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Nationality/ Date of Birth	British / 17 May 1976

Educational/Professional Memberships

BA and MA (Law), St. John's College, Cambridge University (1998)
Partner Fellow (elect), Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Cambridge University

Called to the Bar of England & Wales (1999)
Called to the Paris Bar (2007)

Current Position

Barrister, French Avocat and Arbitrator at Twenty Essex

Professional Experience

Zannis is a Barrister and Arbitrator specialising in international commercial and investment arbitration, and has conducted proceedings for Governments, multinationals, and HNW individuals all around the world. He has particular expertise in disputes with a connection to CEE and CIS. He has lived and worked in Paris (3.5 years) and Romania (2.5 years) as well as London. He also sits as DAB Member.

Arbitration Experience

Investment Arbitration

Counsel to the Governments of Balochistan and Pakistan in parallel ICC and ICSID arbitration proceedings against Australian investors, mining sector, value US\$ 1bn+

Counsel to the Government of Romania in relation to a BIT claim brought by a Greek investor, ICSID arbitration, food retail sector, value US\$ 150m

Counsel to Turkish investors in relation to an ICSID arbitration under a BIT against Turkmenistan, construction sector, value US\$ 500 million

Counsel to Swedish investors in relation to a BIT claim against Bulgaria, ICSID arbitration, arising out of the termination of a waste management concession, value US\$ 75 million

Counsel to a Dutch investor in relation to an ICSID arbitration under a BIT against Panama, financial services sector, value US\$ 60m

Counsel to UK investors in relation to an ICSID arbitration under a BIT against Hungary, agricultural sector, value US\$ 20m

Counsel to a US company in relation to an ECHR and BIT claim against Moldova, ICSID arbitration,

telecommunications sector, value US\$ 30m

Counsel to a US NGO in relation to a BIT claim against the Government of Vietnam, ICSID arbitration, threatened expropriation of an animal sanctuary

Counsel to a Russian HNW individual in ad hoc arbitration proceedings against a Georgian State Entity under the Georgian Foreign Investment Law, value US\$ 22m

Counsel to a Central Asian company in Energy Charter Treaty proceedings against a neighbouring Central Asian State arising out of a gas supply agreement

Commercial Arbitration

Counsel to a Sultan in relation to ad hoc and ASEAN arbitration proceedings against a State in South East Asia seeking the alteration of a colonial era lease of land, value US \$1bn+

Counsel to investors in relation to SCC arbitration proceedings, and BIT/ECT arbitration proceedings, against Ukraine arising out of a gas product sharing agreement, value US\$ 1bn+

Counsel to a Swiss company (Bulgarian/Georgian owned) against a Swiss multinational, Swiss arbitration (seat Zurich, Swiss governing law), mining sector, value US\$ 100m

Counsel to a Swiss company (Bulgarian/Georgian owned) against a Swiss multinational, ICC arbitration (seat Zurich, Swiss governing law), mining sector, value US\$ 350m

Counsel to a US company against a Caribbean Government, ICC arbitration (seat Toronto, Trinidad governing law), oil & gas sector, value US\$ 100m

Counsel to a US company against a Caribbean Government, LCIA arbitration (seat Bermuda, Trinidad governing law), oil & gas sector, value US\$ 220m

Counsel to an Israeli chemicals company against a US gas company, LCIA arbitration (seat London, Israeli governing law), oil & gas sector, value US\$ 100m

Counsel to an Irish/Hungarian bioethanol producer against a Japanese conglomerate, LCIA arbitration (seat London, English governing law), oil & gas sector, value €60m

Counsel to an English company against Romanian companies, ICC arbitration (seat Vienna, English governing law), construction sector, value US\$ 20m

Counsel to an Austrian construction company in numerous DAB applications, ICC and CACI arbitration proceedings against Romanian State Entities and shopping mall owners in Romania and Slovakia, construction sector, FIDIC Redbook and Yellowbook

Counsel to a major French bank in connection with a US\$ 300 million ICC arbitration (seat London, Swiss governing law) against a Russian billionaire arising out of a SPA to purchase a 50% interest in a Russian bank. This case involved seeking and obtaining Freezing Orders and Anti-Suit Injunctions in London, Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands, and defending parallel proceedings commenced by the billionaire in Russia

Counsel to a Turkish billionaire in a US\$ 2.2 billion dispute against Motorola, involving proceedings and Freezing Orders applications in the UK (Court of Appeal and petition to the House of Lords), Switzerland (ICC arbitration, seat Zurich, Swiss governing law), Bermuda, Guernsey, Jersey, Isle of Man, France, Germany, Turkey and the US

Counsel to a major French insurance company in connection with a US\$ 100 million ICC arbitration

(seat Geneva, English governing law) against a Russian billionaire arising out of a joint venture agreement in the Russian insurance sector

Counsel to a Russian billionaire in a US\$ 100 million LCIA arbitration (seat London, English governing law) against another Russian billionaire arising out of a non-performed SPA

Counsel to a pool of French, English and US insurers in the context of a US\$ 300 million ICC arbitration (seat Paris, UAE governing law) against a US aerospace manufacturer arising out of the construction of a satellite

Counsel to a Japanese car manufacturer in the context of a US\$ 75 million JCAA arbitration (seat Tokyo, Japanese governing law) arising out of an exclusive distributorship agreement

Counsel to a Finnish energy company in the context of a US\$ 30 million ICC arbitration (seat Paris, Romanian governing law) against two Romanian State-owned energy companies arising out of the construction of a power plant in Romania

Counsel to a Turkish construction company in the context of a € 100 million ICC arbitration (seat Geneva, Ukrainian governing law) against a Ukrainian State-owned railway company regarding the construction of a bridge over the river Dnieper

Appointments as Arbitrator

Chairman in ICC Case No. 22452/GR, seat Bucharest, Romanian governing law, French language, joint venture agreement, Romanian and Austrian parties (appointed by the ICC)

Co-Arbitrator in LCIA Case No. 163485, seat London, English law, English language, sale of goods by sea, Ukrainian and Chinese parties (appointed by the LCIA)

Co-Arbitrator in ICC Case No. 23584/GR, seat Milan, Hong Kong governing law, English language, SPA dispute, German, Italian and Hong Kong parties (party-appointed)

Co-Arbitrator in LCIA Case No. 184121, seat London, English law, English language, freight services agreement, Bahraini and UAE parties (party-appointed)

Emergency Arbitrator in ICC Case No. 25855/GR, seat Geneva, Iraqi governing law, English language, construction sector, Italian and Iraqi parties (appointed by the ICC)

Sole Arbitrator in LCIA Case No. 194341, seat London, English law, English language, joint venture dispute in the Russian real estate sector, Israeli parties (appointed by the LCIA)

Co-Arbitrator in LCIA Case No. 204662, seat London, Ukrainian law, English language, banking sector, Ukrainian and Cypriot parties (appointed by the LCIA)

Co-Arbitrator in LCIA Case No. 204663, seat London, Ukrainian law, English language, banking sector, Ukrainian and Cypriot parties (appointed by the LCIA)

Co-Arbitrator in LCIA Case No. 204664, seat London, Ukrainian law, English language, banking sector, Ukrainian and Cypriot parties (appointed by the LCIA)

Co-Arbitrator in LCIA Case No. 204665, seat London, Ukrainian law, English language, banking sector, Ukrainian and Cypriot parties (appointed by the LCIA)

Sole Arbitrator in ICC Case No. 18870/MCP, seat Paris, Romanian governing law, French language), construction sector, Romanian and French parties (appointed by the ICC)

Sole Arbitrator in an ad hoc arbitration, seat London, English law, English language, shipping sector, UAE and Iranian parties (appointed by the parties)

Sole Arbitrator in ICC Case No. 20239/MHM, seat Bucharest, English law, English language, investment agreement dispute between Moldovan parties (appointed by the ICC)

Languages

English and French