

VASILIS F.L. PAPPAS

Chambers ranked international arbitration lawyer and adjunct professor practicing international commercial and investor-state arbitration. In more than 15 years of private practice at leading international law firms and government in New York City, Ottawa, Calgary, Vancouver, and Doha, broad experience includes international commercial arbitrations under the ICC, UNCITRAL, LCIA, ICDR, and AAA rules, and investor-state arbitrations under the ICSID Convention and bilateral and multilateral investment treaties seated in cities all over the world, including New York, London, Paris, Singapore, Doha, Dubai, Chicago, San Francisco, Jakarta, Mexico City, Warsaw, Toronto, and Calgary.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Bennett Jones LLP • Partner, Co-Head of International Arbitration Practice Group

Vancouver, BC, Calgary, AB and Doha, Qatar • 2011—Present

Co-head of a busy international commercial arbitration and investor-state arbitration practice working out of the firm's Vancouver, Calgary, and Doha offices.

University of Calgary Faculty of Law • Adjunct Professor, Commercial Arbitration

Calgary, AB • 2015—Present

Adjunct professor in the fields of commercial arbitration and investor-state arbitration.

Government of Canada • Senior Counsel, Global Affairs Canada (Trade Law Bureau)

Ottawa, ON • 2009—2011

Senior counsel representing Canada in numerous investor-state arbitrations under NAFTA Chapter Eleven. Also represented Canada in bilateral investment treaty negotiations and advised on a broad range of international trade, investment and other public international law issues.

Baker & McKenzie LLP • Associate, International Arbitration and Litigation Group

New York, NY • 2005—2009

Areas of practice included international commercial arbitration and investor-state arbitration.

Coudert Brothers LLP • Associate, International Arbitration and Litigation Group

New York, NY • 2002—2005

Areas of practice included international commercial arbitration and investor-state arbitration.

EDUCATION

McGill University Faculty of Law • Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.)

Montreal, QC • 1999—2002

McGill University Faculty of Law • Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Montreal, QC • 1999—2002

University of British Columbia • Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), International Relations

Vancouver, BC • 1995—1999

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

International Commercial Arbitration

- Representation of a British oil and gas company in multiple UNCITRAL arbitration proceedings exceeding USD \$1.25 billion against a U.S. geological development corporation in relation to the development, production and sale of two gas and condensate fields in Kazakhstan
- Representation of Norwegian aluminium manufacturer in a USD \$350 million dispute subject to ICC arbitration seated in London against U.S. and Korean contractors in relation to the construction of an aluminium smelter in Qatar
- Representation of a Canadian utilities company in multiple ICC and LCIA arbitration proceedings exceeding USD \$250 million in value against Mexican contractors and state-owned entities in relation to the construction of a pipeline in Mexico
- Representation of a Qatari subcontractor in a USD \$135 million ICC arbitration seated in Doha against Lebanese/Qatari contractors in relation to the construction of three LNG facilities in Qatar
- Representation of an Omani contractor in a USD \$130 million ICC arbitration seated in London against an Omani state-owned entity in connection with the construction of a gas and condensate processing plant in Oman
- Representation of a German biofuel contractor in a USD \$100 million dollar AAA arbitration seated in Chicago against a U.S. oil and gas company in connection with the construction of an ethanol production facility in the United States
- Representation of a Norwegian aluminium company in a USD \$200 million ICC arbitration seated in London against European insurers arising from the construction of a power plant in Qatar
- Representation of a Canadian pipeline contractor in a CAD \$75 million *ad hoc* arbitration seated in Calgary against a Canadian energy company relating to the construction of a natural gas pipeline
- Representation of a Norwegian-Qatari joint venture in a USD \$85 million insurance dispute subject to ARIAS arbitration seated in London against insurers arising from a fire at a power plant in Qatar
- Representation of a Canadian engineering company in connection with a CIETAC arbitration seated in Beijing against a Chinese company in relation to the manufacture of oil and gas piping
- Representation of a Southeast Asian government in connection with a multimillion dollar ICC arbitration seated in Paris against Swiss/Dutch companies relating to the purchase and sale of rice
- Representation of a Polish state-owned television broadcaster in connection with a multimillion dollar PCC arbitration seated in Warsaw against a Canadian licensee in relation to the distribution of Polish language television and radio content in the Western Hemisphere
- Representation of a French cosmetics company in a multimillion dollar ad hoc arbitration seated in New York with a Chinese company in connection with a purchase price adjustment dispute
- Representation a multinational chemical manufacturer in the enforcement of a multibillion dollar ICC arbitral award against a Middle Eastern government
- Representation of a multinational construction contractor in the enforcement of multiple multimillion dollar ICC arbitral awards in Europe, the Middle East, and the Caribbean

Investor-State Arbitration

- Representation of a North American government in a CAD \$105 million investment treaty arbitration under NAFTA Chapter Eleven with a foreign investor in connection with the revocation of the investor's permits to develop a large-scale waste management facility
- Representation of a foreign investor against a North American government in a USD \$120 million investment treaty arbitration under NAFTA Chapter Eleven in connection with the revocation of the investor's permit to undertake shale gas exploration
- Representation of an Eastern European government in connection with a USD \$20 million dollar investment treaty arbitration with a foreign investor under a bilateral investment treaty with respect to foreign investments made in Eastern Europe's aviation industry
- Representation of a North American government in a USD \$100 million investment treaty arbitration under NAFTA Chapter Eleven with a foreign investor in connection with the revocation of the investor's application to develop a large-scale mining project
- Representation of a North American government in a CAD \$65 million investment treaty arbitration under NAFTA Chapter Eleven with a foreign investor in connection with the application of performance requirements on the investor in the energy industry
- Representation of a foreign investor in a multimillion dollar investment treaty dispute under a bilateral investment treaty with a Southeast Asian Government regarding the revocation of the investor's permits to develop a large-scale mining project in Southeast Asia

Commercial Litigation

- Representation of a Japanese bank in a series of litigations exceeding USD \$5 billion in value in New York, Indonesia and Singapore against an Indonesian pulp and paper company in connection with its default on indenture agreements
- Representation of a Canadian energy company in a USD \$767 million dispute against an Italian contractor in connection with the construction of five oil sands projects in Canada
- Representation of a Chinese state-owned Vitamin C producer in a series of antitrust and price fixing class actions exceeding USD \$150 million in value throughout the United States
- Representation of a German pharmaceutical company in a multimillion dollar patent infringement dispute with a Japanese pharmaceutical company in a litigation based in Chicago
- Representation of a Romanian contractor in a criminal trial based in Trenton, New Jersey in connection with the alleged bribing of military officials in Iraq
- Representation of a California biotechnology company in a multimillion dollar dispute with an Illinois company in connection with the distribution of HIV/AIDS drugs in Africa in Chicago
- Representation of a Hollywood celebrity in a trademark infringement dispute in New Jersey
- Representation of a California trust owning The Beatles and Michael Jackson music libraries against creditors to Michael Jackson's estate in a multimillion dollar litigation based in New York
- Representation of a Belgian gemological laboratory in a multimillion dollar trademark infringement dispute with a California company in a litigation based in Chicago

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages

English, French, and Greek

Bar Admissions

New York, Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia

Representative Publications and Presentations

- Vasilis F.L. Pappas and George Vlavianos, “Consolidation of International Commercial Arbitration Proceedings in the Energy Sector” in J William Rowley QC, Doak Bishop & Gordon Kaiser, eds., *The Guide to Energy Arbitrations*, 3d ed. (London: Global Arbitration Review, 2018).
- Vasilis F.L. Pappas and Artem Barsukov, “Resolving Cross-Border Disputes Using International Arbitration” (European Union Chamber of Commerce and Swedish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, September 20, 2018).
- Vasilis F.L. Pappas and George M. Vlavianos, “Multiple Tiers, Multiple Risks – Multi-Tier Arbitration Clauses”, *Dispute Resolution International*, Vol. 10 – No. 1 (May 2018).
- Vasilis F.L. Pappas, George M. Vlavianos, and Hasan El-Shafiey, “The Gulf Crisis – Could it Bring ‘State-to-State Arbitration’ to the Region?” (February 6, 2018).
- Vasilis F.L. Pappas and George M. Vlavianos, “Protecting Your Foreign Operations in the Age of Bilateral Investment Treaties”, *Canadian Mining Journal*, Vol. 139 – No. 2 (February/March 2018), 6.
- Vasilis F.L. Pappas, “New Developments in International Arbitration: Tour d’horizon” (ICC Canada International Arbitration Conference 2017, 10 November 2017).
- Vasilis F.L. Pappas and George M. Vlavianos, “Multi-Tier Dispute Resolution Clauses as Jurisdictional Conditions Precedent to Arbitration” in J William Rowley QC, Doak Bishop & Gordon Kaiser, eds., *The Guide to Energy Arbitrations*, 2d ed. (London: Global Arbitration Review, 2017) 217.
- Vasilis F.L. Pappas, “International Investment Law and its Impact on Environmental Regulation in Canada” (Canadian Bar Association Environmental Law Section, 5 December 2016).
- Vasilis F.L. Pappas and George M. Vlavianos, “Corporate Divorce: Potential Limits to Arbitral Jurisdiction over Joint Ventures” in J William Rowley QC, Doak Bishop and Gordon Kaiser, eds., *The Guide to Energy Arbitrations* (London: Global Arbitration Review, 2015) 143.
- Vasilis F.L. Pappas, “Oil and Gas Arbitration: A Primer on Dispute Resolution Clauses for Arbitration Practitioners” (AIPN and ICDR Conference, 15 October 2014).
- Vasilis F.L. Pappas & William Wong, “When do Foreign Arbitral Awards Become Ripe for Enforcement in Canada?” (2014) 1 ADR Perspectives 5.
- Vasilis F.L. Pappas, “Evidentiary Privilege in International Arbitration” (2014) 1 ADR Perspectives 1.
- Vasilis F.L. Pappas, “Construction Arbitration in the Middle East and Arabian Gulf” (ICC Canada International Arbitration Conference, 24 October 2013).