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DAVID RONEY has more than 20 years of experience as an advocate in a broad range of complex disputes around the world. He has acted as counsel before international arbitral tribunals in commercial and investment disputes involving many different sectors and activities, including construction, infrastructure and energy projects, technology co-development agreements, intellectual property licensing, manufacturing agreements, distribution and sales contracts, share purchase and asset purchase transactions, international joint ventures, sponsorship arrangements and sports. David has represented a diverse group of clients before many of the major international arbitral institutions, including the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC) and the Swiss Chambers of Commerce (Swiss Rules). These disputes have involved a host of different applicable laws and places of arbitration ranging from London to Stockholm to Hong Kong.

Recent representative cases include:

- Acting for one of the world's largest nuclear energy companies in securing an arbitral award of approximately EUR 600 million and successfully defending against approximately EUR 130 million in counterclaims in a complex ICC arbitration relating to the cancellation of a nuclear power plant project.
- Successfully representing a major European semiconductor company in an ICC arbitration relating to a US\$143 million purchase price dispute arising out of the wind-up of a semiconductor joint venture.
- Acting for a CIS aluminium company in securing a US\$275 million award and successfully defending against over US\$800 million in counterclaims in a complex Swiss Rules arbitration against an important State-owned entity in Central Asia.
- Prior to Sidley, acting for the estate-in-bankruptcy of a multinational group in securing an arbitral award of more than US\$100 million under a debt restructuring contract relating to the construction of an industrial plant in the Middle East.

In addition, David has served as chairman, sole arbitrator and co-arbitrator in numerous international arbitrations under the ICC Rules, the SCC Rules, the Swiss Rules and in *ad hoc* arbitration.

David features prominently in the international arbitration rankings of the leading bar publications, such as *Chambers*, *The Legal 500*, *Global Arbitration Review's GAR 100*, *Who's Who Legal* and *Best Lawyers*. According to *Who's Who Legal Arbitration* 2016, "David Roney 'provides that edge you are looking for at the top of the commercial arbitration market; he is brilliant regarding commercially sensitive proceedings.'" *Who's Who Legal Switzerland* 2016 reports that "David Roney is lauded by clients for his 'detailed preparation' of cases and 'hands-on' approach." According to *Chambers Global* 2016, "Peers describe David Roney as 'highly capable and likeable.'" *Who's Who Legal Switzerland* 2014 noted that the "highly accomplished" David Roney is praised for his "broad range of expertise" and "profound understanding" of complex areas of law. In reporting by *Chambers Global* 2013, "sources recommend David Roney as arbitration counsel: 'He's straight to the point in discussions and always follows up quickly' and his skill in cross-examination is also singled out for praise."

David is Co-Founder and Chair of the Executive Committee of the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA). In that capacity, he has provided training in the examination and cross-examination of fact and expert witnesses to hundreds of international arbitration practitioners around the world.

In addition, David is leading a pro-bono engagement with the USAID/Mongolia Business Plus Initiative to support the Mongolian Ministry of Justice in the development of a new state-of-the-art arbitration law. David is also a Member of the Arbitration Court of the Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution, Co-Chair of the ICC Commission Arbitration Task Force on "National Rules of Procedure for Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards pursuant to the New York Convention of 1958," a Member of the Users Council of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, a Member of the ICC National Committee for Canada and a Member of the Advisory Board of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada International Arbitration Legislation Project. He speaks and publishes regularly on international arbitration topics.

David is fluent in English and French.

Selected Publications

- "Cross-Examination of Experts," *Global Arbitration Review – The Guide to Advocacy*, Law Business Research Ltd, London, 2016
- "Regulation of Foreign Investment: Challenges to International Harmonization," co-authored with Todd Friedbacher, *World Trade Review*, Volume 13, Issue 3, pp 591–598, July 2014
- "Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration: New Opportunities and New Challenges," co-authored, *New Developments in International Commercial Arbitration 2013*, Schulthess-University of Neuchâtel, 2013
- "The Advocate's Response to Guerrilla Tactics in International Arbitration: Practical Approaches and Strategies to Counter Misconduct," co-authored, *Transnational Dispute Management Journal*, Volume 7, Issue 2, November 2010
- "Switzerland: Key Features of a Leading Place of International Arbitration," *Practising Law Institute Conference on International Arbitration*, New York, U.S.A, 2010
- "Multi-Tier Arbitration Clauses: Lessons Learned from Practice," co-authored, *Chambers Client Report 73*, 2009
- "The Selection of International Arbitrators: Why does it matter and can it be improved?" *UIA – LAWASIA Joint Conference on Mediation and Arbitration in International Commercial Disputes*, Jaipur, India, 2008
- "Improving Cost and Time Efficiency in International Arbitration," co-authored, *22 Chambers Client Report 37*, 2007
- "Swiss Applications for an 'Anti-Arbitration Injunction' – Case Note on an Order of the Geneva Court of First Instance of 2 May 2005, case reference C/1043/2005-15SP," co-authored, *International Arbitration Law Review*, Issue 5, N-67, 2005
- "The Arbitral Procedure," co-authored, *International Arbitration in Switzerland: A Handbook for Practitioners*, Kluwer Law International and Schulthess, The Hague/Zurich, 2004
- "How Final is Final? National Court Approaches to Decisions on Challenges by Arbitral Institutions," co-authored, 2003:2 *Stockholm Arbitration Report 93*, 2003
- "Effective Witness Preparation for International Commercial Arbitration: A Practical Guide for Counsel," 20(5), 429 *Journal of International Arbitration*, 2003

Admissions & Certifications

- Ontario, Canada (Barrister and Solicitor)
- England and Wales (Solicitor)

Education

- University of Toronto (J.D., 1991)
- Queen's University (B.A., 1988, with distinction)