



International Arbitration

Stikeman Elliott's international arbitration lawyers have participated in some of the highest profile arbitrations in Canada and have served as arbitrators or counsel before a variety of global arbitration tribunals and across a breadth of industries. We achieve successful and cost-effective resolutions for our clients while never losing sight of the strategic business factors at play. Our lawyers seamlessly navigate and manage jurisdictional and related issues, either as lead counsel or working cooperatively as local counsel within a larger international advisory team.

Multilingual and multicultural, our team includes lawyers who are trained in both common and civil law traditions, bringing international experience and sensitivity to global disputes. Stikeman Elliott's team includes a former senior judge of the Québec Court of Appeal and numerous highly ranked litigators, as well as internationally recognized arbitrators.

Clients from a variety of industries are expertly represented in international ad hoc arbitrations under the UNCITRAL rules, as well as in domestic ad hoc arbitrations throughout Canada. We also arbitrate major international disputes through the ICC, ICDR, LCIA, and ICSID, as well as other institutions. Where necessary, team members appear in Canadian courts for the enforcement or recognition of arbitral awards or where arbitral proceedings are in issue. The firm's practitioners also assist our corporate lawyers in the negotiation and drafting of arbitration clauses, particularly in complex international transactions.

Our Expertise

- ADR Chambers and ADR Institute of Canada
- American Arbitration Association (AAA) and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR)
- Arbitration Committee and Panel Canadian Chamber of Commerce
- Association of Maritime Arbitrators of Canada (AMAC)
- Canadian Commercial Arbitration Center (CCAC)
- Court of Arbitration for Sport
- International Arbitration Panel of the Canadian Council for International Business
- International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) (International Court of Arbitration)
- Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS)
- London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
- Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)
- United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

Accolades

- *The Legal 500 Canada 2019* for International Expertise: International Arbitration

Recent Work

- GBC Oil Company in a US\$113M international arbitration against the government of Albania for wrongful expropriation of producing oilfields.
- Three claimants against a turbine manufacturer in front of ICC International Court of Arbitration and relating to a serial defect of blade bearings at the windfarms which have led to corrosion of numerous blade bearings and two blade failures.
- A technology corporation in connection with an arbitration under the United Nations Commission of International Trade law rules against a pharmaceutical entity in relation with a contractual dispute pursuant to a distributorship agreement.
- A Hong Kong based metal dealer in a matter involving several purchase agreements before the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.
- A Canadian shipping company in arbitration proceedings before the LMAA in respect of the cancellation of several dry bulk ship building projects in China.
- UNCITRAL (AMAC Rules) ad hoc arbitration matter as co-arbitrator - the parties were a US based seller of minerals and a Malaysian based purchaser. The matter related to the purchase and shipment of iron ore cargoes from Sept Iles.
- A Quebec based company in an arbitration under the United Nations Commission of International Trade law rules in a series of arbitrations against two Australian companies for approximately C\$45M relating to a distributorship agreement.
- Nine entities in three arbitration proceedings conducted under the International Chamber of Commerce. The proceedings are brought against a German manufacturer in connection with latent defects potentially affecting 265 wind energy converters installed at four different projects in the province of Quebec.
- The Canadian client and UK counsel in three London (LMAA) arbitration matters arising out of the cancellation of three tanker shipbuilding contracts with a Chinese shipyard. We negotiated the shipbuilding contracts, managed the cancellations and instructed/assisted UK counsel in the preparation and conduct of the arbitrations.
- A claim relating to the decommissioning of a power plant and the cancellation of a supply and service contract – acted as sole arbitrator.
- A sovereign state, the Dominican Republic, and a public body, the Dominican Institute of Civil Aviation, as claimants, in a dispute with a Spanish supplier over an infrastructure project located in Latin America.
- Independent power producers in arbitration proceedings related to the renewal terms of sales agreements to a public utilities company.
- A Canadian supplier against the state of Bolivia in UNCITRAL arbitration proceedings related to the supply of security equipment and services for an international airport.
- An ICC arbitration in a licensing dispute between a Turkish-based claimant and a US-based respondent – acted as sole arbitrator.