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Lord (Peter) Goldsmith QC, PC, is London Co-Managing Partner and Chair of European and Asian Litigation at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP. He joined the firm in September 2007. He is based in the firm's London office.

Lord Goldsmith was appointed Attorney General in 2001, acting as chief legal adviser to the government on matters of domestic, European and international law. He represented the government in numerous cases in UK and international courts. He also argued as counsel in the House of Lords two of the 15 cases regarded as the most important British cases of the last 150 years.

Lord Goldsmith has a long practice in arbitration and in the interface between arbitration and litigation. He appears as counsel for leading cases in a number of jurisdictions and different arbitral institutions, including ICC, LCIA, SIAC and ad hoc in London, Paris, Singapore and India. He also sits as arbitrator in London, Paris and Singapore. He is Vice Chairman of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, on the panel of arbitrators for the Dubai International Arbitration Centre, a member of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, a member of the International Advisory Board of the Association of Caribbean Corporate Counsel, and is closely connected with the LCIA, SIAC and the ICC.

He co-chaired a Task Force on ICC arbitration involving States and State entities which recommended changes to the ICC rules of arbitration to take account of special issues faced by States in ICC arbitrations.

Consistently acknowledged for his prominence, *The American Lawyer* states that “[he has] the advocacy skills of one of the finest barristers of his generation.” He is recommended as a leading lawyer in *Chambers UK* for International Arbitration, Public International Law, and Corporate Crime and Investigations, with the guide quoting clients describing him as a “real superstar” and a “brilliant advocate”. He is also ranked as a leading lawyer in *Chambers Global* where he is described as a “prolific arbitration lawyer” with “tremendous ‘experience and stature’ globally.” He has also been described as “breathtakingly persuasive” and “one of the great doyens of the English bar.”

Lord Goldsmith regularly speaks on arbitration issues. Recent engagements include teaching international arbitration at the University of Milan Summer School. He is a member of the European Commission Expert Group on the interface between Brussels I Regulation and Arbitration. Lord Goldsmith also delivered the 2014 Goldman Lecture at the Paris Academy of Arbitration.

Recent publications include “An Introduction to International Public Policy,” *International Arbitration and Public Policy* edited by Devin Bray and Heather L. Bray (October, 2014); “Clarity Needed On Foreign Arbitration Institutions In China,” *China Business Law Journal* (November, 2013); “What the NY Convention Means for Myanmar,” *International Financial Law Review* (April, 2013); and “Investors Should Invoke Bilateral Investment Treaties if they are Hurt by Adverse Policies”, *The Economic Times* (November, 2012).

Lord Goldsmith was a graduate in law from Cambridge University with double first class honours and a Master’s from University College London. He was admitted to the Bar of England and Wales in 1972, Paris in 1997, Belize in 2010, St. Kitts and Nevis in 2010, New South Wales in 2010 and the British Virgin Islands in 2011.