

Martin Valasek



Martin Valasek is a leading practitioner in the area of international arbitration and is also a Partner with the firm Ogilvy Renault in Montreal. He regularly acts as lead counsel in arbitrations to resolve investor-State and commercial contract disputes. He also practises corporate and commercial litigation, with a particular focus on cross-border disputes.

He has acted in many international arbitrations, covering a wide range of legal systems and industries, including aerospace, airport development, banking, construction, mining, energy, environmental remediation, pharmaceuticals, IT outsourcing, lotteries and steel manufacturing. He has extensive experience with arbitrations conducted under the ICC, LCIA, ICSID and UNCITRAL Rules, and has also handled ad hoc arbitrations and matters under the auspices of many other institutions, including the AAA, the CPR Institute and the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. He has acted as tribunal secretary in several important arbitrations, including the Yukos Energy Charter Treaty arbitration, and has been approached to act as arbitrator in several commercial and investor-State disputes. Mr. Valasek is a frequent speaker, lecturer and contributor to various publications in his areas of expertise.

Prior to joining Ogilvy Renault, Mr. Valasek practised international arbitration and corporate/commercial litigation in New York as a member of a leading global law firm. He clerked for Mr. Justice Gonthier of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Languages

English
French
Czech
working knowledge of Spanish

Education

LL.B./B.C.L., McGill University, 1998
A.B., Harvard College, 1991

Bar Admission(s)

Quebec Bar 2005
New York Bar 2000
Ontario Bar 2000

Memberships/Affiliations

ICC National Committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce (Panel of International Commercial Arbitrators)

International Bar Association

Working Group on Investment Arbitration

Canadian Bar Association

President, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners (since September 2007)

Regional Representative for North America (Canada), Young International Arbitration Group, LCIA (since February 2006)

Canadian representative of the Young Arbitrators' Forum (YAF) of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) (since 2008)

Advisory Board, McGill International Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy

Rotating Chair, Student Tribunals, Concordia University

Pro Bono Students Canada McGill (supervising various pro bono projects)

Directorships

Bach-Académie de Montréal

Andover Canadian Fund Inc.

Areas of Practice

International arbitration

Corporate/Commercial litigation