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OVERVIEW

Recognised by Who's Who Legal as an arbitration "Future Leader", Matei Purice is a member of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP's international arbitration group and is responsible for the firm's Global Projects Disputes Practice in Continental Europe.

Matei focuses his practice on commercial and investment treaty arbitrations arising out of global projects, including infrastructure, energy, industrial and urban development projects. He has particular expertise in Europe and the Middle East. Matei has acted as counsel in matters under a variety of arbitration rules including ICSID, ICC, SCC, UNCITRAL, Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) and the Court of International Commercial Arbitration of Bucharest (CICA) with seats in Paris, London, Geneva, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha and Bucharest. He also regularly sits as arbitrator predominantly in projects related disputes.

Since 2014, Matei has lectured at the International Arbitration LLM at the Faculty of Law of the Bucharest University (Romania).

Matei holds law degrees from both the University of Paris I Pantheon - Sorbonne and the University of Bucharest – Faculty of Law. He is a member of the Paris Bar and Bucharest Bar.

He is fluent in English, French and Romanian.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1 May 2011 – to date **Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP (Dubai/Paris)**

1 October 2008 – **Țuca, Zbârcea & Asociații (Bucharest)**
31 April 2011

5 May 2008 – **Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP (Paris)**
30 September 2008

1 March 2007 – **Țuca, Zbârcea & Asociații (Bucharest)**
15 September 2007

EDUCATION

- 2007 – 2008 **University of Nice Sophia-Antipolis, Institut du droit de la paix et du développement**, Nice, France
Master’s Degree – International and European Law (M2)
- 2003 – 2007 **University of Bucharest, Faculty of Law**, Bucharest, Romania
Law Degree – equivalent of the French “Maitrise en Droit”
- 2003 – 2006 **University of Paris I Pantheon – Sorbonne**, Paris, France
Collège Juridique Franco-Roumain d’Etudes Européennes, Bucharest
Law degree – “Licence en droit”

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- P J Turner QC, A Khalifa, M Purice, *Managing expert evidence*, in K Rosenberg, E Miller Rankin, B Dayton, *Dealing with delay and disruption on construction projects*, 1st edition, Sweet & Maxwell (2020);
- M Purice, S Lord Hill, *Roundtable: Contract Enforceability in the Age of Covid-19 (UAE section)*, *Business Law International* Volume 21, No 3 (2020);
- M Purice, S Azima, *The changing landscape of investment treaty protection in India*, TDM Special Edition on India (2018);
- E Miller Rankin, S Tannous, M Purice, *Construction disputes in investment treaty arbitration*, in S Brekoulakis, D B Thomas, *The guide to construction arbitration*, GAR (2017);
- M Purice, *Natural persons as claimants under the ICSID Convention*, in C Baltag, *ICSID Convention After 50 Years: Unsettled Issues*, Kluwer Law International (2017);
- S Tannous, M Purice, *Multilateral Investment Treaties to protect investments into Middle East and North Africa*, *Romanian Arbitration Review* (2017);
- M Purice, *Time limit for rendering the award*, in C Leaua, F Baias, *Arbitration in Romania: A Practitioner’s Guide*, Kluwer Law International (2016);
- S Tannous, M Purice, *No BIT available? Multilateral investment treaties in Middle East and North Africa*, *International Law Office* (July 2015);

- A Farhad, M Purice, *An introduction to the Dubai International Financial Centre - a jurisdiction within a jurisdiction*, Romanian Arbitration Review (2013);
- M Purice, *Multi-tier dispute resolution mechanisms: Enforcement issues*, Romanian Arbitration Review (2012);
- L Zigmund, C Metea, M Purice, *EDF Services Limited v. Romania – An analysis*, Romanian Arbitration Review (2011).

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Paris Bar Association;
- Bucharest Bar Association;
- ICC UAE;
- ICC YAF (ICC YAF Representative MENA 2017-2019 mandate);
- ASA Below 40;
- Society of Construction Law Gulf.

LANGUAGES

Romanian (native), English (fluent), French (fluent)