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International arbitration

Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer is one of the few firms able to offer a truly integrated global service combining technical expertise and experienced advocacy with genuine sector knowledge and regional sensitivity.

We have dedicated arbitration practitioners based in offices across Asia Pacific, Europe, the US, Africa and the Middle East and have significant experience of advising on commercial and investment arbitrations around the world in a variety of languages.

We conduct arbitrations under a broad spectrum of laws from both civil and common law systems and under the rules of all major institutions, as well as numerous ad hoc arbitrations. We have long standing experience of acting in investor-state and state to state arbitrations and have an in-depth knowledge of the nuances of these specialist areas.

We are actively deploying advanced AI capabilities across a wide range of arbitration-related workflows throughout the matter lifecycle, from early case assessment to post-matter review. This helps our teams identify key issues faster, capture valuable takeaways, and continuously improve how we deliver for clients. We often utilise our in-house advocates in our cases, including Simon Chapman KC, one of only a handful of solicitor KCs in Asia, which enables the advocates to play a critical role in the strategy of the case from the outset and minimises the cost and time involved in instructing external counsel. Members of the arbitration group also regularly sit as arbitrators, giving us valuable insight into the arbitral process from a different perspective. In addition, we have higher rights of audience and regularly appear in arbitration-related court proceedings in Hong Kong, Singapore and mainland China. This enables us to provide clients with a seamless one-stop-shop service across arbitration strategy, advocacy and related court proceedings.

Sector specialists

We have specialist expertise across a diverse range of sectors gained from advising on many of the largest and most complex disputes. Our experience spans:

- Aerospace and defence
- Banking and finance
- Construction and engineering
- Consumer products
- Energy and natural resources
- Infrastructure and transport
- Mining
- Pharmaceuticals
- Private Capital
- Technology, media and telecommunications

Why our clients choose us

We represent clients worldwide, ranging from financial institutions and multinationals to governments and state-owned entities. We combine in-depth legal and sector knowledge with a proven track record of successfully acting in complex disputes, working alongside local counsel where appropriate.

Our combined experience of living and working and acting on disputes in so many different countries has given us an unrivalled understanding of the cultural differences and subtleties of approach of our clients, their counterparties and the major venues and institutions in which cases are pursued.

Our clients include:

- AkzoNobel
- Andes Petroleum
- Axiata Group Berhad
- BAE Systems
- BHP
- BP
- Chevron
- Engie
- Eni
- Google
- Government of Costa Rica
- Government of Malaysia
- Kingdom of Spain
- Marriott
- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries
- Republic of Tunisia
- Sinopec
- Star Hydro
- Sumitomo Corporation
- The State Oil Company of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- UBS
- Vedanta

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