

Laurent Gouiffès

Partner

Paris

Biography

A partner leading our International Arbitration group in Paris, Laurent Gouiffès is "very smart and energetic. He gets to the bottom of each issue no matter how difficult or challenging it is," *Chambers Global* 2017.

Recognised on the market as an "'undisputed specialist' on technology and energy-related international arbitrations" in *Who's Who Legal* 2014, he has been described by sources as "disarmingly persuasive, knowledgeable, articulate and poised" in *Chambers Europe*, 2012, as well as "one of the leading partners in investment arbitration and as a great strategist" by *Who's Who Legal* 2017.

With a key focus on energy-related, technological, and investment disputes, Laurent regularly acts on behalf of clients in the oil and gas, mining, electricity, nuclear, aerospace, and telecommunications industries as well as on behalf of states. He has over 20 years' experience acting in high-profile, complex international arbitrations and mediations and has a vast experience of arbitration under the rules of the ICC, LCIA, ICSID, and UNCITRAL. He has also acted in a number of disputes brought under the Energy Charter Treaty. Laurent also acts as arbitrator in cases before the ICC, LCIA, and Chamber of Arbitration of Milan. He is dual-qualified in France and England.



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Languages

English
Italian
French
German

Practices

International Arbitration

Industries

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

Laurent also regularly speaks and publishes on topical issues in arbitration, energy, and public/private international law, including giving lectures on energy arbitration at LSE in London and Sciences Po in Paris.

Representative experience

Representing a European oil and gas production company against a North African petroleum company in an ICC arbitration, and subsequent challenge and enforcement proceedings, in relation to the supply of Liquefied Natural Gas.

Representing the Government of Mongolia 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 global aircraft manufacturer in an ICC arbitration against one of its principal suppliers.

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

Representing a Guernsey company in an action against the setting aside of an arbitral award before the Paris Court of Appeal.

Representing the French subsidiary of a multinational oil and gas company in ICC arbitration proceedings brought against them, and against three other energy companies, by a leading French oil and gas company in relation to corporate law issues.

Representing a South African branch of a major UK bank in an UNCITRAL arbitration against an African Government after the privatisation of the state-owned telecommunications company.

Consumer

Diversified Industrials

Areas of focus

Public International Law

Oil and Gas: Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

Oil and Gas: Exploration and Production

Oil and Gas: Pipelines and Midstream Facilities

Oil and Gas: Refinery and Petrochemical Projects

Oil and Gas: Supply, Marketing, and Trading

Power: Nuclear Power

Mining and Resources: Mining

Power: Transmission, Storage, Sales, and Trading

Education and admissions

Education

Post-masterate diploma in International Law, Université Paris II, Panthéon-Assas, 1996

Sciences Po, 1993

Memberships

Member of ICC, LCIA, CFA, ASA and IAI

LCIA working Group on UNCITRAL

Awards and rankings

- Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Arbitration (International) (Europe-wide), *Chambers Global*, 2017-2019
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2018-2019
- Recognised Practitioner in Dispute Resolution, *Chambers Europe*, 2018
- Arbitration and Energy, *Who's Who Legal France*, 2017
- Commercial Arbitration, *Expert Guides*, 2017
- "Forte Notoriété" Litigation and Arbitration in the Energy Sector, *Décideurs*, 2017
- "Forte Notoriété" Litigation and Arbitration in the Africa, *Décideurs*, 2017
- Arbitration and Mediation, *Best Lawyers*, 2017
- Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration (France), *Chambers Global*, 2017-2019

Latest thinking and events

- Newsletters and Alerts
 - 2018-2022 French Programming Act for Justice: inching towards virtual justice?
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - The CJEU holds CETA's dispute resolution mechanism to be compatible with EU law
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Newsflash: The Netherlands' new Draft Model Bilateral Investment Treaty, a proposal for a new investment protection regime
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - The future of arbitration: New technologies are making a big impact — and AI robots may take on “human” roles

ICC taskforce on arbitration involving states

Councilor on the LCIA European Users Council

Bar admissions and qualifications

Paris

Solicitor, England and Wales

Accolades

'[He is] very talented and very good under pressure.'

Legal 500 EMEA 2013

'Sources describe him as 'disarmingly persuasive, knowledgeable, articulate and poised'.

Chambers Europe, 2012

'[He is] an excellent and very enthusiastic attorney with a sharp legal mind.'

Legal 500, 2012

- News
 - Energy Disputes Global Trends and Perspectives
- Publications
 - Supply Chain Disruption and Litigation Trends in North Africa's Oil and Gas Industry