

## Thomas Kendra

Partner

Paris

### Biography

Partner in Hogan Lovells' Paris international arbitration practice, Thomas' knowledge and skills are focused on the energy, life sciences, TMT, aerospace, mining, finance and construction sectors, as well as in investment arbitration, in which he has acted for both States and investors. He is dual-qualified in England and France.

Thomas is passionate about encouraging the growth of alternative dispute resolution, notably in Africa and Asia, where he has worked. This has led him to collaborate in establishing the Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC) in Rwanda in 2012, for which he was shortlisted for Solicitor of the Year by the Law Society, and he remains an active member of KIAC's Board. Thomas also co-leads Hogan Lovells' Paris-Afrique Group, a cross-practice desk established within the Paris office, and he is a founding member of AfricArb, a non-profit organisation of practitioners aiming to promote the development of arbitration in Africa.

Thomas presents and publishes widely on international arbitration topics, as well as teaching at Sciences-Po, Queen Mary and Versailles University. Thomas has been said to "lead the market" in relation to arbitrations in Francophone Africa by Who's Who Legal, 2017, and is ranked by Chambers, with sources noting his "ability



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### Languages

English  
French  
Spanish

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### Practices

International Arbitration  
Technology Litigation

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### Industries

Aerospace, Defense, and  
Government Services  
Automotive and Mobility  
Energy and Natural Resources

to combine a bird's-eye perspective on the case with sufficient attention to detail" [Chambers Europe 2019] and his "very well-prepared and effective cross examinations"[Chambers Global 2018]] .

## Representative experience

Representing a central Asian state in an UNCITRAL arbitration brought by a Canadian mining company under the Energy Charter Treaty relating to uranium mining licenses.

Representing a Latin American state in relation to two ICSID arbitrations brought by companies in the coffee and fertilizer industries.

Representing a French company in an ICSID arbitration under a BIT against an Eastern European State.

Representing a global oil company in ICC mediation proceedings against an African state regarding tax issues linked to the application of its concessions.

## Awards and rankings

- Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration, Next Generation, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019
- Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration (France), Up and Coming, *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019
- "Up and Coming" in Dispute Resolution, *Chambers Europe*, 2018
- Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018
- Shortlisted for Solicitor of the Year 2012, *Law Society*, 2012

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Growing our German Africa Practice
- Hogan Lovells Publications

Life Sciences and Health Care

TMT

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## Areas of focus

Oil and Gas: Exploration and Production

Oil and Gas: Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

Oil and Gas: Pipelines and Midstream Facilities

Oil and Gas: Refinery and Petrochemical Projects

Oil and Gas: Supply, Marketing, and Trading

Power: Nuclear Power

Power: Transmission, Storage, Sales, and Trading

Public International Law

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## Education and admissions

### Education

European Legal Studies, University of Bristol

Université de Bordeaux

University of Salamanca

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## Memberships

Founding Board member of the Kigali International Arbitration Centre

Member of LCIA (YIAG) and ICC

- The CJEU holds CETA's dispute resolution mechanism to be compatible with EU law
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - The African single market takes a step forward as the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement becomes a reality
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - The Paris Court upholds the supranational nature of OHADA law in dismissing annulment application (CA Paris 16/25484, 20 December 2018)
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - How Far Do Tribunals Have a Duty to Investigate Corruption? The Kenyan High Court Has Its Word
- Blog Post
  - The establishment of three new organisations points to further growth in African arbitration

Shortlisted for Solicitor of the Year 2012 (Law Society)

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

Paris

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## Court admissions

Supreme Court of England and Wales

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