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Matthieu Gregoire practices international arbitration, commercial dispute resolution and public international law.

Since joining the Bar, Matthieu has:

- Acted and/or advised in matters before all levels of English courts, in commercial and international disputes.
- Acted and/or advised in numerous investment treaty arbitrations, brought across many sectors and pursuant to a wide array of investment treaties, with experience of most major arbitration rules (including ICSID, SCC, UNCITRAL and ad hoc rules). Matthieu's recent experience includes disputes under the OIC Investment Agreement and intra-EU BITs.
- Acted and/or advised in numerous commercial arbitrations, with experience of most major arbitration rules (ICC, LCIA, SCC, UNCITRAL), across a broad range of sectors and industries, and covering a variety of foreign laws as the applicable law.
- Advised States, non-governmental organisations, private commercial entities and private individuals on a diversity of commercial, arbitration and public international law issues, including treaty interpretation, WTO/Trade law, and implications of Brexit. Matthieu was appointed to the Attorney General's Public International Law C Panel of Counsel in 2017.

Recommendations:

- Legal 500: international arbitration: 2020/2021: *"very smart, hard worker, perfectly bilingual (English/French), and also very personable."*
- Legal 500: public international law: 2020/2021: *"he is a pleasure to work with, very able, hard working and dedicated. In addition to being dual qualified (France and England), he speaks and writes in both French and English to a native standard."*
- Who's Who UK Bar 2020: arbitration: *"a strong and measured advocate" with "a magnificent mind"; "Matt has excellent judgment and cuts through to the essence of any issue".*
- Who's Who Global 2020: *"future leader"* in international arbitration.
- Legal 500: arbitration: 2019/2020: *"thorough and detailed and has a comprehensive knowledge of the law".*



- Who's Who UK Bar 2019: arbitration: “*thorough, detailed*” and “*able to distil large amounts of information into compelling arguments*”.

Prior to joining the Bar, Matthieu qualified as a New York attorney in 2011 and worked as an associate in the international arbitration team of Cleary Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, in Paris and as a consultant for the World Bank.

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Areas of Expertise

International Arbitration

“Very smart, hard worker, perfectly bilingual (English/French), and also very personable.” – *Legal 500, 2020*

Matthieu practices investment treaty arbitration and international commercial arbitration, often in proceedings with an English law element (whether as the governing law of the contract or the proceedings), either led or as sole counsel. Matthieu also appears in arbitration-related proceedings.

Matthieu has built on his experience as an attorney in the Paris office of Cleary Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, where he acted in investment treaty and commercial arbitrations, and as a consultant for the World Bank, where he advised States and Chambers of Commerce on the creation of arbitration and/or mediation laws or centres and the reform of investment law.

Matthieu combines his practice with the role of adjunct professor of law (international commercial arbitration) at Pepperdine Law School, University of Malibu (London Campus). He publishes widely in the area and regularly contributes to conferences or talks.

Cases

- **ICC Arbitration (Middle East)**
Acting for the Respondent in an ICC arbitration said to be worth over USD \$500 million arising out of a tolling agreement relating to a liquified natural gas plant project in the Middle East.
- **Skubenko and others v North Macedonia, ICSID Case No. Arb/19/9**
Acting for the Claimants in *Skubenko and others v North Macedonia*, ICSID Case No. Arb/19/9, in a dispute over a copper mining complex in North Macedonia, under the Ukraine-North Macedonia BIT.
- **Al-Tuwairqi v Pakistan (UNCITRAL)**
Acting for the Claimants in *Al-Tuwairqi v Pakistan*, a dispute over a steel manufacturing plant in Karachi, under the OIC Investment Treaty (under the UNCITRAL Rules).
- **ICSID Arbitration**
Acting for a South Asian State in a claim brought by investors arising out of a renewable power plant project.
- **LCIA Arbitration – Investor vs East African State**
Acting for a Claimant in an LCIA Arbitration arising out of an energy project in an East African State (details not public).
- **LCIA Arbitration – Joint Venture Dispute**
Acting for the Respondent in an LCIA Arbitration arising out of a joint venture in a CIS State (details not public, led by Justin Fewick QC, Andrew Clutterbuck QC and Lucy Colter). The arbitration is seated London under English law and involves jurisdiction issues, alleged minority oppression and questions of interpretation of the joint venture agreement.

- **ICC Arbitration – West African Construction Project**
Acting for the Respondent in an ICC Arbitration arising out of an infrastructure project in West Africa (details not public).
- **Micula & Others v Romania [2017] EWHC 31 (Comm)**
Acting as junior counsel for the First Claimant in the enforcement proceedings arising out of the Award in *Micula & Others v Romania* [2017] EWHC 31 (Comm) (led by Sir Alan Dashwood QC and Patrick Green QC).
- **SCC Arbitration – PL Holdings v Poland (Luxembourg-Poland BIT)**
Matthieu acted for PL Holdings, a Luxembourg company, which prevailed in its SCC arbitration against the Republic of Poland. The claim concerned the uncompensated expropriation of our client's equity investment in a Polish bank, in violation of the Luxembourg-Poland BIT. In its recent Final Award, the tribunal ordered Poland to pay c. €176 million in damages and €3.5 million in costs.

Matthieu was part of the counsel team which successfully acted for PL Holdings, together with Fietta LLP (Stephen Fietta, Ashique Rahman, Laura Rees-Evans and Sarah Macrory), Linklaters (Matthew Weiniger QC, Ula Cartwright-Finch, Cezary Wisniewski and Alicja Zielinska-Eisen), and Sean Aughey.
- **Confidential ICC Arbitration (Telecoms)(Counsel)**
Acting as junior counsel for a national telecommunications operator in a substantial ICC arbitration (foreign law).
- **LCIA Arbitration – Sale of Fuel Alcohol Contract**
Acting as sole counsel in an LCIA arbitration arising out of the sale of fuel alcohol (details not public).
- **LCIA Arbitration – Transport of Ethyl Contract**
Acting as sole counsel in an LCIA arbitration arising out of the transport of ethyl alcohol (details not public).
- **SCC Arbitration – Investor v State (ECT)**
Acting for the Claimant in arbitration commenced under the ECT and governed by the SCC rules in the energy sector in relation to breaches by an Eastern European State of the ECT (details not public).
- **ICSID Case No. ARB/14/9 – City-State N.V. et al. v Ukraine**
Acting for the claimants in *City-State N.V. et al. v Ukraine*, ICSID Case No. ARB/14/9, a dispute under a bilateral investment treaty in relation to various breaches of the treaty.
- **ICC Case – Telecommunications Sector in Ukraine**
Acting as sole counsel in a two-week hearing for a Ukrainian company in a commercial arbitration pursuant to the ICC Rules in relation to a dispute under a contract in the telecommunications sector (details not public).
- **Arbitration Challenge – Confidential**
Advising a party in potential challenge proceedings following a bilateral investment treaty arbitration award (details not public).
- **ICSID Case No. ARB/12/1 – Tethyan Copper Company Pty Limited v Islamic Republic of Pakistan**
Acting for the Respondent in *Tethyan Copper Company Pty Limited v Islamic Republic of Pakistan*, ICSID Case No. ARB/12/1, a dispute under a bilateral investment treaty, in relation to the refusal of a mining licence over very large-scale copper and gold deposits at Reko Diq, in Pakistan (led by Cherie Blair QC and Graham Dunning QC).
- **Arbitration Challenge – Confidential**
Advising a multinational company on enforcement proceedings in various jurisdictions following a successful £8 million ad hoc award (confidential).
- **UNCITRAL Arbitration**
Advised and acted for OJSC Tatneft in claim brought under the Russia-Ukraine BIT arising out of a raider takeover of Ukraine's largest refinery, in which OJSC Tatneft was a shareholder (as an attorney ; applicable rules: UNCITRAL)

- **ICSID Arbitration**

Advised a major German company on investment protections available under the Libya-Germany BIT following the destruction of its property in Libya (as an attorney; applicable rules: ICSID)

- **ICC – construction of steel factory dispute**

Advised and acted for a major multinational steel company on an €11 million construction dispute arising out of the construction of a steel factory in the Czech Republic (as an attorney, applicable rules: ICC)

- **ICC – oil refinery dispute**

Advised and acted for a major French oil refining company in €40 million dispute arising out of the closing down of an oil refinery in the South of France (as an attorney, applicable rules: ICC).

- **LCIA Arbitration – dredging dispute**

Advised and acted for a major Dutch company in relation to a dredging dispute in Nigeria (as an attorney, applicable rules: LCIA).

- **Confidential ICC arbitration**

Acted as secretary to a three-member tribunal (at an attorney, applicable rules: ICC).

- **Bangladesh – Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre**

Matthieu advised the Bangladeshi government on reforming the Bangladesh Arbitration Act 2001. Assisted in developing a sustainability plan for the Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC) (as a consultant for the World Bank).

- **Turkey – Istanbul Arbitration Centre**

Matthieu advised on the creation of the government-led Istanbul Arbitration Centre (as a consultant for the World Bank).

- **Liberia – Commercial Court Rules**

Matthieu advised on the revised Commercial Court Rules relating to alternative dispute resolution (as a consultant for the World Bank).

- **Vietnam – Financial and Commercial Court of Arbitration**

Matthieu assisted in the drafting of the rules of the Financial and Commercial Court of Arbitration, aimed at developing arbitration in the banking sector in Vietnam. Assisted in creating the interpretative guidance on the Law of Commercial Arbitration, issued by the Vietnamese government to avoid undue court interference in the arbitral process (as a consultant for the World Bank).

Qualifications & Memberships

BA in Law, University of Cambridge; Masters in International Political Economics (Sciences Po, Paris); LLM (Georgetown University, D.C.); BPTC

Languages

English, French (fluent), Spanish (intermediary).