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Christopher Smith is a member of King & Spalding's International Arbitration Practice. Having spent over two years in the firm's Paris office, Mr. Smith is currently based in Atlanta, where his practice focuses on international investment and commercial arbitration.

Prior to joining King & Spalding, Mr. Smith worked in the International Arbitration Practice of a premier Swiss law firm in Zurich. During his time in Switzerland, Mr. Smith was involved in several international commercial and sports arbitration disputes, acting both as a party representative and tribunal secretary in institutional arbitrations.

Mr. Smith has experience working under the ICSID, SCC, ICDR, AAA, ICC, ASA, DIS, WIPO, and CAS arbitral rules. He has handled matters involving legal systems across Europe, North America, Asia, and Africa.

Since 2016, Mr. Smith has also been a coach of the University of Georgia School of Law's Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team.

Prior to sitting for the bar exam, Mr. Smith studied law at the University of Georgia outside Atlanta, where he was a member of the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law, the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team, and the Negotiations Competition Team.

During law school, Mr. Smith spent two summers interning in Cologne, Germany, first in the International Business Practice of a large German law firm, and then in the International Arbitration Practice of a major international law firm.

Publications

- Tenaris S.A. and Talta-Trading E Marketing Sociedad Unipessoal LDA v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (ICSID Case No. ARB/11/26), *J. Int'l Damages in Int'l Arb.*, Vol. 3, No. 1, 2016, co-authored with Ginny Castelan
- Mobil Investments Canada Inc. & Murphy Oil Corp. v. Canada, ICSID Case No. ARB(AF)/07/4, *J. Int'l Damages in Int'l Arb.*, Vol. 3, No. 1, 2016
- Mobil Investments Canada Inc. & Murphy Oil Corp. v. Canada, King & Spalding: Quantum

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- Not Quite Left Out to Dry: Remedies Under International Investment Treaties Available to Renewable Energy Investors Harmed by Retroactive Legislative Changes, King & Spalding Energy Newsletter (November 2015), co-authored with Amy Frey
- An Eleventh Circuit U-Turn: How International Arbitration Practitioners Should Now Engage § 1782 Discovery in the United States, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 19 February 2014, co-authored with James Menz
- The Appeal of ICSID Awards: How the AMINZ Appellate Mechanism Can Guide Reform of ICSID Procedure, 41 Ga. J. Int'l & Comp. L. 567 (2013)

Matters

Advising dozens of European investors in the renewable energy sector in relation to claims under the Energy Charter Treaty arising out of changes to feed-in tariffs and other incentive regimes by several European states

Representing a pharmaceutical company in a AAA and related litigation in Texas state courts arbitration regarding a joint venture dispute

Successfully represented a U.S. pharmaceutical company in a AAA and related litigation in Texas state courts arbitration regarding a joint venture dispute

Successfully represented an Indian health insurance coding company in an ICDR arbitration against a U.S. company in a dispute arising out of a stock purchase agreement

Credentials

EDUCATION

B.A. Political Science and History, Furman University, magna cum laude
J.D., University of Georgia, cum laude

ADMISSIONS

Georgia

ASSOCIATIONS

Georgia

LANGUAGES

English
German

Insights

NEWSLETTER

July 21, 2016

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