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## BACKGROUND

Gregory graduated from the University of London (King's College London and the School of Oriental and African Studies), and the University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas) where he obtained a PhD in comparative law, an LLM in international and comparative dispute resolutions, and a Master's in comparative law. Gregory also obtained a Master's in business and institutional communication from University of Paris III (Sorbonne).

He qualified as a French avocat in 2009 and is a member of the Paris Bar and Hong Kong Law Society as a Registered Foreign Lawyer since 2018.

Gregory is fluent in English and French and has knowledge of Japanese, German and Italian.

## KEY SERVICES

[Dispute Resolution](#)  
[International Arbitration](#)

## KEY SECTORS

[Energy Disputes](#)  
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## EXPERIENCE

Gregory advises clients in commercial and investment treaty arbitration. He acts for both private companies and state-owned entities for energy, infrastructure, sales, joint venture

and construction disputes.

He has appeared before French courts in commercial matters, parallel, enforcement and setting aside proceedings.

Gregory has experience in Africa-related matters including OHADA law and is a founding member of AfricArb.

Prior to joining Herbert Smith Freehills in 2012, Gregory acted as deputy counsel at the ICC International Court of Arbitration where he managed over 150 arbitration cases.

Gregory also worked as a research assistant at Essex Court Chambers, where he was exposed to high-profile international arbitration proceedings, complex jurisdictional and procedural matters.

Gregory's experience includes advising:

- an industrial engineering group in defending claims for damages arising from the construction of power plant in Algeria
- a construction group in defending claims arising out of a housing project in Algeria
- an industrial engineering company in defending claims for damages arising from the revamping of a power plant in Russia
- an oil and gas group in defending claims arising from a shareholders' agreement and a distributorship agreement in Benin
- a chemical company in defending claims for termination of a take-or-pay agreement in Korea