us to provide advice in the course of arbitral proceedings but also allows us to suggest forward-looking dispute settlement strategies in the context of complex transactions.

What our clients say about our arbitration lawyers:

“one of the top arbitration lawyers in the world”

“stands out; his abilities are truly extraordinary”

“has unparalleled experience and knowledge in investor-State arbitration, coupled with an extremely pleasant, client-friendly manner”

“excellent leadership and high quality work product”

“a tremendously skillful lawyer”

“an exceptional international arbitration specialist”

“impressive, responsive and helpful lawyer”

“a tremendously effective advocate and a fine arbitrator”

“excellent in strategic advice and indispensable when it comes to conducting the arbitration hearings”

“incisive, imaginative and prepared to be tough if need arises”

“detailed, meticulous and thorough lawyer”

“really goes the extra mile for his clients and has an unparalleled work ethic”

“hugely respected and extremely well regarded”

“he appears to effortlessly out-lawyer his opposition”

“considered to be a thought leader of the future”

— Excerpted from *Chambers Global*, *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Latin America*, *Chambers Asia*, *Legal 500* and *Who’s Who Legal*
“The firm’s rise up the rankings speaks volumes of the power of a winning record.”
— Global Arbitration Review

“An esteemed practice with a reputation for representing high-profile clients.”
— Chambers Latin America
Extensive Global Reach

King & Spalding is one of a few large U.S. law firms whose arbitration practice enjoys a recognized global footprint. With offices in Atlanta, Houston, New York, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Frankfurt, Geneva, London, Moscow, Paris, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Singapore and Tokyo, our arbitration lawyers have acted in proceedings involving projects or parties in some 140 countries across six continents.
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Representative Matters

Below are selected matters in which King & Spalding’s international arbitration lawyers are representing or have represented clients as lead or primary counsel.

Investment Treaty Cases

Representing claimant in *Salini Impregilo S.p.A. v. Argentine Republic*, an ICSID arbitration brought under the Italy–Argentina bilateral investment treaty. The dispute concerns the construction and maintenance of a toll highway.


Representing *Chevron Corporation (U.S.A.) and Texaco Petroleum Company (U.S.A.)* in an UNCITRAL arbitration brought under the U.S.–Ecuador bilateral investment treaty. The dispute concerns the scope of environmental release agreements and due process violations by a court of Ecuador in an environmental contamination trial brought by Ecuadorian plaintiffs.

Representing claimant in *Veolia Propreté & Arab Republic of Egypt*, an ICSID arbitration brought under the France–Egypt bilateral investment treaty. The dispute concerns waste management services.

Representing *Bear Creek Mining Corporation v. Republic of Peru*, an ICSID arbitration brought under the Canada–Peru free trade agreement. The dispute concerns a mining project.

Representing claimant in *CEAC Holdings Limited v. Montenegro*, an ICSID arbitration brought under the Cyprus–Serbia and Montenegro bilateral investment treaty. The dispute concerns an aluminum production enterprise.

Representing claimant in *Garanti Koza LLP v. Turkmenistan*, an ICSID arbitration brought under the U.K.–Turkmenistan bilateral investment treaty. The dispute concerns the construction of highway bridges.


Representing South American Silver Limited in an UNCITRAL arbitration brought under the U.K.–Bolivia bilateral investment treaty. The dispute concerns a mining project.

Represented claimants in *Ioan Micula et al. v. Romania*, an ICSID arbitration brought under the Sweden–Romania bilateral investment treaty. The dispute concerned a food products enterprise.


Represented applicant in *Fraport AG v. The Republic of the Philippines*, an ICSID annulment proceeding, brought in respect of an award rendered in a dispute concerning the construction of an airport terminal. The arbitration had been brought under the Germany–Philippines bilateral investment treaty.

Represented claimants in an UNCITRAL arbitration brought under The Netherlands–Vietnam bilateral investment treaty. The dispute concerns the expropriation of real estate.
Commercial Cases
Representing dry bulk transportation company in two related ad hoc arbitrations brought by a financial services company and a maritime company. The dispute concerns the purchase of vessels.

Representing international voice and data communications company in an UNCITRAL arbitration against a telecommunications company. The dispute concerns breach of contract.

Representing hydrocarbons refining company in an ICC arbitration against an EPC contractor. The dispute concerns costs and delays in connection with the construction of a refinery in Latin America.

Representing private equity sponsor in an LCIA arbitration against a European apparel manufacturer. The dispute concerns the purchase of a line of clothing.

Representing North American and Dutch oil majors in an ICC arbitration against a South East Asian State. The dispute concerns the allocation of petroleum revenues.

Representing large energy company in an ICC arbitration brought by an independent owner and operator of LNG carriers. The dispute concerns alleged damage to a vessel docked at an LNG facility.

Represented major U.S. corporation in a SIAC arbitration against French company and French national. The dispute concerned intellectual property rights relating to the design of restaurants.

Represented group of 14 European insurance companies in an ad hoc arbitration brought by a European telecommunications company. The dispute concerned the determination of the purchase price under a call option exercised by the telecommunications company for real estate funds.

Represented major international aircraft manufacturer in an ICC dispute against a vendor. The dispute concerned claims of delay, disruption and the incurrence of substantial costs relating to the design and implementation of various subsystems for corporate and private jet aircraft.

Represented mobile software and services company in an UNCITRAL arbitration against a hardware and software systems company. The dispute concerned a software cross-licensing agreement and IP infringement.

Represented East Asian company in a SIAC arbitration against an East Asian trading company. The dispute concerned a consortium agreement relating to a metro rail system.

Represented independent oil companies as claimants in an UNCITRAL arbitration against a State-owned oil company. The dispute concerned the alleged breach of stabilization provisions in a production-sharing contract and the collection of windfall profits tax.

Represented U.S. bondholders in a VIAC arbitration against a Czech export bank. The dispute concerned bond claims.

Represented Indian conglomerate in an ICC arbitration against a European hotel group. The dispute concerned a joint venture agreement for the development of hotels.

Represented European auto parts supplier in an ICC arbitration against an auto manufacturer. The dispute involved breach-of-warranty claims under the CISG.

Represented U.S. chemical company in a AAA arbitration against another U.S. chemical company. The dispute concerned breach of a long-term supply agreement.

Represented Government of Canada in LCIA arbitrations initiated by the United States under the 2006 Softwood Lumber Agreement.

Represented claimant in an IACAC arbitration. The dispute concerned the delivery of feedstock to a petrochemical plant in Mexico.

Represented Korean company in an ICC arbitration against a U.S. pharmaceutical company. The dispute concerned a licensing agreement.

“impressive proposition,” who “always gets really positive results”
— Legal 500 USA
Clients

The following are among the clients for whom King & Spalding’s international arbitration team has acted:

- 9 Ren Holding S.a.r.l.
- Ascom Group S.A.
- AT&T
- Badprim JV Ltd.
- Bear Creek Mining Corporation
- BOTAŞ Petroleum Pipeline Corporation
- Cavalum SGPS, S.A.
- Chevron Corporation
- CJSC Integrated Energy Systems
- Clorox Spain
- ConocoPhilips Company
- Cube Infrastructure Fund SICAV
- Daewoo International Singapore Pte Ltd.
- El Paso Corporation (now part of Kinder Morgan)
- EN+ Group Limited
- Enron Creditors Recovery Corporation
- ESPF Beteiligungs GmbH
- Euromar Commodities GmbH
- European Foods S.A.
- Exterran Corporation
- Exxon Mobil Corporation
- Fraport AG
- Garanti Koza LLP
- Gulf Oil LP
- Halliburton Company
- Hess Corporation
- InterGlobe Enterprises
- Kosmos Energy Ltd.
- KS Invest GmbH
- Mahindra & Mahindra
- Marriott International Inc.
- Murphy Oil Corporation
- Myriad Group AG
- NGK Shipping Ltd.
- Noble Energy
- Northrop Grumman Corporation
- Passport Capital
- Phillips 66 Company
- Refineria de Cartagena S.A.
- Royal Dutch Shell plc
- Russian Machines OJSC
- Sabre Oil and Gas, Inc.
- Salini Impregilo S.p.A.
- Samsung C&T Corporation
- Sempra Energy
- SN Aboitiz Power
- South American Silver Ltd.
- SPI Group S.a.r.l.
- The Coca-Cola Company
- The Dow Chemical Company
- The General Electric Company
- Tullow Oil plc
- Union Fenosa Gas, S.A.
- United Company Rusal PLC
- Veolia Propreté
- VTB Bank (Austria) AG
- Western Zagros Resources Ltd.

“King & Spalding has built its name on results”

— *Global Arbitration Review*

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