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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Tenth Floor Chambers (Sydney, NSW)

Barrister (May 2024-present)

Arnold & Porter (London, UK)

Partner, International Arbitration Group (2020-2024)

Associate, International Arbitration Group (2015-2019)

The World Bank (Washington, DC, USA)

Legal Counsel, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (2013-2015)

King & Wood Mallesons (Sydney, NSW)

Solicitor, International Arbitration and Litigation Group (2009-2013)

Federal Court of Australia (Sydney, NSW)

Associate to the Hon. Dennis Cowdroy AO KC (2008-2009)

SELECTED MATTERS

International and Domestic Commercial Arbitration

Singaporean company in an international arbitration against a Chinese company in relation to a commodities contract (HKIAC Arbitration Rules, Hong Kong seat, Hong Kong law)

Pharmaceutical company in an international arbitration against a Malaysian company concerning a sales and supply agreement (LCIA Arbitration Rules, London seat, English law)

Heavy equipment manufacturer in an international arbitration against a BVI company concerning the sale and charter of a ultra deepwater drill ship (ad hoc, London seat, English law)

Energy company in an international arbitration concerning a power purchase agreement (UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, Sofia seat, Bulgarian law)

Kyrgyz Republic and a state-owned enterprise in a series of five international arbitrations in the mining sector against a Canadian company (UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, Stockholm seat, New York and English laws)

Superannuation fund in an international arbitration arising out of a banking sector dispute against a Dutch company (ICC Arbitration Rules, Geneva seat, Turkish law)

Australian energy company in a domestic arbitration concerning the ownership of solar technology patents (New South Wales Arbitration Act)

Investor-State Arbitration

White Industries Australia Limited in an investor-state arbitration against the Republic of India (UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, Singapore seat)

Kingdom of Thailand in an investor-state arbitration concerning the mining sector brought by Kingsgate Consolidated Limited and Kingsgate Capital Pty Ltd (UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, Singapore seat)

Republic of the Philippines in an investor-state arbitration brought by Shell Philippines Exploration B.V. (ICSID Convention)

Turkish energy company (Karkey Karadeniz Elektrik Uretim A.S.) in an investor-state arbitration against the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (ICSID Convention)

Republic of Bulgaria in an investor-state arbitration concerning the banking sector brought by the State General Reserve Fund of the Sultanate of Oman (ICSID Convention)

Republic of Bulgaria in an investor-state arbitration concerning the electricity sector brought by ČEZ, a.s. (ICSID Convention)

Republic of Türkiye in an investor-state arbitration brought by Akfel Commodities Pte. Ltd. and I-Systems Global B.V. (ICSID Convention)

General Commercial Litigation

Turkish energy company (Karkey Karadeniz Elektrik Uretim A.S.) in English High Court proceedings concerning the requested recognition and enforcement of an ICSID arbitration award against the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Heavy equipment manufacturer in English High Court proceedings concerning the requested set aside of an arbitration award

Westpac Banking Corporation in NSW Supreme Court and NSW Court of Appeal proceedings concerning a financial product dispute (*Lee v. Westpac Banking Corporation*)

Westpac Banking Corporation in NSW Supreme Court proceedings concerning a financial product dispute (*Coco v. Westpac Banking Corporation*)

Telstra Corporation Limited in NSW Supreme Court proceedings concerning a lease dispute (*Telstra Corporation Limited v. Sicard Pty Limited*)

Severstal Export in NSW Court of Appeal proceedings concerning the enforcement of a foreign judgment (*Severstal Export v. Bhushan Steel*)

SELECTED RANKINGS

Chambers & Partners UK Guide 2024

(International Arbitration) – “He is really excellent...He has a very good commercial head on him. He knows how things should be done from a client perspective, so clients really enjoy working with him.” “Monty is incredibly dedicated to what he does. He is very well prepared and is a very articulate speaker.”

The Legal 500 UK 2024 (Public International Law)

– “Monty Taylor is one of the best representatives of his generation. He stands out with his deep knowledge of all procedural and substantive aspects of international investment law, and effective advocacy.”

The Legal 500 UK 2024 (International Arbitration) –

“Monty Taylor has great cross-examination and advocacy skills...He has tremendous experience in commercial and investment arbitrations, despite his still relatively young age.”

Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders: Global Elite (2024) – Listed as a “Global Elite Thought Leader - Under 45” in the field of arbitration.

Who Who's Legal: Arbitration (2024)

Best Lawyers 2024 (International Arbitration - London, UK)

Chambers & Partners Global Guide 2023 (Dispute Resolution (International Arbitration - UK)) – “He’s not a man you want to be against – he’s thorough, knows the law and zealously represents his clients.” “He’s really articulate on his feet and is straightforward in his approach.”

Chambers & Partners UK Guide 2023 (International Arbitration)

The Legal 500 UK 2023 (Public International Law) - “Monty Taylor is one of the best three investment arbitration solicitors of his generation – he is an absolute standout.”

The Legal 500 UK 2023 (International Arbitration)

The Legal 500 Arbitration Powerlist UK (2023)

Who Who's Legal: Arbitration: Future Leaders 2023 – Listed as one of the fourteen “most highly regarded” young arbitration partners in the EMEA region – “Monty Taylor...is described by peers as ‘an arbitration superstar to watch.’ He is among the top names in our listings this year for his work representing corporations, individuals, and governments in international arbitration proceedings.”

Best Lawyers 2023 (International Arbitration - London, UK)

Chambers & Partners UK Guide 2022 (International Arbitration) – “He is brilliant - he is very hard-working, he understands what clients need in international cases....” “He is extraordinarily strong....” “Monty Taylor is fantastic. He has a clear head in terms of strategies, and he keeps that at the forefront of his mind.”

Chambers & Partners Global Guide 2022 (Dispute Resolution (International Arbitration - UK))

The Legal 500 UK 2022 (International Arbitration) – “one of the stars of the future.”

The Legal 500 UK 2022 (Public International Law) – “Monty Taylor stood out for his talent, work ethic

and well-maintained client relationships. He has developed excellent cross-examination skills....”

Who Who’s Legal: Arbitration: Future Leaders 2022

Chambers & Partners Global Guide 2021 (Dispute Resolution (International Arbitration - UK))

Chambers & Partners UK Guide 2021

(International Arbitration) – “Monty Taylor is calm, intelligent and excellent at managing complex disputes.” “He’s a very bright individual and his oral submissions are excellent.”

The Legal 500 UK 2021 (International Arbitration) – “Monty Taylor is utterly brilliant. He is a careful thinker, a charismatic advocate and a genial colleague.”

The Legal 500 UK 2021 (Public International Law) - “Monty Taylor is experienced and diligent.”

Who Who’s Legal: Arbitration: Future Leaders 2021 – “He is clearly going places.” “He is a very sharp and thoughtful specialist in investor-state disputes.” “Monty is a hugely talented arbitration lawyer.” “He is extremely bright and personable.” “Very impressive.”

Chambers & Partners UK Guide 2020

(International Arbitration) – “Monty Taylor is ‘among the very top of his generation,’ according to interviewees, with a burgeoning arbitration practice that includes acting for oil and gas companies. ‘He is a diligent and hard-working lawyer who has vast knowledge and experience,’ reports a client.”

The Legal 500 UK 2020 (International Arbitration) – “Monty Taylor is . . . fiercely clever and very appreciated by both clients and counsel—he is on his way up [within] the arbitration world.

Who Who’s Legal: Arbitration: Future Leaders 2020 – “Monty Taylor is identified as a ‘very sharp and thoughtful specialist in investor state disputes.’ He is ‘not only a brilliant lawyer but also a talented manager....”

Chambers & Partners UK Guide 2019

(International Commercial Arbitration)

Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration: Future Leaders

2019 – “Monty Taylor is ‘absolutely superb’ and is highlighted as ‘a great advocate, beyond his years.’”

EDUCATION**University of Sydney**

Bachelor of Laws, Hons 1 – 2007

Bachelor of Arts, Hons 1 – 2005

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration – 2012

Prizes and scholarships

Spero Gravas Scholarship – 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

Walter Reid Memorial Prize for Academic Merit – 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Adjunct Professor of Public International Law, Pepperdine University (London) (2018-present)

Faculty Affiliate, Queen Mary University of London (School of International Arbitration) (2021-present)

Editorial Board Member, Arbitration – The International Journal of Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Management

Member, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Panel of Arbitrators

Member, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) List of Arbitrators

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

University of Oxford – Panellist on panel titled ‘Ethics in International Arbitration’ (24 November 2023)

38th ICC SIA QMUL Annual Joint Symposium of Arbitrators – Panellist on panel titled ‘Ideas to Improve the Oral Phase of the International Arbitration Process’ (16 May 2023)

Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration and Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Australia International Arbitration Conference – Panellist on panel titled ‘The Evolving ISDS Landscape’ (7 November 2022)

Queen Mary University of London (School of International Arbitration) – Panellist on panel titled ‘Independence and Impartiality in International and Investment Treaty Arbitration’ (14 June 2021)

London School of Economics Students’ Union International Arbitration Society, Arbitration Academy – Panellist on panel titled ‘Proposal for a Multilateral Investment Court’ (11 March 2021)

Asian International Arbitration Centre – Panellist on panel titled ‘The Future of Investment Arbitration: The ICSID Rules and Regulations Amendments’ (23 April 2020)

Harvard Law School – Moderator of panel titled ‘Cross Examination in International Arbitration’ (11 March 2019)

American Bar Association (Section of International Law) Investment Arbitration & Trans-Pacific Transactions Conference – Moderator of panel titled ‘Defence Models for States in Investment Arbitration’ (11 May 2018)

24th International Council for Commercial Arbitration Congress (Sydney 2018) – Moderator of congress panel titled ‘New Voices’ (17 April 2018)

The McKell Institute / KPMG Free Trade Agreements Forum – Panellist in debate against the former Minister for Trade & Competitiveness, the Hon. Dr. Craig Emerson, on the subject of ‘Australia’s Approach to Free Trade Agreements and Investor-State Dispute Settlements’ (4 July 2017)

Queen Mary University of London / Brazilian Arbitration Committee Arbitration Day – Panellist on panel titled ‘The State as a Party to Arbitration Proceedings: Procedural and Jurisdictional Challenges’ (4 April 2017)

Kobe University – Guest lecture, ‘Is an Arbitral Award an “Investment”?’ (21 February 2017)

Cambridge University – Panellist on panel titled ‘The European Commission’s Proposal for an Investment Court as Part of the TTIP – Implications for Practice’ (5 March 2016)

Harvard Law School – Guest lecture, ‘Dispute Resolution between Sovereign States and Foreign Investors’ (2 October 2014)

American University Washington College of Law – Guest lecture, ‘ICSID Arbitration of Disputes under Investment Treaties’ (4 June 2014)

Washington & Lee University School of Law – Recurring guest lecturer in course titled ‘Global Sovereign Disputes Practicum’ (2014–2015)

University of New South Wales – Recurring guest lecturer in courses titled ‘International Commercial Dispute Resolution’ and ‘International Commercial Arbitration’ (March 2012 – June 2013)

Monty Taylor, ‘Articles 73 to 75 of the ICSID Convention,’ in Alvarez, Gerbay, Fouret (eds.), *The ICSID Convention, Rules and Regulations: A Commentary* (Edward Elgar, 2019)

Meg Kinnear and Monty Taylor, ‘The History and Practice of ICSID,’ 1(5) *Australian Alternative Dispute Resolution Law Bulletin* (2014)

Contributing author, ‘International Arbitration in Australia,’ *Arbitration World* (4th ed., Thomson Reuters, 2012)

Monty Taylor and Jason Clapham, ‘Arbitrability and Patents: Larkden Pty Limited v. Lloyd Energy Systems Pty Limited,’ 30(2) *The Arbitrator & Mediator* 87 (2011)

ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of NSW, 2009

High Court of Australia, 2011