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Eric Schwartz is an American and French international arbitration lawyer.

After a 40-year legal career, he now practices independently as an international arbitrator and as an arbitrator member of Fountain Court Chambers in London.

Eric has acted as counsel or arbitrator in over 100 international arbitrations throughout the world over the course of four decades. From 1992 to 1996, he served as Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, of which he was subsequently a member and a Vice-President

He has particular expertise in relation to disputes concerning large infrastructure projects as well as investment treaties and complex cross-border transactions in the energy, IP/IT and pharmaceutical sectors.

Eric is the author and editor of several books, and the author of dozens of articles, on the subject of international arbitration. He is recognised by his peers as one of the world's leading international arbitration practitioners and authorities.

Eric is fluent in English and French and is capable of conducting arbitrations in both languages. He is a member of the Bar of California and an emeritus member of the Paris Bar.

Expertise

International Arbitration

Notable International Arbitration cases

President, LCIA arbitration in London between Russian and Chinese investors concerning a failed oil exploration project in Kazakhstan.

President, UNCITRAL arbitration in New York concerning alleged extra work and delays incurred in respect of a



major building renovation project in the United States.

President, ICC arbitration in Paris between a European contractor and a European government concerning a public works project.

President, ICC arbitration in Paris between a European aerospace company and a European supplier concerning allegedly defective parts.

Gilward Investments B.V. v Ukraine, ICSID Case No. ARB/15/33

President.

Co-arbitrator, ICC arbitration in Miami between a Latin American construction consortium and a Latin American power plant owner concerning the civil works for a hydroelectric power plant.

President, ICC arbitration in Paris between an Asian contractor and a Middle Eastern employer concerning the infrastructure works for an urban development project.

Günes Tekstil Konfeksiyon Sanayi ve Ticaret Limited Sirketi, et al. v Republic of Uzbekistan, ICSID Case No. ARB/13/19

Co-arbitrator.

Co-arbitrator, ICC arbitration in Paris between a European airplane manufacturer and a European airline concerning an aircraft supply agreement.

President, ICC arbitration in London between a European contractor and a property developer concerning a large commercial building project in a former Soviet republic.

Co-arbitrator, European Development Fund arbitration in Paris between an African contractor and an African State concerning a road project.

Co-arbitrator, ICC arbitration in Paris concerning an arms supply agreement.

Co-arbitrator, ICC arbitration in London between two European contractors concerning the civil works for a combined cycle electric generating plant in the Americas.



Co-arbitrator, ICC arbitration in Toronto between a Middle Eastern contractor and an African company concerning a slurry pipeline installation contract in Africa.

President, ICC arbitration in Geneva between an African government and foreign investors in a failed gas and power project.

Co-arbitrator, ICC arbitration in Paris between a US hotel management company and a Middle Eastern hotel company concerning the management contract for a property in the Middle East.

Co-arbitrator, ICC arbitration in Tokyo between a US pharmaceutical company and an Asian pharmaceutical company concerning the alleged breach of a patent license agreement.

Co-arbitrator, VIAC arbitration in Vienna between an African company and a European company concerning the construction of a boiler in Africa.

Karmer Marble Tourism & Commerce v Georgia, ICSID arbitration Case No. ARB/08/19

Co-arbitrator.

Co-arbitrator, ICC arbitration in Geneva between a European subcontractor and an Australian contractor concerning a boiler construction project in the South Pacific.

President, ICC arbitration in Vienna between a European contractor and a European football club concerning the construction of a football stadium.

Directory Quotes

"Prominent figure in international arbitration and regularly sits on ICC, LCIA and ICSID tribunals. Interviewees report: 'He is superb and has all the experience you could ask for', adding that 'he is a smart guy and is extremely well prepared'."

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"Highlighted by market sources for his 'broad experience in international commercial matters.' Commentators describe him as 'extremely well prepared' and 'excellent at construction cases in particular'."



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"He draws on a wealth of experience from his time as Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and is adept at sitting as an arbitrator under other major arbitration rules."

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Directory Rankings

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Appointments, Memberships and Prizes

- International Panel, American Arbitration Association/ICDR
- International Panel, CPR/International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution
- Arbitration Panel, British Virgin Islands International Arbitration Centre
- Arbitration Panel, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
- Arbitration Panel, Asian International Arbitration Centre
- Arbitration Panel, World Intellectual Property Organization
- Vice-Chair and Council Member, ICC Institute of World Business Law
- Board of Directors, SICANA (Secretariat of the International Court of Arbitration in North America)
- Editorial Board, Les Cahiers de l'Arbitrage / The Paris Journal of International Arbitration
- Member, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member, Comité Français de l'Arbitrage
- Member, ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
- Member, LCIA European Users Council
- Member, SIAC Users Council

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- Member, Swiss Arbitration Association
- Member, International Arbitration Institute
- Member, New York International Arbitration Center
- Former member and Vice-President, ICC International Court of Arbitration (2006-2015)
- Former Member, ICC Commission Task Force on the Revision of the ICC Arbitration Rules (2009-2011)
- Former Chair, International Arbitration Commission, Union Internationale des Avocats (2000-2005)
- Former Member, Working Party on the Revision of the ICC Arbitration Rules (1995-1997)
- Former Member, ICC Working Group of the Subcommittee on FIDIC Civil Standard Conditions of the International Bar Association, Section on Business Law, Committee Law, Committee T-International Construction Contracts

Publications

Books

- *Class and Group Actions in Arbitration* (ed. with B. Hanotiau) (ICC 2016)
- *International Arbitration Under Review – Essays in Honour of John Beechey* (ed. with A. Carlevaris, L. Lévy, A. Mourre) (ICC 2015)
- *Multiparty Arbitration* (ed. with B. Hanotiau) (ICC 2010)
- *A Guide to the ICC Rules of Arbitration* (with Y. Derains) 2nd Edition (Kluwer 2005)
- *The Freshfields Guide to Arbitration and ADR* (with J. Paulsson, N. Rawding, Reed) (Kluwer 1999)
- *A Guide to the New ICC Rules of Arbitration* (with Y. Derains) (Kluwer 1998)

Articles

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