



Peter Turner KC

Solicitor 1987; avocat à la Cour (France) 2016

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Peter Turner KC has over 30 years' experience as an advocate, primarily in arbitrations but also in court. He also sits as an arbitrator.

Peter's practice comprises investment-treaty arbitration (under the ICSID and UNCITRAL Rules and *ad hoc*, including administered by the Permanent Court of Arbitration), other matters involving issues of public international law, and complex and high-value commercial disputes, including post-M&A disputes and construction and engineering cases. His industry experience covers a wide range, from energy (including nuclear and renewable energy) to financial services and banking, from ground-handling at airports to manufacturing.

Peter takes matters under any governing law and conducts cases in English and French.

Peter taught international arbitration at Sciences Po in Paris for many years and is the co-author of *A Guide to LCIA Arbitration*.

Areas of expertise

ADR, acting as arbitrator

Public International Law

Construction and Engineering

Public International Law

Peter's ISDS practice involves issues of public international law in as much as the treaties under which such cases arise are governed by international law. His practice also involves advice under public international law more widely

Cases of note:

- **Western Sahara Campaign UK v Secretary of State for International Trade [2022] EWHC 3108 (Admin)** - This case was a judicial-review application brought by WSCUK, an NGO that supports the claim to independence of Western Sahara from the Kingdom of Morocco. WSCUK challenged the implementation by the Secretary of State for Trade of preferential tariff regulations for goods imported into the UK from Morocco, including those from Western Sahara. The impugned regulations themselves were made in furtherance of the UK-Morocco Association Agreement (UKMAA), which replaced its EU equivalent after Brexit. WSCUK and the Polisario Front had also challenged the EU Association Agreement before the European courts. Peter acted for an interested party, COMADER, a Moroccan trade federation whose members in Western Sahara were affected by the regulations. The Claimant argued that the UKMAA must be read as not extending to products from Western Sahara, as to hold otherwise would mean that the treaty conflicted with peremptory norms of customary international law (*jus cogens*). The case involved arguments on this question, and the law of treaties, as well as matters of English administrative law.

Recommendations

- "Peter has very good manners and he is a good strategic thinker, I only have positive comments about him." Chambers Global (Europe-Wide) 2024 - Arbitration (International) client, Europe.
- "He is creative, persuasive and demonstrates uniformly strong judgement." Chambers Global (Europe-Wide) 2023 - Arbitration (International) client, Europe.
- "He is an enormously skilled advocate, calm under pressure, and controls the room when before the arbitration panel." Chambers Global (Europe-Wide) 2023 - Arbitration (International) client. Europe.
- "He has provided very helpful advice in terms of French enforcement and other various approaches that we are taking. Overall, he was also excellent on the preparation." Chambers Europe (France) 2023 - Arbitration (International) client, Europe
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- "He is praised by sources for his ability to grasp the most complex topics with ease." Chambers Europe (France) 023 - Arbitration (International) client, Europe.
- "Peter Turner KC is a longstanding figure in the French market and has a wealth of experience advising clients on investment and commercial cases."
- "Prominent European corporates from the construction, energy and manufacturing sectors mandate Peter Turner KC for his longstanding experience in the handling of post-M&A arbitrations under ICC rules. He also assists with ECT claims, distribution disputes and enforcement proceedings.

Rankings

- **Chambers Europe** (France) 2023 & 2024 - International Arbitration, Band 2
- **Chambers Global** (Europe-Wide) 2023 & 2024 - International Arbitration, Band 3
- **Legal 500: Hall of Fame 2024** - Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration (France)
- **Legal 500: Mentioned for Arbitration in Private Practice Power List 2023** (France)
- **ODA Classement: 4 Stars for Arbitration International in 2023** (France)
- **Who's Who Legal: Recommended for Arbitration in Global Guide in 2023 & 2024** (France)
- **Who's Who Legal: Thought Leader for Arbitration in National Guide in 2024** (France)

Memberships

Qualifications

Education

- BA(Law) Cambridge University 1984, MA 1987
- Solicitor (England & Wales) 1987
- King's Counsel 2015
- *Avocat à la Cour d'appel de Paris* 2016

Additional information

Languages

- English (mother tongue)
- French
- German

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