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Public International Law Practice

We are one of the only firms to offer experts on a broad range of international law issues across a global network

What sets our practice apart is our understanding of both the political and international law issues at play, together with knowledge of the commercial realities our clients are facing. In addition to our investor-state arbitration representations, our experts provide focused legal and strategic advice to clients across the full spectrum of pure public international law issues. The strength of our practice is demonstrated by a deep bench of experienced practitioners across our global network. We have over 20 partners specialising in Public International Law, many of whom have public, as well as private, sector experience.

Our areas of work

International boundary disputes and law of the sea

Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer has extensive experience of state to state boundary disputes. Our clients include governments in Africa, Asia, LatAm and Europe and we also routinely advise national and international energy companies with interests in disputed maritime and land areas. As well as contentious dispute resolution, we have advised on joint development and unitisations, and relevant state to state treaties.

Sanctions and export control

We have a dedicated sanctions and export control team which advises on the varied and frequently significant impacts of national and international sanctions regimes, providing both stand-alone advice on sanctions and export control matters – often in relation to proposed commercial or financial transactions and in relation to potential breaches – as well as in disputes that can arise where sanctions impact performance. Our experience includes advice on UN, EU, UK, US and Australian regimes involving, amongst others, sanctions imposed against Russia, Iran, Syria, Libya, Cuba, Eritrea, Myanmar, the DRC, Sudan and Zimbabwe, and the export control regimes applicable to military and dual-use goods.

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International trade law and World Trade Organisation

We have an in-depth understanding of what is a highly technical and constantly evolving area of law. We have acted for and advised governments, industry associations and leading corporations on numerous WTO and other international trade issues, including evaluating whether proposed and existing national measures comply with WTO law and other trade agreements, representing and advising governments in WTO dispute settlement proceedings, advising clients on anti-dumping and other trade remedy cases and advising corporate clients on how they can enforce WTO law and other trade agreements.

State immunity

We have extensive experience advising states and state entities, and their non-state counterparties, on issues of immunity, arising during transactional negotiations and in enforcement of judgments and arbitral awards. HSF Kramer has been at the forefront of analysing the implications of the recent developments in this area of the law.

International human rights

Allegations of involvement in serious human rights abuses can threaten modern business reputations and relationships and may also entail civil or criminal liability for corporations, and for their officers and employees. In a crisis, understanding local and international legal requirements is essential. We advise on these issues in a variety of fora.

Treaty law

We have extensive experience of advising multinational investors on how to obtain the best protection under investment treaties and how to enforce them. We also advise States on the drafting of their investment treaties and investment laws, and are proud to advise States in the defence of claims brought against them. Our investment protection expertise extends across a variety of sectors including energy, mining and financial services, in six continents.

State recognition

Questions of recognition can be fundamental to business transactions. We have considerable experience in advising on transactions which give rise to complex considerations as to recognition of new states and competing claims to self-determination and sovereignty.

Climate change and international energy law

Climate change is an issue of global economic, political, and legal importance to governments, businesses and citizens across the world. We help our clients navigate an increasingly complex landscape, combining our in-depth knowledge of global political agendas and trends, international and national laws and sector expertise to advise on compliance and risk mitigation strategies, and to counsel and defend clients in litigation and in contentious and non-contentious regulatory proceedings. Our global ESG and climate change practice supports clients across the full range of regulatory, transactional, project and contentious legal issues.

"A renowned international arbitration practice and impressive global reach... The ability of the firm to handle complex and sophisticated matters successfully is a testament to their capabilities."

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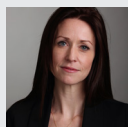
"Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer is widely respected for its work assisting multinational organisations, states and state-owned entities with the full range of public international law matters."

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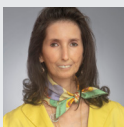
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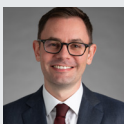
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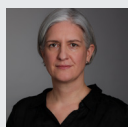
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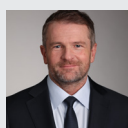
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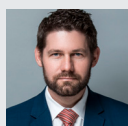
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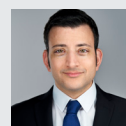
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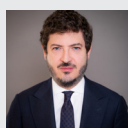
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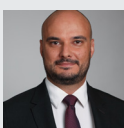
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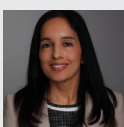
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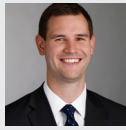


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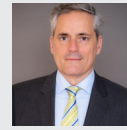
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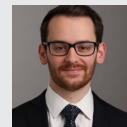
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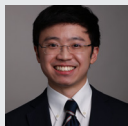
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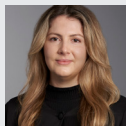
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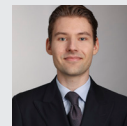
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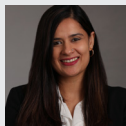
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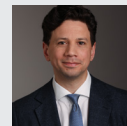
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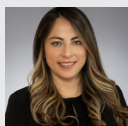
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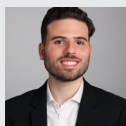
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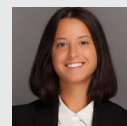
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