



Philippe Pinsolle
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Biography

Philippe Pinsolle has acted as counsel in more than 250 international arbitrations, with a particular focus on Investor-State arbitrations and commercial disputes involving the energy, power, oil & gas, construction and defense industries. He has been involved in arbitrations under the auspices of virtually all major arbitration institutions including the ICC, the LCIA, the ICSID, the SCC, the AAA, the ICDR, the Swiss Chambers of Commerce, the AFA, as well as in ad hoc cases under the UNCITRAL rules or otherwise. Philippe Pinsolle has also served as arbitrator in more than 45 cases, as well as expert witness on arbitration and French law issues.

Chambers Global reports that clients have described him as an “outstanding strategist” with a “great tactical sense.” Chambers Global adds that his “pragmatic approach, great intellect and technical prowess set him apart.” Philippe has also been praised as an “oil and gas specialist.” Global Arbitration Review wrote in its GAR 100 Survey that “Philippe Pinsolle is by many accounts a leader in his generation in Paris – possibly the leader” and the Who’s Who Legal wrote that “Philippe Pinsolle is commended for his ‘marvellous advocacy’.” In January 2012, Philippe was awarded the Swiss Arbitration Association’s ASA Prize for Advocacy in International Commercial Arbitration. In early 2014, he was recognized by Best Lawyers as a leading practitioner in Arbitration & Mediation and International Arbitration. In October 2014, he was awarded the French Arbitration Counsel of the Year prize at the Benchmark and Expert Guides Global Arbitration Awards. In December 2014, Philippe was named Energy Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year in France at the Corporate INTL Legal Awards 2015. Most recently, he was named Lawyer of the Year for Arbitration and Mediation by Best Lawyers 2016. He is ranked "excellent" and identified as a renowned arbitrator (France Best Arbitrators,

Leaders League Ranking Series 2016). In 2017, he was ranked Band 1 for International Arbitration, Europe-wide, and Band 1 for Dispute Resolution, France by Chambers Europe.

Among his many professional activities, Philippe Pinsolle is also Vice-Chair of the IBA Arbitration Committee. He is author or co-author of numerous books and articles, and a frequent lecturer on topics involving arbitration.

Practice Areas

- International Arbitration
- Energy Sector Disputes
- Construction Litigation
- Investment/Public International Law
- Investment Protection
- Corporate Law/M&A
- Finance and Banking
- International Trade Litigation

Education

- ESSEC, (Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Economiques et Commerciales) (M.B.A., 1989)
- University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas (Maîtrise in Private Law, 1991)
- Hertford College, Oxford University (MJur, 1995)

Admissions

A Barrister, England and Wales; The Bar of Paris

Languages

- French
- English
- Spanish

Prior Associations

- Shearman & Sterling LLP, Paris:
 - Partner, 2001-2012
 - Associate, 1991-2001