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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.

Privacy Policy

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Areas of Expertise

Public International Law

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Matthieu practices international investment treaty arbitration and international public law, with a particular interest in international economic law. He acts for claimants and respondents in cases under a variety of rules, in particular ICSID, SCC, UNCITRAL, as well as in arbitration-related court proceedings.

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Representative work includes:

Cases

- **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.
- **Anderson v Turning Point Eespro [2019] EWCA Civ 815**
Acting as junior counsel for the Lord Chancellor in the Court of Appeal in *Anderson v Turning Point Eespro* [2019] EWCA Civ 815, a civil procedure case giving rise to questions of public international law (led by Richard O’Brien).
- **Advice – intra-EU BIT arbitration**
Matthieu has advised a number of clients in the intra-EU BITs about the consequences of the CJEU’s *Achmea* decision.
- **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.

- **R(Miller & others) v Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union [2017] UKSC 5**
Acting as junior counsel for the intervening parties in *R (Miller & others) v Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union* [2016] EWHC 2768, and before the Supreme Court in *R(Miller & others) v Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union* [2017] UKSC 5 (led by Patrick Green QC and Henry Warwick).
- **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).
- **Case T-713/16 – Fair Deal for Expats & others v Commission of the European Union**
Acting for the applicant in *Fair Deal for Expats & others v Commission of the European Union* (Case T-713/16): challenge in the General Court of the European Union under Article 263 TFEU in respect of measures preventing negotiations between representatives of the United Kingdom and the Commission pending notice under Article 50 TEU.
- **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.
- **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).
- **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).
- **ECCC – Pro Bono**

Prepared pleadings for admitting third-party claims to the Extraordinary Chambers of the Courts of Cambodia (pro bono)

Qualifications & Memberships

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



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Languages

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