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Educational/Professional Memberships

LL.M., London School of Economics and Political Science, 1983; LL.L., Université de Montréal, 1981; Member of the Quebec Bar, 1983; Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London); Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; Member of the International Bar Association (IBA), the Canadian Bar Association (CBA), the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, the Commercial Panel of the AAA's International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), and the Court of Arbitration of the Singapore International Arbitration Center (SIAC).

Current Position

Senior Counsel – IMK s.e.n.c.r.l./LLP

Professional Experience

Mr. Bienvenu is a disputes lawyer with more than 35 years' experience in international commercial arbitration, commercial litigation, and constitutional law.

Between 1983 and 2022, Mr. Bienvenu practiced at Norton Rose Fulbright Canada (previously Ogilvy Renault LLP). He was managing partner of Ogilvy Renault from 2005 to 2009 and chaired its executive committee from 2005 to 2011. He served on the global supervisory board of Norton Rose Fulbright from 2011 to 2014 and was global co-head of the firm's international arbitration practice between 2011 and 2022. He withdrew from the partnership of Norton Rose Fulbright in June 2022 to focus on his practice as an international arbitrator and joined IMK LLP, a Montreal-based disputes firm, in July 2022. He is also a member of Arbitration Place's roster of arbitrators.

Mr. Bienvenu has pleaded before the courts of Quebec, the Federal Court of Canada, and the Supreme Court of Canada. He was involved in numerous challenges to the constitutional validity of provincial and federal legislation and has extensive experience in public law litigation. He has participated in more than 15 appeals before the Supreme Court of Canada, representing government, institutions, corporations and individuals in a range of international, constitutional and commercial law disputes, including representing the Attorney General of Canada in the landmark *Reference re Secession of Quebec*, the federally appointed judiciary in the *Bodner* case and the recent *Reference concerning the Jurisdiction of the Court of Quebec*, the successful party in the highly publicized *Eric v Lola* equality case, Hydro-Québec in the *Churchill Falls* case, concerning contractual good faith and changed circumstances, and acting as co-counsel for BCE and Bell Canada in their successful appeal to the Supreme Court to approve a plan of arrangement for the \$50 billion leveraged buyout of BCE by a private equity consortium.

Mr. Bienvenu is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He was awarded the distinction *Advocatus Emeritus* by the Quebec Bar in 2008, and the Paul-André Crépeau Medal by the Canadian Bar Association in 2013 for his contribution to the advancement of the international dimension of private law and commercial law in Canada.

Arbitration Experience

Mr. Bienvenu has acted as counsel or served as arbitrator in international arbitrations involving disputes in telecommunications, transportation, energy, international distribution and joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, construction, pharmaceuticals, and foreign investment.

He served as global co-head of Norton Rose Fulbright's international arbitration practice between 2011 and 2022.

A former co-chair of the IBA's Arbitration Committee (2008-2009), Mr. Bienvenu served on the LCIA Court (2010-2015), of which he was a vice-president (2011-2015), the ICC International Court of Arbitration (2015-2021), and is currently as member of the Court of Arbitration of the Singapore International Arbitration Center (SIAC). He was appointed by the Government of Canada to ICSID's Panel of Arbitrators in 2021 for a six-year term.

Mr. Bienvenu intervened on behalf of the LCIA, the ICC Court and the Canadian Commercial Arbitration Centre in four appeals to the Supreme Court of Canada raising international arbitration issues, most recently in the *Uber* case, which concerned the application of the *compétence/compétence* principle to the ICC arbitration clause contained in the licensing agreement entered into by Uber drivers.

Publications

Throughout his career, Mr. Bienvenu has spoken regularly at international conferences on topics of interest to his practice. See IMK LLP website (<https://imk.ca/en/team/pierre-bienvenu-ad-e/>)

Languages

French, English (fluent)