



Public International Law

Founded in 1885, King & Spalding LLP is a leading international law firm that represents a broad array of clients, including half of the Fortune Global 100 and many State governments.

King & Spalding is widely recognized as one of the world's leading law firms in dispute resolution. We represent clients in a variety of fora around the world in international arbitration and litigation. We have received some of the most significant awards in history. In the leading ranking of international arbitration law firms, *Global Arbitration Review* ranked King & Spalding as number 1 worldwide (2022).

With more than 1,200 lawyers across 23 offices globally, the firm's practices span the full range of dispute resolution, regulatory and transactional work, with substantial experience in public international law, public policy, international arbitration, international trade, government advocacy, government investigations, antitrust, energy, environmental, finance, healthcare, intellectual property, life sciences, mergers and acquisitions, private equity, project development, real estate and taxation.

A Selection of our Major Clients

- Bristol-Myers Squibb
- Chevron
- Coca-Cola
- ConocoPhillips
- Credit Suisse
- CVS Health
- Deloitte
- Delta Air Lines
- Ernst & Young
- Equifax
- Government of Georgia
- Government of Ukraine
- General Electric
- General Motors
- Georgia-Pacific
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Goldman Sachs
- Google
- Home Depot
- IBM
- Johnson & Johnson
- KPMG
- Microsoft
- MillerCoors
- Morgan Stanley
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Republic of Turkey
- Reliance
- Shell
- Toyota
- UPS
- Wells Fargo

Number 1
International
Arbitration Practice
Worldwide: 2022

*GLOBAL ARBITRATION
REVIEW*

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International
Arbitration Practice
Group of the Year:
2017, 2018, 2019,
2021 & 2022

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Public International Law Practice

Our Public International Law Practice is consistently recognized among the world's best. With more than 150 lawyers who regularly work on diverse matters involving public international law, we have deep experience advising corporations and governments on inter-State cases, international human rights law, investment treaty cases, international trade, international criminal law, transnational criminal law, international human rights law, climate change, inter-governmental negotiations and many other international disputes and issues involving public international law.

King & Spalding is one of a small handful of firms recognized within this niche area, on account of our history as a pioneer in the field, the volume and diversity and importance of our cases, and the number of lawyers dedicated to this practice. Our reputation is based on having the world's most respected practitioners on the subject of Public International Law, imaginative strategic thinking, meticulous preparation, creative advocacy and the determination to excel for our clients – attributes consistently highlighted by all the major legal directories.

In the field of international arbitration, our experience in investment treaty arbitrations, including ICSID cases, is unparalleled. Our lawyers have been involved in over 130 investment arbitrations representing both States and investors under dozens of bilateral and multilateral investment treaties, including the Energy Charter Treaty and NAFTA, obtaining groundbreaking awards ranging in value to over US\$10 billion.

Representative Matters¹

- Representing the **Government of Ukraine** in a US\$3.5 billion investment treaty arbitration between shareholders of Motor Sich against the State of Ukraine under the Ukraine-China BIT.
- Representing the **Government of Georgia*** in an inter-State ECHR case against Russia concerning its 2008 invasion and subsequent occupation of the Georgian territories of South Ossetia and Abkhazia.
- Representing the **Government of Ukraine*** in an inter-State case before the ECHR relating to the annexation of Crimea.
- Representing the **victims of terrorist attacks** by the Al-Qaeda affiliated Al Nusra Front in Syria in a London High Court claim against two multinational Qatari banks, members of the Government of Qatar and two prominent Qatari businessmen accused of participating in a conspiracy to finance terrorist activity, in contravention of Syrian and international law and responding to claims of state immunity by the defendants.
- Representing **Marina Litvinenko** (a.k.a. Carter), the widow of Alexander Litvinenko, former officer of the Russian Federal Security Service, who was poisoned by an FSB agent using the radioactive isotope Polonium in London in 2006, on its victory against Russia before the ECHR.
- Representing **Kadri Veseli**, formerly Chairman of the Kosovo Assembly and Head of Intelligence of the Kosovo Liberation Army, on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity brought against him at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers.
- Representing **Carles Puigdemont**, Catalan President in exile, in relation to violations of international law by the Government of Spain following the 2017 referendum and declaration of independence.

Recognized as the top global law firm serving as arbitration counsel, noting that “King & Spalding built its name on results”
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“A notable force”
CHAMBERS GLOBAL

“Highly experienced in representing foreign governments in inter-state litigation”
LEGAL 500

“Top-choice for international disputes”
CHAMBERS GLOBAL

“Strong offerings in the USA, Middle East, Latin America and Asia, and a proven ability to handle high-value mandates for a formidable array of clients”
CHAMBERS GLOBAL

“The team produces consistently excellent work”
GLOBAL ARBITRATION REVIEW

¹ Matters marked with an asterix (“*”) relate to instructions by lead partner and Global Head of Public International Law, Ben Emmerson, before joining the firm in November 2020.

- Representing the **Government of Turkey** in an ICC arbitration filed by the Government of Iraq accusing Turkey of aiding the export and sale of crude oil from Kurdistan, an autonomous region of northern Iraq, in breach of a 1973 agreement.
- Representing the **Government of Turkey** in an ICSID arbitration brought under the Energy Charter Treaty where we obtained a complete dismissal of the claim.
- Representing the **Government of Turkey** in three ongoing ICSID arbitrations, two of which relate to the high-profile press freedom cases and domestic terrorism, and one of which relates to uranium mining.
- Representing the **Government of Mongolia** in ongoing litigation against Sukhbaatar Batbold, the former Prime Minister of Mongolia from 2009 to 2012, as well as Chairman of the Mongolian People's Party and various of his proxies, in relation to wrongdoing committed with respect to two of Mongolia's most strategic and valuable mining assets: the Erdenet and Oyu Tolgoi mines.
- Representing **Rockhopper** in an ongoing ICSID arbitration brought under the Energy Charter Treaty. The dispute concerns measures taken by the Government of Italy that breached Italy's obligations owed to Rockhopper under the ECT and public international law with regard to their investments to explore and develop Ombrina Mare, an offshore field containing hydrocarbons.
- Representing **Société des Parcs d'Alger (Algeria)** and **Emirates International Investment Company LLC (United Arab Emirates)** in a major ICSID arbitration against the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria. The case arises out of a real estate project and was registered by ICSID in April 2018 pursuant to a contractual clause.
- Representing a **foreign government and one of its U.S. consulates** in a matter involving the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.
- Representing the **Government of Chile** before the International Court of Justice in a maritime boundary dispute with Peru.
- Representing the **Government of Canada** in disputes initiated by the United States under the 2006 Softwood Lumber Agreement.
- Representing the **UAE and its U.S. Embassy** in post-judgment enforcement proceedings in a case concerning employment discrimination.
- Advising a **Middle Eastern State** on issues of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in the wake of the Arab Spring.
- Advising **States and foreign investors** on matters relating to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, including maritime border disputes.
- Advising an **Asian government** on its international law dispute resolution options regarding the supply of water from another sovereign State.
- Representing a **State** in a dispute arising under two treaties brought by a Middle Eastern State involving the transportation of crude oil across sovereign borders.
- Representing **international NGOs** on a range of issues, including privileges and immunities under international law, submissions to U.N. and national committees on human rights issues, international criminal law, and prosecutions of war criminals.
- Representing **governments and businesses in Asia and Africa** concerning compliance with human rights treaties and representation at UNHRC reviews.

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LATIN AMERICA

Team member awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to international human rights and humanitarian law
ORDER OF THE
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Named “International Arbitration Practice Group of the Year” for the fifth year, noting that “its solid record for clients... landed it a spot”
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Recognized as a “leading presence in the field”
CHAMBERS UK

“King & Spalding's rankings speak volumes of the power of a winning record”
CHAMBERS GLOBAL

Global Dispute Resolution Team of the Year
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