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### Biography:

#### Who's Who Legal Arbitration: Expert Witnesses

As both an arbitrator and an expert witness specialising in quantum, Michael is well positioned to assist lawyers and their clients in identifying factors relevant to the case at hand. He has a strong technical background; he trained as a chartered accountant, studied international arbitration law for his LLM and is now an FCI Arb. Michael is also a qualified valuator, being a member of RICS. He is therefore also well versed in the accounting issues that may arise in a dispute, such as post-acquisition purchase price adjustments and qualified to give expert opinions also on issues relating to valuation, such as quantum of damages. In addition, as a certified fraud examiner (CFE), he has conducted numerous investigations and has testified on issues such as bribery and corruption.

Over the course of a career spanning more than 20 years, Michael has been involved in a wide variety of cases covering many industries. However, a great deal of his work has involved bilateral investment treaty (BIT) claims, acting either for the state or on behalf of investors, and claims revolving around the energy sector, such as pricing disputes. He has testified under the majority of the arbitration institutional rules (including ICC, ICISD, LCIA, SCC and UNCITRAL) as well as before many of the jurisdictional courts where he has worked. His experience includes cases involving the electricity, oil and gas, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, information technology, manufacturing, financial services, health care, construction, agriculture, infrastructure, and travel sectors.

Since 2006, Michael has been responsible for KPMG's dispute advisory practice covering Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia (Central and Eastern Europe). Prior to that he worked in KPMG's UK and Canada practices. He also established KPMG's forensic practice covering the English speaking Caribbean, Mediterranean and English Channel. Michael is a member of KPMG's global dispute advisory services council and is the lead for KPMG's corporate intelligence practice covering EMEA that helps clients identify assets for enforcement of judgements or awards. He works closely with lawyers based locally, regionally and internationally to establish teams with the requisite language and geographical experience for each case.

During his career, Michael has worked in and across numerous cultures. Based on this, he was asked to help design, and continues to deliver, KPMG's global dispute advisory training and the firm's advanced forensic training. The combination of practical experience with developing educational instruction has helped Michael to identify subtle culturally related issues and interpretations in negotiations similar to those investors may encounter.

Michael's experience encompasses testifying on the authenticity of emails, quantum of damages, accounting adjustments, and professional negligence (both auditor and valuation-related) as well as fraud and bribery allegations. Regulators in the EU and USA have relied upon Michael's testimony as to his client's systems for adherence to legislative regimes such as anti-money laundering (AML) or sanctions. He has assisted clients in retrieving stolen funds, releasing funds seized due to allegations of illicit activity, and to nullify sanctions imposed without due cause. He has assisted law enforcement in establishing the extent of economic crimes.

**WWL says: Michael Peer is "extremely sharp, commercially minded and very composed under cross-examination."**

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