

International Arbitration/ Dispute Resolution Practice



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Our Practice

In a world of rapid change, Bryan Cave LLP is strategically positioned to provide our clients with the legal capabilities they need not only to react to change, but to anticipate and benefit from it. Our more than 1,100 fee-earners practise in a wide range of disciplines from our 26 offices around the world. Founded in 1873, the firm is a leader in projects, corporate, transactional and litigation representation with a diversified global practice. The firm represents a considerable variety of government, business, financial, institutional and individual clients for whom our lawyers handle a wide range of matters.

Our International Arbitration Experience

Our International Arbitration Team has conducted numerous arbitrations for clients from many parts of the world. In Asia, we are especially experienced in international arbitrations arising out of our clients' business operations in Asia, the Middle East and the former Soviet Union.

We have represented our clients in arbitration centers globally, including China, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, London, Los Angeles, New York, Melbourne, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates. We have had extensive experience in mediations or arbitrations under the rules of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), the Zurich and Geneva Chambers of Commerce, the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), the Grain and Free Trade Association, and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).



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We have advised on arbitrations spanning many industries and types of disputes. Some of our experience includes advising:

International Dispute Resolution

- The State of Kuwait in the preparation and submission of nearly US\$150 billion in Gulf War government claims against Iraq to the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC) for compensation for governmental losses and for remediation of environmental damages resulting from Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait in 1990-91.
- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in hearings before the UNCC on some of its claims for remediation of environmental damages.

Projects & Construction

- A major U.S. manufacturer of automated conveying systems in a dispute involving an international treaty between USA and Canada.
- A construction client in a German arbitration over a shareholders dispute.
- An Italian company in a dispute over the construction of a steel factory.
- An Australian-owned turnkey contractor in an ICC arbitration against a project company over the design and construction of a power station in the Philippines.
- Numerous international and domestic owners, contractors and consultants in various construction arbitrations in Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

Mining

- A major uranium producer in an arbitration between large uranium producers regarding CERCLA and RCRA contribution claims.
- A major copper producer in an arbitration regarding groundwater aquifer contribution claims.
- Numerous mediations and arbitrations regarding heavy metal contamination claims arising from copper production.
- A mine owner in an arbitration between past and current owners of gold mine operations for historic contamination.

Pharmaceutical & Chemical Industries

- Numerous pharmaceutical and chemical companies in ICC, LCIA and AAA arbitrations in London, Paris, Zurich and New York relating to businesses in Germany, Switzerland, USA, Saudi Arabia and Jordan. These arbitrations included several multiparty arbitrations and disputes in which conflicts between various arbitration venues and courts had to be resolved.

Information & Telecommunications Systems

- Major U.S. multinational IT and telecom corporations in ICC and London arbitrations in disputes over joint venture, agency and distributorship arrangements in the Middle East and Europe.
- An Israeli daily paper in an ICDR arbitration over alleged breaches of letter of intent for joint ownership and operation of the newspaper.

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Aerospace & Defense

- A leading Saudi group of companies in an ICC arbitration in Geneva over a dispute with its joint venture partner on the performance of a defense contract.
- A U.S. defense industry manufacturer in an ICC arbitration in Geneva over a dispute with Spanish interests arising out of a military procurement contract.
- A U.S. airframe manufacturer in an arbitration against a Canadian air carrier over a dispute in an aircraft purchase agreement.
- U.S. satellite manufacturers in London arbitrations against a Cypriot satellite owner and against the Indian government.
- A Malaysian entity in a dispute over defence procurement contracts.

Hospitality

- Hotel chains in London arbitrations resolving relationships with former agents in the Middle East.
- An international hotel management group in an ICC arbitration in Germany over a dispute with the owner of a managed hotel.
- An international hotel chain in an SIAC arbitration in disputes over the development of a chain of hotels in Indonesia.

International Trade

- An American trading company on a CIETAC arbitration dispute in China.
- A leading aluminium smelting company based in a former non-market economy in a US\$160 million arbitration over a breach of contract claims.
- A Russian paper and pulp company in an LCIA arbitration in a US\$115 million arbitration.
- A Saudi Arabian trading company in a GAFTA arbitration against a Jordanian purchaser of corn.

Joint Venture, Distribution & Agency Disputes

- Arbitrations arising out of joint venture, agency and distributorship disputes in various jurisdictions around the world, including ad hoc references and those conducted under the auspices of, amongst others, the LCIA and the ICC (in London, Geneva, Paris and California). In a number of these cases, our Firm successfully proposed and pursued arbitration after disputes have arisen and as a method of satisfactorily avoiding multiplicity of proceedings.

Franchising Disputes

- A UK-based franchisor against a French franchisee in an AAA ICDR arbitration.
- A participant in an arbitration in a dispute between a franchisor and a franchisee in Sicily over their rights under the Italian Franchise Law.
- A participant in an arbitration in a dispute between a franchisor and a franchisee in Singapore.

For more information on how our International Arbitration team can assist your company, please contact:

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