

# Guillaume A Hess

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Guillaume Hess is a member of our Trial & Global Disputes Practice Group, specializing in complex dispute resolution through arbitration, litigation and mediation. He has a particular expertise in representing public and private owners and international contractors in resolving disputes over the construction and the operation of major projects.

While Guillaume primarily focuses on construction disputes, he also has broad experience in general commercial disputes and in investment treaty disputes. He has handled a broad range of arbitration matters under the auspices of most of the major arbitration tribunal rules, including the ICC, LCIA, ICSID, DIFC-LCIA, ADCACC, DIAC, ADCCAC, SICAC and in DIFC Court.

Guillaume studied law both in France and in the State of New York, where he qualified. He has extensive experience in the Middle East and is comfortable working in either a common law environment or in a civil law environment.

## Matters

DIFC Courts: Representing Nakheel PJSC in a dispute arising out of the sale and purchase of a large development on the Palm Jumeirah with a total value of AED 980 million.

DIFC Court: First chair for the enforcement of a judgment issued by the Commercial Court in the UK.

DIAC Arbitration: Representing a renowned local developer in a dispute involving the construction of a major reclaimed land project – claim value of approximately AED 3,3 billion.

ICSID Arbitration: Defending a Government in Eastern Europe in a dispute arising out of alleged breaches of international energy treaties.

Ad Hoc Arbitration (seated in the DIFC): Representing a Qatari semi-government company against a Norwegian company in a US\$80 million dispute arising out of the management of a joint venture in the context of an offshore oil and gas investment venture.

ICC Arbitration: Representing the Qatari government in multiple disputes arising out of the construction of the US\$15 billion project. This engagement includes project counsel services and serving as lead counsel in international arbitrations and ADR proceedings. The Government's claim

in the main arbitration was valued at approximately US\$4 billion.

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

LL.M., Cornell University

Masters in International Law, University of Paris II, Pantheon-Assas, France, Valedictorian

Maîtrise en droit privé, University of Lille 2, honors

Certificat de Langues Etrangères Appliquées au Droit, University of Lille 2, mention bien

Lincense de Droit, University of Lille 2, mention bien

### ADMISSIONS

New York

Dubai International Financial Centre Courts

### LANGUAGES

English

French

Spanish

## Insights

### CLIENT ALERT

*September 23, 2019*

Sixth Circuit Allows Discovery In Support of DIFC Arbitration

### NEWSLETTER

*October 8, 2019*

Energy Newsletter - October 2019

## News

### IN THE NEWS

*October 1, 2019 • Source: Commercial Dispute Resolution*

James Berger, Charlene Sun, Sarah Walker, Ben Williams, Adrian Cole and Guillaume Hess's client alert is referenced in an article highlighting a recent ruling