

Lucian ILIE

Associate

Lucian is an associate in the Commercial Disputes group, advising clients on international arbitration matters, in particular cases relating to investment treaty arbitration and public international law.

As part of the International Arbitration team, Lucian's practice consists of advising clients on pre- and post-contract investment strategy and on disputes that arise under bilateral and multilateral investment treaties. He represents investors and states in arbitration proceedings under different arbitration rules, spanning various industry sectors (including construction, telecom and energy).

Prior to joining Reed Smith in London, Lucian has acted for 5 years as counsel and tribunal secretary in commercial arbitrations (ICC, LCIA, CEPANI) and investment arbitrations (ICSID, UNCITRAL, PCA), while practising in Paris in a French arbitration boutique and in the arbitration team of an international firm.

In addition, Lucian is a visiting lecturer at the University of Toulouse where he teaches international arbitration and EU law. He regularly publishes and speaks at conferences on issues of international arbitration.



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Education

Queen Mary, University of London, LL.M.,
(*merit*)

University of Toulouse, Master's Degree,
(*distinction*)

University of Toulouse/University College
Dublin, Joint LL.B. program, (*honours*)

Professional Admissions

Solicitor (England and Wales)

Avocat à la Cour (Paris Bar)

Avocat (Bucharest Bar)

Languages Spoken

English

French

Romanian

Representative Matters

- Representing the Republic of Kazakhstan in a multi-million pound ICSID arbitration case brought against it by two gold mining companies, Alhambra Resources Ltd (Canadian) and Alhambra Cooperatief U.A (Dutch)
- Represented an Emirati construction company in an UNCITRAL investment arbitration claim amounting to USD 525 million, initiated against Libya under the investment agreement of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
- Represented a Senegalese state-owned company in the context of an ICC commercial arbitration in relation to a power purchase agreement claim amounting to USD 250 million
- Represented a French investor (natural person) in the context of an UNCITRAL/PCA investment arbitration against the Russian Federation, in relation to a USD 12 billion expropriation claim
- Represented a French telecommunications company in the context of an ICSID arbitration against the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in relation to the renewal of a telecommunications license, for a claim in damages of USD 120 million
- Represented a Swedish petroleum company in the context of an ICSID arbitration against the Tunisian state, arising out of an investment contract for a claim in damages of USD 50 million
- Represented an Ukrainian electricity supplier company against the Republic of Moldova in the context of the annulment and the exequatur of a USD 49 million ECT award before the Paris Court of Appeal and the French Supreme Court
- Represented an Australian company in ICC proceedings against three African respondents relating to the breach of a gold mining joint venture agreement performed in Mali, for a claim in damages of USD 145 million
- Represented an English company in the context of LCIA arbitration proceedings, relating to the breach of a distribution agreement for a claim in damages of USD 2 million
- Advised Middle Eastern investors in a telecommunications investment dispute against the Republic of Togo (claim settled)

Publications

- 21 January 2018 "What is the Future of Intra-EU BITs?"
Kluwer Arbitration Blog
- November 2017 "Cross-Border Litigation in Europe: Romania Chapter"
Hart Publishing
- May 2017 "Energy Contracts In African Countries: Issues To Take Into Account"
Magazine International du Droit des Affaires en Afrique
- April 2017 "Strengthening the arbitrator's role in competition law through the Directive on actions for damages"
International Business Law Journal, N°4-2017
- March 2017 "African mining industry: the challenges encountered when facing the termination of contracts"
Magazine International du Droit des Affaires en Afrique
- February 2017 "Case Note on the ICSID award Micula v. Romania"
European Investment Law and Arbitration Review, N° 2-2017
- February 2017 "CETA: Creating Opportunities for your business in 2017"
International Arbitration Law
- 2017 "International Arbitration and EU Competition Law Complement Rather than Contradict One Another"
Journal of International Arbitration, Volume 34 - Issue 6 of 2017

Speaking Engagements

- June 2018, 4th Annual School of International Arbitration Alumni Conference, London, UK
" Changing the Rules – Institutions' Efforts to Reduce Time and Cost"
- December 2017, BIAC Conference , Bucharest, Romania
"Current Issues in Investment Arbitration: What is the future of the Intra EU-BITs?"
- April 2017, AFJE and QMUL Conference, Paris, France
"Doing Business after Brexit: Legal Implications - Impact on Arbitration"
- December 2016, ICC, YAF and ICDR Conference, Zagreb, Croatia
"The Unsettled Territory - Can Investors rely on BIT Protection within the EU?"
- July 2015, AFJE Conference, Paris, France
"Dispute resolution through ICSID arbitration"
- November 2014, Sciences Po and QMUL Conference, Paris, France
"Nationality in Investment Arbitration"