

## INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

Gide has long-standing and recognised experience in international arbitration which has always been a strong element in its practice. Initially created and developed from the Paris base of the firm where the Arbitration department currently comprises some twenty dedicated lawyers of various origins and backgrounds, our Arbitration practice group now boasts specialised lawyers of multiple nationalities located in a number of our offices around the world.

Most of its members have been trained or spent part of their professional life in several countries. Some also act as arbitrators. All have an intimate knowledge of the major arbitration rules and regularly appear before their respective home courts for arbitration-related matters. We are thus able to offer the firm's clients the legal, multicultural and linguistic skills required in modern arbitration to address their needs.

We assist our clients, commercial operators, public entities and states, in determining their litigation strategy and throughout the arbitration process. Our assistance covers the selection of the appropriate dispute resolution mechanism, the conduct of arbitral process, advocating the case in hearings, and the enforcement or challenge of awards. We also act before national courts as required for interlocutory, protective or enforcement measures or in the event of multi-jurisdiction matters.

The team is also active in the development of Alternative Dispute Resolution methods and has successfully implemented such methods in major disputes.

### Main Areas of Expertise

#### Protection of Investments

Investment-related arbitration initiated on the basis of bilateral conventions or other multilateral instruments have multiplied over recent years. They involve complex and interlinked issues of international public and private law. We have assisted both states and public entities located in Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, and North Africa as well as investors in cases mainly conducted under the ICSID or UNCITRAL rules.

#### Infrastructure and Construction Contracts

We assist owners and contractors in their disputes arising from international construction contracts. A number of these contracts are based on or inspired by standard forms such as those prepared by FIDIC or international institutions such as the World Bank.

Often characterised by the magnitude of the papers or the document workload, the conduct of these cases involves specific document management skills. Our experience ranges from public works such as bridges, motorways, and tunnels to industrial complexes and plants.

#### Oil & Gas - Energy - Mining

Our expertise covers all segments of the oil and gas industry: exploration (including issues of permits and services contracts for development of oil fields), drilling (including construction of drilling rigs), processing (e.g. construction of refineries) and distribution (including long-term contracts).

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We are also experienced in other energy-related disputes such as the construction of fuel or nuclear power plants, dams, long-term contracts for fuel supply or the sale of energy, as well as in the mining industry (e.g. in exploration and exploitation licences and the development of mines).

## Corporate Law - Post M&A Disputes

Arbitration is an increasingly popular means of resolving disputes in international M&A transactions. Our experience includes disputes arising from valuation of shares, enforcement of representations and warranties, dismantling of joint ventures, corporate governance or breach of disclosure obligations.

## Transfer of Technology, Industrial Property and Licensing Matters

We have assisted our clients in numerous IP or technology-related arbitrations. These cases involved a wide variety of industrial or economic sectors, including fashion, perfumes and cosmetics, medical products, computers and printers, industrial equipment, defence and aerospace.

## Banking and Insurance Operations

Our experience covers a wide range of banking, financial and insurance products and transactions. It includes disputes arising from first demand guarantees, political risk insurance, termination of insurance policies, loans, reinsurance.

## Distribution, International Sales, Commodities and Other Commercial Transactions

Our team has accumulated a wealth of experience in general commercial arbitration. It is particularly the case in connection with disputes arising from franchise or other international distribution arrangements and networks. Our experience also covers international sales of goods, equipment and commodities.

## Challenge of Arbitral Awards - Enforcement of Awards

We represent clients before national courts of various countries in which the firm is present to assist in the enforcement of awards or the challenge of arbitration awards.

*“Esteemed practice with expertise in a range of international arbitration matters, particularly those related to African jurisdictions. Experienced in advising sovereign states on interstate disputes, as well as disputes involving private individuals and companies. Handles matters spanning sectors that include oil and gas, banking and construction.”*

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*“Has a strong reputation for arbitration work in a broad range of locations such as Paris, London, Warsaw and Hong Kong. Often assists with investment, construction and energy-related disputes. Also frequently advises engineers and manufacturers. Has a strong presence in Africa.”*

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