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Michael Ostrove is the Head of DLA Piper's Litigation & Regulatory Department in Paris and Head of the firm's international arbitration practice for Europe and Africa. A member of both the Paris and New York bars, he has over 20 years' experience handling international investment arbitrations, public international law disputes and commercial arbitrations and litigations.

Michael routinely acts as lead counsel in investment disputes on behalf of both Sovereign States and investors. He has represented and advised clients on issues arising under a wide array bilateral investment treaties (BITs), the Energy Charter Treaty and national investment laws. Michael has extensive experience with *ad hoc* arbitrations pursuant to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, as well as with institutional arbitrations administered by ICSID, the PCA, the ICC and the LCIA. Michael also has extensive litigation experience before French and other national courts, as well as in corruption investigations on behalf of multinational corporations and state authorities.

Michael teaches international arbitration in an advanced degree program at the Université de Paris II, and he is one of the editors of *Choice of Venue in International Arbitration* (OUP, 2014). He speaks and publishes frequently on international investment law, and he is regularly named as a leading practitioner by the specialized press.

Michael is ranked in *Chambers Global 2015*, which quotes clients as saying, "He has amazing expertise in international arbitration, he's responsible and he has a very good work ethic." *Who's Who Legal France 2014* noted that "he is praised for his 'measured and strikingly accurate' advice to clients."

SELECTED MATTERS

- Representation of the Republic of Guinea in a multi-billion dollar ICSID arbitration brought by BSG Resources Ltd relating to a claim of expropriation of a mining concession and related rights.
- Representation of the Republic of Moldova in *Franck Charles Arif v. Moldova*, an ICSID arbitration brought pursuant to the France-Moldova BIT.

CREDENTIALS

Education

University of Paris II, Panthéon-Assas, France (1995) *auditeur libre* in Public International Law

University of California at Berkeley (1993) J.D. Order of the Coif

Yale University (1989) B.A. *magna cum laude*

Admissions

New York

Paris

Languages

English

French



- Representation of the Republic of Moldova in an annulment action in the Paris Court of Appeal in connection with a USD 48 million arbitral award obtained pursuant to the Energy Charter Treaty.
- Representation of a French engineering company in a €2.5 billion ICC arbitration against a state-owned enterprise relating to the expansion of a petroleum refinery.
- Representation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in an annulment action before the Paris Court of Appeal and in other litigation relating to efforts by an investment fund to enforce over USD 100 million in sovereign debt.
- Representation of Turkcell in *Turkcell v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, a multi-billion dollar UNCITRAL Rules BIT arbitration administered by the Permanent Court of Arbitration, relating to the first private GSM license in Iran.
- Representation of the Government of Ghana in *Telekom Malaysia Berhad v. Government of Ghana*, an UNCITRAL Rules, PCA-administered BIT arbitration relating to the operation of Ghana Telecom
- Representation of claimant in *CME v. Czech Republic*, an UNCITRAL Rules arbitration pursuant to the Dutch-Czech BIT arising from actions by the Czech media regulatory authority. The CME case resulted in one of the largest recoveries ever pursuant to a BIT.
- Representation of a German agricultural company in a USD 60+ million ICC arbitration against its former distributor in Saudi Arabia.
- Representation of the Republic of Paraguay in the *Case Concerning the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (Paraguay v. United States of America)*, in which Paraguay obtained an unprecedented decision from the ICJ to the effect that indications of preliminary measures by the Court are binding on the parties.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Michael is a member of various professional organizations. He is active in the IBA, for which he is Co-Chair of the Investor-State Mediation Subcommittee, was a principal drafter of the IBA's Rules for Mediation of Investor-State Disputes. He was also a member of the Task Force reviewing the IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration. Michael is a member the International Arbitration Commission of ICC France, the Comité Français de l'Arbitrage, the Swiss Arbitration Association, the International Arbitration Institute, and the American Bar Association's Section on International Law. He sits on the Executive Committee of the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy, as well as the Advisory Committee to the Wayne State University Law School Program for International Legal Studies.