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Simon is a partner in the Washington, DC office. He has significant experience in commercial arbitration and investment arbitrations, having represented clients across a wide range of sectors.

Simon is recognised in *Who's Who Legal* as a global leader for Arbitration, which highlights that his “analytical skills, clear communication style, and legal expertise make him a strong practitioner” and that “he has the ability to articulate issues in a clear, concise manner”, noting “he is confident and sharp”. Simon has been recognised for International Arbitration in *The Legal 500 US* since 2020 and clients have described him as having “formidable analytical skills and great client service”.

Simon co-authored the chapter “Fair and Equitable Treatment: Legitimate Expectations and Transparency” in ICSID’s 50th anniversary text *Building International Investment Law: The First 50 Years of ICSID*. He sits on the Banking and Financial Services Committee for the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR).

Simon received his LLM from Columbia Law School, where he studied as a Fulbright scholar. Before that, he received an LLB with first-class honors and a BA with first-class honors from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand. He speaks English and French, and is admitted to practice in Washington, DC, New York, and New Zealand.

Selected Experience

- Representing Elliott Associates LP in its successful claim against the Republic of Korea under the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement for breach of the minimum standard of treatment.
- Advising a number of international oil companies concerning production sharing contracts rights in Nigeria.
- Representing a Missouri-based artificial intelligence firm in a JAMS arbitration arising out of a contract dispute under Delaware law.
- Representing a UK renewable energy company in a \$200 million concession dispute with an African State.
- Representing Sacyr in a \$1 billion dispute relating to claims brought under the Spain-Panama BIT in relation to the Panama Canal Third Set of Locks Project, including section 1782 motions in the U.S. courts.
- Representing Canadian rare earths miner, Stans Energy, in its successful claim against the Kyrgyz Republic for expropriation of its investment in a rare earths mine and processing plant.
- Representing a Chilean oil and gas explorer in successful defense of claims brought by a co-venturer under a joint operating agreement.
- Representing the Middle Eastern branch of a U.S. food distributor in two ICC arbitrations arising out of disputes in Saudi Arabia and Jordan following the termination of distribution contracts.

- Representing Ukraine in defense of claims for unlawful termination of a license to explore for oil and gas. The matter settled following a hearing.
- Representing Tanzania in respect of several ICC arbitrations arising out of contracts for the construction of highways.
- Representing a UK construction company on its claim for breach of contract arising out of a nuclear power plant project in Israel.

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New York
- New Zealand

Languages

- English
- French

Education

- BA, University of Canterbury in New Zealand
- LLB, University of Canterbury in New Zealand
- LLM, Columbia Law School (Fulbright scholar)

Professional Affiliations

- Advisory Board Member, Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA)
- Banking and Financial Services Committee, International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR)

Publications and Speaking Engagements

Publications

- Article, “Appointing Arbitrators - Commercial and Technical Expertise”, (Financier Worldwide) (2023)
- Co-author with Lucy Reed, “Fair and Equitable Treatment: Legitimate Expectations and Transparency” in ICSID’s 50th anniversary text Building International Investment Law: The First 50 Years of ICSID (2016)

Speaking Engagements

- Panellist, “Practical Session: Drafting the Procedural Order and the First Hearing: Workshop on investor-State and International Commercial Arbitration on How to Draft the Procedural Order” (Washington Arbitration Week 2023) (November 2023)
- Panellist, “Renewable Energy, and Arbitration’s Role in Aiding Energy Transition” (California International Arbitration Week 2023) (March 2023)
- Panellist, “Energy Charter Treaty: Modernization and Withdrawal” (11th Annual Georgetown International Arbitration Month) (February 2023)
- Moderator, “In-house Perspective on International Arbitration” (Columbia Law School) (January 2023)

- Arbitrator, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Young Lawyers Forum (YLF) (NBA - YLF) Arbitration Challenge 2021 (May 2021)
- Speaker, “Breaking [Fake] News about Arbitration,” Columbia International Arbitration Association, (October 2018)