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Areas of Focus

International Arbitration

Specialized Litigation and Arbitration

Business Litigation



Overview

Ronan O'Reilly specialises in international arbitration, both commercial and investor-state, across a wide range of sectors including energy, mining, telecommunications, defence, infrastructure, and hospitality. He represents clients in high-value complex disputes under the rules of the major arbitral institutions (LCIA, ICC, SIAC, SCC, ICSID, UNCITRAL and LMAA). His clients have described him in Legal 500 as “an exceptional individual”.

Ronan also has experience acting for clients before the English courts in arbitration related proceedings such as challenges to arbitral awards, anti-suit injunctions, and enforcement of arbitral awards. His practice also encompasses general commercial litigation, having acted for clients in several High Court matters.

Ronan publishes and lectures on international arbitration and has been recognized as a future leader in international arbitration by Lexology Index.

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Representative Matters

- Acting for an African state in parallel ICC and ICSID proceedings in relation to a contractual dispute about a mining project;

- Acting for an international media company in its defence of ICC proceedings in relation to a dispute over the impact of financial sanctions and export controls on a supply contract;
- Acting for a Middle Eastern telecoms company in the successful defence of an ICC arbitration;
- Representing claimants in an ICSID arbitration arising from their investments in the mining industry;
- Acting for a client in two challenges to an Award on jurisdiction before the English courts;
- Representing a global real estate investor in multi-jurisdictional enforcement proceedings against an Indian real estate developer in respect of two LCIA arbitration awards;
- Representing a lender in a LCIA arbitration relating to a contractual debt claim; and
- Representing a sub-contractor before the English High Court and Court of Appeal in relation to a dispute about a construction project.

Credentials

Admissions

- England and Wales, 2014

Education

- BPP University Law School, LPC, 2012
- The London School of Economics and Political Science, LLM, 2010
- Trinity College Dublin, LLB, 2009

Service / Recognition

Awards

- *Pro Bono Recognition List*, England & Wales, 2026
- *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration*, Arbitration Future Leaders, 2023-2024
- Key Lawyer for International Arbitration, *Legal 500 UK*, 2025-2026